

PUD and Tax Measures Are Revised Again

Wearry Airman Cheats Nature After Crackup

Lost Spokane Pilot Is Victor of Grueling Struggle in Snow

Alaskan Plane's Search Is Still Unfruitful; Hunt on Today

SPOKANE, Feb. 15-(AP)—Three days of desperate struggle against hunger, cold and deep snow in the rugged mountains of north Idaho were described today by Roy Shreck, Spokane weather pilot, who made his way to safety, after crashing on a mountain top early Sunday.

"I felt like giving up lots of times," he said. "I'm glad I didn't now."

Shreck walked nearly 25 miles to a wood cutter's cabin and then rode 17 miles to Coeur D'Alene this morning. He phoned his wife the first news that he was safe.

"Something certainly guided me out. It wasn't my time. I didn't get even a pin scratch," he said of his crash and struggle to safety. "Unknown Powers of Endurance Are Felt"

"No one knows what he can do until he has to—until he is right up against it," he added. "My plane crashed about 500 feet from the top of a 5000-foot ridge, about 25 miles northeast of Wallace Lodge.

"A load of ice took the ship down. I knew where I was." Shreck's feet when he reached Spokane were badly swollen, but after a night's sleep he claimed he was otherwise "OK" and refused to go to bed or have a doctor.

"For three days and nights I walked and struggled through the snow," he said. "I didn't have a match, and no food. The snow was always up to my waist and sometimes it was over my head. I think it was 50 feet deep where I crashed.

"My stomach was tied in knots the second day. I didn't have anything to eat and I couldn't find any water. I tried to eat snow but it tasted like pine needles.

"About 3 p. m. yesterday, I found some water in the bottom of a canyon and dug down through the snow to it."

Ex-Legislator On Lost Plane



Above, George Chamberlain, former Washington legislator, of Seattle, one of the passengers aboard the Marine Airways plane missing on a flight from Ketchikan to Juneau. Six persons were believed aboard the plane, search for which was handicapped by a snow storm. Below, his daughter, Molly Chamberlain, Seattle school girl who anxiously awaited word of her father's fate.—AP Telemat.

County Taxpayers Pingle up Early

Marion county taxpayers are starting early to make their 1939 contributions to government operations. T. J. Brabeck, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections, reported yesterday. Receipts over the tax counter at the courthouse totaled \$23,091.42 for Tuesday and Wednesday, first two days since the assessor's warrant for the year's levies was issued.

Faulkner Dies of Accident Injuries

LEBANON, Feb. 15-(Special)—Dallas Faulkner, 19, of Lebanon, died here tonight of injuries suffered in an automobile accident when the car in which he was riding, driven by Richard Duncan of Shedd, overturned last Saturday.

Canadian Miner Killed in Blast

TRAIL, B. C., Feb. 15-(CP)—One man was killed and two others injured in an explosion at the Consolidated Mining and Smelting company's plant in adjoining Tadanac municipality tonight.

House Pushes Through For Armament

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)—The house approved a huge, \$376,000,000 segment of the administration's rearmament program today, after a turbulent debate which produced dramatic warnings that present world conditions hold grave dangers for America and charges that the United States is treading the road to war.

By the one-sided vote of 367 to 15, it passed a bill which would add 3,050 war planes to the army air corps, strengthen the defenses of the Panama Canal, increase the enlisted strength of the army air corps by 24,000 men, and 2,060 officers to the army and enable the army to buy \$23,750,000 worth of war material from American industry to educate it in the production of such supplies.

The measure now goes to the senate. The measure now goes to the senate. The measure now goes to the senate. The measure now goes to the senate.

Guam Plan Removal Is Voted Down. A little earlier, the house naval committee approved a bill authorizing an expenditure of \$68,000,000 for new naval air bases, including a far away Pacific outpost on the island of Guam.

Senator Johnson (R-Calif), veteran senate advocate of American isolation, accused the administration of conducting its foreign affairs "clandestinely" and of renegeing efforts to obtain facts concerning the recent sale of military planes to France.

After a long, secret session, the senate military committee announced it would make public tomorrow part of the testimony taken today from high officials concerning the sale to France. Republicans join defense bandwagon.

But major interest centered upon the house and its discussion of defense needs and foreign affairs. The decision of a republican caucus to back the defense bill, except on one point, had eliminated virtually all partisan politics from the controversy.

That one point, however, developed a heated dispute. The bill called for the acquisition of the 3,050 planes within two years. The republican viewpoint was that the purchases should be spread over a three-year period, to avoid the obsolescence of a large section of the air corps.

The republicans, sticking together mustered votes for the longer period but there were 183 votes for the shorter.

Tongue Point Navy Project Hopes Raised

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 15-(AP)—Hope that the long fight for establishment of a naval base at Tongue Point might be approaching realization came today to Merle Chessman, Astoria publisher and Rep. James Mott (R-Ore.) with approval of the house naval committee of a fund of \$1,500,000 for development there.

The committee's action occurred in connection with its completion of a \$68,400,000 bill for new and expanded aviation bases. The measure now goes to the house floor for passage.

Besides the recommended allocation for Tongue Point, the bill provides expenditures totaling about \$18,000,000 for development of naval aviation facilities at Midway, Wake and Guam Islands, and Pearl harbor in the Pacific, and various sums for eastern bases.

Inclusion of Tongue Point in the bill marked the first time in the nearly 20 years of legislative battle that the project has been a part of a bill recommended to congress for passage. Heretofore, it has been injected into a completed measure as an amendment and as such reached the house floor two years ago, only to be defeated by opposition of the navy department.

Rep. Mott, who with Chessman has been a leading figure in the fight for development of the Columbia river site, expressed the belief that prospects for favorable congressional action were "brighter than ever" and Chessman regarded the committee's action as "very heartening."

Racing Revenues Measure Opposed

Only Opponents of Bill Appear to Speak at Hearing Here. Opponents of a bill to increase the state's share in racing revenues from 2 1/2 to 4 per cent of the "take" argued before the house judiciary committee last night that the bill would deprive fair of money, decrease racing revenues and cause unemployment of racing enterprise employees.

No one spoke in favor of the bill, introduced by Reps. Frank Hilton (R-Portland) and W. H. Miller (D-Grants Pass). R. H. Calk of the Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, said the Multnomah Kennel club, operating dog races at Multnomah stadium, had conducted its business "in the highest possible manner" and had yearly increased its contribution to state revenues.

Rep. H. H. Chindgren (R-Molalla), appearing as president of the state association of fairs, said his organization objected to the bill because it provided no method of fund distribution. Under the present law a portion of the funds are distributed directly to state and county fairs.

Gales, Floods, Cold, Warmth Nation's Menu

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 15-(AP)—A strange mixture of destructive winds and threatening tides, of record heat and intense cold, of dense fog, snow and heavy rains, accompanied in some places by summertime thunder and lightning, disturbed the United States Wednesday.

The winds also caused two deaths in New Jersey. Deaths Reported in New York. Two brothers were believed drowned at Elmira, N.Y., when ice, dislodged by the Chemung river's rising water, swept away a temporary ramp on which they were working. Six others were saved.

With an abnormally high tide along the New England coast, especially in Rhode Island, officials feared floods in the area damaged in last September's hurricane. State police set up a special patrol. There were flood fears also in the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland river valleys and the Red land river valley. Plans to gage water lowland families should the water rise much higher.

Mrs. Sears' Body Located in River

Woman Who Disappeared Here December 22 Identified, Buried. Found by Ferryman Kenneth Snyder and Roy LaFollet in the Willamette river one-half mile above Wheatland ferry yesterday morning, and positively identified by rings and wearing apparel, the remains of Mrs. Ethel Sears, West Salem woman who disappeared from her auto camp home the afternoon of December 22, were buried in McMinnville at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Polk County Sheriff Walter B. Gerth, veteran riverman who had twice run the river in search of the body, was notified shortly before noon that a body had been found. It was not taken from the river until the arrival of Gerth, accompanied by the deceased woman's husband, Henry C. Sears. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

All Interests United On new Utility Setup

Exemptions Unchanged, Intangibles Surtax up

Strong Opposition From low Income Groups Causes Shift in Program; Committee Hears Pleas for Gross Income Tax for Relief

Faced by strong opposition from persons with low income, the house taxation and revenue committee late Wednesday night abandoned its program of lowering income tax exemptions to \$700 for single persons and \$1200 for married persons. Instead the committee agreed to leave the exemptions at the present scale of \$800 for single individuals and \$1500 for persons married.

To offset the reduction in taxes occasioned by elimination of the flat eight per cent tax on income from intangibles, the committee decided to impose a flat three per cent surtax on income from intangibles in addition to putting intangibles income into the regular income tax brackets.

Bar Examination Method Assailed

More Chances to Pass, Public Access to Papers Wanted. Backers of a measure to change the form of the state bar examination told the house judiciary committee last night that candidates for the bar should be given unlimited chances for examination, that a basic passing standard should be established and that examination papers should be public records.

Homage Continues Over Pius' Tomb

Visitors Pour Into Church as Plans Go Forward for Elections. VATICAN CITY, Feb. 15-(AP)—Continued homage to Pope Pius XI was paid by sorrowing visitors to his tomb beneath St. Peter's today while interest quickened in preparations for the election of his successor.

Rebuilding Board To End April 1

Commission to Terminate Services as Capitol Work Nears End. The state capitol reconstruction commission will pass out of existence April 1, under an agreement reached at a meeting of the senate capitol reconstruction committee Wednesday.

Salary Increases And Auditor Voted

Two bills affecting Marion county went up approval in the state senate Wednesday. One provides for a county auditor to pass on all claims and to conduct an annual audit of the various county offices.

ELABORATE FUNERAL SERVICES MARK FINAL RITES FOR POPE



This picture, transmitted from Rome to London by telephone and from London to New York by radio shows the impressive funeral of Pope Pius XI in St. Peter's cathedral, Rome. The view above is over the elaborate ceremony inside the historical cathedral. The public was admitted to the cathedral during the morning for a last glimpse at the features of the pontiff, but the burial services, held in the afternoon, was limited to dignitaries of church and state. The pope's body is in the casket in the center foreground.—AP Telemat.

Legislative Sidelights:

Here and there behind in front of the scenes at the 40th legislative assembly. With all due respect to the framers of the bill which would set Oregon's primary election on the "first Wednesday after the first Monday in September," and with full approval of the general principle involved, this column cannot but believe that it would be a poor day to hold an election in Salem. It would be Salem day at the state fair.

Now that the several truckloads of white marble comprising the record express shipment from White Plains, N.Y., have been delivered at the front entrance to the capitol, it appears evident that Sculptor Leo Friedlander is going to finish the sculpting of the three women before the house-convening and construction experts can watch him. In view of Oregon's usual spring weather, it is to be hoped that the sculptor has arranged for a canopy.