

British About Broke, Claims Morgenthau

Mahoney Backs Sprague Stand On Guard Unit

Multnomah Senator Flays New Proposed Measure Before Legislature

No Need for "Hysteria" Says Senate Military Affairs Leader

By PAUL H. HAUSER, Jr. Measures dealing with state and national defense predominated Wednesday as the Oregon legislature quickened its pace.

Representative John M. McCourt (R-Mult) introduced bills to give the governor authority to form a state guard to replace the national guard, now in federal service, and to select a general staff from retired national guard officers.

Governor Sprague's stand in a controversy with Alfred P. Kelly, state Legion commander, that the state guard should not be organized until needed, was backed by Senator Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Mult), chairman of the senate military affairs committee.

"We are not at war," Mahoney said, "and we have the services of the state police, which we did not have during the World War. There is no need for hysteria."

Mahoney introduced a bill to deny public office to communists and others advocating overthrow of the United States government by force, while Senator Rex Ellis (R-Uma) sponsored a bill to give ten years in prison or \$10,000 fine, or both, to any person who fosters or weakens defense preparations.

Bill Proposes Naming Attorneys on Bench Measures ready for introduction in the house would permit the supreme court to appoint attorneys to act temporarily as circuit judges in districts where dockets are congested, reduce the interest rate on loans of less than \$300 from 3 to 1 1/2 per cent a month, and require that circuit court candidates shall live in their districts a year before filing their candidacies.

Among the 18 bills dropped in the house hopper were two which would provide for a deposit with the county clerk by any mining or logging operator of enough money to cover wages in such operations. The bills were sponsored by the state labor department.

Other labor department bills included one to make warehouse receipts on lumber and slabwood subject to labor liens.

Representative Allan Carson (R-Marion) introduced for the day a bill to amend the law relating to the death of a person.

In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column We have been looking over the lists of people who did things in 1940 with the idea of nominating some of them for a congressional medal of honor and we believe that, like the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in the picture of the same name, we have got our man.

This fellow, whose name slips our mind, didn't rescue six children from drowning with Paul H. Hauser, Jr. the aid of a William Payson Terhune coilie. He didn't dash into a burning building and rescue an over-ambitious insurance investigator and a canary. He didn't battle off six murderous road agents with no more weapon than a sack of bananas to save an old lady's lavender coat hangers.

And although he is a professionalist in a movie theatre he didn't sing "There's a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" while 5000 school children moved in orderly fashion out of the blinding auditorium.

All he did was press a button and we think this country needs more men like him.

He got so darned tired of a double feature that he just cut it off 15 minutes before it was over.

We have searched the capital high and low and haven't seen a single log rolling, although we did observe a couple of senators lumbering up the hall.

The reasoning of a Des Moines youth who wrote his draft board requesting military service by correspondence because "I am allergic to beans and prunes," is interesting, but in plain straightforwardness it doesn't approach that of the Atlanta Negro who claimed exemption because, as he said, "I'm overstrained and unavailable."

We were lately informed that the gas in Salem is a maine coming from Olympia. What has the Washington legislature got that ours hasn't?

Major Battle Expected As Job Compensation Act Bills Near House

Four Measures Seeking to Amend Unemployment Pay Law Backed by Labor Organizations; Employer "Experience Ratings" Asked

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER An issue that will precipitate one of the major battles of the 1941 Oregon legislature will reach the house of representatives today in the form of four bills to amend the unemployment compensation act.

Labor wants greater benefits for longer periods of unemployment and for more workers; and employers want an opportunity to earn reductions in their payroll taxes.

Labor's demand will be voiced in four amendments which Representative Phil Brady, Portland democrat and AFL labor leader, says he will introduce today, before the weekend recess.

The bills propose to: 1. Increase the "experience rating" from the present law, whereunder employers after next July 1 will become entitled to payroll tax reductions if their records have been good, from the standpoint of drains by their employees on the unemployment fund.

2. Increase maximum weekly benefits from the present \$15 to \$24, increase the maximum benefit-receiving period from 1 to 20 weeks, but maintain the present \$7 a week minimum.

3. Increase the waiting period before benefits are paid to one week, from the present three.

4. Eliminate exemptions now granted to seasonal employees.

Another set of bills along the same line was submitted to the house by Senator James H. Blaine (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Senate Receives Highway Measures Effort to Have Bills Placed for Second Reading Fails to Pass

The six highway department bills were introduced in the senate Wednesday.

An effort to have the bills placed on second reading failed. Senator F. H. Francovich, Blaine's opponent, insisted that the bills come up in their regular order. They will be referred to the joint committee on roads and highways.

The bills follow: Increase maximum length of commercial motor vehicles, with load, from 59 to 60 feet, and maximum weight from 54,000 pounds to 69,000 pounds.

Authorize highway commission and county courts to grant one-year permits to logging trucks.

Authorize state highway commission to construct "free-way" roads.

Give highway commission authority to compel cutting of trees on private property when they are a hazard.

Prohibit any sign on highway property or within view of a highway not authorized by owner of property.

Authorize commission to construct cattle guard gates at cow crossings.

Funeral Service Held for Bladine McMinnville, Jan. 15—(AP)—Funeral services for Lars E. Bladine, 45, publisher of the McMinnville Telephone Register for 12 years until his death Monday, were held here today with many newspapermen attending.

Final rites will be held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, where Bladine once published the Daily Record.

Londoners See Bedtime Blitz And Dogfight

Thousands Fill Streets to Watch RAF Battle Invading Bombers

Captured Italo General Says "You Can Have Desert, I'm Poet"

LONDON, Jan. 16—(Thursday)—(AP)—London had a minor bedtime blitz air raid just before midnight and early today—the first air attack after dark since Sunday, but the show put on by the German bombers and challenging British night fighters surpassed any previous midnight performance over the capital.

A few insignificant fires flared briefly. The real show which thousands poured into the streets to see was the smoky vapor patterns woven upon the crystal clear heavens by the raiders and the darting, circling, machine-gunning fighters.

The raid began at an unusually late hour for attacks on London and the rattle of machine-gun fire overhead indicated the fighters were in action.

Before London was attacked, raiding Nazi planes were in flight over other areas of England.

Three bombs were dropped at one midland town, falling in a cemetery and recreation grounds and causing no casualties.

As the hostile planes dived high over the Midlands, the force of anti-aircraft fire appeared to make them fly in circles in an effort to avoid being hit. Two east Anglian towns reported raids also.

In the only continental operations reported by the air ministry, the resolution passed asked that the county court in the immediate future call a meeting of representative sheep men for the purpose of working out a more satisfactory administration of the act providing for the compensation to owners whose sheep have been killed by dogs.

Amendments Seek Lobbying "Teeth"

Seven representatives moved Wednesday to put new teeth in Oregon's law governing lobbying activities in an amendatory bill introduced in the lower house of the legislature.

The bill as amended would not only make any form of lobbying, without qualification, a crime if the lobbyist fails to disclose his interest in the legislation involved, but also would strictly forbid any lawyer member of the assembly proposing, introducing or in any way attempting to influence passage of legislation for a direct or indirect benefit to himself.

The amendment also raises the maximum fine for violators from \$500 to \$1,000 and makes its jurisdiction extend to misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Conviction of such crime makes a member of the Oregon bar subject to disbarment.

The bill carried the names of Representative Carson of Marion county, French Smith, Gibson, Jenkins, Jones of Marion, and Hill.

Plan Bill to Halt Cross Over Votes

CAPITOL, OLYMPIA, Jan. 15—(AP)—A bill designed to clarify disputes arising over "cross-over" voting on paper ballots—an issue which figured strongly in the recent contest over Governor Langille's election—was ready for introduction in the house tonight.

Tall like the Douglas fir and cedar of Coos county and the pine of Deschutes are two men appearing in new roles at the capitol this session, Ralph Hamilton, Bend attorney, here as legal adviser to Governor Sprague, rises above most men—his six feet, two—will be William E. Walsh, former Salem boy, now a Marshfield attorney and freshman senator, tops him by two inches. Legislating is nothing new for Hamilton. He once was speaker of the house.

Walsh has been "kidded" by Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee about being "the boy senator," since he's the youngest member of the upper house, will turn 37 on January 29; then Mrs. Lee says she's "the girl senator," because she hasn't yet reached her 40th birthday and is second youngest member of the senate.

Lyman Ross of Aloha, state senator in 1937 and '39, representative in 1935 and manager of the Ross-for-governor campaign in 1938, was seen around the lobby on Wednesday. Ross sought the democratic nomination for state treasurer last spring and this didn't run for reelection to the senate.

Marion county people shouldn't let the legislators kid them about causing the defeat

SENATORS STUDY BRITISH AID BILL



Senate leaders study the sensational administration bill in which the president asked congress for all-out authority to extend American aid to any government "whose defense the president considers to be vital to the defense of the United States." Left to right: Senators Pat Harrison, Morris Sheppard, Alben W. Barkley and Walter George.

Marion Grangers Hear Resolution Meeting of Representative Sheepmen Advocated to Seek "Dog" Payments

SILVERTON, Jan. 15—Two hundred grangers were surprised at the Wednesday meeting of the Marion county Pomona when only one resolution was brought before them to be voted upon. Grangers had expected a large number of resolutions, they said, particularly as the legislature is now in session.

The resolution passed asked that the county court in the immediate future call a meeting of representative sheep men for the purpose of working out a more satisfactory administration of the act providing for the compensation to owners whose sheep have been killed by dogs.

The resolution pointed out that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Bette Davis Now Resting Sans Cactus

DEATH VALLEY, Calif., Jan. 15—(AP)—Actress Bette Davis, while on a film location in the heart of this sun-scorched desert, today suffered a slight mishap that was as embarrassing as it was painful.

The script called for an airplane supposedly piloted by James Cagney and in which Bette was traveling, to make a forced landing and nose over with its tall high in the air.

Bette was supposed to open the door and nonchalantly jump down onto a hillock of soft sand.

She jumped, but she saw a cloud of cactus too late. They helped her into a nearby hotel where Dr. Lester Clark removed 45 cactus thistles from her and then told her to rest on a couch for a while—face down.

Another sequence, which called for Cagney to shoot Bette with a shotgun in the same place she got the cactus, was postponed temporarily.

Lobby Hobnobber

Quips, "Angles" and Personalities at the Capitol of the legislators' pay bill, it lost here by about \$400 and it lost statewide by about \$200; but it was defeated also in Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Lincoln, Lane, Malheur, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill counties. To sum up, it lost in 28 counties and was approved only in 14.

Henry Simons, genial Klamath county potato grower and state representative, got a new calling card Wednesday. "Can you read this?" he was asking as he passed it about among his colleagues.

"This" was a braille reproduction of his name and title, "typed" for him when he inspected the state school for the blind.

Ford Pledges Company Aid to Defense of U. S.

Naval Service School Dedicated at Plant Will Give Technical and Mechanical Training to 1200 Enlisted Men at One Time

DETROIT, Jan. 15—(AP)—Henry Ford told a nationwide radio audience today that during the present crisis the Ford organization "wants to do everything possible to help America and the president."

The 77-year-old industrialist made the statement in connection with the formal dedication of his new navy service school in the grounds of the River Rouge plant at Dearborn. The school, which is to train young men for technical and mechanical assignments with the fleet and at its bases, was accepted on behalf of the navy by Rear Admiral C. W. Nimitz, chief of the bureau of navigation, representing Secretary Knox.

It was one of Ford's infrequent radio addresses. Flanked by a group of naval officers, with some 200 enlisted men in the background, Ford stood in front of the school's administration building, his soft hat pulled tightly down on his head and his coat collar turned up against a biting wind, and said:

"During this crisis our organization wants to do everything possible to help America and the president. The navy being our first line of defense, I feel that the training of these young men will vitally benefit our nation. And, when this crisis is over we can then reclaim these mechanically trained young men in our industries."

Trainees at the school are to come from the enlisted personnel at the naval training stations at Great Lakes, Newport, RI, and San Diego, Calif. They will receive three months courses in various technical lines and mechanical trades in the Ford trade school and the Ford plant.

When completed the school is to have five barracks units, original plans having been enlarged to provide for a diesel engine section. There will be accommodations for 1200 men.

Wilkie Leaves Next Wednesday

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—(AP)—Wendell L. Wilkie, republican presidential candidate last fall, said today he would leave by plane for England next Wednesday in line with his announced intention of getting a first-hand view of events there.

Accompanying him will be Landon Thorne of New York, retired business man, and John Cowles, publisher of the Minneapolis Star Journal.

House Members Battle Over President Message Wording

Party lines were drawn sharply in the house of representatives yesterday in a roll call vote over how the house was going to wish President Roosevelt good wishes on his inauguration.

The vote was on re-referring a joint memorial submitted by eight house democrats and two republicans to the resolutions committee for amendment to the effect that congress, as well as the president, should lead the nation through the foreign crisis.

The motion to re-refer was made by Rep. James A. Rodman (R-Lane) and won 35 to 29.

Weather Cloudy with scattered showers, valley fog today and Friday. Max. temp. Wednesday, 40, Min. 43. South wind. Bar 30.4 foot. Rain .45 inch. Rain.

Hull Wrangles With Congress Group on Aid

Cabinet Officers Inform House Foreign Affairs Committee on Status

British Balance Sheet Revealed at Parley; Wheeler Cries War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) told reporters Wednesday night that it was well known in Washington that many highly-placed officials in the Roosevelt administration "are thinking in terms of war in April."

The senator also declared that Mr. Roosevelt's recent speeches have been "intended to frighten the people into believing that this country is in immediate danger of attack, and that we thus must give totalitarian powers to the President and accept a war program at this session of congress."

Two cabinet officers opened the momentous battle for "all-out" material support for Britain today by telling the house foreign affairs committee that the British have insufficient dollars to pay for needed war supplies and that the United States must assist in its own self-defense.

Presenting a long-heralded "balance sheet" of British assets here, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau solemnly summed up the figures by saying that the British "just haven't got" enough to pay for "anything like what they need."

Secretary of State Hull, tangled repeatedly with congressional critics of Roosevelt foreign policy, backed the administration's lease-lend bill with a plea that the nation "invoke the law of self-defense before it is too late. Hull said the "most serious question now for this country is whether the control of the seas shall pass into the hands of powers bent on a program of unlimited conquest."

"Take 'Realistic' View of Situation, Says Hull To pointed questions whether the bill would violate international law, Hull urged that the committee take a "realistic" view of the world situation, and to queries whether the measure might lead to war, he replied: "We cannot sit still with our hands folded until an invader crosses the border."

Morgenthau asserted Britain's total dollar assets as of January 1 were \$1,775,000,000. Alongside this figure, he placed another, \$1,555,000,000, representing Britain's estimated dollar receipts during the current year, and a third figure, \$3,019,000,000, the total expenditures already contracted for during the year. He left a fourth figure blank, to be supplied later by the war and navy departments, which is the total of what Britain expects to purchase in 1941 over and above what she has already ordered.

"They can pay this year for what they have already bought in dollars, but when it comes to finding the dollars to pay for anything like what they need—they just haven't got it."

The secretary of the treasury was testifying in support of the administration's bill empowering the president to manufacture war implements here, pay for them from the treasury and then lend the supplies to the British to be returned or replaced in kind after the war is over.

Morgenthau's statement reveals British investments Morgenthau's statement said the British had \$1,515,000,000 of American investments that could be liquidated. The commerce department reportedly said total United Kingdom investments in the United States at the end of August were \$2,561,000,000 while Canada had \$1,393,000,000 invested here, and other parts of the empire had smaller, unestimated investments.

Morgenthau's figures also showed \$760,000,000 of prospective gold sales to the United States, while the federal reserve board last week estimated that new gold production of the empire is now nearly \$1,000,000,000 per year.

British American investments outside the United States were estimated by Morgenthau today at \$2,865,000,000.

Hull had repeated argumentsative run-ins with Representative Tinkham, the newly whiskered republican from Boston's back bay. Throughout them, Hull sat impassive and almost expressionless in the witness chair while Tinkham stormed at him from the committee bench above. One exchange was typical.

Tinkham pushed back his chair, arose and read an article on the British aid bill which concluded with an assertion that "from the cradle of American democracy will arise." He asked Hull to comment on it.

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