## Senate Votes Measure to Cancel Portal Pay Suits

Weather San Francisco 38 49
Chicago 39 32 14
New York 54 38
Willamette river 2.1 feet
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a few light showers. Highest temperature today 56 Lowest tonight 42.

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, March 22, 1947

# SHHILE

In the bulletin of the U. S. weather bureau giving water supply forecasts for the Columbia river system as of January 1, 1947. I noticed this comment:

"The analysis of basin data. preliminary to the development of the procedures, indicates that there is now, in general, less runoff per inch of measured precipitation than in earlier years."

That comment is interesting beabout the effect of timber cutting 44th legislature. on floods and runoff of water. So I wrote to the bureau for further information and have received a reply from Merrill Bernard, chief. mentioned is based on study of without exception," he writes. "this time trend has been noted," share, While no studies have been made Money Voted Multnomah of the Willamette river basin the time trend appears here.

particular method we use, applied and June, to large natural river basins, does not provide any opportunity for us to explain the exact cause of the time trend. Undoubtedly, several factors are responsible. A partial list of these factors might include such items as (1) changes than it did Friday. in the methods of measuring streamflow and precipitation; (2) increased consumptive use of water for irrigation; (3) increased evaporation loss from reservoirs constructed during recent (Continued on Editorial Page)

### Plan for New Penitentiary Site Opposed

Moving of the state peniten- Commercial Fishing Barred fiary within the near future appeared an improbability today, following action of the joint legislative ways and means committee in recommending against passage of a bill which sought a chase of a new site.

committee the state board of con- prohibiting commercial fishing in trol was agreed that because of the Willamette river, creating a the shortage of state funds any livestock auction board and givprogram for a new penitentiary ing southern - Oregon an extra should be deferred.

penitentiary walls .

### Rebel Planes **Drop Shells**

21-(P)-Planes flown by members on slot machines, punchboards of Paraguay's insurgent military and pinball games, estimated to force bombed the government base yield \$4,000,000 a biennium. at San Pedro, 95 miles north of Asuncion, today but caused no measures letting cities and coun- rent which engulfed thousands of casualties or damage, the govern- ties operate boys' camps and al- acres of rich agricultural land, ment announced tonight.

failed to make a hit on any in- clinics for alcoholics. stallation of importance.

The "ineffective" bombing raid, which gave the government its first knowledge that the revolutionists had acquired planes, indi- days. cated the insurgents lacked adequate munitions.

### **Animal Crackers** By WARREN GOODRICH



"Are you hinting that we may soon hear the patter of little feet."

# Ready for

By Wendell Webb

Assembly

Managing Editor, The Statesman A pared-down public welfare program, interpreted in some quarters to mean a possible 10 per cent reduction in the present \$44 average old-age pension, was cause people have wondered ready today for submission to the

A sub-committee of the joint Self Rule Start ways and means group late Friday decided on a \$43,000,000 welfare plan for the next biennium, in contrast to present expenditures which are at the rate of He states that the conclusion in contrast to present expendithe data from 130 river guaging \$51,000,000, and recommended a stations in the west. "Almost mandatory levy up to 412 mills if counties need it to pay their

In his letter Mr. Bernard dis- Multnomah court decision that many cusses the matter further, as fol- counties, under present law, do Marshall's request was included "A large number of factors state public welfare commission procedure for setting up a Gercombine in a rather complex man-decides-by voting to recommend man government which he said ner to establish the relation be- giving Multnomah county \$243,- should be started "at once so there tween rainfall and runoff. The 000 for public assistance in May will be properly constituted Ger- tinued, changed or dropped. The their agreed commitments of steel,

Meanwhile if the 44th legislature is to adjourn by a week from to- ing drafted here. day, as many lawmakers believe possible, it was generally agreed last night that it will have to make a lot more use of its time greater detail, and warned Russia

The house yesterday geed and hawed trying to revive defeated bills or kill those already passed. munism by name, Bevin declared of an estimated 650,000-ton in-It finally approved 41 to 13 a that the British "do not believe crease in Cuban production this bill setting June 24 as the date Germany should merely change year for a special election on the sales from the nazi party to another tax, after beating down futile at- party, nor nazi ideology to some tempts to have the election open to other measures, too. Rep. Robert Gile of Roseburg charged the Russians in the eastern zone to delay this bill.

approved fireworks bill, re-refer- cialists. ring it to committee for minor amendments.

In the brief interims between wrangling, the house passed its own bills boosting the state's take from pari-mutuel betting and adding a tax on wine. It also \$250,000 appropriation for pur- passed senate bills giving the parole board more latitude in Sen. Howard Belton told the equalizing terms spent in prison. circuit judge.

In event the legislature up- The senate passed a house holds the adverse committee re- measure prohibiting sale of hon- flooded lowlands of Britain were port, the board of control will orable discharge emblems to perproceed with improvements at the sons not entitled to them, and existing prison, including two new rescinded its defeat of the hill cell blocks and extension of the letting the fish commission, instead of the legislature, control the latter bill to committee.

Meanwhile, the joint ways and were reported in the ASUNCION, Paraguay, March a bill levying a 30 per cent tax Yorkshire.

The committee voted to kill lowing the state to acquire 1000 drowned cattle and marooned iso-Instead of aerial bombs, the an- acres for a new prison. It apnouncement said, the rebel planes proved a bill to allow the state dropped large artillery shells and liquor commission to conduct Salem Business

Today Equals Record

Today brings the current session to the record set in 1945-69

Among introductions Friday was a senate joint memorial ask-

Court Bill in House Docketed for house action today are its own bills calling for district courts, instead of jus- City, County Talk tices, in Marion, Lane and Clack-amas counties; raising income tax Street Extension exemptions in event the sales tax

veterans. topped by the house-approved Swart senate are house-approved meas- a "paper" project. ures to increase the cities' share of highway funds and authorize SALEM COMPANY LICENSED

(Legis, actions on page 12)

### Program Sugar Ration Law Extension Passed; Rent Bill Readied Withheld

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-The house voted 286 to 54 today for legislation extending rationing and price control of sugar until October 31, 1947, and sent the measure to the senate.

Simultaneously, a senate banking subcommittee voted unanimously in favor of a bill continuing rent controls through Feb. 29, 1948, without a general increase in rent ceilings. Passage of the sugar control legislation was by a roll-call vote at the insistence of democrats

continued controls.

The measure also extends allo-

cations powers over sugar until

March 31, 1948. They were sched-

uled to expire at the end of this

control and rationing of sugar

The house approved an amend-

jellies and syrups in consumer

Sen. Hawkes (R-NY) argued in

earlier bill. Sen. McCarthy (R-

Wis) contended that sugar con-

trols should be dropped because

**UN Principles** 

Clause Added

United States and Britain.

ceptance in the senate.

nally are confident they have

enough influence to win its ac-

ber of commerce sponsorship for

tee voted today to take Edgar L.

Warren, a high labor department

official, off the government pay-

Five of Warren's ex-associates

from the war labor board prompt-

ly replied that "he is a loyal and

ouster is a \$1,685,586,780 bill to

finance the labor department and

the federal security agency for the year beginning July 1.

of the conciliation service, which

employes of the service.

businessmen and employes.

Jack Bartlett to Talk

would end next June 30.

Without the legislation, price

# Marshall Asks

MOSCOW, March 21-(AP)-Secretary of State Marshall asked the council of foreign ministers today to authorize the Germans to es-The sub-committee also took tablish immediately a provisional bureau people believe the same cognizance of the threatened loss government as the first step toof federal funds-arising from a ward creating a federalized Ger-

not have to raise whatever the in a proposed three-point plan of man authorities" to carry out the terms of the peace settlement be-

British Foreign Secretary Ern-"one party" system in Ger-

Although not mentioning com-

The inference was clear, since of Germany insisted on, and created, at one-party system called The senate, in the meantime, the social unity party by a forced again delayed action on the house- merger of the communists and so-

Bevin's stand took special significanse in view of French For- A declaration that the proposed eign Minister George Bidault's United States action in Greece and disclosure that Prime Minister Turkey conforms with "the prin-Stalin in a recent interview had ciples and purposes" of the United criticized the French stand for a Nations was introduced in the federalized and decentralized Gersenate today by Sens. Vandenberg On Wet Street many and urged a strong central (R-Mich) and Connally (D-Tex) administration.

## Floods Take

LONDON, March 21-(AP)-Crippling losses of food crops in the snub the U.N. reported tonight as conditions the stricken areas.

Waters which trapped people in their homes in the worst floods commercial fishing. It returned in years were receding in some areas but rising water levels means committee voted 6 to 5 to reaches of the river Trent in Linask the house committee on as- colnshire, the Severn at Worcessessment and taxation to bring in tershire and the river Ouse in The town of Crowland, Lin-

colnshire, was in danger of becoming an island as a 40-yard breach in a dyke released a tor-

### Firms to Build

Three building applications were filed by Salem persons Friday with the civilian production administration in Portland.

Keith Brown Building Supply ing the federal government to in- company filed for a \$5600 boiler vestigate price increases of Cali- house to be located at their mill fornia oil companies and a re o- on Front street as part of Brown's lution felicitating the Oregon expansion plans. Robert Fromm, State basketball team at the na- route 7, box 403, filed for an additional tournament at Kansas City. tion to cost \$6300; and J. C. Stone The latter resolution was adopted and George A. Stone applied for permission to erect a \$5000 piano store on Fairgrounds road.

County Engineer Hedda Swart belonged to "communist-inspired" passes, and transferring probate and City Engineer J. H. Davis organizations. and juvenile matters from county conferred Friday on proposed surto circuit courts. The house also veys to ascertain the approximate will act on a senate bill doubling cost of an extension of Broadthe \$3000 real estate loan limit to way street to North River road, as devoted citizen." a co-operative county and city

Swart stressed the importance bill to tax cigarets 2 cents a of the extension in view of the package for the next biennium, possible future construction of the to raise \$4,000,000. Also up in the Division street bridge, as yet only

\$2,500,000 state building in PORTLAND, March 21-(AP)-The state liquor control commission The house will resume at 10 a. granted a wholesale beer and today, the senate a half hour wholesale wine license to the Chappell-Marshall company, Sa-

## Steel for Red Zone

BERLIN, March 21 -(AP)- The Americans and British suspended indefinitely today iron and steel shipments into the Soviet zone of Germany on the grounds the Russians had failed to live up to a \$21,000,000 trade agreement with who demanded a record tally in merged British-American an evident move to get republicans "on the record" in favor of

In a formal letter to the German economics executive committee for administration at Minden, the American and British authorities ordered an embargo on export of pig iron and steel and standard iron and steel products to the Soviet zone.

Rails Among Products Stopped Standard products include the ment by Rep. Gamble (R-NY) to bulk of shipments such as rails. permit the importation of jams, slabs and H-bars. Non-standard items unaffected would include sized packages without a ration those prepared to particular spestamp-provided they are made cifications for use in the Soviet

from sugar not originally intend- zone. ed for importation to this country. The Soviet zone had become Senate action on rent and sugar progressively delinquent in its controls bogged down when the promised deliveries during Janusenate republican policy commit- ary and February, although the tee failed to reach agreement on U.S. and British zones had shipped whether controls should be con- to the Russian zone 95 percent of ing of all senate epublicans to- said.

Russ Lag on Wheat Shipping Specifically the Russians did not est Bevin earlier had submitted a the policy committee for a blanket make good on promised monthly similar proposal but in much 10 per cent rent increase if con- deliveries of 10,700 tons of wheat trols are continued, but it was and rye, 2,700 tons of oats, 50,000 an absolute par with the federal that Britain would not stand for this provision that killed an tons of brown coal briquettes, 50,-000 cubic meters of coal mine pit props, 500 tons of chemical pulp, 500 tons of newsprint, 27 tons of cording for tires, 200 tons of technical paper and 300 tons of buna of you has done anything." (synthetic) rubber, the announce-

ment said. An interzonal trade agreement between the British and Soviet military governments was signed 1946, and provided for exchange of specific quantities of iron and steel products, standard and non-standard, from the British zone for foodstuffs and other material from the Soviet

### Crash Occurs The two leaders of the senate

The first day of spring, after foreign relations committee of being ushered into Salem early fered the declaration in the form yesterday on a waft of warm air, of a preamble to the bill authoriz- ended last night with wet streets ing aid to Greece and Turkey to and a minor traffic accident, with bolster them against communism. forecasts by the weather bureau The senators' aim is to meet criti- of more showers for today. cism here and abroad that Presi-A large crowd viewed the dam-

dent Truman's proposal would age at Liberty and Center streets last night after cars owned by The preamble notes that the William E. Callander, Amity, and U.N. security council already "has Everett V. Farlow, 220 D st., colgrew worse in scattered parts of recognized the seriousness of the lided just prior to midnight, pounsettled conditions" on the Greek lice said. Herman Countryman, frontiers. It recalls that the U.N. Salem, rider in the Farlow car, food and agriculture mission was treated by the Salem first aid recognized the necessity that squad for a cut lip and both he Greece receive financial and econ- and Farlow were arrested by city omic assistance and recommended police on intoxication charges, pothat Greece request such assist- lice records indicated.

### ance" from the U.N. and from the **Board Authorizes** The bill to which the preamble would be affixed is now in the Airlines to Hike house foreign affairs committee. If the preamble is not adopted in If the preamble is not adopted in the house, Vandenberg and Con-

A 10 per cent increase in airplane fares, probably becoming effecby the civil aeronautics board.

At Tourist Host School PENDLETON, March 21 -(AP)be effective for 90 days—the first langrounds. W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, Salem, of joint action of the domestic air host school here March 24. The they see fit. school is under Pendleton cham-

be just over five cents a mile.

**Budgeters Deny Conciliator Pay** 

The vehicle for the proposed mittee on un-American activities. damage the effectiveness of the

or perhaps 1943, he made a speech

# Cut in Public Welfare Proposed



WASHINGTON, March 21-(P)-With the "secret" book of Greek and Turkish emergency background documents spread before him, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson finds an answer to a question, as he testifies before the house foreign affairs committee in Washington. A state department aide, Hubert Havlik (right), chief of division of investment and economic development, assists him. Acheson agreed today to strip the "secret" label off background documents given to committee members to use on Mediterranean policy. Several of the legislators here insisted the documents should be published. Mechanical difficulties at the state department in making copies, however, delayed the publication until tomorrow.

### Cordon Talks to State Assembly

Sen. Guy Cordon paid a fleeting visit to the legislature Friday issue will be referred to a meet- a joint U.S.-British announcement and left a wry compliment before he departed for Eugene to fulfill a speaking engagement.

"I want to congratulate this legislature," he said in a short talk to the senate, "on being on congress at this moment." He stopped the swelling

senatorial chests, however, adding with a smile: "Up to this point neither one

## To Duplicate Seized Cargo

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP) ment said tonight.

'fair compensation" to the Isbrandsen Company, the ship's operators, and reimbursement for the delay.

The Martin Behrman's cargo of sugar and other commodities from Indonesian-held territory in Java was seized by Netherlands authorities. The ship was taken under naval escort from Cheribon, Java, to Batavia and the cargo unloaded there

The cargo included rubber. cinchona (from which quinine is derived) and sisal valued at \$3,000,000. The Dutch contended that the cargo comprised property "looted" from Dutch estates now in the hands of the Indonesian republic.

A dispatch from Batavia said 000,000 from The Netherlands for

### Dogs Arrive Here WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP) For Annual Show

Yelping but well-groomed dogtive April 1, was approved today began arriving in Salem last night has removable works which may for the licensed all-breed dog be replaced upon inoperativeness The fare increase was sought in show which opens today at the and will cost the city less than the cific coast unions in resumption of an agreement by 16 airlines to grandstand building of the state other meters. This is the type of negotiations with the Pacific Tele-

More than 450 dogs will appear the representative said. the state post-war development carriers in raising tariffs. After in the show, many of them from commission, will be speaker at the 90-day period, individual lines Los Angeles, Seattle and other disthe opening session of a tourist will be free to adjust fares as tant coastal states points. Judg- Blossom Day Set ing will begin at 10 s. m. today The present average rate is 4.6 and continue through tomorrow cents a mile. The new rate will night. The Salem Lions club spon-

ground may be subject to ques-

he has been a member of the labor conference at Yale univer-

American League for Peace and sity, Warren said: "The action of

Bookshop, and attended meetings. tee is not surprising. There were

Both of these organizations are articles in the press to the same

communist-inspired fronts and effect recently. If this (the bill)

have been so certified by the com- were to pass it would seriously

beliefs. He admitted that in 1944, funds for 100 persons.

### **Parking Meter** Sale Proposal special session vesterday in city

Council Rejects

hall, turned down a parking committee report proposing purchase of parking meters from the Duncan Meter company of Chicago, after inspecting meters of three firms Instead, Mayor R. L. Elfstrom

instructed City Manager J. L. Franzen to renegotiate with Michael Arts Bronze company, Cov-Wednesday following delay in ar- school fund in substantially the rival of 1175 parking meters long same version as was adopted by on order and due in January. Elfstrom expressed the hope

The Netherlands government has that new arrangements with the debating between this and a difagreed to let the American mer- Covington firm might effect do- ferent type of apportionment, foshant ship Martin Behrman sail livery of the city's meter ordered from Batavia with a duplicate of He called the council into the the cargo she previously was session again Monday might to district. forced to unload, the state depart- again consider the long-penning matter of installing parking met-The settlement also provides ers on downtown Salem streets.

Thursday night with representatives of three parking meter com- portation panies to consider their products, offered to the city after the Michael contract was questioned for non-delivery.

Companies, besides the Duncan O-Meter company, Oklahoma City, Rressional district distribution and M. H. Rhoades company, plan, did not concur, Newark, N.J. Magee and Duncan salesmen were heard by the coun- before Tuesday. cil last night.

The Duncan representative Phone Strike one-third of all the parking meter business in the United States, that the meters need not be wound and are "foolproof to the customer and the company would claim \$10.- to the city" since a red flag jumps up when the meter is jammed er when the parking limit time is used up These meters would cost the city \$30,000 over the cost of the contract cancelled Wednesday

The Magee-Hale representative stated that his meter was of the automatic type; has to be wound; meter that is used in Oregon City,

## Early This Year

King Bing of Salem Cherrians, appropriations, Mrs. Nan Wood said Friday.

Unseasonal warm weather has said the staff's shrinking from 27 advanced by several weeks the to four would mean less check on WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)- labor department's main tool in ployment in such an important traditional date of the annual smuggling. The house appropriations commit- trying to settle labor-manage- place of anyone whose back- countryside pilgrimage of blossom-loving autoists, Dyer explained. Routes have been mapped The committee reported to the In New Haven, Conn., where and full plans will be given next roll on the grounds that he had house: "Mr. Warren admitted that he was attending a management- week, Dyer indicated,

### Democracy, and the Washington the house appropriations commit- Yalta, Potsdam Texts to Appear

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-"Mr. Warren contended that he conciliation service. I refer par- The state department announced does not now have any radical ticularly to the possible refusal of today that the full texts of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements "I would like," he added in an will be published within the next In submitting it, the committee to an inter-departmental group interview, "to call your attention few days.

wrote in a provision to deny any of government employes in which to the statements of five public Earlier Rep. Mundt (R.-S. D.) funds to the office of the director he held to the philosophy that members of the war labor board had told newsmen he had been government employes should be headed by Lloyd Garrison, and six assured by Undersecretary of is Warren's job. The provision entitled to the right to strike. Mr. top industrialists. In their state- State Dean Acheson that the texts likewise affects the offices of Warren now claims that he has ment they said that they worked not only of the Yalta and Potssome 100 other executives and changed his mind on this subject. With me throughout the war and dam agreements, but also that "The situation confronting our knew me as a loyal and conscien- reached at Tehran would be made The conciliation service is the country is too grave to permit em- tious citizen and public servant." public tomorrow.

## Acheson to Open Secret File Veto by President Expected

WASHINGTON, March 21-(A)-The senate, over-riding Democratic protests, today approved legislation stamping "null and void" virtually all portal pay suits, present and future. A prediction that President Truman will veto the bill was made to the senate by Sen. Lucas

Today's vote was 64 to 24, which was one-sided enough to override a presidential veto if the proportion is not changed. It takes a two-thirds majority to set aside

\$6 Billion Involved in Suits The measure outlaws suits for nearly \$6,000,000,000 filed in the wake of a supreme court decision: that portal activities, such as walking to the work bench and

changing into work clothes, are

compensable unless trivial. The bill now goes back to the house which already passed a similar measure. The two versions probably will go to a conference committee for settlement of dif-

Senate Republican leaders pushed the portal bill through after defeating a Democratic subempted future claims from the sweeping ban. This proposal was defeated, 53 to 35, on a roll call

Amendment Defeated Then the Republicans beat down an amendment, 50 to 39, which would have eliminated provictions voiding pertal claims under the Walsh-Healy and Bacon-Davis acts, which establish labor standards for firms working on government contracts. The amendment was offered by Sens. Holland (D-Fia) and Tydings (D.=

Nearly all pending portal suits have been filed under a third minimum wage statute - the wage-hour act.

Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) voted in favor of the bill outlawing portal pay suits. Sen. Cordon (R.-Ore.) did not vote but announced he was in favor of the bill.

### School Funds Apportionment Bill Endorsed

the city was ordered terminated tee passed last night on distribuat the regular council meeting tion of the \$16,000,000 basic

the house. The senate committee had been Vised by some eastern Oregon lear laters and Postfund school

favor of a measure that would distribute 15 per cent of the funds Alderman Albert H. Gille's in grants and aids, 20 per cent parking meter committee had met on a basis of equalization, 5 per cent on administration and trans-

Sens Faul Patterson, Hillsberg, Howard Belton, Canby, Lee Patterson, Portland, and Dean H. Walker, Independence, voted for the measure Sen. Ernest R. Fatfirm, are the Magee-Hale Park- land, sponsor of the opposing con-The senate will not vote on it

## **Power Given**

PORTLAND, Ore, March 21-(P) The United Telephone Workers of Oregon announced today their 4,000 members have voted 5 to 1 to authorize a strike should the negotiating committee find it necessary

The mail balloting ended last night, and votes were tallied today. C. M. Bixler, president of the Oregon union, will join other. Paphone & Telegraph company at San Francisco Monday,

23 of 27 Customs Men

In Portland Cut by Bill

### PORTLAND, March 21-149-Twenty-three of the 27 U. S. customs port patrol officers here March 30, this year, W. C. Dyer, because of congressional cuts in were given dismissal notice today Honeymoon, collector of customs,

Sales Tax!

A new sales tax plan has been approved by the house. If it passes the senate this week, amended or otherwise you'll be entitled to vote on it, probably June 24. What it now provides, who it affects, what it exempts and how ti would be used will be detailed in an impartial, fact-

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ual, informative story in