

The Weather
Unsettled with rain today and Monday. Moderate temperatures. Max. temp. Saturday 55, min. 44. River 7.8 feet. South winds.

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Relief Problem Largest Facing 1939 Session of Legislature

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Personal and political problems of the 1939 legislative session were gotten out of the way far in advance of the convening date, January 9, thus making it possible for members to turn their attention to the more substantial matter of legislation.

Members of the house have even been assigned seats—and that includes the speaker's seat. If there remained any doubt during the past week that the rostrum in the new hall of representatives would be occupied by Ernest Fatland of Condon, it was removed Saturday when Frank J. Lonergan of Portland announced his withdrawal in Fatland's favor. This was preceded by a checkup on Lonergan's part, in which he confirmed Fatland's claims of majority support. Duncan Conceded Senate Presidency

Since Senator Robert M. Duncan of Burns has been conceded the senate presidency, the major pre-session issues are out of the way—but it would be erroneous to presume that all the pre-session jockeying has ended. There are committee assignments to be parceled out, with the more attractive chairmanships in the house going to Fatland's original backers and to the rival candidates who obligingly stepped aside for him. There is less of this sort of thing in the senate because of its more permanent personnel. But the members of both houses are being canvassed aggressively by candidates for important clerkships and jobs on down to that of page and messenger. The rush for these jobs is all the more hectic because republicans are in position to obtain them after an eight-year famine in so far as the lower house is concerned.

There is no outstanding external reason why the 1939 session should be more "tax-minded" than those that have immediately preceded it—finance has been a "hot" problem for a decade—but events are shaping in that direction. For one thing, the interim committee studying taxation problems will make its report and gain a considerable share of the spotlight, and the tax commission's recommendations will also receive close attention. This latter body revealed Saturday that it was studying a method of consolidating the personal income, intangibles and corporate excise tax laws with a view to closing loop holes, eliminating abuses and simplifying administration.

There is no indication that the interim committee will have any radical financial innovations to propose, but some may be forthcoming, even though the session will be minus the inimitable services of O. Henry Oleen.

And then there are the problems of relief and old age assistance. As for the latter, the 1937 session cut the age limit down to 65 and there are only two liberalizing proposals still possible. One would raise the minimum of old age assistance to \$30, which is now the maximum, and the other would eliminate the non-existent "pauper's oath" in so far as the federal law makes that possible. Both of these proposals will be made, the legislature may be in a mood to glance often at its hole card.

Pressure Strong For Relief Increases

There is going to be tremendous pressure to open the state relief committee's purse zipper a great deal wider. Multnomah county county has been getting its relief problem into the headlines and the fact that the state becoming a "hard winter" is not the only reason. Commissioner Frank Shull of Multnomah declared Saturday that while his county has 4000 persons on relief who will be getting nothing beyond food allowances, nothing for rent, fuel and light bills in a couple of months, the state committee has \$1,500,000 appropriated two years ago and another half million in sight from liquor funds, but that these available funds are not being disbursed because Governor Martin wants to leave office "and show a nice balance."

Multnomah doesn't want to make this a long fight and so, though it doesn't wish anybody bad luck, welcomes reports of similar difficulty elsewhere, as in Yamhill county. As a matter of fact the state committee is now bearing 75 per cent of the state-wide relief load, because of the difficulty in Multnomah and a few other counties—and carrying the same percentage in all the other counties. (Continued on page 2, column 6)

Britain Kicking France

Berlin Order Bans Semites From Streets

New Restrictions Place Jews in Dark Ages of Ghetto

Edict Forbids Issuance of Drivers' Licenses to Non-Aryans

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Berlin officially restricted Jews today with an approach to ghetto conditions.

The capital's police chief, Count Wolf Hendrick von Helldorf, gave the signal for inauguration of a system of banned streets, forbidden areas and restricted living quarters for German Jews which undoubtedly will be followed by other cities.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels on Nov. 15, five days after the current anti-Semitic drive started, had pledged there would be no ghetto for German Jews but newspaper headlines observed: "No ghetto but sharpest division."

Right to Drive Autos Denied
A decree by the chief of all German police, Heinrich Himmler, withdrew drivers' licenses and automobile and motorcycle permits immediately from all German Jews.

His order asserted the assassination of Ernst Vom Rath, secretary in the German embassy in Paris, by the young Polish Jew Herschel Grynszpan, showed Jews were "unreliable and unsuitable to keep or drive motorized vehicles."

Official news agency commented "this preventive measure against Jewish arrogance gives an expression of the healthy sense of justice of the German people."

Public Buildings Made Taboo
After Monday, Jews except those of foreign nationality cannot enter government buildings in the Wilhelmstrasse without special permit, nor visit such places as the memorial to the unknown soldier, museums, operas, athletic grounds.

Window shopping, even, along Kurfurstendamm, Unter Den Linden, Leipzigerstrasse, Friedrichstrasse, the main shopping streets, may soon be forbidden, DNB said. Other representative avenues—like Tauentzienstrasse—which once were lined with exclusive, Jewish-owned shops, will be barred to Jews.

Jews Barred From Movies
They may not attend the movies or theatres. To enter a forbidden area may mean a \$60 fine or six weeks in jail.

Helldorf said, "Jews living in or next to the main streets and representative boulevards must expect that in the immediate future the Jewish ban will be extended also to these streets."

He further suggested Jews find rooms in central and north-side streets, already inhabited mostly by Jews. He named Kuenz, Linden and Grenadier streets particularly.

To Berlin residents these names connote a notorious horde of criminals, hoodlums, tax-droppers, second-hand clothing stores and squalid tenements of Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe. They lie in the section known as the "Scheunenviertel"—a quarter of squalor and riff-raff.

General Motors Demands End Of Walkout at Fisher Plant
DETROIT, Dec. 3.—(AP)—General Motors Corp. sent a "demand" to the CIO United Automobile Workers tonight for immediate cancellation of a strike in Fisher body plant No. 1 at Flint, Mich., asserting the union had violated its agreement with the corporation by authorizing the walkout.

Failure to obtain an early settlement of the strike might cause 20,000 General Motors workers to be idle next week.

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Italy's Claims To Tunis Are Blow to Peace

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Drive to Block Fascist Demands May Derail Premier's Visit

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The Tunisian development led Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax to order immediate strong representations at the Italian foreign office.

With vital English and French strategic interests in the Mediterranean involved, Lord Halifax, reliable quarters said, ordered the request of the French ambassador, the Earl of Perth, to take a "firm stand" against Italy's latest anti-French drive.

This drive threatened to wreck Chamberlain's projected visit to Rome, flat announced Monday, the trip was set today for January 11 to 14. The foreign office announced the date, however, amid conjecture that Chamberlain might not go at all.

There were some who felt the fast-changing European scene might yet shift enough to force a reconsideration of the visit. Lord Halifax is to accompany the prime minister.

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