

MEIER BLAMES HOSS FOR ALL LICENSE WOES

Battle of Auto Tags Drags As Governor's Scheme Meets Obstacles

Mandamus Suggestion Made To Clear up Tangle; Objection Made

The battle of the license plates dragged on yesterday with both Governor Julius L. Meier and Secretary of State Hoss a bit uncertain on the next step to be taken.

Apparently the governor had found himself blocked in his first-of-the-week proposal to snatch the license-issuing prerogative from the hands of the secretary. Late yesterday advice from his department were that the governor would be compelled to abandon his quarterly license plan for relief of the motorist unless Secretary Hoss accepted a new proposal.

The latest plan of the governor calls for the voluntary issuance by Hoss of a limited number of installment receipts for license followed by tender of the money to the state treasurer for deposit under the governor's proposal the state treasurer would then refuse to accept the money for crediting the license fund. Then Hoss would follow with a friendly mandamus suit to compel acceptance of license money by the treasurer.

Adequate interpretation of the license law would then be made possible, the governor feels. Secretary Hoss, however, announced yesterday that this plan was not satisfactory. He countered with a proposal that he be offered a quarterly license payment which he would promptly reject. Then the person tendering him the quarterly payment could bring a mandamus action to compel him to accept the money. The resulting court opinion, Hoss said, would determine his legal powers and limitations in the acceptance of license fees.

Governor Meier last night issued a lengthy statement on the license matter, outlining the efforts he had made to secure some legal way to issue quarterly license plates. His statement placed blame on Secretary Hoss for impeding him and declared "If Hoss continues to refuse arbitrarily to cooperate, I will have no alternative but to abandon this plan for much needed relief."

The governor included figures in his statement showing that the total number of licenses issued last year was 155,365 while the number registered so far this year is 89,843, leaving 74,518 motorists who are still unlicensed. Receipts are far below last year.

"License fees last year totaled \$3,541,318.91 and so far this year there has been collected only \$2,170,591.26," the governor's statement continued. "This leaves an uncollected balance to date of \$1,370,812.65, much of which would be on deposit with the state treasury had not Hoss betrayed the confidence reposed in him and prematurely announced that we were considering a quarterly license plan."

"I have done everything within my power to solve this serious problem. If this last effort fails, the people of the state must look to Hoss for relief."

Hoss declared that thus far he had refused to issue licenses in any other manner than provided by law.

"I have been advised by the attorney general," Hoss continued, "that I cannot legally issue license plates, or turn the money over to the highway commission or the counties until the full amount of such license plates had been paid in."

"It stands to reason that the same end would be attained through a mandamus action brought against me by Governor Meier or some motor vehicle owner. I would demand that such proceeding be confined to the question of whether I have authority to accept and turn over installment payments on licenses. This proceeding would not involve complications or risks of public funds."

Jackson Jurors Eye Empire Case

The Jackson county grand jury will probably have facts about the promotion of the Empire Holding corporation brought before it at its next session, George A. Coddling, district attorney there, announced this week. He stated he would not present the matter to the present jury. Barnett Goldstein, representing the state corporation commissioner, has asked district attorneys in Multnomah, Douglas and Jackson counties to investigate the Empire case with the view of continuing prosecution first conducted by Marion county.

Reparations Pact is Near; Germany Gives Up Political Demand

Preamble Agreed Upon by Britain and France; Compromise on "war Guilt" Clause Included; Acceptance Likely

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 8.—(Friday)—(AP)—French and British delegates announced an agreement early today on the preamble of a reparations settlement. They expressed hope the German delegation to the conference, having relinquished all political demands, would accept it today.

LUMBER INDUSTRY AID MEIER'S PLEA

Halting Production at Loss Suggested at Request of Interests Here

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)—Federal aid in a plan to halt the manufacture and sale of lumber at the actual cost of production was solicited by Governor Julius L. Meier today in a message to United States Senator Charles L. McNary.

The governor's message was sent at the instigation of Pacific northwest lumbermen in an attempt to save their industry from an economic collapse. He said the lumbermen propose to enter an agreement to limit production to the amount which domestic and foreign markets will absorb at a price at least equivalent to the cost of operation. Indications are that at least 100 lumber manufacturers may be committed to the proposal.

"The capital assets of the corporations in the lumber industry and the natural resources of the state are being dissipated to such an alarming extent that only by immediate and drastic action to conserve matters can the industry, now in bad shape, be saved from getting into a deplorable condition," the governor's message said in part.

"I stand ready to give whatever practical aid and assistance that I can. The federal government must do likewise."

ARREST WILLECKE FOLLOWING CRASH

As a result of a three-cornered automobile accident at Leffle streets yesterday morning, Henry Willecke of route three was arrested by city police on a charge of speeding. Witnesses asserted Willecke was driving at a rate of 35 miles per hour.

Willecke's coach struck a delivery car operated by G. A. Nye, 1495 Saginaw street, then careened to the north 100 feet where it ran into a pickup machine driven by Leo H. Johnson, 170 North Front street. Seeing that a collision was about to occur, Johnson had brought his machine to a stop near the curbing before he was struck.

None of the car occupants was hurt, according to accident reports. William McElvany, 1445 Oak street, and Mrs. R. L. Gaines, route six, reported a collision between their automobiles at Perry and High streets yesterday morning.

Oregon Briefs

SCHOOL PLANT DAMAGED

FLORENCE, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—A fire almost simultaneously broke out here last night in the Porter Brothers mill and in the grade school building. The blaze in the school building caused heavy loss to the public library and total damage of about \$2,500. The mill fire was checked after it had caused but negligible damage. Origin of the two fires was undetermined.

BRUMELS IS FIRST

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—The body of H. J. Brumels Jr., 30, of Portland, one of nine persons drowned Sunday when the fishing launch Pruzillo capsized in a heavy sea off Tillamook bar, was found today on the rocks north of the Cape Meares lighthouse.

First of the nine to be surrendered by the sea, the body was found by Frank Guilan, 10, playing with other children on the beach.

WILL COLLECT FOOD

ALBANY, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—Fifty Linn county men and women met with the executive council of the Linn county unemployment committee here last night to devise plans to obviate the need of a dole in the county this winter.

SEEK TO RAISE SUBMARINE AND SAVE 66 LIVES

Promethee Plunges Without Warning While Engaged in Diving Trials

Seven Including Commander Saved; Others may be Alive, Declared

CHERBOURG, France, July 7.—(AP)—The French submarine Promethee plunged without warning into the waves off Cherbourg harbor while on a trial maneuver today, taking down at least 66 men in 150 feet of water seven miles north of Cape Lev.

Seven members of the crew, including Lieutenant Dumein, the ship's commander, were hurled from the deck by the lurch of the vessel, and swam until they were picked up by a fishing boat.

Efforts to locate and salvage the submersible with its imprisoned occupants were impeded by violent currents prevailing at that spot. Search for the sunken craft by naval planes was handicapped by miserable flying conditions.

The submarine, in service only two years, was endeavoring to correct mechanical faults when it set out particularly for diving trials.

One Estimate Says Seventy Go Down

It was estimated that 49 members of the crew and 17 other men, including engineers and workmen, went down with the ship. The correspondent of the Paris newspaper Le Matin estimated the victims at 70.

Marine experts offered hope tonight that the men inside the submarine might have found time to close the watertight hatches before the rush of seas into the ship which sank like a flash.

They added that if no serious break occurred in the hull, it was reasonable to expect that the crew ran no immediate danger of death. This hope, however, was coupled with a pessimistic statement that salvaging conditions were difficult, first because of the powerful currents and second because of the depth of the sea.

SENATE EYES BILL TO LEGALIZE BEER

Dry Expected to Attack Today; Rider on Home Loan Bank Measure

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—A bill to legalize beer containing 3.2 per cent alcohol by weight was brought before the senate just before adjournment tonight and a vote is expected to stop near the curbing before he was struck.

The beer "rider" to the home loan bank bill was called up by its sponsor, Senator Bingham (R., Conn.), at the ends of a day enlivened by a spirited prohibition debate. Senate prohibition supporters plan to make a point of order against the Bingham proposal on the grounds it is unconstitutional, or to seek to recommend it.

Advocates were not optimistic tonight. In addition to those opposed to legalizing the brew, senate senators believed the proposal should not come up as a rider on the home loan bank bill.

Also scheduled for debate tomorrow is a resolution by Senator Barbour (R., N. J.), for repeal of the 18th amendment and return of control of the liquor traffic to the states.

For two hours today, democrats and republicans in the senate engaged in a lively game of trying to induce the other party to take the lead in changing the prohibition laws in view of plans adopted at the Chicago conventions.

Florence Has Two Fires Linn Relief Plan Talked Find Body of Sea Victim Polygamist Gets Parole

The group was addressed by Paul V. Maris, Oregon state college, a member of Governor Meier's relief committee, who spoke at the meeting, and followed with action toward assembling food and clothing for distribution through a central agency to avoid duplication.

An effort will be made to provide work to be done by needy persons in exchange for goods they receive through the central agency.

REAL WIFE DIVORCED

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—Dr. W. E. Nichol, Hood River physician, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Parker today to serve three years in the state penitentiary for polygamy, then paroled on condition he carry out obligations to his first wife and sever all connections with his second wife.

Dr. Nichol recently went to Mexico, and obtained a one-day divorce from his first wife, then returned to Oregon and married Anna Mae Kingsley, who had entered his office here to study the x-ray work. Under Oregon law a person cannot remarry until he has been divorced six months.

The first Mrs. Nichol was yesterday granted a divorce against the doctor, and given custody of their child.

Dark Horse Will Rogers Leads Field

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 7.—(AP)—Proving that a party in a name, Will Rogers, rural schoolmaster, perched at the top of the ticket for the democratic nomination as congressman at large tonight put there by a rush of late counted ballots.

Perspiring tabulators, who didn't count Rogers' ballots until it became apparent that thousands of Oklahomans voted for a household name, still were many precincts behind on the candidate, but a tabulation nevertheless showed:

Rogers 2911 precincts out of 3309; 53,554 votes.

Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state charities commissioner, and foe of Gov. William Henry Murray, 3203 precincts out of 4409; 51,391.

Former Congressman E. B. Howard 3203 precincts out of 3309; 45,571.

Voters who apparently thought they were voting for the Claremore humorist even gave Rogers second place in Rogers' own home of the cowboy comedian. The two are not related.

Although Senator Elmer Thomas, democrat, polled nearly twice as many votes as his nearest opponent, Homer Smith, Oklahoma City attorney, he failed to win nomination because of the large field. Majority is necessary to nominate in the first primary.

UPSHAW NOMINATED BY PROHIBITIONISTS

Former Congressman Will Withdraw if Borah Agrees to Race

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7.—(AP)—A stalwart dry, ex-representative William D. Upshaw of Georgia, was nominated for the presidency today by the prohibition party, and he quickly pledged himself to withdraw if Senator Borah or some other outstanding figure should agree to lead a third party dry campaign.

Upshaw served four terms in the house as a democrat and was noted for his uncompromising support of all dry measures. In 1928 he supported the candidacy of Hoover against Alfred E. Smith. This is the first time he has been affiliated with the prohibition party.

In a speech accepting the nomination he reflected the opinion of party leaders by asserting he believed Senator Borah would agree to run for the presidency if the big dry organizations will give him their active support. Borah's friends in Washington hold a contrary opinion.

SALEM LADS HELD FOR AUTO THEFTS

Willis M. Peary and David O. Williams, 19, Salem youths, and Don S. Miller, 21, of Portland, are under arrest at Ashland today to investigate the situation and take his son to Portland where authorities want him. Williams, according to Salem police, is a nephew of Morris Klurfine here.

The three boys are supposed to have driven the stolen cars from Portland to the citizens' military training camp at Vancouver, Wash., where they were students.

Women Opposed To Prohibition Back Roosevelt

NEW YORK, July 7.—(AP)—An organization of "more than 1,000,000 women of both political parties," banded together in a war on the 18th amendment, was placed behind the presidential candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt today by his executive committee.

Announcement of the decision was made by Mrs. Charles H. Sablin, once a republican leader, at the conclusion of a seven hour meeting of the executive committee of the women's organization for national prohibition reform. Mrs. Sablin is national chairman.

Hammond Under Surgeon's Knife

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—William H. Hammond, manager of the operators' division of the cherry orchard, was operated on here this morning for appendicitis.

GLOBE RAGERS DISAPPEAR OFF FACE OF EARTH

No Word From Mattern and Griffin Since Shortly After Berlin Left

Theory of Extended hop to Omsk Blows up; Fuel Supply now Gone

MOSCOW, July 8.—(AP)—(Friday)—James Mattern and Bennett Griffin, the American round-the-world fliers who started out so bravely by crossing the Atlantic in record time, were unreported and more than 27 hours overdue here this morning.

(On the basis of their average speed, the fliers were expected to reach Moscow at about 10 p. m. Eastern Standard time, Wednesday night, making them 27 hours overdue at 1 a. m. Friday.)

They had disappeared as completely as though their red, white and blue monoplane had gone sailing off into space.

The last heard of them was at 8:05 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) Wednesday, when they sighted over Lake Wyszty, near Hegelgong on the German-Polish border. That was three hours and five minutes after they took off from Berlin with high hopes of greatly extending their margin over Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, the round-the-world airmen whose record they set out to better.

Have Fallen Behind Post-Gatty Schedule

Now they have fallen far behind Post and Gatty. Thursday midnight, Moscow time, they had been out of New York 60 hours and 59 minutes. Post and Gatty reached Moscow 54 hours and 34 minutes after leaving New York.

Soviet air officials did their utmost to locate the missing fliers. Inquiries were made along the line to Koenigsberg, Germany, but not a word of news resulted.

If they were forced to make a landing between Berlin and Moscow they might well have come down at a point where communications were so bad they could not possibly get word here. There are many fairly good landing places along that route.

As the hours passed and no news came, Moscow airmen pointed out that the globe-riggers might have decided to go on to Omsk, 1600 miles to the east, where a new supply of gasoline awaited them.

They had enough fuel for that journey, but no reports of a landing came from Omsk. When they left Berlin they had gasoline only for 21 hours' flying. Thus it was apparent this morning they had been forced to land somewhere.

Police Chief Thomas Dahill said that while minor discrepancies had been found in young Bohn's story, he was convinced the youth had been kidnapped as he said. Bohn walked into a farm house near Minneapolis last night, unarmed, and said he just had been freed.

Three men were held after they confessed an attempt to extort \$10,000 from the elder Bohn. They promised return of the youth and were trapped by a dummy package representing money. Police said investigation led them to believe the three were not connected with the actual disappearance.

It Rains Frogs In New Mexico; Blame Tornado

SAN ANGELO, Tex., July 7.—(AP)—Clay Simpson and C. D. Root say it rained frogs near Carlsbad, N. M., last night.

The San Angelo man reported today they were motoring in a shower and saw what appeared to be hopping hailstones. Stopping to investigate, they found they had found scores of small frogs falling on the road.

They believed a small tornado which struck Merton, Tex., earlier in the evening to be the cause.

Firemen's Compensation Issue Raised Again Here

Under a new ruling of the state industrial accident commission, Salem firemen are not entitled to receive compensation in case of accident while they are answering fire calls from outside the city limits. Commissioner C. T. Early said yesterday. The commission last February had informed Fire Chief Harry Hutton here that his men would be protected on all calls until further notice.

The notice was given last June 17, but Hutton says he does not recall having received it.

When the commission earlier in the year ruled that municipal fire departments would not be eligible for compensation on runs outside city limits, Chief Hutton protested to the commission on the grounds that the Salem department is required by the city charter to give fire protection to all state buildings, outside the city as well as in. As a result, he was informed in February that the outside compensation would be continued.

Early remedy of the compensation situation was promised yesterday by Commissioner Early. He said that half a dozen Oregon cities were desirous of the commission's establishing a compensation rate to give their firemen protection on the outside calls. The commission is working on the problem and will have a report to make not later than tomorrow, Mr. Early said.

The commissioner explained that all Oregon cities had been given an opportunity, in the past fiscal year, to take out compensation for outside fire calls by paying a higher rate. As their vote was against paying any higher rate the commission dropped the idea.

Corvallis and The Dalles are other cities seeking the outside protection of their firemen. News reports from the latter city state that The Dalles council is planning to make a new protest to the commission. On the basis that state accident insurance is mandatory on the city, yet does not protect the firemen outside the city limits. Because that city is paying for the state insurance, private companies refuse to write insurance covering operations only outside the city limits.

Whether or not the Salem city council will pay a higher state insurance rate to protect the local firemen on outside calls is a matter of doubt. The first committee has not considered the matter, according to Alderman Watson Townsend, committee chairman. He would venture no opinion on the matter. Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman, is out of the city.

The present insurance rate paid by the city for protecting its firemen is \$20 per month.

COLLEGE MERGER MEASURE UP FOR VOTERS' DECISION

Over 26,000 Names on Petitions, Only 17,800 Required; Advocates of Consolidating Higher Education Plants At Corvallis Victorious After Last Minute Race to Achieve Goal; Fight Will go on

Meier's tax Supervision Program Also Goes on Ballot; 50 per Cent Surplus of Signatures Obtained; Grange Water Power Amendment Last to Come in With Enough Names; 13 Measures to Face Voters

TURED but happy petition pushers and their leaders congratulated in the secretary of state's office yesterday afternoon to see their battle to consolidate higher education plants in the state turn into a decided victory. Henry Zorn, county tax league head, announced after a recheck of the petitions filed had been made, that more than 26,000 names had been secured for his measure while only 17,800 were required by law.

The school merger and moving bill, most controversial of any to be on the November ballot, calls for consolidation of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college on the campus at Corvallis, the establishment of the state teachers' training school at Eugene, abandonment of the normal schools at Monmouth, Ashland and LaGrande and placing of the state law school with Willamette university at Salem.

Zorn's cohorts, including W. H. Stevens, secretary of the Marion County Tax Equalization and Reduction league, John Ramage of Woodburn and Hector McPherson of Albany, were uniformly jubilant yesterday afternoon as the necessary number of petitions were filed at the statehouse here. Zorn declared that the petitions had been completed despite the change in title required by the state supreme court and the theft of signed petitions from the Portland offices of the league.

The tax supervision program sponsored by Governor Julius L. Meier and state tax leaguers also will go on the ballot, all three proposals having received nearly 50 per cent more signatures than was required by law. James Burdette, president of the Oregon Tax Reduction and Equalization league, was here yesterday afternoon supervising with the help of the state tax commission, the filing of the completed petitions for the measures. The first measure, if passed, would change the Oregon constitution to make possible the legalization of state control over local taxing bodies. The actual supervision work to be provided for by laws providing for state approval of all bonded debts, incurred by home-rule districts. A higher income tax and lower exemptions is also provided for in the proposals of the tax league. Between 24,000 and 25,000 legal voters' signatures were secured for each of the three tax league measures.

Completed petitions for the so-called state grange water power amendment were among the last to reach the state department. The amendment relates to the control and development of water power and water power sites, both by the state and also by the state in conjunction with the federal government.

The November ballot, due to measures legally placed thereon yesterday and measures formerly accepted by the secretary of state's office, will have 13 specific measures on it for the decision of the voters.

NO RANSOM GIVEN FOR BOHN RELEASE

Father Says son Probably Unable to Identify Any of Captors

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 7.—(AP)—No ransom was paid to gain the return home of Haskell Bohn, his father said today.

The wealthy parent, G. C. Bohn, said he believed kidnappers released the boy last night "because they became frightened."

The youth, 20, was seized near his home a week ago today by two men who left a note demanding \$35,000. Later the family was informed \$5,000 would be satisfactory.

The elder Bohn said he doubted his son could identify positively any of the three or four men he said held him captive in a basement on the outskirts of Minneapolis. Earlier M. F. Kinkead, county attorney, said young Bohn assured him he could do so.

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Hollingshead is Held Sans Bail After Shooting

VALE, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—Sheriff C. W. Glenn said here today that A. R. Hollingshead, Little Valley rancher, was being held without bail following the fatal shooting last night of Morris McCarty, 38, also of Little Valley.

The sheriff said Hollingshead admitted the shooting, but claimed he shot in self defense following a quarrel. Hollingshead leased out to all other employees. The commission explained the difference between the two by pointing out that hatchery workers receive free housing.

Fish Commission To Cut Salaries 10-15 Per Cent

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—A resolution to reduce the salary rolls of the Oregon State fish commission was unanimously adopted by the commissioners at a special meeting here today.

Hatchery employees will receive a 15 per cent cut and a 10 per cent cut will be made out to all other employees. The commission explained the difference between the two by pointing out that hatchery workers receive free housing.