

Bar to Portal Pay Suits In Oregon Passes Senate

Labor Committee Proposes Small Increase in Jobless Benefit Pay

By Wes Sullivan
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A measure to bar portal-to-portal pay suits was passed by the senate 28 to 2 Wednesday after Sen. William Walsh, Coos Bay, declared northwest timber operators alone were menaced with pay claims totaling \$5,000,000 in portal cases — "enough to bankrupt the entire industry."

The bill which now goes to the house, puts a year's limit on all back-pay claims, including portal-to-portal, and specifies that all provisions would be effective next January 1. Restrictions under the measure would not bar portal suits in the meantime, nor effect those already filed.

Koreans Say GIs, Russians Exchange Fire

SEOUL, Thursday, Feb. 27—(AP)—Korean sources reported today that United States and Russian troops exchanged shots for 14 hours without casualties Tuesday along their demarcation line in central Korea, but American intelligence authorities called the account "highly exaggerated."

The Korean version said 28 Russians and 11 Americans fired at each other from 10 a. m. to midnight, during which four Soviet fighter planes appeared briefly over the area.

The intelligence version said U. S. border patrol troops were dispatched to Paekchon, about two miles inside the demarcation line to investigate a report that seven Russians were firing rifles into the town.

The Americans reported they saw two Russians hurriedly leaving the town as the patrol approached but no Russians were found in Paekchon.

Oregon Unit, 41st Division, Reactivated

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26—(AP)—Oregon's division headquarters for the northwest's famed 41st infantry division was reactivated a third time in inspection ceremonies here tonight in which the Oregon command unit for the new Washington-Oregon guard was recognized.

Lt. Col. L. H. Prather, Fort Lewis, Wash., conducted the ceremony which elevated Oregon's Regiment G, Buxton, to the rank of brigadier general and the post of assistant division commander.

(Lt. Col. Prather is the son of Glenn W. Prather, assistant manager of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.)

Also inducted into the Oregon command unit were Lt. Col. Charles M. Thomas, to be an assistant chief of staff, and Maj. William J. Ashworth as division adjutant general. Others: Maj. Glenn W. Pate, Portland; Maj. Robert G. Brady, Salem; Capt. Sam B. Harrison, Salem; 1st Lt. Donald Marshall, Portland; Warrant Officer Edward L. Barrow, Portland.

The house played second fiddle to the senate in major actions Wednesday. Among nine bills passed and sent to the senate were those enabling Salem and West Salem to merge by specifying that the Willamette river is a common boundary, and changing the size-grading of eggs to conform with federal regulations.

The house also passed four senate bills including one specifying that nomination certificates must be filed 20 days, instead of 10, before special elections.

Several substitute bills were introduced in the house, including a county zoning measure which would exempt farm, grazing and timber lands; provide for wide deferments, and to remove the six-mile limitation around incorporated areas.

The senate passed 16 of its own bills including one permitting the use of microfilm in recording official public records. Bills passed by the senate included those decreasing the non-commercial daily catch of smelt from 50 to 25 pounds and allowing the public utilities commission to set maximum speed for trains in town.

Meanwhile, the joint ways and means committee recommended against bills increasing old-age pensions. It approved a measure increasing pay of district attorneys.

The house committee on state and federal affairs approved a memorial asking congress to give the state the Chemawa Indian school if the latter is abandoned, but opposed a measure to prohibit the state or sub-divisions from discriminating in employment, because of race, creed, color or nationality. It also voted against creating a department of conservation to absorb the fish and game commissions and forestry department.

The house committee on alcoholic control was told Wednesday by Dean Ireland, representing the Portland Hotelmen's association, that permitting of liquor by the drink in hotels, restaurants and clubs would reduce drinking in hotel rooms and automobiles, and that Oregon consumes more liquor than any other liquor monopoly state.

Action on the bill to let non-property owners vote in school elections was postponed Wednesday in the house for the fourth time. The legislature will resume at 10:30 a. m. (Other legis. news page 4)

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SENATE LIMITS BUDGET CUT

Bandit, 2 Police Die In Melee

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 26—(CP)—Two teen-aged gunmen were formally charged with murder today following a wild gun battle with police earlier today in a restaurant in the death of a companion and two police prowler car officers.

A warrant charging Harry Johnson, 19, with murder was read to him as he lay in Vancouver hospital suffering from wounds received in the shooting affray. An identical charge was read to a 17-year-old accomplice at police headquarters, after his capture. A police detective also was wounded.

Men Spotted Near Bank
The two police officers and the bandit suspect were killed in a pistol battle near the Great Northern railway roundhouse in East Vancouver. The battle started when police were tipped off that three men were "putting on masks" near the Renfrew branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Police, pursuing the suspects amid strings of box cars and puffing engines, exchanged fire with the three men as they fled down a right-of-way.

The dead are Prowler Officers Oliver Ledingham and Charles Boyce of the Vancouver city police force and a gunman identified by police as Douglas Carter.

Chase Car Through City
The men never had a chance to enter the bank. Within minutes of the tip-off the prowler car sped to the scene as a maroon colored sedan moved off. At high speed, the bandit car swept into a residential district. After a chase of two miles, the men fled into the Great Northern yards.

"The police car pulled up," said an eye-witness, "Ledingham stepped out of the car and they let him have it."

Boys opened fire as the men fled down the tracks, and 30 feet from the body of Ledingham he fell, wounded fatally.

Wounded Detective Gets Man
Firing as they ran, the gunmen headed for the bush across the tracks. Detective Allan Hoare and other officers took up the chase, but Hoare was hit, downed by a gunman's bullet, wounded in the shoulder and hips. He kept up the fire along the tracks, and the gunman Sarter fell as police guns blazed.

The other two gunmen fled into the bush, discarding their clothing as they went toward a house. Police fired again and the bandit later identified as Harry Johnson was wounded.

The third of the trio sought shelter in the house basement after he fled through the bush, and for a time police lost track of him. Other officers joined the hunt and shortly after he was discovered. Police identified him as William Henderson.

**Little Change Predicted
For Salem Weather**

Salem's temperature dropped to 31 degrees at 9 o'clock last night and was declining from 32 early this morning, McNary field weather station reports. Temperature predicted for today would range about the same as those of the last few days with a high of 58, a low of 35 and no rain.

3RD BLEACHER VICTIM DIES
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 26—(AP)—The death of Theodore E. Nordquist, 25, of Gary, Ind., increased to three today the toll of the bleacher collapse in the Purdue University fieldhouse during the Wisconsin basketball game Monday night.

**D. W. Porter of Albany Heads
Linn County Turkey Growers**

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

LEBANON, Feb. 26—D. W. Porter, route 2, Albany, was elected president of the Linn County Turkey Growers at the association's annual meeting at Lebanon today. E. E. Agee, route 1, Albany, chose vice president, and Mrs. E. E. McCormack, route 2, Lebanon, secretary.

The growers were guests of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon. Approximately 125 turkey growers, about one-half the usual number, attended the meeting. The small attendance was laid to good farming weather.

Birds slaughtered and in storage before February 11 must be sold by March 31, and those slaughtered following that date must be sold before June 30, if they are to receive support price, W. T. Guerts, Colton turkey grower, who headed the fight in Washington, D. C., for support price, told the gathering.

In the opinion of Noel Bennion, extension poultryman at Corvallis, Oregon was making too heavy a reduction in turkey raising to maintain safely her position as producers of Broadbreasted Bronze turkeys, hatching eggs and poult. Preliminary surveys, said Bennion showed the Oregon grower was reducing production 30 per cent, while the nation's reduction will approximate 16 per cent. Oregon's average of poult per breeder hen is 20 against the national average of 19. Bennion stated, adding that Oregon's mild winters, cool summers and low altitudes put the state in a favorable position for turkey production.

Dr. J. E. Parker, head of the poultry department at Oregon State college, stated that "we need research more than ever to maintain our place in turkey production on an economically sound basis."

Dean U. G. Dubach, also of OSC, spoke on world affairs, favoring preparedness, free trade, buying from as well as selling to foreign nations, freedom of air transportation and of information.

To St. James



WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Lewis W. Douglas, former budget director, who today was appointed by President Truman to be ambassador to the court of St. James in Great Britain. The nomination was sent to the senate for confirmation. (AP Wirephoto.)

Truman Picks Lewis Douglas In Envoy Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Lewis W. Douglas, who once broke spectacularly with the New Deal but later held wartime posts under Franklin D. Roosevelt, was chosen by President Truman today to be ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Truman thereby capped a long list of public offices in which Douglas, 52-year-old Arizona, has already served. Douglas has been a soldier in France in the first world war, a state legislator, member of congress, director of the federal budget, a lend-lease expeditor in London in the second world war, and deputy war shipping administrator.

He also took a two-year turn (1938-39) as vice chancellor of Canada's McGill university, where he had a close-up opportunity for studying the British commonwealth, and is now president of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York.

Douglas was named to the post which has been vacant since Averell Harriman came back from London to take over the secretaryship of commerce from the ousted Henry A. Wallace. O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, was to have succeeded Harriman but died just as he was about to sail.

Communists Launch Attack

NANKING, Thursday, Feb. 27—(AP)—Government field dispatches said today that nearly 125,000 Chinese Communists had launched a savage new offensive in Manchuria, driving to within 15 miles of Changchun, the capital.

This would place the advance guard more than 45 miles south of the Sungari river, which has served as an unofficial dividing line between government and Communist forces during the winter.

Military observers here believed the Changchun garrison, which includes the government's powerful new First army, was strong enough to repulse any immediate threat to the capital.

Buffalo Orders All Schools Shut

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 26—(AP)—Buffalo's 71,000-pupil education system staggered to a complete shutdown tonight from the effects of a salary strike of 2400 of its 2960 teachers.

The board of education, in its third stormy session within 36 hours, declared a state of emergency and School Superintendent Robert T. Bapst immediately announced that the schools still open today would not reopen.

LINFIELD CONTEST SET

McMINNVILLE, Feb. 26—(AP)—Students from 33 colleges in seven western states are entered in the inter-collegiate forensic tournament opening at Linfield college tomorrow. About 300 men and 75 women will compete.

Weather

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	38	28	0.00
Portland	49	42	.00
Chicago	32	23	.01
New York	38	30	trace

Willamette river: 9 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with highest temperature today 58. Lowest tonight 33.

Auditing Of Unions Endorsed

By Max Hall
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—AFL President William Green shouted today under hot and heavy questioning by republican congressmen that he was "willing" for congress to assure free speech for employers and to have unions register and file financial reports.

The pink-cheeked 73-year-old Green, appearing before the house labor committee, continued to oppose nearly all of the labor legislation before congress.

Green Exhorts Committee
He insisted that congress keep out of jurisdictional strikes, shouting "You can't outlaw them. It's impossible. Listen to me!"

Here's what he conceded under relentless questioning by Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.), after saying again and again he had no suggestions for legislation:

1. "Now wait! I'm willing that the Wagner act be changed so that the employer can engage in free speech." (The act now says an employer can put his side of any question before his employees but not in any way that involves coercion or threats of reprisals. Employers have often said administrative rulings under this clause have deprived them of free speech.)

Exempts Local Union Books
2. "On financial reports of unions, we're willing." (Green explained later he meant public reports by national unions, but not local unions because the financial information might help employers in bargaining against the locals.)

3. "If it's a matter of union registration, licensed, on a voluntary basis, we have no objections." (He apparently didn't mean to support bills which would compel unions to register.)

Bonus Demand Sparks Rioting At Brussels

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26—(AP)—A demonstration by former Belgian prisoners of war demanding payment of bonuses turned into a riotous battle today in which 50,000 marchers broke through police lines, trampled and crushed each other and only were stopped by machine-guns and riot police from behind the steel fence of the parliament building.

A day-long condition of siege of the parliament building was not broken until tonight when a ring of armored cars, machine-guns, gendarmes and troops finally restored order in the angry throng and the cabinet members were able to emerge from behind their locked doors.

Unconfirmed reports said a dozen people were killed but an official of the ministry of the interior said only one person was dead as the result of a heart attack. Unofficial estimates said 100 were injured, but the ministry placed the list at 40.

Lebanon Teachers Win \$2,400 Annual Salary

LEBANON, Feb. 26—A minimum annual salary of \$2,400 has been voted by the school boards of the city schools and the union high school district for all regularly certified teachers. Local teachers' salaries here are paid on a 12 month basis and the new schedule goes into effect next term. For the remaining months of this term, \$25 a month additional will be paid. The new schedule means an average increase of \$550 a year.

Board Votes to Accept Klamath Barracks for Training School

By a 5 to 1 vote, the state board of education Wednesday accepted a proposal by the war assets administration to give the state of Oregon the Klamath Falls marine barracks for a vocational training center.

Board members said the legislature would be asked to appropriate \$620,000 for its operation during the next two years. Under the federal agency contract, the state must use the barracks for educational purposes for 25 years.

May Darling, Portland opposed the proposal. She expressed doubt as to the value of the plant for educational purposes because of its location.

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., suggested that in event the barracks was not a success for vocational training it might be used for a state hospital, state training school for delinquents or a branch of the Oregon State college school of agriculture. The WEA has said permission for such use might be granted later.

A report from O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational training, disclosed that he already has received 820 applications for enrollment, mostly from veterans. He said the barracks could be remodeled and made ready for operation as a vocational school not later than July 1. Paulson estimated an enrollment of 1,500 in a few years.

The vocational education director informed the board that at the end of five years only \$70,000 of state funds would be required annually and that the institution would become almost self-supporting.

"It is our purpose," Paulson said, "to give technical training that cannot be found in any other part of the country."

New Salem Fire Chief Likely to Be Named Today

Formal appointment of a new fire chief for Salem appeared a possibility today.

A meeting of fire department captains has been called for 10 a. m. in the office of City Manager J. L. Frazer for a "discussion on organization," but unofficial sources said the meeting also might bring announcement of a successor to Acting Fire Chief William Iwan who has earned on since the retirement of Chief Harry Hutson some time ago.

Britons Face Economy Need For Night Shift

LONDON, Feb. 26—(AP)—A British government spokesman reluctantly announced tonight that Britain must adopt another innovation—introduction of the "night shift" in industry.

More than a third of Britain's workers must be put on a night shift "at once" to level off the load on the country's time-worn and war-impaired electric power generators. Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the board of trade, told the house of commons.

Introduction of the night shift—almost unheard of in Britain where few fireside-loving Britons worked at night even during the war-time production crises—will mean "a revolution in the nation's social habits," an official said.

Virtually the entire nation is geared for day-time work only. Subways close soon after midnight. Most restaurants and pubs shut their doors by 10 p. m., and theaters are empty soon after.

Transporting millions of commuters therefore promise to be difficult problems.

Government sources said entire factories probably would close down by day and operate only at night under the new scheme. Factories may alternate in going into the night shift, each factory working at night one week out of every three or four.

New blizzards, the worst in years, spread up to 15 inches of snow in 10 hours, blocking highways and railway routes to the coal mines.

Lava Nears Italian Towns

ROME, Feb. 26—(AP)—A fiery stream of lava, bubbling from a new crater broken in the side of Mount Etna, was reported in press dispatches from Sicily today to have branched into separate forks which rolled threateningly toward several communities.

While villagers fled in panic, Italian authorities rushed motor vehicles to Cisterna and Passo Pisciaro to assist in the exodus if the flow continued, the dispatches said. They added that the molten mass had surged to within a mile and a half of Passo Pisciaro.

The eruption of the Sicilian volcano, relatively quiet since 1928 when it destroyed the village of Mascali, was said to have begun late yesterday.

The incandescent mass was said to have built up to a depth of 200 yards in some ravines.

JAP TRAIN TOLL 195

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 27—(AP)—The death toll in Tuesday's train wreck 25 miles west of Tokyo rose to 195 today, making it the worst in Japan's history, the Japanese press reported. The worst previously was in 1940 when 180 persons were killed in a wreck near Osaka.

UN Receives Trustee Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 26—(AP)—The United States won speedy Russian endorsement tonight on its request for immediate American trusteeship over the strategic Japanese-mandated islands of the western Pacific where Japan mounted her attack on Pearl Harbor, Guam and Wake.

The quick Russian approval and informal expression of support from other members of the United Nations security council, which received the formal U. S. request today, indicated that the United States would gain eventual approval of its request. The council, however, adjourned further action on it until March 7 so the delegates could consult their governments.

Probes Set Despite Protests by Democrats

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Special investigations of the newspaper and paper situation and the problems of small business today were ordered by the house over Democratic protests that they violated the congressional reorganization act. The newspaper probe will be directed by Rep. Brown (R-Ohio) and the small business inquiry probably by Rep. Hall (R-N. Y.).



By Charles A. Sprague

It took plenty of courage, moral courage and perhaps physical courage as well, for a preacher to serve a church in Hood River in the war years and oppose the intolerance that broke out there against the Japanese. His extreme expression was the action of the Hood River post of the American Legion in raising the names of Japanese-American soldiers from the local honor roll of men in service. Yet one pastor stood up against such discrimination and now has been nominated to receive the Thomas Jefferson award for the advancement of democracy. He is the Rev. W. S. Burgoyne, pastor of the Hood River Methodist church. The award is to be made at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, April 13.

When the agitation against Japanese war at its height in Hood River, Burgoyne defended them against the opprobrium that was being heaped upon them. He announced his church would welcome people of any creed or color, invited returning army soldiers to speak in his church, performed marriage ceremonies for Japanese couples.

Burgoyne was not alone in standing up to his convictions. Over at Gresham, another host of intolerance, the local ministers sponsored a rally where the principles of justice were espoused. The effect was that the agitation against the return of the Japanese quickly died down. Few of the Japs returned, but those who did return to the Hood River valley and elsewhere did not suffer injury as they had feared. Steadily they are regaining the recognition of the white public, thanks to the sturdy adherence to principle of Burgoyne and others like him.

His citation deserves national publicity to counteract the discreditable publicity previously accorded Hood River and Oregon. Mention should also be made of the fact that Burgoyne is still pastor at Hood River—which shows something of the quality of Hood River Methodists.

Chauffeur May Take Stand in Murder Trial

VALE, Ore., Feb. 26—(AP)—The possibility arose tonight that the handsome man charged with whom Mrs. Gladys Lincoln Broadhurst is accused of plotting to kill her wealthy husband would testify in her first degree murder trial.

The third day of the trial of the much-maligned 40-year-old reformed widow ended late this afternoon with a jury still undecided after 52 prospective jurors have been questioned.

Robert D. Lytle, attorney for the 23-year-old chauffeur, Alvan Lee Williams, said that Williams would testify in Mrs. Broadhurst's trial if he were called Williams, who Lytle said admitted going through a marriage ceremony with Mrs. Broadhurst a month before her husband was slain on a lonely road, will go on trial for first degree murder next month.

Mrs. Broadhurst's attorney demanded today that the state return some correspondence between her and Dr. W. D. Broadhurst the rancher husband who bequeathed her his entire \$146,000 estate. The attorney said the state had taken papers without a search warrant, and refused to return them on the ground that the accused woman was never legally married to Broadhurst, as she had married him before her divorce from her fifth husband became final.

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