

McKenna Outlines Six-Point Tax Program, With Sales Levy

Sen. Coe A. McKenna of Multnomah county, member of the senate assessment and taxation committee, at a meeting of that body Wednesday outlined his proposal for a six-point tax program, central feature of which would be a sales tax designed to raise \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000. He mentioned a 3 per cent tax rate.

Other points submitted by Sen. McKenna: Adoption of 40 mill tax limit based on 50 per cent property valuation.

Reduction of state income tax to 3 per cent on personal and 5 per cent on corporation. This would be a flat tax.

Elimination of intangibles and excise taxes.

Reduction of gift taxes so that this tax is not greater than those in operation in Washington and California.

Reduction of inheritance tax so that it is not greater than those in California and Washington.

All six points were discussed by the committee but no definite action was taken. Members of the committee said they desired to have all of the important tax bills at hand before making any definite recommendations.

Another meeting of the committee will be held later in the week.

Bar Presses Retirement

Members of the legislative committee of the Oregon State Bar, meeting with lawyer members of the legislature, said they would press for enactment of a judges' retirement act somewhat similar to the one approved by the 1941 legislature which was vetoed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

The bill to be presented at this session contains a number of amendments, but provides for the voluntary retirement of circuit or supreme court judges upon reaching the age of 70 years following specified periods in service.

Attorney Arthur McMahan, Albany chairman of the legislative committee of the bar, presided at the meeting. Speakers at the conference included Gunther F. Krause and F. M. Sercombe, both of Portland, president and secretary, respectively, of the bar association.

Jones' Bill Gains Favor

Rep. H. R. Jones (R-Marion) bill to permit sale of wines over the bar, provided they contain not more than 14 per cent alcohol, was off to a good start Wednesday when the house alcoholic control committee voted 3 to 2 to report it back to the house with a "do pass" recommendation. Jones said he believed this measure would assist Oregon berry growers by stimulating the sale of Oregon-made wines.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analysis for The Statesman



With Russian forces reported almost as close to Kharkov in the upper Don region as they are to Rostov on the lower Don approaches, apprehension is rising in Berlin. This anxiety is reflected by Nazi military and other commentators whose words are recorded by British and American listening posts.

However misleading the German war bulletins from Russia continue to be, it cannot be doubted that an attempt is being made on the home front to prepare the German public for worse news than it heard last winter. Russian armies which Hitler boastfully told his people had been smashed beyond recovery are now being described to German listeners as bigger, better armed, better led and more aggressive than ever.

Just what this conflict between Nazi military and civil authority means to the state of German morale is unfathomable at this distance. It marks so sharp an about-face in German propaganda technique, however, that it might be an important clue to what is actually going on behind the Nazi lines.

The theme of the broadcast from Berlin and other German cities is that Germans must again tighten their belts, increase their war effort, match the courage and suffering of the armies in Russia and hang on to the bitter end.

There is little effort either by these home-front propagandists or by German prisoners interviewed by American news writers in Russia to conceal another costly Hitler underestimate of Russian morale and fighting resources.

These are even greater possibilities, ahead however, in a sustained Russian push southward to Kopyansk and beyond to cross the Donets, bypass Kharkov and strike across country toward the Dnieper river. Italian press reports depict the Russian drive below the Voronezh hinge as a major offensive by itself, not merely a northward extension of the Don-Caucasus battle front. If it is aimed not at Kharkov but at severing the network of railroads in the Donets valley and between the Donets and the lower Dnieper, it would justify that appraisal. Success could close a vaster Russian trap on the foe than any yet developed or threatened.

DeLong at Reed

PORTLAND, Jan. 20. (AP)—Lawrence DeLong, a native of Salem who received his BS degree in civil engineering at Oregon State college and his MS degree at the University of Illinois, has been appointed a physics instructor at Reed college.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Commission Bills Enter

Correct Discrepancies Senate Has Parole Board Measure

The four bills correcting discrepancies in statutes providing for appointment of state highway commission, liquor control commission, barbers' examining board and sanitary authority members, due to the creation of a fourth congressional district, were introduced Wednesday in the Oregon senate.

These bills, drafted at the suggestion of Gov. Earl W. Snell, provide that these boards shall each consist as in the past of three members, no two of whom shall be residents of the same congressional district. The present laws provide for the members to be appointed "one from each of the three congressional districts."

The bill proposed by the state parole board, providing that maximum sentences shall be imposed upon convicted criminals by circuit judges, leaving determination of actual time served to the parole board, was introduced by Sens. Frederick Lamport and John Carson of Marion county.

Sen. Joel Booth of Linn introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to smoke in bed in a hotel or public lodging. The bill would make the practice punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100 or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed three months, or both.

The senate approved Sen. W. H. Strayer's bill transferring remaining funds appropriated for the Old Oregon Trail centennial celebration from the highway commission to the centennial association. The 1941 appropriation

was in the amount of \$15,000, some portion of which has already been expended.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney introduced a bill fixing old age assistance benefits at not less than \$40 and not more than \$50 a month.

The senate fishing industries committee reported favorably a bill protecting the priorities of set net fishermen who enter military service.

Medic License Bill in Senate

Graduates in medicine or surgery from the University of Oregon medical school or in dentistry or pharmacy from the North Pacific college, and who have served six months in any branch of the United States armed forces during the present war and honorably discharged, could receive a license to practice without tak-

ing an examination under a senate bill introduced Wednesday.

The application would have to be filed within a year after the applicant left the service and not later than January 1, 1948.

The bill was introduced by Sens. Lew Wallace (W-Mult.) and J. J. Lynch (R-Mult.).

Cinema Stars Dominate Class

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 20. (AP)—A cinema star-studded class of officer candidates Wednesday heard former Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio advocate universal military training in peacetime, during an address to the first graduating class of the new year.

Gilbert Roland, whose wife, Constance Bennett, accompanied him here during his training period; Bill Holden, Eric Rhodes and Bryant Washburn, Jr., all received their commissions with the rest of the officer candidates.

Assassinated



Police are searching for the killer of tall, bearded Carlo Tresca, 58 (above), anti-fascist editor and former IWW leader, who was shot to death on dimly-lit Fifth Avenue in New York City. — Associated Press Telegram.

Krupa Denies Charges

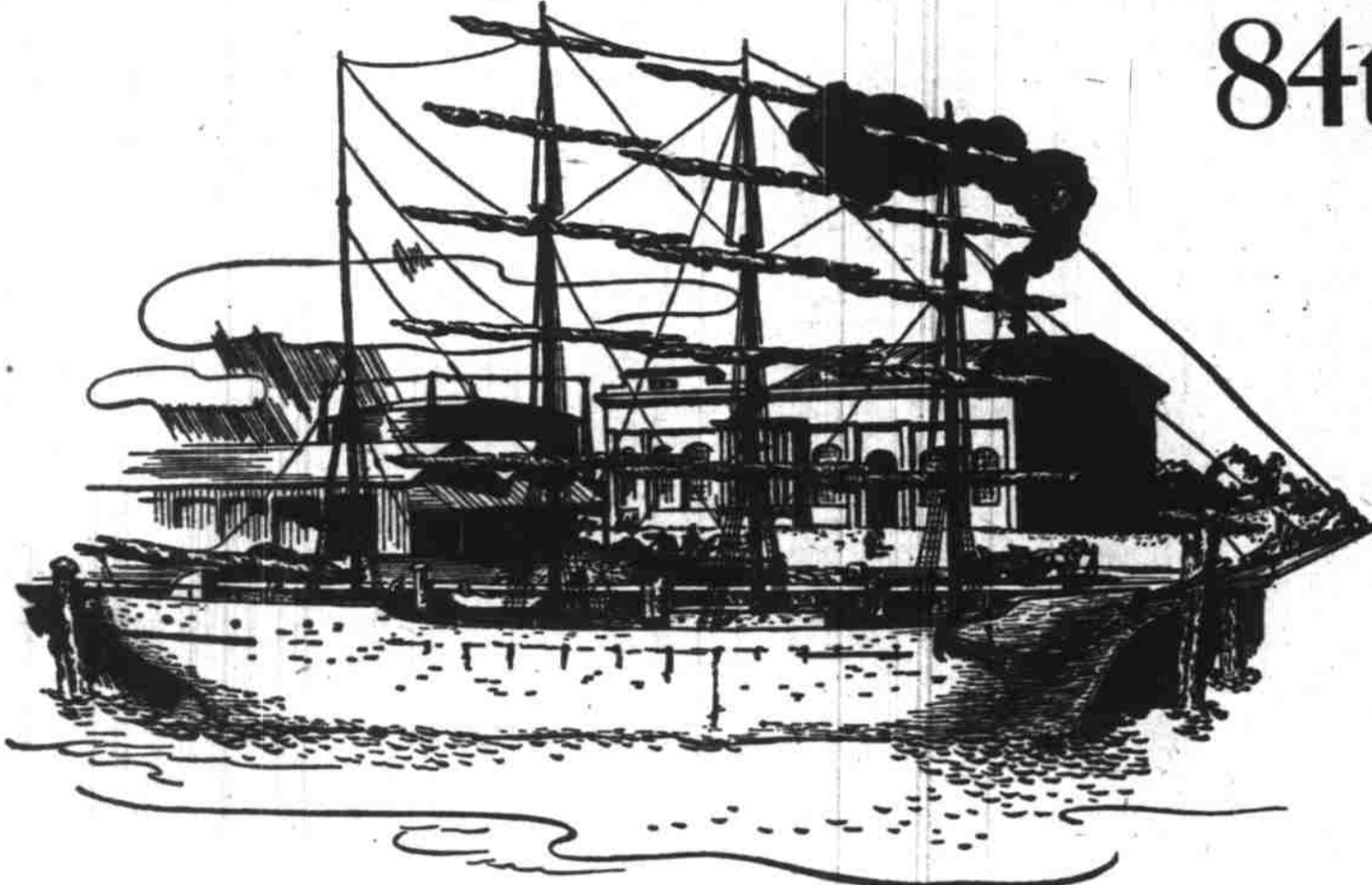
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20. (AP)—Gene Krupa, drum-beating orchestra leader who pounds the goat skins like mad, Wednesday denied he used narcotics and pleaded innocent to charges of sending his youthful valet to his room to remove a package of marijuana cigarettes from his overcoat.

10 Safe in Crash

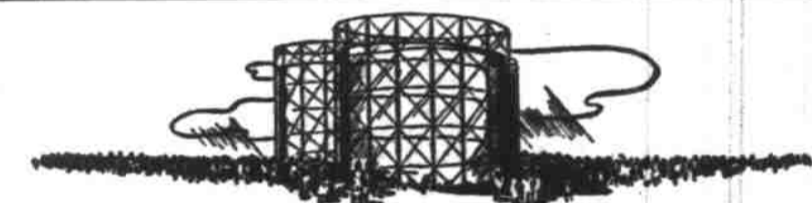
TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 20. (AP)—Ten men parachuted to safety Wednesday night when a heavy army bomber crashed near Admire, Kas. No one was hurt.

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More Gas to More Customers

Portland gas production in 1942 passed all previous records. The send-out for the year was 5,763,761,000 cubic feet—29% more than the previous peak year of 1941. Much of this increased volume went to war industries to help them build vitally needed equipment for our armed forces. But a rapidly

growing population accounted for a substantial part of this increase. Last year 6,962 new gas users were added to our lines—as much as a whole new city of 20,000 population. The total number of customers served by Portland Gas & Coke Company at the end of 1942 was 96,548—another new record.



Briquet Production Greatest Ever

Because of the fuel shortage caused by the war, the demand for Gasco Briquets was greater last year than ever before in the company's history. Production in 1942 totaled 91,600 tons—58% more than in 1941. But this production figure doesn't tell the whole story. The greater part of these briquets went to meet local heating needs. This tremendously increased the amount of sacking and

house-to-house delivering necessary. But by careful planning, scientific routing and hard work, our crews kept deliveries right on schedule. Because of the splendid job our entire briquet organization has done, more than 25,000 homes in this area have had their fuel problems economically solved. Gasco Briquets still are sold at the same low price in effect for the past four winters.



Roll of Honor

Sixty-four members of the Portland Gas & Coke Company organization are now serving in the armed forces of the United States. Their names are listed on the Honor Roll below. And here at home, 10% of the Company's payroll is going into War Bonds every month to back them up.

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| | George S. Little | Claud Ricketts | John J. Wina, Jr. |



Heat Conservation... A War Necessity

The manpower shortage, the staggering burdens being carried by our transportation systems, the immense fuel consumption of our war industries, the increasing population in this territory—all have combined to make fuel conservation an essential part of the war effort. For this reason, saving heat in every way possible was a responsibility for the duration that every man, woman and child assumed cheerfully in 1942. Everywhere are

evidences that a real fuel and heat saving job is being done, but in the event that extremely cold weather should create an excessive demand for gas, the War Production Board has directed us to ask all residential customers and many businesses and industries to curtail temporarily their use of gas until the emergency is over. You will be notified promptly by newspaper and radio if and when such necessity arises.



Gasco Motor Fuel... Gone to War, Too!

Portland Gas & Coke Company's benzol—along with quantities of other important chemical by-products—has also enlisted in Uncle Sam's services. You know benzol, blended with gasoline, as Gasco Motor Fuel. Now benzol is used in 100-octane gasoline to give our air forces a more powerful aviation

fuel than any being used by the Axis. Benzol is also employed in the manufacture of synthetic rubber and other essential war products. But when benzol's war job is done, you'll find it back in its former civilian role, ready to give you top performance in your post-war car (or plane)!



Your Cooperation Means Much

In addition to supplying gas service to our 96,548 customers, we have the urgent job of producing a wide range of chemical products which are going directly into war uses. For this reason, we are particularly grateful for the splendid spirit of cooperation with which you have accepted necessary war-time changes. We appreciate your business, and—as in peace time—we are making every effort to give you the best public service possible. But the need for conserving tires and equipment—the scarcity of materials—the loss of men to the armed forces—together with other factors—

make it difficult for us to carry on our business entirely as in the past. Service calls, for example, have to be routed in advance to minimize mileage—this means we cannot answer them quite so promptly as in the past. We are asking you on occasion to read your own meter. We may even have to ask your assistance on other matters. But whatever inconveniences we may have to ask you to share with us in 1943—whatever changes in production or policy may be necessary—these will come about only in aid of the common purpose of helping win the war as quickly as possible.



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