

Irreconcilable Clash Voiced

Labor, Employer Speakers Disagree on Effects, Value at Hearing

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said the experience rating provision would reduce the unemployment compensation commission's fund to a point where it would not remain solvent during a depression.

"When this defense rearmament program is completed, we will have one of the greatest depression the nation has ever seen," Gurske said.

Ralph Campbell, former commission attorney and now a representative of employers, said the "concern for the insolvency of the commission's fund does not hold water, since labor also has introduced bills to increase the amount of benefits to be paid to the unemployed.

Experience Ratings Encourage Employers
"Experience rating is the only factor in the law to encourage employers to stabilize employment."

Campbell said that labor in Wisconsin, "the only state which has given experience rating a fair trial," favors it. He said unemployment has been reduced in Wisconsin.

All Oregon employers now pay 2.7 per cent of their payroll to the commission's fund. Under experience rating, their rates would vary from 1 to 4 per cent. Governor Charles A. Sprague asked that experience rating be given a trial.

Campbell denied labor's charge that experience rating would result in additional book-keeping expense for the commission, asserting that the government pays all administrative costs.

James Landye, attorney for the state federation of labor, said "the basic industries, such as logging and construction, would pay a higher rate. Service industries, such as retailers, newspapers and hotels, would pay low rates. The service industries get the first drag on the unemployment compensation checks, and are the ones that would get the most benefit. The northern Willamette valley would get the most benefit at the expense of the rest of the state."

Charges Employers Fear for Claim Compensation
Landye also charged that employees have been afraid to file their claims for compensation, causing employers to build up a good experience rating, he threatened them. Campbell, however, averred "this charge is more imaginary than real."

Merle Chessman, Astoria publisher representing the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, said the publishers feel they have qualified among those employers who have stabilized their employment. All they're asking for is to get what they have earned. They feel there should be some incentive for employers to keep their men on the job.

T. Morris Banne, chairman of the unemployment compensation fund, said experience rating would not reduce the commission's fund this year because defense industries will make the payroll the biggest in history.

Responding to committee questions, Dunne said the unemployment fund reserved for paying future benefits would reach \$13,000,000 by next July, and "will take care of anything but a great big slump."

The lumber industry has paid in more than it has taken from the fund and some mills "are getting toward the point of having a good ratio" from an experience rating standpoint, Dunne said in reply to a question put by Rep. George R. Duncan, Marion county member of the judiciary committee.

CIO Spokesman Quotes Social Security Board
That the primary purpose of unemployment compensation is to give benefits to workers was asserted by Ralph Peoples, CIO spokesman, quoting a member of the federal social security board. Asked by Rep. Warren Erwin what he considered a minimum reserve fund, Peoples said the \$6,000,000 figure set by the commission at present "is sufficient, but the proper way to expend excess reserve is to increase benefits to workers and extend them to workers not now receiving them."

Monroe Sweetland, speaking for the Oregon Commonwealth federation, predicted that retention of experience rating would

discourage new industry from entering Oregon.
Repeat of experience rating was opposed by spokesmen for Oregon hotel operators, construction contractors, manufacturers, saw-mills, the American Legion, represented by O. E. Palmator of Salem; the textile industry, laundries and dry cleaners, ship-building and metal trades and miners. Their plea was to give experience rating "a fair trial."

Action of Court Assailed in Talk

Change in Viewpoint of US High Justices Is "Viewed With Alarm"

Temporary denial of constitutional liberties in the interest of national security may be justified but there is cause for concern about regaining them when the emergency is past, Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland declared in addressing the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon group on Monday.

Citing freedom of the press, of speech and assembly and the other freedoms guaranteed in the bill of rights as "indispensable attributes of our American form of government," Judge Crawford viewed with alarm "a change in viewpoint on the part of the United States supreme court since February, 1937, the last month in which any new congressional enactment was overturned by the high court."

Characterizing the justices as competent "possibly one exception," the speaker said the court had ceased to fulfill its role as a check upon the other major branches of government; adding that the spirit of pragmatism which seems to pervade the court is going to make it difficult for the nation to "determine what the law is."

The speaker was introduced by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter.

Council Reserves Parking "Rights"

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corner of the city hall be removed "at the discretion and expense" of the park board. The letter termed the tree a hazard. The motion was passed.

These bids for painting of the city fire stations were opened and referred to the fire committee. Two bids on two new coupes for the police department were opened and referred to the police committee with power to act.

A committee recommendation was adopted that stop signs be placed where roads on the senior high school grounds enter 14th street at B and D street in two places.

A bill for a new city milk ordinance came up for second reading and was referred to the health and sanitation committee.

Sen. Holman Informs Senate on Russ Trade

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Senator Holman (R-Ore) told the senate Monday he had received information that this country now is exporting tin plate, iron, steel, copper and airplane towers to Russia.

"I suppose that is part of the moral appeasement that has set public opinion aghast in the last 10 days," remarked Senator Tobey (R-NH). The administration recently lifted its "moral embargo" against the shipment of aircraft to Russia.

President's Wife Asks No Pix in White House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—It has been the custom for first ladies to leave behind their portraits to hang upon the White House walls, but Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said Monday she would "rather be remembered in spirit."

"I hope I never have to sit for my portrait," she said at her press conference when asked whether she was to pose for a well-known artist.

Senator's Wife Sinking

BAKER, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Physicians held little hope Monday for the recovery of Mrs. W. H. Strayer, wife of the Baker county state senator. Sen. Strayer, dean of Oregon senators, and other relatives have been called here. Nature of Mrs. Strayer's illness was not disclosed.

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Italian's Grip Slips in Libya

British Sweep Eritrea Strongholds, Push on Into Other Areas

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of Agordat, important rail and highway center 40 miles to the north.

Pushing beyond Agordat, the British pursued the Italians along the railroad to the seaport of Massawa. Cherera, 110 miles inside Eritrea, Asmara, 59 miles beyond, and Massawa, only usable Eritrean port, in that order appeared to be the objectives of the British.

South of the British, announced south African forces from the Kenya colony have pushed 10 miles into Ethiopia. Italian retreats also were reported continuing in the Gondar area near Lake Tana, and in Italian Somaliland.

North African preparations for the drive on Benghazi west of captured Derna were proceeding, the British added, with RAF bombers harassing Italian troops and motor transports.

The admiralty in London announced "a large number" of Italian prisoners were killed when a British ship removing them from Libya was attacked by a plane "believed to have been German."

Reports from Split, Yugoslavia, said a concerted British-Greek submarine attack had sunk seven Italian vessels recently.

Air operations over Britain were confined by the weather to sporadic hit and run raids by lone planes. One person was reported killed and towns on the east coast, and in Scotland were reported damaged.

There was no alert in London during the day and up to a late hour at night.

British bombers struck across the channel in pre-dawn raids on German air bases, but the targets or the damage inflicted were not reported.

In the Mediterranean, British planes were said to have smashed successfully at one of the main sources of power in Sardinia. The Italians acknowledged a raid "with no effect" on a dam there.

\$200,000 Borrowed For Relief Funds

The state treasurer Monday borrowed \$200,000 with which to relieve demands during the remainder of this month. The loan is secured by certificates of indebtedness against the state liquor control commission funds.

Previously \$50,000 was borrowed. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said he had paid \$250,000 probably would be paid off not later than March 1.

Osa Johnson Marries Her Business Manager

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Martin Johnson, who stalked lions and tigers in African jungles with a movie camera, was married to her business manager, Clark H. Getts, Monday by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

On the marriage certificate she signed her maiden name, Osa Helen Leighty, gave her age as 46 and her occupation as a motion picture producer. Her husband is 47.

City Arrests Charge Traffic Violations

Salem police Monday night arrested Sterling A. Richey, Lebanon, on a violation of the basic speed rule charge. Lawrence L. Mukey, route one, box 241, Salem, Marius R. Brockway, 1455 Ferry street, and George Alfred Matter, 609 Locust street, were arrested charged with failure to stop. Booked on drunkenness charges were Carl Lynch, Pistol River, Ore., and Harry W. Jensen, Salem.

State, US Probes Bridge "Sabotage"

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Behind closed doors, District Attorney James R. Bain investigated Monday what he called "sabotage" in the crash of a ship into a bridge here last Friday.

While the district attorney interviewed attendants of the bridge, a federal hearing opened and witnesses offered two versions of the crash.

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Afternoon of a commerce and navigation committee meeting.

The naval visitor was Lt. Comdr. O. D. Adams, who in civilian life is director of the Oregon state board for vocational education. He will return today to Bremerton navy yard where he is assistant shop superintendent in charge of training the thousands of men engaged in building Uncle Sam's two-ocean navy.

Among former legislators extended courtesies Monday were W. W. Banks, one-time representative and senator, Portland, who sat with Rep. Stanhope Pier, and Walter Russell, ex-representative, guest of Rep. Eugene Marsh. Courtesies also were extended to members of the Portland League of Women Voters, here to attend Monday night's unemployment compensation hearing.

A cold provided an excuse for Donalddeane Bull, 7, to play hooky from school Monday and see her father, Rep. Vernon Bull, in action.

Smiling as usual, Sen. Douglas McKay returned to his desk Monday, recovered from an attack of influenza that kept him away several days last week.

Library Selects New Committees

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Medical Test Measure In Washington Senate

CAPITOL, Olympia, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A senate bill that would require persons obtaining a marriage license to take medical examinations was reported out of the senate medicine and dentistry committee tonight with a "do pass" recommendation.

The measure, fathered by Sen. Ted Schroeder (D-Pierce), would require alter-bound couples to take medical tests within 30 days before their marriage.

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Aggregate fees collected by the clerk but not essentially relating to his office totaled \$26,074.85, of which \$6827 was dog license and other fees.

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Batista Takes Power in Cuba

Other Late War Reports Indicate Nazis Irked on Donovan Visit

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agency, dispatch from Istanbul, said today that members of the German diplomatic corps in Turkey were keenly annoyed at the activities there of Col. William J. Donovan, unofficial United States observer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—A clerk and a former clerk in the American legation at Oslo have been held by German authorities since early in December, on charges of possessing documents hostile to the Norwegian government, state department officials said tonight.

The men are Ivan Jacobson of Seattle, former University of Washington student, who had been employed in the legation since early last year, and Frank Nelson, a temporary employe last summer. Nelson's mother lives at St. Joseph, Mo.

They have had a preliminary hearing and a final hearing is expected any day, officials said. The American consulate in Oslo has reported that they are in good health and receiving fair treatment.

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McChord Field Bomber Found

All Crew Believed Dead in Rugged Terrain at Morton, Wash.

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Tuesday morning. Major Overacker said it probably would require about four hours to reach the scene.

County Coroner W. D. Turner was here to go into the woods with the first rescue party.

Officials said horses probably would be needed later to bring out bodies from the scene. Initial hopes of a rescue party going to the scene tonight were abandoned promptly after officers arrived and surveyed the situation.

An army order said all non-official civilians would be prohibited from entering the region. The eastern Lewis county region was searched intensively from the air by army fliers for two weeks after the bomber's disappearance, but no clue to the wreck was ever found.

The state patrol headquarters reported it planned to establish a radio sending station at the wreck scene and equipment was reported en route to Morton from Olympia.

Morton is about 50 miles by air south of McChord Field. Those aboard the plane were: Lt. Robert M. Krumm, Boise, Idaho, pilot; Lt. Charles T. Nielsen, Eau Claire, Wis., co-pilot; Lt. John F. Gels, Seattle, navigator.

Tech. Sgr. Hoara A. Davis, Tacoma, engineer; Sgr. Leo H. Nielling, Scio, Ore., radio operator; Sgr. Paul L. Maas, Quincy, Ill., bombardier; Lt. Lewis E. MacKay, Lincoln, Neb., a passenger.

Soon after the plane disappeared a great search was launched by air and land in Washington, Oregon and California. As many as 35 planes took part at times in the search. Land parties went into the mountains without finding any trace of the missing plane and army officials expressed the opinion wreckage might have been covered by new snow in the mountains.

Shortly after the report was made of finding the plane, army officials issued orders that no civilians or civilian authorities would be permitted to take pictures of the plane wreckage until an investigation had been made.

Lease-Lend Bill Okeh Predicted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—With administration leaders predicting approval by a margin of 100 votes, the lease-land bill was brought to the house floor Monday to be hastily denounced as a step toward war and dictatorship, and warmly defended as a measure to keep the horrors of conflict away from American shores.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The question presented to us is whether the function of the board under the act had not been fully performed when the parties bargained and reached an agreement so that they were released as to breaches of the agreement, to arbitration, if provided for, or to their remedy in the courts."

Legion Fetes Guests

American Legionnaires who are members or employees of the state legislature were special guests Monday night at the regular meeting of Capital Post No. 9, commanded by Ray J. Stumbo.

Bill Asks Five Boards Merged

Single Commission Asked to Administer Duties of Present Units

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compensation—Administer all unemployment compensation and employment service laws.

Director of safety—Administer all laws relating to safety of workers in industry, with pertinent powers now held by labor commissioner and industrial accident commission.

Director of industrial insurance—Administer all laws relating to state compensation and insurance of injured workmen and their dependents.

Right of appeal to the new commission from regulations or orders issued by division directors, and from commission rulings to the circuit courts would be granted.

The bill would abolish the present separate agencies on July 1, 1941.

Other bills introduced in the house would establish a 40-hour week in all industries which are not covered by the federal wage-hour law; provide one to three years in prison or \$2500 fine for negligent homicide in connection with traffic accidents; exempt from taxes the first \$1000 in value of the home of an old age pensioner; and "provide that the chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected by the court."

McEldowney Rites Slated for Today

INDEPENDENCE—Funeral services for Thomas A. McEldowney will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Christian church in Mouth with Rev. W. A. Elking officiating. Interment will be at the Fir Crest cemetery.

Mr. McEldowney died at his home eight miles southwest of Independence Saturday morning at the age of 77. He was born in Virginia City, Nev., July 9, 1863, the day after his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McEldowney, arrived by covered wagon from Iowa City, Ia. The family came to Oregon in 1870, settling at Hillsboro where his father became one of the first breeders of registered Shorthorn cattle in Oregon.

In 1900 he was united in marriage to E. I. M. Shattuck of Medford and moved to Waukegan, Wash., where he operated a fruit orchard for five years, after which he returned to the home place where he resided until his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. E. I. M. Shattuck, and nine children; Frank of Harrisburg, Maude of Bend, Thomas, Jr., and Donald of Mouthmouth, Joseph of Hamilton field, Calif., William of Corvallis, Wilmer and James of The Dalles and Mrs. Louise Treway of Spokane; three grandsons, Marvin, Eldon and Lyle McEldowney of Harrisburg; two brothers, W. H. McEldowney of Forest Grove and J. H. McEldowney of Beaver Creek.



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