

## Bitter Maritime Labor Conflict Foreseen

### President Orders Bonus Paid Vets Quickly

#### Sales Tax Bill Offered Third Time in State

New Revenue Needed but Plan is Less Inviting Than Predecessors

Old Age Pensions Cited as Purpose but Tax Would Raise More

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles concerning measures to go before voters of Oregon at the special election Friday, January 29. This article concerns the sales tax proposal.

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This is the third time in as many years that Oregon voters have been asked to approve or reject a general retail sales tax. The initial proposal was made at a special election July 21, 1933. Funds then to be raised were to go for relief and were to be a direct offset to taxes on real property. In that election only 45,603 affirmative votes were cast; the negative vote was 167,512.

The next legislative session was undismayed. It passed a sales tax which was to relieve schools and submitted this proposal to the voters at a special election May 18, 1934. By a large majority—not as strong as in 1933 but nevertheless an overwhelming vote—citizens of the state again rejected the sales tax. This time the affirmative vote was 64,877; the negative vote was 156,182.

The present sales tax has a new reason for existence; it is proposed as the sole means available of raising old-age pensions for needy persons in Oregon. Additional Sources of Revenue Needed

In behalf of this sales tax as well as its predecessors, this much must be said: this state cannot do without widening its circle of expenditures; greater outlays for indigent care, unemployment relief and insurance, old-age pensions reaching to persons in 65 years of age or older, without providing additional sources of revenue. The real property burden is already too heavy and the income tax in Oregon is as high as any state in the union, Wisconsin excepted.

But the particular sales tax offered voters Friday is not a carefully worked out tax proposal. It is a slap-dash affair, hurried through the closing days of the last special session by a house-senate group which saw in old-age pensions a chance to club a sales tax into Oregon's tax system. Old-age pensions are the excuse, rather than the real cause, for the proposed tax.

The proposed sales tax has no clause compelling merchants to pass on the levy as did its predecessor. Other states using the sales tax have found it wise to insert a compulsory "passing on" feature in the law thus avoiding disputes among merchants with chiseling and competitive tax-absorption disturbing retail trade.

The proposed sales tax does not provide, as did other sales tax bills, that the moneys raised be an offset to real property taxes raised in Oregon. The pending sales tax is a new levy, not a substitute tax.

Revenue Estimated to Be Excessive  
Furthermore, all the revenue a sales tax will not needed for old-age pensions in Oregon. In 1935 the aggregate sum spent by the counties for an average \$11 pension granted to persons 70 years or older was \$1,000,000. Early in the current year the federal government is expected to

#### FIVE KINGS HONOR GEORGE V TODAY



Five European kings and the dignitaries of nations which have other forms of government were present today in London for impressive funeral ceremonies to be accorded King George V of England. The kings were Leopold of Belgium, Christian of Denmark, Carol of Rumania, Boris of Bulgaria and Haakon of Norway. In center above, Westminster Abbey from which the funeral procession to Windsor was to start.

#### Inspectors Named For School Tasks

Hayslip, Hanley and Field are Selected by Board; Changes Approved

The Salem school board selected three inspectors for its building program and approved orders for changes in the senior construction and furnishings at a three-hour session yesterday afternoon. It was probably the last session to be presided over by Walter B. Minier, who by agreement last fall was to relinquish the chair after six months to E. A. Bradford, whose service has been of \$175 a month and H. P. Field of Salem to the same post at Leslie Junior high school, who will receive \$187.50 a month, will begin work Saturday, while the other two will await the board's orders to take up their duties.

Changes Bring Costs Well Inside Limit  
The directors made their selection of inspectors from a list of 18 applicants. Change orders approved for the new senior high building came in \$131,000, in the district's favor, of balancing. Chief estimates (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

#### Free Barbecue Added Lure For Ski Jumps Dedication

Free barbecue, free coffee and a program of interclub snow contests were determined upon last night as added attractions at the formal opening Sunday of the forest service winter sports area at Idanha above Detroit for which an excursion train will run from Salem. Thirty five representatives from the Chemeketas, Santiam Ski club, Active, Lions, 20-30 and Kiwanis clubs developed plans for the dedication day at a meeting at the chamber of commerce last night.

Salem Boy Scouts will be asked to assist in the flag raising at the opening of the day's program and in giving directions to the crowds expected to be in attendance. A brief address by P. A. Thompson of Eugene, supervisor of the Willamette national forest, will follow. Sports Program for Dedication Outlined  
The tentative sports program decided on last night calls for five

#### Funeral Will Be Broadcast Early in Day

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—All available network stations will join in the broadcast from England of funeral services for King George tomorrow. Those rising early enough can hear the first part from 4:30 to 6 a. m. (EST). The second part of the services will be on the air from 8 to 9 (5 to 6 Pacific time).

WABC-CBS will broadcast at 10 a. m. a memorial service for the king from the cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, while WJZ-NBC at 11 will carry the memorial service from Washington.

#### Rain Scheduled Today According to Weather Man; Monday Warmer

Promise of rains was seen by the weather bureau last night as warmer temperatures prevailed after days of "snap" in the air and nights of fog. Normal temperatures were predicted likely to continue. Yesterday brought a maximum temperature of 51 degrees, an increase of seven over Sunday's top reading.

#### Gehrman Arrested After Three Hurt

Reckless Driving Charged in Connection With Crash, Gervais

Lawrence Earl Gehrman, 30, of the Marquam district, faced a charge of reckless driving last night as a result of an automobile accident near Gervais Sunday afternoon in which Albert Elckhoff, 24, and Frank Richter were seriously injured and Steve Zoner received severe bruises. The injured trio live in or near Mt. Angel.

Arrested by state police on a state police warrant, Gehrman last night posted \$250 bail with Justice of the Peace Frank Alfred at Silverton and received notice to reappear before Alfred at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday for arraignment.

Coupe Was Being Towed by Truck  
The three Mt. Angel men were injured when Elckhoff's coupe in which they were riding failed to negotiate a curve while being towed by Gehrman's truck, rolled over and threw them out, state police reported. The top, steering wheel and windshield of the coupe were stripped off as the truck dragged it for 100 feet before coming to a halt. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Weston Gets Life For Loll Slaying

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—A Ferdinand Weston, convicted on a second degree murder charge in connection with the death of Deputy Sheriff Ernest Loll, received a life sentence today. The sentence was mandatory although the court held the power of parole.

Circuit Court Judge J. W. Crawford granted a 10-day execution of sentence to permit filing of a motion for a new trial. Glenn Jack, Weston's attorney, contended the verdict on the second degree murder charge comprised a reaction from arrested manslaughter charge on which George Fiedler, Weston's companion in the incident, was convicted. Fiedler was given a 15-year sentence and fined \$5000. Weston, at his trial, claimed he fired toward the deputy's body only on Fiedler's armed insistence and after he (Weston) believed Loll already dead from shots he said previously were fired by Fiedler.

#### Presses Grind Out Forms to Aid Applicant

Hold Bonds for Nestegg, Don't Waste Money is Roosevelt Advice

Senate Vote 76-19 for Over-riding Veto of Payment Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Quickly accepting a climatic senate vote of 76 to 19 as sealing the overthrow of his bonus veto, President Roosevelt today sent orders down the line to pay off the \$2,491,000,000 soldiers' bill as quickly as "accuracy will permit."

No word of disappointment or chagrin no hint of the possibility of new taxes came from the White House as the senate in a thumping bi-partisan ballot—with a two-thirds majority never in doubt—declined to accept the president's disapproval of bill for immediate payment in 150 cashable bonds. The house previously had voted 324 to 61 to override.

Urges Veterans to Hold Their Bonds  
In the second of two statements issued quickly from the White House, however, the president opened a drive to lessen the strain on the treasury by arguing to veterans they should not cash their bonds but hold them as "nest eggs."

After a speedily arranged conference with the national commanders of the three major veterans' organizations, Mr. Roosevelt authorized a press release urging veterans to prevent "frittering away" of cash from the bonds.

"Permanent advantage as opposed to wholly temporary pleasures should be the criterion," said the statement, urging again that the bonds not be cashed except for a "useful purpose," and apparently taking cognizance of the spending splurge indulged in by some veterans after they were permitted to borrow up to 50 percent on their certificates in 1931.

Printing Started Before Vote Taken  
Administration leaders have estimated that not more than one billion dollars will be needed to meet the first rush of demands for cashing the bonds, and the president apparently intended to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

#### Veterans Pleased At Bonus Passage

World war veterans "all feel they had it coming" and are for the most part "very much pleased" with congress' passage of the act paying the bonus—adjusted service certificates—in baby bonds, King Bartlett, commander of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, commented last night on the senate's action yesterday in overriding President Roosevelt's veto.

"I think most of the veterans are very much pleased with the action taken by congress," Bartlett said. "They thought the president would do just as he has done—he couldn't do anything else under the circumstances. The men all feel they had it (the bonus) coming."

Bartlett took issue with those who predict a pension will be the next goal of World war veterans' groups. "I don't think World war veterans will ever start asking for pensions," he declared. "I don't believe that will ever come."

#### State Tax Board Urges Sales Levy

In an extended statement prepared yesterday for Governor Charles H. Martin, the state tax commission characterizes the proposed state sales tax as the only method raising revenue "reasonably suited" to carry old-age pension plans into effect in Oregon. "In view of the deep seated antipathy to a sales tax of any form, the selection of that time of revenue measure was one of reluctance" by the legislature, the commission points out. The statement concludes that passage of the sales tax is the only immediate means by which Oregon can join with the federal government in rendering necessary assistance to the needy aged of the state.

#### Total Tax for County Shown; Millage Gains

Shelton Completes Roll; Collection to Begin Here February 10

City and School Levies Form Major Portion of Public Expense

Taxpayers in Marion county this year are to pay \$1,620,698 in real property taxes compared to \$1,586,504 levied in the 1935 tax roll, according to a summary compiled late yesterday by County Assessor R. Shelton when he completed the 1936 rolls. Millages generally will be higher since the assessed value dropped from \$43,873,270 in 1935 to \$42,606,953 in the current year.

While rolls for the county are now in the sheriff's office, collection is not to begin until February 10, Mr. Shelton explained. On that date he will sign the warrant for collection and from that time 1936 taxes will be due and payable. Mr. Shelton said the rolls were left with the sheriff in order to permit him to type and to mail tax statements to property owners of the county. County, State Tax Relatively Small  
The summary of taxes prepared by the assessor's office shows that county and state taxes make up only a small portion of the aggregate tax budget collected in the county. The tax for the general fund of the state will amount to \$135,490 or 3.2 mills on all property in the county. The uniform elementary school fund tax will (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

#### Sons of Monarch Guard Catafalque

Unscheduled Visit Occurs After State Dinner to Visiting Royalty

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Tuesday)—(AP)—King Edward VIII and his three brothers stood guard over the coffin of their father, King George V, in Westminster hall for half an hour early this morning. The royal brothers arrived unannounced shortly after midnight and kept their last solemn vigil with the late monarch who is to be buried today.

Their visit followed upon a solemn state dinner in Buckingham palace, at which many of the crowned heads of Europe sat about a table set with gold plate estimated to be worth \$2,000,000 about \$10,000,000.

U. S. Ambassador Attends Reception  
The royal dinner, required by diplomatic procedure, was followed by an equally formal palace reception at which the new 41-year-old king greeted the crown princes of two more nations, the vice-chancellor of a third and the ambassadors of 23 other states.

These latter included Norman H. Davis, President Roosevelt's ambassador at large, who will participate fully in the last rites here and at Windsor tomorrow. Those who sat around the gold-laden table with Edward tonight were President Albert LeBrun of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Clingman Bests Hobo

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Otis Clingman, 16-year-old City boy, won two out of three falls from "Hobo" Chambers, transient wrestler, on the main event of tonight's mat card.

#### Seamen's Union of Pacific Ousted by Eastern Officials

Shipowners on Coast Will Refuse to Deal With Federation; Leaders Predict Showdown Soon

Strikes in Violation of Agreements Entered in 1934 Arbitration are Cited; Say "Lockout" Begun

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Threats of the most serious shipping tie-up on the Pacific coast since the long and bloody maritime strike of 1934 loomed tonight. Revocation of the seamen's union of the Pacific charter by the International Seamen's union convention in Washington, D. C., brought prompt action here.

Officials of Shipowners' associations announced that, as the sailors' union no longer had official standing in the I. S. U., they would not deal with it. They insisted their contracts were with the I. S. U. alone. Waterfront observers generally predicted that the developments would bring a test of the strength of the Maritime Federation, organized after the 1934 strike to represent 35,000 seagoing and dock workers on the coast.

"It will mean a fight if they try to rob the men of all they have gained during the past year and a half," declared Mervyn Rathbone, secretary of the district council of the federation. Rathbone charged that the I. S. U., and shipowners' move against the sailors' union, with a coast membership of 6,800, was the start of a "lockout" which he and Harry Bridges, district federation president, had predicted.

Refusal to deal with the sailors' union "as now constituted" was announced by Hugh Gallagher, president of the Pacific American Shipowners association, and Frank O'Connor, president of the Shipowners Association of the Pacific. Rathbone said the present coastwise steam schooner tieup, which has left 62 vessels idle in ports, was part of the "lockout."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A show-down fight between unions for control of the nation's maritime labor appeared certain tonight after revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific by the International Seamen's union.

"We've got the men, they've got the ships," (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

#### League of Cities Gathering Today

34 Communities Expected to Send Delegations to Meeting Here

Informal discussion conferences in place of set speeches will be a feature of a conference of city officials to be held today starting at 10 o'clock, at the chamber of commerce. Officials of 34 cities in this area have been invited to the meeting which is being held under the auspices of the League of Oregon Cities. Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the league and director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, University of Oregon, will attend the gathering.

Mayor V. E. Kuhn of this city is to be chairman of the gathering. He will preside at the luncheon today which will be held in the parish house of the Episcopal church. Dr. Bruce Baxter, Willamette president, will be the speaker at the luncheon. Several of the state planning officials to attend.

Several state officials will attend the convention. They will include Fred Paulus, deputy state treasurer; S. W. Starr, supervisor of audits; Carl E. Green, state sanitary engineer. Wednesday a similar conference will be held at Hillsboro with city officials from the territory surrounding that city in attendance.

Ormond R. Bean, city commissioner of Portland, will speak at Hillsboro. His topic will be "Emerging Municipal Problems." Bean is a member of the state planning board.

#### Lad Sees Church Blaze; Unexcited

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Young Carl Dallas returned home from a short errand Sunday with the comment: "Well, I guess the fire trucks will be along soon."

"Why?" his father asked. "The church is on fire," the boy replied. Dallas immediately turned in an alarm. The First Baptist church was destroyed, with a loss of \$17,000.

#### Liquor Commission Delays Naming New Administrator

Selection of a new administrator for the state liquor commission in Oregon was an order of unfinished business yesterday as the commission adjourned in Portland. Choice of the administrator was expected today, Jack Allen of Pendleton resigned Saturday, effective February 1. Governor Martin said here yesterday that he would take no part in the selection of a new administrator. He said the selection was one for the commission to make, without interference by the executive. He denied that he knew Allen was to resign. The former senator had been a close friend of the governor. Spinning Wheel's License Revoked  
The commission yesterday revoked the license of the Spinning

#### Filled Cookies Recipe Topic For This Week

Filled cookies are usually favorites with men, partly because they are substantial and partly because the rich filling makes them tastier. Any type of filled cookie recipe is eligible in this week's Round Table contest. If you have never sent a contribution to The Statesman before, try it this week. Select your very best tested recipe for filled cookies. Write down all the ingredients first, then describe how they are combined, at what temperature to bake and how long. Also about how many the recipe bakes. Send with your name and address to The Statesman before Thursday noon.

#### Funeral is Today For Elwood Mead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Tribute to Dr. Elwood Mead, reclamation commissioner, who died last night, was paid today by Secretary Ickes. Saying that in the death of Mead he has suffered a "personal loss," Ickes added that the commissioner's fame would live for his part in the planning and construction of Boulder dam. He praised Mead as an "engineer, law-giver, teacher and administrator in the field of irrigation." Although official comment on the choice of Mead's successor was lacking, belief was expressed unofficially that Ickes and President Roosevelt might look outside the reclamation bureau. Funeral services for Mead will be held tomorrow, with burial at Arlington, Va.