

Governor Plans to Sign New Prima Facie Speed Law in Capitol Ceremony Today

Portland Safety Group, State Officials, Sen. Lee and Other Authors of Bill to Be Present at Signing

Gov. Charles A. Sprague plans to sign the new Oregon prima facie speed law, enacted by the 1941 legislature, at 11:30 a. m. Friday, he announced Wednesday.

The bill in addition to shifting the burden of proof from arresting officer to motorist in cases of alleged violations of speed and safe driving rules, fixes the designated speed on open highways at 56 miles per hour. Designated speeds in residential and business districts are left at 25 and 20 miles, respectively.

The act also permits the zoning of speeds up and down under the direction of the state speed commission, composed of the secretary of state, chairman of the state highway commission and the superintendent of state police.

To Witness Signature

Signing of this measure will be witnessed by representatives of the Portland traffic safety commission, state officials, authors of the legislation, and a number of other persons. The bill was introduced by Senator Dorothy Lee, Multnomah county, and several other legislators.

Important features of the existing basic rule law are retained in the new act.

Whether the governor will sign the two cents a package cigarette tax bill or merely file it and let it become law automatically, he has not yet decided, he said here Wednesday on his return from a speaking engagement at Eugene.

"I told the reporters at Eugene that I would not veto the bill," the governor explained.

The bill has not yet reached the governor's desk. The governor Wednesday signed the first of the six unemployment compensation measures passed by the 1941 session. Introduced by Reps. Phil Brady and J. D. Berry, it increases the minimum weekly benefits under the unemployment insurance act from \$7 to \$10 a week and the amount an unemployed worker may draw per week from 5 to 6 per cent of his earnings in the high quarter of his base year.

Other Measures Signed

Another measure signed by Governor Sprague appropriates \$55,000 with which to complete the ventilating system in the state capitol building. This bill was introduced by the joint ways and means committee.

A bill providing for breath and urine tests of motor vehicle operators accused of drunken driving in Multnomah county also received executive approval. These tests are optional but if the person under arrest refuses to submit to the examination such action may be used against him at the time of his trial in court.

Other bills signed Wednesday: SB 404, by game committee—Pertaining to shad fishing in the Smith and Umpqua rivers; SB 407, by revision of laws committee—Substituting words "mentally diseased" and "mental disease" for "insane and insanity" in the Oregon laws; SB 408, by roads and highways committee—Relating to motor vehicles exempt under motor vehicle transportation act; SB 115, by assessment and taxation committee—To empower counties to sell or lease real property acquired by foreclosure for purposes of national defense; SB 21, by agricultural committee—To establish standards of weights and measures in Oregon and to provide for their regulation; SB 316, by agricultural committee—To provide for complaint and inspection of horticultural and agricultural products.

SB 394, by McKay—Relating to distance between vehicles on the highway; SB 401, by industries committee—Requiring that moneys in the unemployment compensation fund shall be expended for proper purposes and requiring the state to replace any moneys lost or improperly expended; SB 380, by roads and highways committee—Relating to motor vehicle traffic.

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O. D. "Frosty" Olson, elected president of the Salem Toastmasters club Tuesday night to succeed Dr. Carl W. Emmons. Edward Majek was chosen vice-president, E. E. Thomas sergeant-at-arms and Albert Gille re-elected secretary-treasurer.

New Cannery Work Starts

\$200,000 Addition of Cal. Packing Firm in Salem Surety

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employed in the vegetable line at the peak and a 30 per cent increase is estimated in the number of workers this canning season as a result of the addition.

The bean equipment will be increased to handle over 500,000 cases of beans alone. New pumpkin equipment was added last year and a new boiler, to be installed, will make three in the Fourteenth street plant.

Percy Blundell, cannery superintendent, has been in charge of the company's plant here since 1931 and with the firm 18 years previous to that time.

The old 12th street plant of the corporation was the outgrowth of the incorporation of the old Salem Canning company. The plant along 14th street was built by the Southern Pacific as a hop warehouse. It was taken over by the California Packing corporation in 1926.

Skilled Men Need Seen

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immediate. Badger estimated that by November, 1942, private shipyards would absorb 12,296 skilled and 6164 semi-skilled workmen.

PORTLAND, March 26—(P)—James Twohy, Washington, DC, governor of the federal home loan bank system, predicted here Wednesday that Portland would get all the ship contracts it can take care of.

"We are in a great defense expanding era that is going to carry things up," he told interviewers, "and we have all the worries that go with it. This defense work is just barely started; the contracts that have been let up to date are just a beginning."

PORTLAND, March 26—(P)—Plans for a \$300,000 hangar here for the 123rd observation squadron of the Oregon national guard were taken to Washington, DC, Tuesday by John Schneider, local architect. He seeks war department approval.

PORTLAND, March 26—(P)—The Albina Engine & Machine Works, Inc., announced Wednesday that four shipways built in 1917 would hold the keels of four 165-foot submarine chasers for the navy, to be laid Monday.

Four Portland Women Injured

PORTLAND, March 27—(Thursday)—(P)—Injured when the car in which they were riding crashed into an abandoned service station one mile south of Aurora Wednesday night were Mrs. Carrie Kraut, driver; Mrs. Bessie Schilt, 75; Mrs. Martin, nurse to Mrs. Schilt, and Mrs. Louise Schilt, all of Portland. The Salem taxi ambulance service, called on the accident, took the women to a Portland hospital.

Oddities in the News

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.—(P)—His draft board granted Ralph J. Keane occupational deferment. His occupation? Investigating requests for occupational deferment.

BELTON, SC.—(P)—You've heard of homing pigeons—but how about homing ducks? Lester Holliday gave a two-year-old drake to a friend who lived eight miles away. Three days later Holliday heard the familiar "quack, quack" in his own yard.

WESTMINSTER, SC.—(P)—A man appeared at a newspaper office here and said: "I wish you would put in the paper about my brother."

"He died last week and a lot of people around here will be glad to hear about it."

US to Answer Nazi Threat

Officials Con Problem of German Plan to Blockade Iceland

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were said to be six small vessels operating under the Icelandic flag and carrying supplies for the island. The ships, it was stated, total 7516 tons.

Might Affect Shipment Of Supplies to Finland

One question raised by the new blockade move was its possible effect on shipment of food and other supplies from the United States to Finland. The German move brought in to question the exact eastern limits of the western hemisphere and the traditional American policy of defending that area of the world.

Whether the blockade zone actually cut into the western hemisphere was uncertain because the hemisphere limits in that area are not clearly defined.

Administration officials held that the line is between Greenland and Iceland, putting the former within the western hemisphere but not Iceland.

The United States now keeps coast guard vessels around Greenland, officially on international ice patrol but also to maintain a vigilant watch against any hostile operations in those waters. Officials say, however, that no American land forces of any kind are in Greenland.

WASHINGTON, March 26—(P)—The entire question of sending American food supplies to unoccupied France was reopened Wednesday after a large barter deal between the occupied and unoccupied areas was reported from Vichy.

The reported agreement was announced in the Paris newspaper L'Aurore and was said here to be a complete surprise to the United States government. It called for a sweeping trade of livestock, vegetables, and other supplies from the unoccupied zone for grain, sugar and potatoes from the German-occupied area.

The state department called immediately for a full report from Ambassador William D. Leahy in Vichy.

An authoritative source said that the new development reopened the whole subject of food for France and indicated that it might affect Red Cross cargoes.

NEW YORK, March 26—(P)—The Berlin radio in a broadcast heard by NBC reported Wednesday night a large French merchant ship was conveyed by French warships under orders to protect her from the British even if they must use their guns on a voyage from French West Africa to Casablanca, Morocco.

The French vice-premier Admiral Jean Darlan recently threatened to use his warships to convoy French ships with food through the British blockade but thus far there had not been an incident involving British naval vessels and such French convoys.

VICHY, France, March 26—(P)—A hitherto little publicized food exchange agreement reached last October between the German-occupied and unoccupied zones of France was disclosed in more detail Wednesday.

French officials emphasized that the Germans would not molest the shipments, but that if they did, by necessity, requisition the northbound foodstuffs, then an equivalent amount could be subtracted from the stocks the occupied zone must furnish the German army.

MT. ANGEL PRIEST Pleads Innocent In Auto Death

OREGON CITY, March 26—(P)—The Rev. Bertrand Leo McLaughlin, Mount Angel, pleaded innocent Tuesday to a circuit court indictment charging failure to stop at the scene of a fatal automobile accident.

The Catholic priest was charged after the death December 21 of Eleanor M. Falk near Milwaukie. She was struck by a car while riding a bicycle.

No trial date was set. Rev. McLaughlin is at liberty on \$5000 bond.

On Cash Basis now

McMINNVILLE, March 26—(P)—Yamhill county went on a cash basis for the first time since 1919 Wednesday with the retirement of \$31,000 in general road warrants and \$7,089 in market road warrants.

Conclave Announced

ROSEBURG, March 26—(P)—E. A. Post, chairman, announced Wednesday that the second annual convention of the Oregon Federation of federal employees would be held here May 31.

Montgomery Ward & Company notified the management Wednesday that they were ready to open negotiations.

Smith to Stay on Heights School Board Announces

Group Backing Present Principal Hints at Further Action

Robert Smith, Salem Heights school director who turned in his resignation last week as the result of a community-board disagreement over retention of Ira M. Duetigen as principal for the 1941-42 school year, announced Wednesday night that he had reconsidered and would remain on the board.

"I have advised the board that I have canceled my resignation," Smith told The Statesman.

Members of the faction supporting Duetigen, who has

Wind Prevents Signing Act

Naval Plane Unable to Reach Roosevelt on Yacht; Halifax Talks

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war the world will not be prepared to take any more risks about Germany not cooperating."

The ambassador assured his interviewers that Britain did not want a vindictive peace.

"But we are going to see, as far as we can, and I haven't the smallest doubt that you will be with us in this, that steps are taken to insure the world against a repetition of this affair at the hands of Germany."

"Well, this war will take longer but you needn't think that in any circumstances we are going to lose because we are not. If we have to fight for 20 years we will win the war, but the sooner you (the US) can help the shorter the job will be."

NEW YORK, March 26—(P)—Wendell L. Wilkie said Wednesday night that China's struggle against Japan would go down in history as one of the decisive battles in mankind's long fight for freedom and for a better life and urged America's moral and material support of the Chinese as a means to preserve its own freedom.

"The truth is, that freedom cannot exist in isolation. Freedom cannot exist in prison. We in the United States, who have demonstrated our ability to be free, cannot keep freedom all to ourselves. To remain free we must share freedom with others."

Jim Too Old to Fly

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 26—(P)—Movie Star James Stewart, who at 32 is too old to become a flying cadet, packed his duffle bags Wednesday night and made ready to leave Fort McArthur for the air corps replacement center at Moffett field, near San Francisco.

Riots Spread In Yugoslavia

Outbreaks Reported in Belgrade and Other Cities

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grade, where Wednesday night anti-German rioters fought the police and soldiers in at least eight metropolitan areas.

Some new axis diplomatic plan seemed in the making while this stentorian protest against the last development in that direction still gathered in volume. The air of amity and felicity with which the Nazis surrounded Berlin made a perfect contrast to the rage that beat at the atmosphere in politically-conquered Yugoslavia.

The Japanese foreign minister, Yosuke Matsuoka, arrived in Berlin for talks with Hitler and was welcomed with such a display of pomp as to suggest that he was little short of a king.

The Germans said, that the forthcoming discussions between these leaders of the western and eastern poles of the axis would get down to business in the matter of hurrying the "new order" in west and east, and allowed it to be understood that great attention would be given to the growing aid being given to Britain by the United States under the lease-lend law.

It was implied that when such a political figure took such a long trip—and Matsuoka was tired and unassuming at his spectacular reception in Berlin—things of much moment were bound to happen.

The situation in Yugoslavia was competently described as one of dangerous discontent throughout the country.

Neutral diplomats in Bulgaria heard, and informed the world outside, that the Nazis had planned to attack Greece from that occupied country on April 11, but might now even advance their plans to spring at the Greeks this week.

Whether this was a genuine program, or had merely been put about by the Germans for fear purposes, was of course unknown.

The other main developments of the war were in the battle of the Atlantic.

The Germans, having decreed Iceland within their zone of war operations and thus brought their sea blockade to the edge of the western hemisphere, declared they would do their utmost to keep that country from being used as a British supply center, adding: "We will say it with deeds."

London reported the sinking of a 10,000-ton German tanker, off Norway and a 8000-ton nazi supply ship off Holland.

German raiders were acknowledged to have damaged industrial plants in two southern English towns.

NEW YORK, March 26—(P)—The New York Times says that Yugoslav shipping men in the United

States have been organizing to transfer their allegiance and assistance to Great Britain the moment Yugoslavia's adherence to the axis brings her into conflict with Britain.

There are six leading companies, representing 25 to 30 vessels of 200,000 tons, involved in the "free Yugoslav" movement, the paper said.

To Subsidize Airline

WASHINGTON, March 26—(P)—By the slim margin of one vote, the senate appropriations committee approved funds Wednesday for a new trans-Atlantic air mail and passenger line to compete with Pan-American on flights from New York to Lisbon, Portugal.

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