Court Throws Out Original Portal Pay Suit

Taft Seeks to Delay Income Tax Slash Until July

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Secretary of State George C. Marshall made a plea for "truth-pure unadulterated truth"—in his first full-dress press conference in his new office. This is his antidote for the "riot of propaganda" with which the world has been and is being filled. He said:

"Somewhere in the world truth must be enunciated until every one accepts it as truth. We should begin to establish slowly but steadily a credit before the world for pure, accurate statements."

The speed of locomotion for a lie is widely known; truth is reputed to travel at snail's pace. But in the area of men's thinking the identity of truth is difficult to determine.

Take religion: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." But how many creeds and sects are there in the world each claiming with sincere conviction and grim tenacity the "truth" of their own revelation! Small wonder the individual is bewildered in the multiplicity and rivalry of faiths.

Take politics: which party is "right" and which is "wrong"? At the end of a national political campaign how clearly does "truth" stand out?

Take economics: where may naked "truth" be found balancing the realities of human nature and the ethics of social responsibility?

Truth wears no readily recognizable brand; and reactions to the same set of facts vary with different minds. Intelligence is required to identify

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Crowds Plead For Coal in British Crisis

LONDON, Feb. 8 –(AP)– Britain prepared tonight for a major industrial shutdown amid warnings by a labor spokesman that the coal crisis threatened an end to the labor government and "socialism in our time."

While Emanuel Shinwell, fuel minister, declared "complete disaster" awaited Britain if industry and the public failed to carry out his sweeping conservation measures, almost chaotic conditions were reported among industries in the huge industrial belts about London, Manchester and Birmingham where 4,000,000 will be thrown out of work beginning at midnight Sunday.

Police were called a second time today to Shoreditch, a London suburb, to quiet crowds besieging a coal store. About 100 persons surged around the store gates with wheelbarrows and other hand vehicles, seeking to reach the coal piles. They blocked the street for a time and after waiting vainly for an hour to be served dispersed.

Shinwell's order halts electric power to industry in the biggest export-producing areas of England and cutting off current from domestic users including homes, theatres, stores, offices and restaurants—for five hours daily.

Planning for 1947 Red Cross Drive Set for Monday

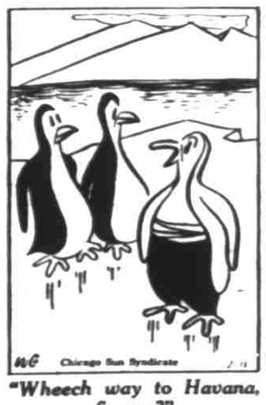
Plans for the 1947 American Red Cross campaign in Marion county will be discussed at the meeting of the board of directors of the county Red Cross chapter at 8 p. m. Monday in chapter offices.

Fred G. Starrett, new chairman for the county campaign, will meet with the board. The drive opens March 1.

Also at the Monday meeting all department chairmen will submit reports on the past year's work.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Wheech way to Havana, Senors?"

Talmadge Charges Collusion

By ROMNEY WHEELER

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 8 –(AP)– Herman Talmadge today assailed a ruling of a Georgia judge, which held that Talmadge illegally claims the office of governor, and accused the judge of rendering a vest-pocket decision without hearing both sides.

The decision, made yesterday at Rome, Ga., was in a suit brought against the pardons and paroles board by Lt.-Gov. M. E. Thompson. The action sought budgetary information from the board. Talmadge was not a party, and is not presently affected by the decision.

Superior (Circuit) Judge Claude Porter held Thompson was legal acting governor, in sucession to Gov. Ellis Arnall, resigned, and held the Georgia legislature exceeded its constitutional authority when it elected Talmadge for the four-year term of his father, the late Eugene Talmadge.

Talmadge charged that the suit was "patently collusive," and was "brought by friends, against friends, before friends and for friends."

Supreme Court to Review

The decision is due to be speeded to the Georgia supreme court next week. In a bitter statement, Talmadge stated, "I am informed that as soon as the case was presented to him, and before a hearing from the alleged defendants, the judge reached in his pocket and pulled out an opinion he had already written, and proceeded to read it."

Judge Recalls Story

Advised of Talmadge's blast, Judge Porter commented mildly that it reminded him of this story:

"An Irishman was kicked by a jackass," said the judge, "and someone asked him what he was going to do about it. 'Nothing,' the Irishman replied. 'I just consider the source'."

War Memorial Board to Meet Monday Night

The board of directors of the Salem War Memorial association will meet Monday in the chamber of commerce at 7:30 p.m. There are about 40 members on the board now, including representatives of organizations which have paid the organizational membership in the association.

A five-person advisory committee will be elected, to serve as chairmen for the finance, legal, publicity, site and building divisions of the association.

Correspondent Hit By Sniper's Bullet

HANOI, Feb. 8–(AP)–A Viet-Namese sniper's bullet struck Associated Press Correspondent Michael Moutschen in the neck as he was accompanying French troops in a river crossing outside Hanoi yesterday, and doctors said today his condition was critical.

The bullet injured his spine and caused a severe throat hemorrhage.

The 22-year-old correspondent, who served his native Belgium as an underground fighter during the war, has been reporting events in Indochina since last July.

5 Navy Men Die After Drinking Wood Alcohol

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 8 –(AP)– Five seamen who were at a party aboard the navy attack transport Latimer Thursday night when wood alcohol was served were dead today and 10 others were hospitalized, five in a serious condition.

A spokesman for the navy said wood alcohol was stored aboard the ship for use in machinery maintenance, but there was no immediate explanation of the use of alcohol at the party.

U. S. Press 'Converted' In Russian Drama

MOSCO, Feb. 8–(AP)–Konstantin Siminov's new play "The Russian Question," dealing with the American press and its attitude toward the Soviet Union, opened before an enthusiastic audience tonight in Kalinin.

The central character is Smith, an American correspondent who agrees to go to Moscow to write a slanderous book about the Soviet Union, but changes his mind when he returns to the United States and writes what a reviewer calls "a truthful, honest book."

Rolltop Desk's Contents Adds to Edison Legend

Uranium Nitrate Vial, Bills, Pills Found

By Milton Marmor

WEST ORANGE, N.J., Feb. 8–(AP)– Thomas Alva Edison's famous rolltop desk—sealed since his death more than 15 years ago—was opened today by his son and was found to contain scientific materials, but mostly the personal effects of Edison the man.

There were stomach pills and mouth wash, bills accumulated for decades, jokes written in his own hand, a book he never had time to autograph for a young girl in Chicago, but nothing startling except perhaps a small vial of uranium nitrate.

His son, Charles Edison, former New Jersey governor and former secretary of the navy, supervised the unsealing and study of the desk. Standing beside him was Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, widow of the great inventor.

It was an impressive compilation of Edisonia. Notebooks with the half-printed scrawl of the inventor; diagrams of something on which he was working; a piece of goldenrod rubber on which he was experimenting when he died; a box of ancient cigars; maps of New Jersey; and—as indicative of the fact that the genius Edison was just as human as the next man—a book of accounts dated April, 1904, and still lying in one of the cubbyholes.

Unstarted was a roll of chewing tobacco. Edison, as a telegrapher had acquired the habit, but in his later years had turned to cigars. Also, apparently unused, was a hearing device. Edison was deaf since childhood and as his son explained he received hundreds of presents of hearing devices which he refused to use.

'Open the Winda, Linda', Radio Quip Saves Mother, Girl

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 8–(AP) Radio Announcer Paul Hanover paraphrasing the song title "Open the Door, Richard," quipped "Open the Winda, Linda."

Shortly after the broadcast today Hanover received a phone call from Mrs. W. Smith who thanked him for saving her life and that of her daughter Linda.

Mrs. Smith explained that she had been sleeping when Hanover urged Linda to open the winda." The little girl ran to her mother's room and asked "which window mummie?"

The query wakened Mrs. Smith who discovered that escaping gas had filled the apartment.

Niagara Falls Nearly Frozen

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 8 –(AP)– The flow of water over the American falls dwindled to about 10 per cent of normal today as continuing near-zero weather piled up a huge ice jam above the falls and froze the 163-foot cataract almost solid.

Niagara Falls Power company employes have been dynamiting the jam in an effort to keep the hydraulic canal clear. Although water in the canal was lower than usual, company officials said hydro-electric power production had not been reduced appreciably.

A small amount of water passing over the crest of the American falls froze as it struck the rocks below, forming an "ice mountain."

Sales Increase in Salem Tabulated

Sales in Salem were up 39 per cent during the last year, according to a report of 18 independent Salem stores, the census bureau announced Saturday.

November sales were up 33 per cent over 1945, and December sales up 10 per cent. Sales for Oregon as a whole were up 31 per cent above 1945 figures, according to compilations made from 512 independent stores through the state. Department stores reported a 25 per cent gain.

Vandenberg To Pass 1948 President Race

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 8 (AP)–While appreciative of the "compliment," United States Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) emphasized to newsmen today that he was not a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Said Michigan's senior senator: "I am not a candidate for the republican presidential nomination. I don't expect to be and I have no wish to be, but a man would be entirely numb if he were insensible to the compliment the suggestion implies."

Later, leaders at the Michigan spring republican state convention side-tracked a resolution endorsing Vandenberg for president.

Vandenberg's statement regarding the presidential question preceded his address to the convention in which he made his first speech on domestic issues in two years calling for labor-management harmony.

Florida in Path Of Cold Wave

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 –(AP)– Most of the nation was locked tonight in the grip of a spreading cold wave that posed a new threat to southern vegetable, citrus and tobacco crops. Florida, where an unexpected freeze damaged the vegetable and citrus crops Wednesday night, was warned to expect low ground temperatures ranging from 17 to 38 degrees by Sunday morning.

A strong northwest wind sent thermometers dropping in southern Georgia and commercial radio stations warned tobacco growers to get plant beds under cover. Atlanta expected a low of 18 degrees. The Georgia crop brought $50,000,000 last year.

Road Conditions Normal in Oregon

Normal road conditions continued today throughout Oregon according to the state highway report by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Though there was some ice and packed snow reported in the higher elevations, Baldock reported no interference with traffic.

Krug Told Of Need For Dams

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 –(AP)– Immediate construction of power dams costing $725,000,000 on the Columbia river and its tributaries to meet a critical power shortage was urged today by members of congress from the northwest.

At an interior department conference with Secretary Krug, members from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana agreed to seek appropriations to continue work on dams already started and begin work on others.

They suggested that the first action should be to complete installation generators at Grand Coulee dam on the Columbia.

The conference also agreed to request funds to contiue work on the $186,000,000 McNary dam on the Columbia; the $7,500,000 Hungry Horse dam in Montana; the $136,000,000 proposed Foster creek dam; the $270,000,000 four-dam project on the Snake river in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and the $36,000,000 Detroit dam on the Willamette river.

Congress has appropriated $3,000,000 to start work on McNary dam, but power advocates insist that $12,000,000 to $15,000,000 will be needed to carry on the work for the next year.

For Hungry Horse dam congress has appropriated $2,560,000 and $4,500,000 has been asked for the next year. No appropriations have been made for the proposed Foster creek dam or for the proposed Snake river dams. An appropriation of $3,977,000 has been made for the Detroit dam.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) said after today's conference that the government's power dam development has reached the point where private utilities cannot make plans for long time development without knowing government plans.

Chinese Face Financial Doom

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8 –(AP)–China's four day old export subsidy plan, already under heavy black market pressure, collided with the U. S. tariff law today, leading gloomy business circles to express fears that the Chiang Kai-Shek regime was in imminent danger of economic collapse.

The latest blow was a mimeographed notice to shippers from the American consulate, advising that under U. S. law, goods imported under any form of subsidy were subject to additional tariff equal to the subsidy.

Responding immediately, the black market rate rose steadily. Prices kept pace. Today a meal costs twice as much as it did Wednesday, a suit costs one and one-half times as much, and so do most goods and services.

All observers agree that the present slump in Chinese currency cannot continue without grave consequences. Even cocktail party conversation revolves around fears of resulting riots or even uprisings.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	33	.00
Portland	51	42	.00
San Francisco	54	43	.02
Chicago	14	2	trace
New York	30	23	.72

Willamette river 7 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with temperature high today 53 and low tonight 38.

Sticks to Policy of 20% Cut

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 –(AP)– Senator Taft (R-Ohio) tossed a monkey wrench into plans of house republicans for a quick cutback in income taxes with an announcement today he will oppose making any reduction effective before July 1.

This would halve the $3,500,000,000 reduction which a 20 per cent cut would make over a full calendar year.

Taft told a reporter that while he remains convinced income taxes can be slashed a net of 20 per cent, he thinks individuals ought to continue paying at the present rate until the new government fiscal year begins next July.

This would keep payroll withholding taxes at their present level for the first half of 1947. After July 1 they would drop by whatever percentage congress decides.

For persons who pay their full year's taxes in advance March 15, the senator proposed rebates later covering the last six months of the year.

This stand by Taft, chairman of the senate republican policy committee and a member of the finance committee, collided directly with the announced intention of Chairman Knutson (R-Minn) of the house ways and means committee to rush through a tax bill making reductions retroactive to January 1. Knutson's committee has ordered brief hearings beginning February 19.

Soldier Signs As 'Possible' Dahlia Slayer

FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 8.–(AP)– The army's criminal investigation division announced tonight it was holding Cpl. Joseph Dumais on a charge of suspicion of murder after he signed a statement saying "it was possible" he committed the mutilation slaying of attractive Elizabeth Short (the Black Dahlia) in Los Angeles.

Capt. William H. Florence, head of the CID said that Dumais stated he was with the slain girl Jan. 10, five days before the body was found in California. She apparently had been dead only a few hours. The soldier insisted throughout that his mind "blanked out" while drinking with the girl and that he remembered nothing until he found himself in New York's Pennsylvania station some time later.

Morris said records at Fort Dix showed definitely that Dumais was at the army installation on the 11th, 12th and 13th of last month. Then there was a lapse of four days, during which time there was no trace of Dumias. But on January 17 the records again show Dumais at the fort.

Old and New

CHICAGO, Feb. 8—David Ruge of Chicago was called the "Ape Boy" when his face looked like this (top) and below is how he looked after plastic surgery and a new hair-do. Dr. Ferris Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., performed the operation free of charge after news stories revealed Ruge had attempted extortion to finance the face alteration. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman).

Carl Francis To Head State's Young GOP

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 8–(AP)–The Young Republican Federation of Oregon today elected Carl Francis of Dayton and a Yamhill county representative in the Oregon house, as chairman. Other officers: Robert A. Elliott, Portland, national committeeman; Jane Terry Rodman, Eugene, national committeewoman; Mary Margaret Godfrey, Portland, assistant chairman.

Vice chairmen for the congressional districts: Robert DeArmond, Salem, first; Carl Helm, La Grande, second; Clyde Richardson, Portland, third; Robert Neilson, Eugene, fourth.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, marine combat veteran who defeated Robert La Follette, jr., in the last Wisconsin, GOP primaries, told the convention tonight that he favored Harold Stassen for the 1948 presidential nomination of his party.

'Issue Not Settled', Says CIO

DETROIT, Feb. 8–(AP)–The momentous Mt. Clemens Pottery Co., case was thrown out of federal court today but the $4,800,000,000 portal-to-portal pay battle still continued.

U. S. District Judge Frank A. Picard, ruling against portal time for the pottery workers, dismissed the Mt. Clemens case with a denial of damages.

Industry hailed the verdict.

But the immediate reaction of CIO labor, mainly responsible for the avalanche of portal suits across the nation, was that the fight wouldn't stop here.

Ahead also was a likely final determination from the supreme court, itself responsible for the court's attention to the portal theory in the Mt. Clemens dispute.

Judge Picard held the pottery worker's portal time was too trifling for damages.

Deadline Set

The court said further industry should not be held liable for portal claims prior to last June 10. That was the day the supreme court set forth the portal theory in the Mt. Clemens case.

The National Association of Manufacturers, through President Earl Bunting, said Judge Picard's verdict presumably meant the "vast majority of portal suits no longer have any standing."

On the other hand the CIO's Attorney Maurice Sugar said the auto union would not withdraw any of its suits.

The government, in entering the Mt. Clemens case, said the suit would be carried to the supreme court no matter what Picard ruled.

Attorney Edward Lamb, who brought the Mt. Clemens suit originally, warned industry the issue was not settled. He said the Mt. Clemens case was not a "truly portal-to-portal case" in view of "limiting facts."

Said in Class by Itself

The Mt. Clemens case, Lamb said, was not comparable in the portal theory with instances in steel, autos and other industry.

Today's court decision was described as "far-reaching" by Frank E. Cooper, a pottery company attorney.

Cooper said it "clearly points out" that last June's supreme court verdict "furnishes no basis for the many fantastic claims" by labor in portal suits.

"Judge Picard's decision makes it plain," Cooper added, "that the judgement of the supreme court did not hold what some people were led to think had been decided."

Clues Found in Porritt Slaying

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 8 –(AP)– Washington county authorities reported tonight two brief cases and keys to an automobile in which a Vancouver, Wash., salesman was slain were found in the woods leading from the lonely road where the body and car were located.

District Attorney C. Russell Morgan said the murderer of Ralph Porritt, 53, apparently was a hitchhiker who pumped five bullets into Porritt's head, apparently while standing along side of the car.

Deputy Busch said an approximate time for the crime had been determined by a report of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnstone that she saw Porritt's automobile where it was found at 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

Jap Premier Escapes Plot

TOKYO, Sunday, Feb. 9–(AP)– An assassination plot against Premier Shigeru Yoshida was reported foiled today and a Japanese arrested as the arch-conspirator was described to police as mentally unsound.

Kyodo news agency, without any official confirmation, asserted that a well-laid plot had been foiled with the arrest of 25-year-old Asao Yamakawa, at Matsuyama, on the southern island of Shikoku.

The agency said Yamakawa was armed with a pistol and quoted him as saying 10 others were in the conspiracy, including three already in Tokyo.

Per Mile Traffic Deaths Show Decline in State

Oregon's traffic death rate dropped in 1946 over the 1945 rate, according to Robert S. Farrell, jr., secretary of state, Saturday.

The all-time high record of 479 persons killed in accidents during last year was offset by the great increase in highway travel. In 1946 the rate was 10.5 persons killed per 100,000,000 miles traveled compared with 11.8 deaths in 1945.

ACTRESS SELLS RANCH

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 8 –(AP)– Sale of 400 acres of Ginger Rogers' 1,100-acre ranch on the Rogue river near here to Mr. and Mrs. Renee Estoureille, former members of the French underground, was reported today.

Bidding, Spectators Doubled at Second Annual Bred Gilt Sale

By Lillie L. Madsen

Bidding and number of spectators at the second annual Oregon Swine Growers bred gilt sale held Saturday at the state fairgrounds, just about doubled that of a year ago at the first annual sale.

Joe Church, entertaining auctioneer from New Plymouth Idaho, drew a total of $5340 from his bidders. Assisting Church in the ring was Eddie Ahrens and T. R. Hobart.

Top price paid was $285 for Miss Goldie, an extra large dark red Duroc consigned to Edwin C. Ridder of Sherwood. She was sired by National Harvester, grand champion boar at the 1946 Oregon state fair, and bred to Commando Bill. Rex Vollstedt, 4-H club member from Albany was the purchaser.

A father and son combination predominated in the bidding ring with three-fourths of the animals sold going to 4-H club youths, whose dads were there to back them up. Two Future Farmers of America also took home foundation stock.

Second highest animal was Top Rush Setup, a Berkshire consigned by Bert Denham of Goshen and bought for $227.50 by James Swanson, 4-H clubber of Lebanon. Connie Ray Larkins, 4-H club member from Monroe, paid $225 for a Hampshire consigned by Charles A. Evans of Independence.

Walter Holt, manager of the Pacific International Livestock show paid $185 for Silver Beauty, a Chester White, consigned by Elton Watts of Silverton. Holt bought the gilt for youthful Frederik Marx, a Rickreall 4-H club member who had been a consistent bidder. Fred is going to pay back Holt from the produce of the gilt.

Ronald Fennicum of Amity and Larry Stemps of Dayton, both Future Farmers, were also buyers, Larry paying $155 for Banner Lady, a Chester White consigned by R. Hornecker & Son of Beaverton, and Ronald, buying two, Silver Sue, a Chester White at $145 consigned by Watts, and Oregon 46-67, a Duroc at $160, consigned by Oregon State college.

(Complete list of sales on page 2)

Public Welfare as Well as Schools Likely to Be Hitched to Sales Tax; 23 of 546 Bills Approved

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman

Controversy over Oregon's tax and school structures so dominated the current legislature's first four weeks that it appeared certain today a more-than-usual number of less-important measures never would come up for final vote.

Today — marking the 28th day of the biennial session and possibly about its half-way mark—finds legislative action completed on but 23 of the 546 bills thus far introduced. And another 200 to 300 bills are expected to be entered.

But the comparatively poor score on completed measures cannot be regarded as a true criterion of progress thus far. Work of committees is regarded as probably ahead of "normal," and the fifth week starting tomorrow is expected to see scores of bills up for final votes.

Major development over the weekend was further confirmation that the still-sketchy sales tax plan probably will be amended to provide that revenue from such will go to schools (as first reported by The Statesman), and that public welfare also might specifically be given part of such potential funds. Both the AFL and the executive board of the Farmers' Union have said they would oppose a levy on retail sales.

PUBLIC LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Tripling cities' share of highway revenue (HB 151) — Monday, 2:30 p.m., room 321, statehouse, before house committee on local government and senate highways committee.

Establishment of boys' detention camp (SB 110) — Monday, 7:30 p.m., room 404, statehouse, before senate committee on county affairs.

Joint use of highways utility poles (SB 122) — Tuesday, following afternoon adjournment, room 309, statehouse, before senate committee on roads and highways.

Of widest effect among the 23 measures thus far made into law is the program to re-issue driving licenses at the rate of 33,000 a month starting next June 1 when licenses numbered 5R1 through 5R33,000 will be called in. No re-examination of drivers with good records will be necessitated, but all must have new licenses.

The program also calls for a permanently "staggered" system of renewals thereafter. Persons born in years ending in an odd number will have their licenses renewed in odd-numbered years; persons born in even-numbered years will have their renewals before their birthdays each even-numbered year. The law doesn't say what to do if you're not certain when you were born.

Tomorrow's legislative sessions (10:30 a.m. in the senate, 11 in the house) will find several bills up for passage in both chambers.

Major house bills set for final house vote would increase the pay of election clerks and judges from $4 to $6 a day, raise from $35 to $50 the monthly payments to a permanently disabled workman with a dependent, and make a first class school district responsible for its share of the indebtedness of a union high school district from which it withdraws.

The senate will have before it 12 house-approved measures, including those seeking county officers' salary boosts and providing means of letting Mill City incorporate in Linn county, and eight of its own bills confined mainly to county interests.

The house to date has disposed of 54 of its own 326 bills and six of the senate's. The senate has disposed of 37 of its own 220 bills and 17 of the house. The legislative, wastebasket is going to dispose of a good many others if action on them still in unfinished by the time coordinated school and tax programs hit the floors.