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### The Weather

Light rain tonight and Tuesday.

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## Legislature Off to Harmonious Start

### All Officers Are Elected Unanimously

House Committees Cut From 37 to 24; Senate Retains Its Total of 31

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.  
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The 44th Oregon legislature opened its 1947 session today on a note of harmony after one of the quickest organizing sessions in history.

It took each House only a few minutes to choose presiding officers and officials, headed by Senate President Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls and Speaker John H. Hall of Portland.

All of the officers were elected unanimously. An example of the harmony is the fact that Sen. Earl T. Newby, Ashland, nominated Cornett for the Senate leadership, and Sen. William Walsh, Coos Bay, seconded the nomination and moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Cornett. Newby and Walsh had been candidates themselves for Senate president.

The House streamlined itself by reducing the number of committees from 37 to 24, but the Senate voted to stick to 31 committees instead of cutting to 24.

Both Houses voted to bar from

## Use of Troops Creates British Strike Wave

### Taxpayers League Favors Sales Tax, Defers Decision On Court Recall Proposal

Directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers League, meeting in Roseburg Saturday, went on record favoring a state sales tax, while postponing recommendations concerning the attempted recall of County Judge D. N. Busenbark and County Commissioner H. B. Roadman, pending further investigation of charges.

A committee composed of J. Ross Hutchinson, former county commissioner; Henry Goodmanson, Drain; Huron Clough, Canyonville; Glenn Riddle, Riddle, and A. G. Clark, Glendale, was appointed to meet with the forest service, O. & C. Administration and county court to study the sustained yield forest management policies being applied in Douglas county.

Directors heard C. G. Hedden, J. O. Haines, F. W. Ross and Norris Weatherly, sponsors of the recall movement, charge that the county court has refused to sell county-owned timber to small operators and loggers, claiming that the court is holding the timber resource for large operators and thus creating a virtual monopoly on supply. The sponsors of the recall movement further charged that the court has failed to maintain county roads in proper condition, although funds are available for maintenance work.

It was the contention of the sponsors that county-owned timber should be sold on competitive bid to the highest bidder, thus enabling the small operator to compete with larger mills.

Endorsement of a sales tax, providing revenue is used to offset the \$15 million school tax and to reduce property taxes, was voted.

Arrangements were made for a meeting with the county's legislative delegation early in February, the date being left tentative to suit the convenience of the legislators. A meeting of

William Ellis Keyes, Jr., 25, of Boynton, Fla., the lone survivor, was dragged from the wreck by two residents of the community who saw the crash. He suffered shock, lacerations and burns.

Five persons were killed when two planes collided over the Miami (Fla.) aviation center airport. One person was injured critically.

Miami Police Chief Engel said the planes collided as their pilots attempted to land on opposite runways.

Another disaster in Florida cost the lives of two persons as an Army training plane crashed near Cocoa in Brevard county, Fla.

A two-seated private plane crashed near suburban Van Dyke, near Detroit, killing its occupants, an Army air forces veteran and a student pilot. Witnesses said the plane went into a tailspin about 200 feet from the ground.

### Robber Uses Sword to Hold Up Grocery Store

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A young robber wielding a three-foot long sword held up a woman grocery store attendant Saturday night and then casually walked from the store, wrapping the weapon in a white cloth, police reported.

### War Veterans in House Organize for Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—War veterans in the house organized today an informal association today and named as chairman Rep. Francis E. Walters (D-Pa.).

One of Walters' first acts was to tell reporters he wanted to "make it plain this isn't going to be a pressure bloc."

But he said a committee is going to make recommendations on whether any specific legislation will be sponsored.

Out of 193 representatives eligible to attend a meeting of veterans in the house chamber, Walters said 125 showed up.

Actually, he said, what the meeting did was to revive an organization that existed for more than 20 years after the first World war. It is called "War Veterans in Congress." Senators can come in, too, if they ever were uniform.

Shift in China, saying the United States now should support the nationalist Kuomintang party, backing China's new constitution.

This evidently would mean abandoning the policy which Marshall followed during his stay in China—a policy of equality between the Communists and the nationalist Kuomintang which to date has run the government.

Vandenberg spoke on the same program in war-wrecked countries.

### Closed Shop Bill Facing Tough Battle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Divided GOP opinion points today to rocky going in the 13-man Senate Labor Committee for Senator Ball's proposals to break up closed shops and industry-wide wage bargaining.

Two of the eight Republicans on the committee, Senators Morse and Aiken (Vt.), have been outspoken against steps as far reaching as those suggested by their Minnesota colleague.

A third Republican member, Senator Ives (N. Y.), has never favored an outright ban on the closed shop, and his friends said today he has not changed his view. Ives, a newcomer to Capitol Hill, is dean at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

Most of the other Republicans on the committee have not declared themselves on the two Ball proposals. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor and an announced candidate for the 1948 GOP presidential nomination, told a news conference Saturday that both bills "go too far."

Stassen is not a member of Congress.

### Demos Back Truman

At the same time, a group of Democrats in the Senate aimed their strategy more and more toward carrying out the labor law recommendations of President Truman.

Senator James Murray (D-Mont.), last year's chairman of the Labor Committee, told a reporter "some of us" are working on legislation designed to put into effect all the president's proposals of a week ago.

These include the striking of some jurisdictional strikes and compulsory settlement of disputes which arise over interpreting existing contracts.

### Morse Ras Tax Cut Ideas

Senators Cain of Washington and Morse of Oregon expressed opposition to a cut in 1947 taxes in separate statements issued over the weekend.

### Two Men Jailed for Toting Concealed Weapons

CLARENCE James Woodward, 30, and Eugene Elmo Keyes, 37, were arrested at Reedsport early Saturday morning in a roadblock set up by State Police Sgt. Dick Miles.

The pair left hurriedly from a North Bend night club after one dropped a revolver on the dance floor.

Upon a search of the men after they were nabbed, Sgt. Miles discovered that one carried two guns, the other one. They were arrested Saturday morning before Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright at Reedsport on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. They were brought to the county jail in Roseburg for custody.

### War Veteran Dies After Regaining Lost Speech

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Mark Smith, World War I veteran was buried here today, only four months after he regained the power of speech he lost on a battlefield in 1918.

The ex-soldier, who began speaking for the first time in 28 years after treatments in Barnes hospital last September, succumbed Friday night to a kidney ailment from which he had long suffered.

Smith became mute after he was shell-shocked in France in 1918. Last fall, given treatments with a drug by army physicians, he came back to consciousness talking.

### Light Snow Blankets Nearly All of Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Portland hills were blanketed in white today as the first general snow of the winter fell over most of the state.

The weather bureau said virtually all points recorded at least some snow, although much of it melted as it hit the ground.

### Famous Comedienne Of Past Age Passes

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Eva Tanguay, the "I Don't Care" girl of vaudeville, died Saturday after a long illness. She was 68 years old. Almost blind, bedridden because of arthritis, Miss Tanguay, once the toast of two continents, rarely had visitors.

The veteran comedienne, who at the heyday of her career earned \$3,500 a week and maintained 14 mansions, died in a humble cottage after 15 years of pain and poverty.



EVA TANGUAY  
At Zenith of Her Career

London was tense. All police leaves were canceled and mounted constables accompanied the convoys of military trucks.

Long lines of Army trucks poured into the city's east end past thousands of unsmiling persons at the curbs.

### High Court Votes Negro Boy Back to Death Chair

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—By a one vote margin, the supreme court ruled today that Louisiana may try again to execute Willie Francis, 17-year-old Negro who lived through one trip to the electric chair.

The 5-4 decision split the court on an interpretation of what is the "cruel and unusual punishment" forbidden by the constitution.

The majority held that it did not bar a second attempt at execution where the first failed due to mechanical difficulties.

The minority agreed with Francis' attorneys that it would be "cruel and unusual" if Francis were again put in the chair.

Justice Frankfurter, voting with the majority, explained he felt the high tribunal "must abstain from interference with state action no matter how strong one's personal feeling of revulsion against a state's insistence on its pound of flesh."

### Snowfall in Roseburg First in Four Years

Sunday morning's snowfall was reported by old residents to be the first in Roseburg in four years. According to records at the Weather Bureau, 1943 was the last year in which any measurable amount of snow fell. Since then there have been only "traces" of snow.

Weatherman J. C. McCallister said today that a lot more snow will have to fall to equal the record of 1915, with its total of 23 inches. This year's snow will be recorded as only a "trace," melting almost as soon as it reached the ground.

### Haifa Under Military Clamp After Deadly Explosion That Wrecks City's Police Station

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Haifa's 95,000 inhabitants were held under virtual house arrest today by a British curfew imposed last night after a violent explosion wrecked the city's police station, killing four policemen and injuring more than 142 other persons.

The casualty list showed two British policemen and two Arab temporary constables dead; 62 policemen—British, Arab and Jewish—hurt, one Briton severely; 48 civilians hospitalized; 32 given first aid, and many more cut, bruised or shocked.

The blast—set off at 5:10 P. M. in an automobile load of explosives planted outside the station—shook Palestine's main seaport throughout, sent glass splinters flying far as much as a mile, disrupted traffic and the telephone system and started fires that raged for a half hour in the next-door postoffice and other nearby buildings.

The government said that the six-story headquarters, at the foot of Mount Carmel and about 400 yards from the harbor entrance in a Jewish-Arab neighborhood, was "virtually leveled."

### Food Blockade Partly Eased In Big Cities

LONDON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The labor government used 8,000 troops and sailors today to move strike-bound food to hungry Londoners, tuching off a wave of sympathy strikes which involved more than 7,000 workers and threatened to mushroom to gigantic proportions.

Within 15 minutes of the arrival of Army personnel at Smithfield Market, the city's largest meat distributing center, more than 2,300 employees walked off the job in support of more than 15,000 truck drivers who started an unofficial strike last Monday and rejected pleas of union leaders to return to work.

The truckmen demanded a 44-hour instead of a 48-hour week, two weeks paid vacations, half pay during illness and adjustment of overtime pay conditions.

The 45-member road haulage central wages board met in emergency session to consider the demands and a previous decision which touched off the walkout.

London was tense. All police leaves were canceled and mounted constables accompanied the convoys of military trucks.

Almost immediately after the Smithfield workers struck, 3,000 laborers walked out at Covent Garden, chief vegetable market in London.

Hundreds of other workers quit jobs in London and elsewhere.

### Roseburg Bowling Team Tops Class B At State Tourney

SEASIDE, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Portland and Roseburg five-man teams snagged leads in Class C and B weekend competition in the sixth annual Oregon state bowling championships here and scattered upstate keggers captured individual scoring honors.

Class A five-man teams have yet to bowl.

The Man's Shop of Portland and the Hudson-Duncan of Roseburg moved into leads in Class C and B respectively yesterday, third day of the event.

The Portland team posted 2558 total points in Class C, well ahead of runnerup Walton Browns of Salem. The Roseburg team had 2639 to lead the Superior Cafe of Bend in Class B.

Single high game performance were topped by Ted Gillchrist, Albany, with a 249, while G. Pfeiffer of Roseburg coupled 540-555-560 in class A all-event scores for a total of 1683. Ferry Risk of Gresham paced class A individuals in single games with a 383.

The Roseburg doubles team of Bill Mills and L. Spencer headed class C with 1064.

### New Canning Plant at Warrenton Hit by Fire

WARRENTON, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Two auxiliary buildings of the San Juan Canning Company, whose year-old plant here is one of this region's most modern fish processing centers, were destroyed by fire today.

The buildings housed a warehouse, machine shop, and boiler room. The night watchman noticed a blaze near a rest room early this morning, and as he attempted to extinguish it, an oil tank caught fire and exploded. Flames spread rapidly over the two structures, but the Warrenton volunteer fire department and fire fighters from Fort Stevens and the Astoria Coast Guard saved the main plant. Only its roof was damaged.

Harold Gramson, manager, estimated loss at from \$25,000 to \$30,000, covered by insurance.

### Gunmen Hold Up Eugene Store, Obtain \$9,000

EUGENE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Irish Swartz shopping center here was robbed of an estimated \$9,000 Saturday night when two gunmen stepped into the store at closing hour and demanded the safe be opened.

Police said Charles T. Bresler and his wife were alone when the robbers appeared. They were herded into a store room.

Bresler reported the bulk of the day's receipts had been banked at 8:00 p. m. and the exact loot would be determined after an audit today.

### Man Fatally Hurt in Plunge of Auto; Wife In Roseburg Hospital

Richard Meith, Portland, died at Mercy hospital Sunday from injuries received Saturday in a 100-foot plunge in his automobile from the Pioneer Bridge, on the Pacific Highway six miles south of Canyonville, Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police reported. Mrs. Meith, traveling with her husband, was injured.

Travelling northward, the Meiths' automobile careened off the bridge after striking a truck they apparently tried to pass, Morgan said.

Attendants at Mercy hospital today reported Mrs. Meith's condition as "better."

Meith, owner of the Portland Bridge Co., was born March 20, 1881, in Lawrence, Kan., and came to Oregon in 1910. He worked as a civil engineer for the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company and shortly after coming to Portland, formed the Portland Bridge Company, which he was still operating at the time of his death.

He was graduated from the University of Kansas, 1905, and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Mr. Meith was a life member of the Al Kader Temple of the Shrine of Portland and also a life member of the Elks Lodge of Portland.

Surviving are the widow, Evelyn; two daughters: Mrs. Maxine Johns, Albany; Mrs. Jane Fehrens, Calif.; a son, Richard C. Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother, Theodore Meith, Cupertino, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Frances Cruikshank, San Diego, Calif.

Funeral services in charge of the Roseburg Funeral Home will be announced later.

### Bill Aims to Halt Bribery in Sports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Rep. Herbert (D-La.), introduced legislation today setting out heavy penalties for attempts to bribe athletes and sports officials, asserting that "sports is big business and the public must be protected from the fixers, the chiselers and the grafters."

Herbert said his action stemmed from "the recent professional football scandal involving Alvin Paris for allegedly attempting to bribe Frankie Filchuck and Merle Hapes of the New York Giants."

Paris was convicted in New York last week on the bribery charge. National League Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis said he is studying the future status of Filchuck and Hapes in professional football, although both have been paid their full cut from the league championship game.

Herbert introduced a second measure covering only the District of Columbia, a bill patterned after the New York State statute under which Paris was prosecuted.

The federal statute covering interstate athletic contests would carry a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. The District of Columbia measure would fix the maximum penalty at five years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

### North Atlantic Shipping Slowed by Icy Gales

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Fifty-foot waves and westerly winds of more than 50 miles an hour slowed shipping today in the busy North Atlantic lanes, the U. S. weather bureau reported.

The fury of the storm which began last Tuesday, was said to be centered between Iceland and Greenland where "very deep low pressure areas" were charted by the bureau's marine department.

Heavy seas and other weather conditions were reported to be delaying liners and freighters alike, from one to six days including the America, queen of the American merchant marine, originally due Saturday and now scheduled to arrive tonight.

### Activities Reported by Townsend Plan Agents

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Thirty-five representatives of the Townsend old-age pension movement, 17 of them working on commission, have filed reports on their activities under a law requiring registration of lobbyists.

Commissioners vary from 25 to 50 per cent of donations received in individual states.

Salaries range up to \$7,800 a year for Dr. F. E. Townsend of Cleveland, who is paid by the Townsend National Weekly, Inc.

### Loot, Arsenal Found in Auto During Check

### Safes at Henninger Mart, Glendale, Two Others in California Cities 'Peeled'

Nearly \$8,000 and a small arsenal in the car of three men arrested near North Bend Saturday, was identified as loot taken from Henninger's Mart at Glendale, Friday night and from stores at Smith River, Calif., and Crescent City, State Police Sgt. Paul Morgan reported today.

Burglary charges were to be filed this morning, Morgan said, against James Clifford Lee, 53; Clarence Orva Jones, 56; and Alvin Floyd Backman, 51, all of Portland, who were taken in custody in a routine traffic check at Hauser, eight miles north of North Bend, Saturday morning.

The three have been identified as the burglars who "peeled" the Henninger's Mart safe at Glendale, making off with approximately \$1,000, Sgt. Morgan said.

Chief of Police Hoyer of Crescent City, accompanied by James Hight, owner of a store at Smith River, Calif., and Allen F. Lehman, manager of the Bay City Market, Crescent City, arrived in Roseburg this morning to identify property stolen from their establishments.

Goods carried by the trio were identified as coming from the Smith River Store, Sgt. Morgan said. Their arsenal included three revolvers, a shotgun and a rifle. The safe, which was punched last week, yielded \$3,065. Part of the money was held for safekeeping for local residents as well as the post office.

The safe of the Bay City market had been "peeled" and approximately \$1,000 taken.

### Prisoners Mum

None of the trio made any statements to officers after their arrest and confinement in the North Bend city jail. They were brought to Roseburg Sunday by Sgt. Morgan, Sheriff O. T. Carter and Deputy Sheriff Al Smith of Douglas County.

The loot was carried in three large suitcases. In addition, each of the men carried rolls of money in their pockets. An assortment of burly tools including wire cutters, pinch bars, pliers, hammers was on the floor of their automobile.

### Sutherland Robbery Suspect Identified By Owner of Store

REEDSPORT, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The owners of a Sutherland store robbed January 8 of \$1,000 have identified Clarence Jennings Woodard, 30, Coos Bay, as one of the gunmen, State Police Sgt. Miles reported today.

Sgt. Miles reported Woodard and Glen A. Keyes, 34, Portland, are held on \$2,000 bail each after their arrest in a tavern dispute with a C. Williams, secretary of the North Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Woodard is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and Keyes with assault with a dangerous weapon. Both have waived preliminary hearing.

Sgt. Miles said Woodard was identified by Mr. and Mrs. Solberg, who operate the store at Sutherland.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenzweig

Aliens abroad — we can feed 'em.

Aliens at home — we should weed 'em.

Though we fill empty 'commies' We don't want the 'commies' To stuff us with 'bunk' ad nauseum.