

Flood Refugee List Increases to 140,000

Milk Control Is Debated at Warm Hearing

300 Affected Persons in Attendance With Both Sides Represented

Consumers Don't Agree; Many Angles Argued in Long Session

Forecast that the milk control law would meet defeat should it ever go to a vote of the people was made last night by Judge J. P. Kavanaugh, Portland, who declared that he represented 20,000 consumers of the opposition to the law. The prediction was made as a closing statement in the public hearing held by the senate agricultural committee on S. B. 12 which seeks the repeal of the control act.

The hearing, held in the house of representatives in the armory, because the senate chambers were too small to hold the 300 interested dairymen, brought charges from opponents of the control act that the board had set up a legalized monopoly. Applause for the various speakers was interspersed with boos as several of the speakers grew fervent in their denunciation and support of the act.

Mrs. A. Maier, Portland, charged that the control act was stepping on the toes of some big concerns that had once used dairy products as a "leader" in their stores and that the law was making their squirm. Decent Living Only Aim, Declared

"The dairymen are asking only for a chance to make a decent living," she said, "we are not asking for a dollar an hour with a dollar and a half over-time."

Defending the milk control board, she stated that the board had increased the price of milk production to 12 cents a quart in Portland, but that it was the rigid inspections and costs of production that made the price necessary.

R. R. Bullivant, attorney for the dairy co-operative association in Portland, declared that the price of milk in Portland was below the average in the country.

"Why aren't babies starving in other cities?" he asked.

In opening his arguments for the measure to repeal the milk control act, Senator Delmer Leonard, sponsor of the bill, stated that the act had been passed in

"Final" Longshore Offer Fails

Shipowners Flatly Turn Down Proposal From Maritime Union

Dockmen Control Entire Situation, Declared; Violence Reported

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(P)—Shipowners tonight flatly rejected a "final" longshoremen's proposal to end the 56-day maritime strike and civic authorities launched a drive to whip public sentiment into a torrent of demands for government intervention.

At the same time waterfront tension produced three disturbances in which one longshoreman was injured and hospitalized, another beaten and nine men arrested. Heretofore the strike has been singularly free of violence, with strikers' patrols maintaining rigid order.

Employer rejection of the longshoremen's plan brought negotiations to a virtual stop, although the shipowners renewed a previous offer which the dockmen had turned down. Said an employer statement:

"Since the leaders of the international longshoremen's association... have admitted that a settlement of their problems will in turn mean a complete settlement of the strike, in the public interest it is to be hoped that they will not continue to be the sole obstacle to peace."

This statement presumably was in connection with a disclosure by Harry Bridges, longshoremen's leader, that majority vote of all unions in the maritime federation rather than a majority of

Press Influence Held Not Abated

EUGENE, ORE., Jan. 22.—(P)—The American press "will continue to have influence with and the confidence of the American people in proportion as it deserves it," Palmer Hoyt, managing editor of The Oregonian (Portland), told delegates to the 15th annual state press conference here tonight.

"Stories of the death of the American press are a bit premature," Hoyt commented in taking cognizance of the record vote polled by President Roosevelt despite the fact most papers opposed his reelection.

Charles A. Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman at Salem, denying newspapers lost prestige in the election, said "the real danger will come when 80 or 90 percent of the newspapers will line up behind a president, not on principle, but because he has the votes."

The Sigma Delta Chi trophy for the best weekly newspaper in Oregon went to The Hillsboro Argus. Second place was awarded to The Hood River News and third place to The Grants Pass Bulletin.

The Hal E. Host trophy for the best weekly in smaller cities went to The Redmond Spokesman, with The Nyssa Gate City Journal second.

Around The Lobby

FRIDAY may have been just a day of adjournment for the spectators around the legislature yesterday but to the clerks and helpers it was the longest for day—pay day. The secretary of state and state treasurer's offices were busily engaged making payments on salaries already earned by the workers.

Two years ago, on the second Friday night of the 1935 regular session, the members spent several hours hearing arguments for and against a milk control act. Last night, on the second Friday of the 1937 session, another hearing on the same subject was held. History, passing by, repeats and repeats.

The milk control act is law, but few are satisfied with it. Its supporters desire to make it stronger and the opponents would like to see it repealed.

Senator George E. Chaney, Coos and Curry, is an expert bowman. He doesn't confine his skill to tar-

get practice but gets out in the woods to bag game with his bow and arrow. Of all animals he has shot at—and hit—he opines, that squirrels are the easiest. "Just plug 'em between the eyes," he advises.

Because of the rapid growth in southeastern Oregon, Senator U. S. Balentine of Klamath Falls now represents more constituents than any other legislator. He is credited in the 1936 census with 57,416 inhabitants in the combined district of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties. Closest competitors for the honor are the six senators from Multnomah who figuratively represent 56,373 persons each. Imagine trying to please all of that number when voting on a measure.

Friday afternoon—no session in the house but lots of activity nevertheless. Milk lobbyists arriving for the night

ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED FOR NEW TERM



President Franklin D. Roosevelt (third from left) is pictured as he took the oath of office to serve as president of the United States for a second term. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Hughes (left). Behind the president is his son, James. Vice President John Nance Garner is shown at extreme right. Despite a heavy downpour of rain, thousands listened to the ritual and inaugural address. This soundphoto was transmitted direct from Washington, D. C., to San Francisco over telephone wires. International Illustrated News soundphoto.

Counties May Get More Road Funds

Increase to Two Millions Is Proposed in Report by Highway Board

An increase of \$400,000 in the amount counties will receive out of state highway revenues, to a total of \$2,000,000, was recommended in the biennial report of the highway commission, filed Friday with Governor Martin.

This proposal complies with the request voiced at a recent meeting of the association of county judges and commissioners. A resolution adopted by the association was sent to the legislature recently.

A balance estimated in excess of \$700,000 in next year's revenue, above the fixed expenses and matching of federal aid funds, was forecast by the highway commission.

Income for the year 1937 was expected to reach \$11,250,000, as compared with the peak of \$12,243,333 in 1930. Approximately \$1,750,000 of the 1937 income of the highway department already is obligated, the report said. This was due to extensive cooperation with the federal government, and insufficient revenues.

"During 1937 and 1938 the federal government will require that the greater part of its funds for highway construction be matched with state funds," the report read. "In Oregon, the annual program need not be large but it must be continuous."

Ask Bonneville Coin
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(P)—Representative Honeyman (D., Ore.) introduced a bill today to authorize coinage of 50,000 50-cent pieces to commemorate the completion of Bonneville dam, Ore.

Chicago Dark Due To Power Strike; Delay Then Taken

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(P)—Darkness engulfed most of Chicago for nearly three hours tonight when municipal electrical workers went on strike over demands for restoration of depression pay cuts.

The walkout ended as suddenly as it began when Mayor Edward J. Kelly emerged from a conference with union officials to announce the strike had been suspended pending a conference Monday with members of the city council finance committee.

Almost as he spoke, the street lights were restored and thirty-eight of the city's fifty-five bridges across the Chicago river, raised by the strikers, were lowered to tangled traffic. Restoration of other electrical services discontinued during the strike followed.

Promptly at 8 p. m., (CST) 450 of the 800 electrical workers employed by the city went on strike and union officials threatened progressively to cripple service by calling out additional workers unless their demands were met.

Ships Off Norway In Extreme Peril
OSLO, Norway, Jan. 22.—(P)—Three ships were in grave peril in the North Sea off Norway tonight as wintry gales continued to whip across the Scandinavian peninsula.

A fourth vessel, the British trawler Strathgairn, reached Aberdeen safely after fighting a terrific storm.

The Norwegian steamer Karmt, the Swedish freighter Lillien Walch and a third vessel not yet identified were in distress and calling for help.

Tax Situation in County Improved

Delinquency For All Past Years Only Slightly Over Million Now

Marion county's tax delinquency for all years dropped close to the million dollar mark as 1936 ended and a considerable but unestimated portion of the \$1,155,113.97 total was already in the hands of the county in the form of property foreclosed upon for taxes. T. J. Bradee, chief deputy sheriff in charge of tax collection, said late yesterday in outlining salient facts contained in his first annual report to the county court.

The tax collector's semiannual report of turnovers made to the county treasurer for distribution to the county and governmental subdivisions also disclosed that all but \$31,134.43 of the more than \$1,700,000 of taxes collected during 1936 had been distributed. A glance at the first half-year report for 1936 showed that \$208,363.84 remained to be thus distributed at the close of 1936. Turnovers of 1925 to 1936 taxes, inclusive, last year aggregated \$1,910,778.07.

Large Portion of '36 Levy Collected
As Bradee had announced earlier this month, \$3.72 per cent (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Martin Avers Budget Mixup Isn't Serious

Just Means Little Less to Spend; Commission Blamed by Wharton

Ways and Means Task Is Delayed; Stringer to Seek New System

With the legislative limelight still focussed on the absorbing question as to how everybody, from the tax commission to the legislature, could overlook a "million dollar mistake" in the budget for the coming biennium, Governor Martin made a brief statement last night on the subject.

"I am not worried over the bookkeeping error. It will mean that the boys will be unable to spend so much money. Look at the federal budget, no two people agree on that. It is a situation which can be smoothed out very well."

Observers of financial operations of the state for many years agreed more or less on the following forecasts:

1. That the ways and means committees would be slowed up considerably, possibly to the extent of postponing final adjournment for two or three weeks.

2. That there was still hope for a capable, well-prepared budget despite the rapid and disconcerting descent from a rosy \$500,000 excess to a \$480,000 deficit.

Recovering from the revelation of the mistake, made known Thursday, members of those two committees began to look about for possible cuts in the budget and new sources of revenue. Two bits of legislation on the latter point, dealing with taxes on airport, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Salem High Noses Out McMinnville

Gallagher Sinks One, Last Two Seconds to Avoid Overtime; 25-23

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special)—Sammy Gallagher, firey Viking forward, sank a field goal in the last two seconds to avert an overtime period and give Salem high a 25 to 23 basketball victory over McMinnville here tonight.

Gallagher's field goal, potted from near the sidelines about even with the foul line, broke a 23 to 23 deadlock in a game that was a close scrap every inch of the way.

Ahead 11 to 8 at half-time the Vikings were overtaken by the Grizzlies in the third period and (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Constable's Fees To Be Collected, Van Winkle Rules

Collection of constable's services will be resumed in the Salem justice of the peace district as the result of an opinion given yesterday by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle, it appeared. Van Winkle, complying with a recent request from Constable Earl Adams through District Attorney Lyle J. Page, ruled that constable's fees in this district were the same as those collected by the sheriff and must be turned over to the county treasurer.

When the constable was by law placed on a salary basis in 1931, a question arose over whether or not he should continue to collect service fees and during the last two years none were turned over to the county. An audit of the district is now in the making.

Following advice from the district attorney this month, Constable Adams discontinued collecting service fees but says notice he would bill attorneys whose papers he served for the back amounts due in the event the attorney general held the fees should be collected.

BALLADE of TODAY

A hundred fifty thousand people are homeless in the middle west as waters rival church steeples in height, but may be near their crest. The land would flow with milk and honey and every child would healthy be, if milk would only cost less money, it's argued at the armory.

Record High Levels Surpassed by Some Of Midwest Rivers

Two Million Dollar Relief Fund For Eight States Sought by A. R. C.; Many Agencies Giving Aid

Cincinnati Has Worst Conditions in History; Exposure Suffered as Some Regions Continue Cold

APPROXIMATELY 140,000 persons were homeless yesterday in the flood-harassed midwest. Sixteen deaths were reported.

Rivers rose above previous record high levels. Cincinnati experienced the greatest flood in its history. Property damage there alone reached \$5,000,000. Damage throughout the area soared into additional millions.

Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the Red Cross, appealed to the nation to raise a \$2,000,000 fund for flood relief assistance in eight states. He said the money was needed for food, housing and medical attention for 270,000 persons either homeless or otherwise in need of relief.

National guardsmen, relief agencies, coast guardsmen, police, firemen, WPA employees and volunteers gave assistance to refugees. The army prepared to erect tent cities.

President Roosevelt directed his cabinet to co-operate with the Red Cross in giving relief wherever it was needed. He ordered every agency of the government to lend a hand.

Rescue equipment, food and clothing were being rushed into distressed districts. Fear of pestilence cropped up as a new dread. Fires and collapsing buildings also presented troublesome problems.

Some of Refugees Suffer Exposure
Freezing temperatures in some regions caused refugees to suffer from exposure. The Red Cross opened six new disaster headquarters as calls for medicine multiplied. A score of communities were plunged into darkness as their power plants failed. Hundreds of factories and business houses were closed.

Eight members of one family were feared drowned near Henderson, Ky. A rescue party discovered the family's house had been washed away.

The water supply at Clarksville, Tenn., was cut off when the Cumberland river reached a new high of 62 feet.

Twenty thousand evacuated their homes in and near Wheeling, W. Va., as the Ohio rose to 58.8 feet. Five thousand moved their homes between Huntington and Point Pleasant, W. Va. Two deaths were reported.

Half of Louisville, Ky., was menaced by the record high Ohio. The Mississippi neared unprecedented levels between Cairo, Ill., and New Madrid, Mo. Twelve states were in the flood belt.

Clark Gable Has Flu
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., Jan. 22.—(P)—A severe attack of influenza sent Clark Gable to his home under the care of a physician and nurse today.

Obtain Equipment To Battle Drifts
The county court late yesterday made arrangements to rent special equipment to attack the almost complete snow blockade of the Elkhorn road between Mehana and Lunker bridge. A small caterpillar tractor will be rented from a nearby farmer and hooked to a county grader to do the job.

CCC crews have cleared the road from their camp, a short distance below the amalgamated mine, to Lunker bridge, but are afraid the bridge will not hold the weight of their heavy bulldozer, County Engineer N. C. Hubba found on a survey trip up this road yesterday. The bridge is located six miles above Mehana. Approximately 30 men are at work at the mine, above the blockade.

Another near blockade exists on the Crooked Finger road but Road Patrolman William King is planning to move a caterpillar tractor grader to that district today after having forced his way through heavy drifts on the Bridge Creek road earlier in the week to free 12 marooned woodcutters.

Hobson said he believed other main roads were in fair traveling condition.

Four Firms Delaying Peace In Coast Shipping, Claimed

Four shipping companies handling 63 per cent of the Pacific coast ocean transport business are holding up settlement of the current maritime strike, charged John M. Brost, president of the Portland longshoremen's local, in one of four main addresses regarding the strike delivered at Union hall here last night. Brost asserted further that only influence exerted by the big companies kept 27 coastal operators from agreeing with the unions.

Declaring first that not the longshoremen but the employers are on strike, Brost later said the ship owners "are smart enough to maneuver so we have to strike."

Bridges Is Merely Spokesman
The militant spokesman, Harry Bridges, is only a spokesman, Brost asserted, in effect. "Bridges hasn't got any more to say than I have and I haven't any more to say than any other maritime worker," Brost declared. "He only carries out orders."