

FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL IS APPROVED

Stanfield Measure to Advance Money to Oregon Counties Is Favored

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The senate public lands committee today approved the Stanfield bill to advance to 18 counties in Oregon \$5,000,000 in lieu of taxes from Southern Pacific railroad land grants within their boundaries.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Guy Gordon, Douglas county district attorney who was one of a delegation of seven that appeared before the senate lands committee at Washington on behalf of the Stanfield bill providing financial relief for 18 Oregon counties today outlined the case as follows:

Originally the government granted 3,000,000 acres to the Oregon and California Railroad company to aid in building the road from Portland to the southern boundary of the state. The company sold a portion of the lands under terms of the grant but finally violated them by selling the lands in lots of more than 160 acres than a price of \$2.50 an acre as provided. A suit, carried to the supreme court, followed, but without obtaining a decree of forfeiture.

By provision in the Chamberlain-Ferris act later passed by congress, title to the unsold portions of the land was reverted in the government. The lands were classified under three headings—agricultural, power sites and timber. All funds obtained therefrom were to go into the O & C land grant fund, the railway to receive \$2.50 an acre for all the unsold lands, subject to an accounting on former sales. An amount equal to accrued taxes on the lands was to go to the counties interested.

Because sales of timber have been very slow, Mr. Gordon said, the counties and state have received nothing, so the bills, one introduced by Senator Stanfield in the senate, the other by representative Hawley in the house, provide for an immediate advance of a sum equal to the amount lost in taxes a total of some \$5,000,000, and an annual payment of about \$500,000 until such time as timber sales under the Chamberlain-Ferris act show a credit balance in the O & C land grant fund.

Authorities said Mr. Gordon put the present value of the lands at between \$70,000,000 and \$80,000,000 so there was ample security to the government for advances. Other members of the Oregon delegation were W. H. Gore, of Medford; J. H. Weatherford of Albany; Judge Victor Moses of Corvallis; Judge R. H. Mast of Coos county; W. A. Weist of Klamath Falls and Harry Walther of Medford.

OREGON'S DEBT TOTAL SET AT \$166,800,000

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port shows, the amount of state taxes was only slightly over \$761,000. This provided the necessary revenues for practically all of the expenses to which the state was subjected at that time for the functioning of its various activities.

"For the year 1925," Mr. Koser said, "the total net tax receipts, including the direct state property tax, aggregated substantially \$26,289,133, of which sum, all except \$5,375,000 was from sources other than the direct state levy of taxes from the real and personal property of the citizens. The great increase in the property tax requirements of our schools and in the construction of roads and es is occasioned through the re-highways."

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WILKINS LEAVES FOR ARCTIC ZONE

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field of the Fairbanks Airplane corporation, when the Detroitier made a perfect take-off.

Beginning two hours before the departure of the plane, Earp searched the Detroitier from end to end and from top to bottom in every dark corner. Then he reported that neither Miss Laddie Kyle nor any other stowaway was aboard. Miss Kyle, when the Alaskan was getting ready to fly to Barrow and over the Arctic ocean in search of land, was found hidden in the rear compartment of that plane. She said she was hunting material for literature.

The Detroitier left in pursuit of the same purpose, and took Wilkins and Lieut. Carl B. Eielson, aviator, 150 miles north over the ocean from Barrow on a continuous flight from here March 31. This was for discovery of land in a part of the ocean known as the "blind spot." No land was seen. Wilkins and Laupler are expected to refuel the Detroitier with gaso-

"Mike" Playing at Heilig



Sally O'Neill and William Haines are cast in "Mike," now playing at the Heilig Theatre. "Mike" is a sparkling comedy drama of life in a desert town. Sally O'Neill is known as "screendom's wonder girl."

line stored at Barrow by the Alaskan to fly as far over the ocean as the Detroitier can go and return, and then to camp on the Barrow beach and wait until boats reach that region about mid-summer, carrying additional supplies.

NEW YORK, May 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Commander R. E. Byrd hopped off from his base in Spitzbergen on his first flight toward the north pole at 1:50 o'clock this Sunday morning, Greenwich mean time, it was announced tonight by the New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The hop-off was successfully made on the second attempt of the day. The first attempt was made four hours earlier and was unsuccessful, the airplane failing to rise because of its heavy load. The load was then lightened.

At the last moment the commander changed his flight plans. Instead of flying first to Peary land and establishing a base of supplies there, he is flying direct toward the pole and returning over Peary land. He expects to return in less than 24 hours. The approximate distance from Spitzbergen to the pole is 720 miles.

Lloyd E. Ramsden is having a splendid trade on bicycles, kiddie cars, speed wagons, bicycle tires, bicycle accessories, etc. Store and shop, 387 Court St.

PASADENA, Cal., May 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Charles Paddock, famous sprinter, failed in an attempt to smash the world's record for the century dash here today, when, paced by his old time rival, Morris Kirksey, former Stanford star, he traveled the 100 yards in 9.7 seconds, a tenth of a second slower than the record shared by him and several others.

SECOND CALL FOR STRIKE IMPENDING

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purpose of aiding the general strike in Great Britain. In returning the check, the council expressed its inability to accept the money.

The labor leaders again emphasized that the present movement relates to industry alone and embraces no revolutionary ideas. Prospects for any speedy settlement have grown slier from day to day. Premier Baldwin refused to discuss the difference between the miners and mine owners unless the general strike is called off, and the trades union congress won't call the strike off. Neither will it negotiate until the mine owners withdraw their lock-out against the owners.

Robert McNeill, financial secretary of the treasury, sets forth the situation from the government's side in a letter to the Canterbury Conservative association. He describes Great Britain as "nearer to actual civil war than it has been for centuries."

LIBERTY STATUE DRAPED

LONG STREAMERS OF BLACK CREPE ARE UNFURLED
NEW YORK, May 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Heralded by the temporary draping of two sixty-foot strips of heavy black crepe on the Statue of Liberty by three of its members this noon, the World War Veterans' light wine and beer league opened a nationwide organization convention tonight in Town Hall.

The hanging of the crepe from the windows above the great eyes of the statue planned as a stunt to advertise the meeting, was timed so that the garrison stationed on Bedloe's Island was called to mess. The three men made a hasty descent from the statue and escaped in a waiting boat, while another boat load of reporters and newspaper photographers drifted nearby to chronicle the event.

M. E. BISHOPS MEET
WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By AP.)—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church today began an effort to solve what many of them regard as the most critical problem facing the church—that relating to its world service movement, and especially its missionary work.

the government has had to deal with during the past week, and the great majority of the British people are seeing their island turned into an armed camp.

The police forces are being augmented and troops are being distributed at various points where trouble would be most likely to occur. British warships still are swinging at anchor in the various ports. The navy men are expected to lend all aid to the civil authorities.

Transportation conditions had improved greatly on the fifth day of the strike. Services on the trains, buses and the street cars are beginning to revive through the help of volunteers, but business is virtually at a standstill, and the possibility of the workers in the public utilities being called out lends to the apprehension.

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Trevor Sees Better Films So He Deserts Stage Role

NEW YORK.—Norman Trevor, who has been before the footlights in England and this country many years, has left the stage "for good" and in the future will devote all his time to the movies.

Here are his reasons: "I believe the movies are doing infinitely better work than is to be found in the legitimate theater. You can go to six motion picture houses in New York and the chances are you will see four good film plays. Go to as many legitimate theaters and you will be doing well if you see one or two good plays. "In a way, this illustrates how far the movies are ahead of the stage now. The stage is drifting backward. Seldom do we find any good drama. On the other hand, I think the big film productions of the past few years hold definite promise that even better things will be accomplished."

Tales Big Leaguers Tell When They Are Coaches

NEW ORLEANS.—In the spring the fancy of fans turns to thoughts of baseball and sometimes older men think of jokes of baseball and baseball players. A former pitcher of the New York Giants has been a successful college coach in the South for several years. A South Carolina institution honored the visiting team, coached by the former Giant with a dance and much against his will the pitcher, a southpaw

by the way, was prevailed on to attend. "I was dancing with one of the girls," he said, "when some guy steps up and takes her away from me. "I didn't want to walk over to the bench like I was struck out, so I grab another one. "Have you ever been in New York, Coach?" she asks me. "That was a laugh, I didn't have the heart to tell her I had been around the world with the Joins."

Modern Japanese Girl Against Marriage Mode

TOKYO.—The modern Japanese girl—a canvass at a girl's high school disclosed—does not favor the present day system under which most of the marriages are "arranged."

In opposition to the prevailing mode, fifty-three girls in one school said that to marry men of whom they had no previous knowledge was dangerous. Sixteen were opposed because the present custom ignores the sentiments of the ones to be married. Ten objected to the use of a go-between to make arrangements and all agreed that the marriage question should be more seriously considered.

Ranking preferences for husbands were, government officials first and then, in order, business men, educators, farmers, physicians and army officers.

Roseburg—Douglas Undertaking company starts building \$20,000 mortuary.

Paradise of Slugger Went With Salt Lake Transfer

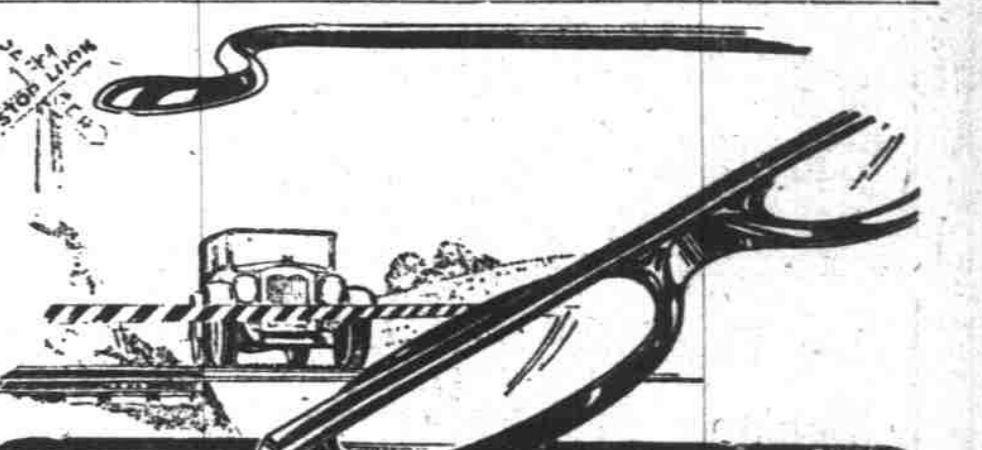
NEW YORK.—The paradise of the slugger passed out of organized baseball with the removal of Salt Lake City's franchise in the Pacific Coast League to Hollywood, Cal.

The tariffed atmosphere of the Utah capital offering less resistance to batted abills than localities nearer the sea level, was conducive to prolific extra base hitting, while pitchers, at the same time, complained that it was almost impossible to get a good "break" on a fast curve ball. Short fences and the lively ball also were contributory to long ball hitting, declared Dick Cox of Robins, who formerly played in the coast league for Portland.

Beautiful poplar trees outside the park would be stripped of leaves and small branches long before the close of summer," he said. "So many home runs were driven into them they were clipped as if with shears, while it was practically impossible for infielders to take their usual positions. They played well back into the outfield, affording excellent opportunities for bunts, but it felt so good to sock the ball on the nose that few sacrifices ever were made."

St. Helens—Norse steamer, "Storviken," loads 2,000,000 feet hemlock logs for the Orient.

Klamath Falls—Weyerhaeuser Lumber company plans \$2,000,000 mill here.



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