

The Statesman provides complete coverage daily of all important events and trends in the Oregon legislative session.

The Weather
Cloudy followed by rain or snow today and Sunday, slightly warmer; Max. Temp. Friday 39, Min. 24, river -6, rain .08, cloudy.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Towns Completely Flooded; Death Toll 26

U.S. Demand for Parley Hinted

Amendment to Control Wage, Hours Drafted

Would Provide Congress With Power to Limit Industry Details

Group of Liberals to Be Organized Feb. 1 to Support Program

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—(AP)—The first draft of a proposed constitutional amendment empowering congress to regulate hours and wages of labor was completed today for presentation to congress.

As drawn by a group of constitutional lawyers headed by Dr. Joseph P. Chamberlain, of Columbia university, it was worded to: (1) Delegate definitely to congress the right to set limits on hours and wages in industry.

(2) Specifically bar the 14th amendment—which says no citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law—from being applied to prevent such regulation.

(3) Prevent the action of the above No. 2 from destroying or weakening civil liberties guaranteed under the 14th amendment and under the bill of rights.

The proposal was drafted in connection with formation of a "national committee to clarify the constitution by amendment," a group of liberals which will organize at Detroit on February 1.

The amendment in its original form was included in a report to be made by the lawyers—Dr. Chamberlain; Dr. Noel Dowling, Columbia professor who acted as consultant in the case TVA won before the supreme court; Dr. Herman Gray, of New York university; and Dr. Lloyd Garrison, of the Wisconsin School of Law—on Monday to a committee of the American Bar association, is chairman.

A drive to obtain the amendment will center on the proposition that it is a clarification, rather than a change, in the constitution which is desired.

The movement for an amendment crystallized in four states—New York, Michigan, Ohio, Washington—after the supreme court held the New York minimum wage law for women unconstitutional. State committees to "clarify" the constitution were formed in each.

Official representatives of each of the four states have been invited to the Detroit gathering.

Boundary Dispute Solution Sought

OLYMPIA, Jan. 23—(AP)—The boundary dispute between Washington and Oregon hopped up again today when Sen. Fred S. Duggan of Spokane announced he would introduce a legislative proposal Monday providing for a commission to negotiate a compact with the neighboring state.

Since 1909 there has been a dispute between the two commonwealths over the dividing line in the area about Sand Island in the Columbia river. That year a decision fixed the boundary at the north channel, but the location frequently changes by reason of the action of winds, tides and currents, the bill stated.

The area in dispute is valuable for fishing purposes. "The definite and final location of a boundary line with relation to fixed monuments located on the adjacent uplands is therefore of great economic and political importance to both interested states and their citizens," the bill stated.

Trail Pageant Set

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 23—(AP)—Eugene's 1937 Oregon Trail Pageant will be held July 22, 23 and 24, officials announced.

Broadcast to Be Resumed Monday Night

The Statesman's regular legislative summary will be broadcast over radio station KSLM Monday night, presenting the events of Monday's activity in the two houses. The broadcasts, presented last week for the first time, are begun promptly at 7 o'clock.

Perkins Plans Formal 'Invitation' Viewed as Ukase, if No Progress

Lewis Ready, General Motors Declines Suggestion for Meeting; Partial Re-Opening of Some Plants Tuesday Being Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—(AP)—The government may demand that General Motors and striking automobile workers open peace negotiations, official conciliators indicated tonight.

The way Secretary Perkins put it today was that if other means fail she may send out "a formal invitation" to negotiations. However, there was no doubt among informed observers that the "invitation" would be virtually a demand.

Miss Perkins said she already had suggested informally that Alfred P. Sloan Jr., General Motors president, and John L. Lewis, strike director, get together to work out a peace agreement.

General Motors, she added, had rejected her proposal. Lewis has said he accepted.

"My desire is to get negotiations re-established," Miss Perkins said. "That is the wise thing to do."

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in its periodical, "Washington Review," said today that "increasing labor disturbances constitute a major threat to continued business expansion and re-employment."

DETROIT, Jan. 23—General Motors corporation announced (Turn to page 5, col. 3)

Phantom Farm Is Offered For Sale

County Owns But Doesn't Know Where It Is, as Deal Unrecorded

Marion county has a phantom farm for sale.

The farm, four acres in size, is on the county assessment books, but its location other than that it is a part of a 74-acre tract near Champong is a mystery, H. William Thielson, the county court's property agent, said yesterday.

The four-acre plot got on the tax collector's books after the owner of the tract had sold the small piece of land on contract but, since the contract was never recorded, the exact location is unknown. Thielson said, however, he thought by making inquiries in the neighborhood he could find it. (Turn to page 5, col. 4)

Voorhies Head of State Publishers

EUGENE, ORE., Jan. 23—(AP)—The Oregon Publishers' conference named as president today A. E. Voorhies, publisher of the Grants Pass (Daily) Courier, at the concluding session of its 19th annual convention.

Prof. George Turnbull, professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, was re-elected secretary.

In a discussion of foreign news, Jay C. Allen, war correspondent for Chicago and London newspapers, predicted Spanish loyalists eventually would sweep through rebel forces so violently that the drive "will make everything that has gone before look like child's play."

Cottage Farm Fugitive Being Sought by Police

State police last night were looking for James E. Clueden, who escaped yesterday afternoon from the Cottage farm. The definite time of the man's leaving was not known as he was missed when a check-up was made last night.

Clueden was committed from Multnomah county.

Shipowners Clarify Offer to Longshoremen in New Effort

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23—(AP)—Shipowners moved tonight to break the main deadlock in the 86-day maritime strike by "clarifying" their peace offer to the longshoremen's union, key organization in the long tieup.

They added a promise which would assure the dockmen a practical six-hour day at 95 cents an hour and \$1.40 for overtime. "Don't insist upon Early Relief Gains"

The clarification set forth that the owners did not "contemplate insistence upon relief gains of longshoremen before 5 p. m."

This meant they would agree to pay the longshoremen 95 cents an hour for any six hours between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., and that if the same dockmen should continue work after their six-hour shift they would receive \$1.40 an hour for the overtime.

The previous owner offer would have required the union to furnish men at "straight time" pay rates to finish out the work day to 5 p. m., if the starting time was after its six hours before that time.

The new offer apparently approached closely to an alternate demand of the longshoremen for 95 cents an hour for the six hour work hours between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., and \$1.40 overtime thereafter.

Both sides announced they would meet not later than tomorrow to take up the proposal. The union also demanded that its affiliated workers, the checkers, be given a similar contract. Owners said this matter also would be taken up Monday.

Pope Growing Weaker; Fear For Life Felt

Periods of Intense Pain Suffered; Physicians Remain at Bedside

Danger of Gangrene Now Held Extreme; Heart Condition Watched

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 24—(AP)—(Sunday)—Worried physicians attending Pope Pius XI hovered at his bedside through the night as he experienced frequent periods of intense pain early today.

Reliable sources said the pope, wearied almost to the point of unconsciousness, slept for brief spells but that the morning was marked by frequent wakeful periods in which he suffered intense pain.

Earlier, a semi-official bulletin said the pontiff was "resting as well as can be expected."

Yesterday, the danger of gangrene in his left leg was seen as threatening still further the precarious life of ailing Pope Pius.

Injections Given To Stop Infections

He was given injections to check possible infection in an open sore on the leg, caused by the breaking of a varicose vein. The 79-year-old holy father took less nourishment than during recent days. Drowsiness overcame him after the injections.

Vatican physicians have given up hope for his complete recovery, but hold that if the threat of gangrene could be averted, the supreme pontiff might live for some time.

The pope's chief physician, Dr. Aminta Milani, was understood to be greatly concerned over the danger of gangrene, believed due to the almost complete stoppage of circulation in the pontiff's leg.

Strain Upon Heart Is Further Hazard

The strain of the pope's complicated illness on his heart presented another hazard which, Vatican sources said, might result in his sudden death even if gangrene were forestalled.

His continuing illness in the past few days had been a "great strain" (Turn to page 5, col. 4)

Goose Lake Title Argument Revived

LAKEVIEW, ORE., Jan. 23—(AP)—Rumblings of what may prove the forerunner of a determined effort to settle once and for all the title to the receding bed of Goose lake on the Oregon-Calf. frontier line were heard here today.

More than 100 stockmen met to discuss a recent ruling of the department of the interior that the bed of what once was one of the largest bodies of fresh water in the nation now was under good title to California.

It was decided to hold a public protest meeting at the courthouse here February 1.

The lake once was 60 miles long and carried boats from Lakeview to Altam, Calif. It now is 15 miles in length. Oregon stockmen set forth claims a third of the lake bed is in Oregon and that ownership rests with the state subject to riparian rights.

The stockmen went on record unanimously opposing administration of the Oregon side of the lake by California interests. About 125 persons make use of the lake bed in this county, mostly for grazing purposes.

Late Sports

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