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Sales Tax Deadlock Blocks End 16Injured Of 44th Legislature Until Today As Raid

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tases of newspaper and radio erties have excited wide inest, has many of the character-ies of a genius. As a working wspaperman he has few superors. He is fluent and vivid as a writer, has very practical ideas of newspaper and radio operaion, and his energy seems never o be consumed. His ambition rise is limitless and gets perotic release in surges of business sion. His head above the ucis now, among the Stars and Suns. Judging by reports he as run up his investments or his by some two million

He and I were associated in 1939. It was my conservatism and tion of our partnership. While he pears to be playing some long Portland, continuing and vivfying the Vancouver Sun and Seattle Star I know something of is resourcefulness so do not join th those who predict an early



Eugene Millikin (R-Col) who revealed today that the senate finance committee of which he finance committee, of which he is head, will take up the in-come tax reduction bill shortly with an eye to placing it on the floor of the senate early in May.

the ownership and management of The Statesman from 1929 to man tied in with any newspaper empire that led to the terminats like launching a new daily Grows Remote

Grows Kemote Moscow, April 4-(/P)-Author-itative informants declared to-night that the foreign ministers Meanwhile, in rapid-life de-velopments Friday: (1) Gov. Earl Snell signed in-to law the bill apportioning the \$16,000,000 annual school support fund, and the two so-called labor-curb measures barring hot cargo a major issue upon which settleissues, secondary boycotts and ment of the German problem dejurisdiction disputes, and requirpends, that the economic coming secret elections to determine mittee had given up trying to whether valid disputes exist. find a compromise and had ceas-**Reforestation Vote Passes** ed to meet. bassadorial post. (2) The senate gave final pass age to amended house-approved measures calling for referendum votes on the issuance of bonds up to three-fourths of one per cent Truman's proposals for for the India post to congress. (\$7,500,000) of the state's valuation, for reforestation and on letting cities and counties set up new tax bases and restricting application of the 6 per cent limita-The deadlock on reparations trial development and her request tion to property taxes. (3) The house, reviving a oncevelopments from the Moscow meeting. Since all the other Gerdefeated issue, passed and sent to the governor a senate-approved measure limiting to one year all suits for back overtime and prepose of stimulating Indian mium pay, but not regular wages

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the U.S. could help.

Conference-Laden

Curb Bills By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesman When to hold the sales tax election (June 24 or Nov. 4), and how to split the revenue if it is passed, were the two big questions blocking adjournment of Oregon's longest legislature today. Word of an impasse between senate-house conference committees regarding details of the sales tax plans (one of which would

require building up a \$12,000,-000 school "cushion" fund) arrived on legislative floors in midafternoon Friday while both houses were driving toward the hoped-for adjournment last night. The senate and house proceeded to clean up their calendars, how-

ever, in the hope an agreement would permit the biennial Auld Lang Syne this morning. But Henry Grady the odds are against it. Amendment on other issues remained to be ironed out, and the usual lastminute moves to revive old issues and raise new ones were expected to keep lawmakers busy most of today. Meanwhile, in rapid-fire de-

By John Roderick PEIPING, Saturday, April 5 .-(P)-Five U. S. marines were killed and 16 wounded today in a fourhour battle with "dissident forces" tentatively identified as communists trying to raid a marine mmunition lump near Tangku, 25 miles east of Tientsin.

The attack took place at the village of Hsinho, five miles west f Tangku, before dawn. The attackers were beaten off and dispersed.

First sketchy reports said one marine tank was disabled by a land mine in the early fighting, which was punctuated by several explosions of stored ammunition. Marine fighter planes raced to the scene but did not go into action as the attackers dispersed. The ammuntion dump was de-WASHINGTON; April 4 - Henry fended by about a company of

F. Grady, California shipping magnate, who will be nominatmen from the first battalion of the first marine division. ed as first U. S. ambassador to A heavily-armed convoy was India by President Truman preparing to set out from Tient-

sin under Col. Julian N. Frisbie, commander of the fifth marines of Peiping, who was flying to Tientsin.

This was the second attack by communists in six months on this installation. About 200 Chinese of their own dead behind. As India Envoy \$75,000 Fire

Zephyr Wreckage at Chigaco

Price 5c

Grove station (center, background) near Chicago. The sp

Crowds Anticipated at Services Easter Morn



CHICAGO, April 4-Wrecked cars of the Burlington railfoad's Twin Cities Zephyr lie on the tracks and against the suburban Downers train hit a tractor spilled from a passing freight and piled into the station, killing two passengers and injuring 34. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Large crowds of Salem residents are expected to be out early for Easter Sunday services. Sunrise services at Belcrest Memorial park raided it last October 3, wounding are scheduled for 5:30 a.m., 6:30 and 7 a.m. masses are scheduled one marine and leaving several at St. Joseph's and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic churches, while St. Paul's Episcopal and 'St. Mark's Lutheran churches each has

a 7 a.m. service scheduled. The Rev. Louis E. White, pastor of Knight Memorial Congre-

gational church, will give the ser-mon at Belcrest Memorial park General Labor and Salem Youth Center choir **Bill Outlaws** will furnish the music.

The move, started several years

4,000 to Walk Out In Oregon

No. 8

WASHINGTON, April 4 -(AP)-The possibility that a nation-wide telephone strike may occur even if the government seizes the industry arose tonight when the union leadership challenged the government's seizure powers. Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers threatening strike Monday, said Attorney General Clark's opinion that President Truman has legal seizure authority is "contrary to the opinion of our legal counsel."

Beirne left open the question whether the telephone workers will stay on the job if the president takes over the industry on the Sunday midnight deadline.

Clark had ruled earlier that the president may exercise war powers in the federal communica-tions act to seize the industry.

Talks to Reporters After a meeting of the NFTW committee Bierne told reporters: "The attorney general's opinion is contrary to the opinion of our egal counsel. He is stretching the law to the breaking point in handing down such a decision. If sei-zure is decided upon by the president he will then determine what action is to be taken."

Regarding prospective action by governors of several states to invoke newly enacted state laws mning strikes in key utilities, Beirne issued this statement:

"We will resist action of states that deny to us rights guaranteed under federal law. No state can circumvent the federal constitutional guarantees against involun-tary servitude."

To Join Rest of Employes PORTLAND, April 4-(P)- The United Telephone Workers of Ore-gon said today its 4,000 members-would walk out at 6 a.m. Monday, along with the rest of the na-tion's phone employes. A builetin was sent to tele-phone employes advising that

phone employes advising that "union contracts expire at midnight on April 6. No contract, no

Policy Rests in Washington

work."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4-049 Dan Johnston, representative here of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (independ-ent), said tonight the union would not strike against the Pacific Tel-ephone and Telegraph company if the government seized the company under a lawful ruling of the attorney general.

collapse of his adventure into metropolitan journalism. He has great capacity and if the finances hold out he may develop as a new William Randolph Hearst, though he will despise the com-Datison

Sackett announced his expansion with a lengthy statement setting forth his philosophy of newspaper operation. He lines up politically as a loyal follower of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is a severe critic of the "press." He presents each of his new papers as "The People's Paper," and emphasizes the point that it is owned by the

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Choir Plans Easter Tour

pella choir, will spend half their Easter vacation singing, as they With Prop Missing will leave Wednesday on the first university choir trip since 1942, Dean Melvin H. Geist, choir director, announced Friday.

The week-long choir tour will. include appearances at Junction City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Coos Bay, North- Bend, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Redmond.

Soloists appearing on the program will be Reid Shelton, Salem, Michael Carolan, Grants l'ass, and Robert Gwinn, Newberg. Two pianists, Katherine Schissler and Joan Johnstone, Salem, also will appear.

HOUSE PERMITS GRANTED

Authority to construct seven houses for sale in Salem was granted Alton G. Hamilton of Salem by the Portland office of the federal housing administration, according to Associated Press releases yesterday.





This disclosure came as Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in answers to a series of questions expressed doubt that President Greece would "restore democracy" to that country. Molotov called for a hands off policy in Greece.

may rule out any concrete de-

man problems depend on agreement on reparations and achievement of economic unification of the reich, the prospect of any settlement of major German issues appeared remote.

Fifty-two Willamette univers-ity student members of the a ca- B-29 Lands Safe

FAIRFIELD, Calif., April 4-(AP) A B-29 weather reconnaissance

plane which encountered engine trouble 400 miles south of Kodiak, Alaska, and proceeded on three engines for the duration of its flight landed without incident at this base at approximately 7:30 p.m. (PST) tonight.

Fairfield-Suisun army air base officers said the plane's No. 2 inboard engine on the left side apparently had an internal failure of some kind. "The propeller windmilled for

a while before it broke off the shaft and disappeared," Pilot R. C. Johnson said.

50% Raise in Price **Of Eggs Predicted** ernor directs.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4 .- (AP) A prediction that eggs might rise 50 per cent in price by year's end was made by some industry representatives today. The USDA said the normal decline in egg prices at this season

might be offset by an anticipated post-Easter demand for cold storage eggs. Industry spokesmen cited high

feed prices, reduced laying flocks, and government buying as factors tending to increase prices.

Parking Meters Installed **On Lebanon Streets**

LEBANON, April 4 - Parking meters are being installed on Main street and on the first blocks of the cross town streets in the business section. Some 200 meters will be set up according to the con-tract made by the city council.

ETHIOPIAN OIL TEST DUE Sinclair Oil corporation, said toplete its first test well by the latter part of 1948 in its vast Ethiopian oil concession.

and salaries, and also overrode final attacks to provide appropria tions for statues of the Rev. Jason Lee and Dr. John McLoughlin and for continuance of the Willamette River basin and postwar readjustment commissions

Governor Escapes Also passed by the senate, sub-**Autograph Hunter** ject to house acceptance of amendments, was the bill letting club liquor licenses be issued to local units of national organizations without their having served meals the required two years. Gov. Earl Snell's.

Property Liens Bill Voted Passed by the house and sent to the senate was a measure requiring the state to take liens on the property of old-age assistance

recipients. Re-passed by the house with amendments were bills making the withholding tax on salaries

effective next January 1 in event the sales tax is defeated at referendum, and authorizing the attorney general's office to super-

fred Mundt. vise all civil actions involving the state and to step into district at-torneys' criminal cases if the gov-NEW MAISH TRIAL SOUGHT

Major amended measures up today include those raising unemployment compensation benefits from \$18 for 20 weeks to \$20 for perior court Monday.

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22 weeks, and allowing convicts to make license plates and highway signs. Not until the final sine die ad-

of the recently-passed bills, and in exactly what form, will survive the legislative gauntlet to reach

the office of the governor. Gasoline Probe Plan Defeated Defeated in the senate Friday was the house bill allowing dis-

The day's session will start a

pensers of game licenses to charge and retain an extra 25 cents for

handling, and two senate measures-one asking congress to investigate gasoline prices, and the other proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the ap-

initiative and petition method, such as was used in obtaining the \$16,000,000 school support fund. It was understood late last

CAIRO, April 4 -(AP)- A. E. Watts, executive vice president of ready had gone home, but there was no doubt that quorums would. be on hand to finish lawmaking sometime today or tonight. day the company hopes to com-

> 10 a.m (Legis. actions page 3).

lersecretary of State Dean sparks destroyed a downtown ga-Acheson disclosed today. rage today and temporarily The 65-year-old California shipthreatened four stores and the ping man has been rumored for city hall.

time as the man tapped for Four automobiles and a truck the job. This will be his first amin Garrabrant Brothers' garage burned, and adjacent apartments Acheson let the word out at his and stores suffered minor damnews conference when asked by age. Loss was estimated at \$75,reporters when President Tru-000, covered by insurance. man would send the nomination

Diplomatic officials said the Italy Said Ripe major economic aspects of Grady's mission will include general For Dictator trade promotion, India's indus-

for technical assistance, and negotiation of a treaty of friendship, mmerce and navigation. In 1941 Grady headed a techni-

cal mission to India for the purwar the nation's economic crisis deep- a sung mass. production and determining how ened beyond control, there might

be "no other remedy but dicta- 4 and 5.) torship." As he spoke Naples was in the

fice workers were out in protest against the high cost of living. Fund Nears Goal The ordinarily mild-spoken pre-

mier, his voice betraying deep A traveler who collects autoemphasis at his news conference graphs across the country couldn't have picked a worse day to seek

With legislature nearing its end over'.' and the governor tied up in one

conference after another, auto-**Truman** to Talk graph hunter George Edwards settled for "next best"-an official Oregon seal for his hobby **On Radio Tonight** book, along with Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell's signa-WASHINGTON, April 4 .- (AP)--

Edwards also visited the city hall, and there obtained the siggoes on the radio tomorrow night city, the chamber of commerce nature of City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Recorder Al- at 7:30 PST.

He is reported to be preparing to re-emphasize major recom-

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 4. republican-dominated congress. Mr. Truman's immediate audi-(AP)-A new trial for Joseph Henry Maish, 16-year-old sentenced to ence will be a sympathetic onedeath for the slaying of La Dona the annual gathering of democrats Toscas, 17, will be asked in su- at a \$100-a-plate Jefferson day dinner

Not until the final sine die ad-journment will it be known which \$400,000 in PGE Improvements Set for Marion, Polk Counties

> Portland General Electric com-, sion line to connect Salem-and the pany will install about \$400.000 West Salem Bonneville substation. tion and thus might reach as high worth of improvements in its sys-Starrett said substations will be a cost as \$6000.

tem in Marion and Polk counties improved at the Salem alumina this year, including additional plant, the fairgrounds, Keizer, Mt. street lighting for Salem.

This was announced yesterday Angel, Central Howell, West by Fred G. Starrett, Salem division manager of PGE, who added propriation of state money by the that the mid-Willamette valley

new 24,000 volt line will be placed between West Woodburn and East area also will see about \$2,170,-Woodburn. 000 spent by PGE for customer

This area also will benefit Starextensions, transportation equip-ment, line extensions, new office rett said, from the new frequency- ed out to elect prefectural govnight that a few legislators al- and shop and other construction. modulated radio transmitter to be ernors, mayors and ward chief-In all, Starrett stated, PGE's installed on Mt. Scott near Port- tains for the first time in history. new construction program calls land for use in dispatching service and repais crews, and from per cent of all registered voters for expenditure of \$5,500,000.

He listed among projects of the establishment of a street lighting had cast their ballots in four company the rebuilding of the laboratory to aid cities in choice polling places in Tokyo. The of-57,000 volt line between Salem and placement of street lighting fices to be filled were appointive and Silverton and a new exten- equipment.

ago by First Presbyterian church for two identical services Easter Closed Shop Sunday, has gained followers each year as congregations ex-

panded beyond the capacity of the church. This year identical services are scheduled by Presbyterian, First and Jason Lee Methodist churches, First Congregational and First Christian churches while the usual two services will night. be held at St. Paul's Episcopal

church at 7 and 11 a.m. Only change in the regular Sunday schedule of five masses at St. Joseph's Catholic church will be that the 6:30 mass will be a ROME, April 4.-(AP)-Premier solemn high mass. St. Vincent de

Alcide de Gasperi, warning that Paul's Catholic church will have Italy could not struggle out of sung masses at 7 and 9 with a her current trouble without fore- low mass at 10:30. The 11 a.m. ign aid, declared topight that if mass at St. Joseph's is regularly

(Other Easter services on pages

grip of a strike that rapidly was becoming general. Rome post of-

Donations by private business emotion, pounded the table for and Salem persons have helped Route Explored increase the first aid car fund to as he declared "if things slide be- \$7500, \$2500 short of the needed SEATTLE, April 4 -(AP)- The yond control, the people will just \$10,000 Herb Barker, Salem coast guard ice breaker Northturn to anyone and say: 'You take Trades and Labor council secrewind on a North Atlantic scientary, said Friday., The fund was tific cruise last summer discovbegun with a \$1000 check from ered a potential "northern passlocal 324 of the Salem Teamsters age," the 13th coast guard distunion, and since increased by rict headquarters revealed today. \$2300 from the March 17 dance, Capt. Richard M. Hoyle, coast labor union donations, and city guard district operations officer. funds of \$2500 earmarked for the who commanded the Northwind President Truman may strike purpose, Barker said. Business on this expedition, during which the ship ploughed through ice as some of the keynotes of the 1948 concerns have donated \$712 and democratic campaign when he donations are being taken by the far as 750 miles east of Pt. Barrow, Alaska, voiced the opinion and the trades and labor council. that the vessel could easily go

mendations he made earlier to the Sales Tax Vote to

Cost Near \$6,000 Second Rejections Special election costs to Mar-For Liquor Licenses ion county for the proposed 1948

referendum on the sales tax as approved Thursday by the state legislature would approximate \$5450, according to Harlan Judd,

for a second time today. county clerk. Henry and Maragret Palmer, the In answering a question brought Boucanier, Salem, were refused up by Carle Abrams yesterday, a restaurant license, and Earl Judd said that this cost would not Bice, Red Lantern, Salem, was include miscellaneous items like refused a retail beer license.

Japanese Electorate Woodburn, Liberty, Hopmere, Selects Minor Officials

TOKYO, Saturday, April 5 -(AP) Active balloting was reported to-

day as all over Japan voters turn-

Chicago 56 27 .58 New York 52 30 -Willamette river 6.9 feet. Forecast (frpm U.S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today with light rain. High today 55. Low tonight 42. Cloudiness and possi-ble showers forecast for Sunday. By 10 o'clock approximately 20

previously.

"That would be a strike against the government," Johnston ex-WASHINGTON, April 4 .- (AP)plained, but he added that the ban on the closed shop, jurismatter of policy rested with the dictional strikes and secondary boycotts is contained in the pre-NFTW headquarters in Washingliminary draft of a general labor Johnston said the union did not bill before the senate labor comconsider Attorney General Clark's mittee, legislators disclosed tooral opinion that the president

can seize the telephone industry The bill, prepared by the committee's staff as a starting point as a legal ruling. Meanwhile, four emergency confor discussion by members, conferences looking toward settletains no outright ban on industryment of the threatened strike wide bargaining. Neither does it against the five-state P.T.&T. sysban the union shop nor maintentem were called for Saturday and ance of membership.

Senator Ball (R-Minn) had pro-Sunday as union leaders made posed an outright ban on the ready to establish picket lines at 6 a.m. Monday. closed shop and all its modifications. The bill as it stands is a compromise on this issue. It could Mine Safety requires workers to be union members to get a job, but would permit the union shop and maintenance of membership.

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Probe Begun By the Associated Press The task of correcting unsafe 'Northern Passage' conditions in 518 bituminous coal mines was well under way today throughout the nation, and United

Mine Workers officials insisted on careful scrutiny of results "for the protection of our men." As reports trickled in announcing safety certification of some

pits, a navy spokesman indicated that at least 25 per cent of the cited mines would "be certified okay" before Monday - end of a six-day mourning period by 400,000 soft coal miners.

Willamina Airman Killed in A-26 Crash

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., April 4 (/P)-The Myrtle Beach army air field today released the names of five men killed in the crash of an A-26 bomber near Richmond, Va., yesterday on a flight from Myrtle Beach to Washington. The dead included:

First Lt. Wallace L. Sims, pilot, PORTLAND, April 4.-(AP)-The next of kin, Mrs. Elizabeth J. state liquor control commission Burdick, mother, general delivery, rejected two license applications Willamina, Ore.

> **Engineer** Injured as **Streamliner** Derailed

KANSAS CITY, April 4-(A) The diesel engine of a westbound Rock Island streamliner, the seven-car Rocket, was derailed about 27 miles west of here when it hit a rock slide, O. L. Looney, train dispatcher, said tonight. The only injured was a wrenched back suffered by the engineer.

of a rebel government at Concep-**Parking Meter Posts'** Installation to Begin

> Installation of first standards for parking meters in Salem will begin Monday, City Manager J. L. Franzen said Friday. Belief that the Michael-Arts Bronze company would fulfill its promise of complete installation by April 25 was also expressed by the city manager.

pens, ink and paper used by the precincts in carrying out the elec-**REBEL GOVERNMENT FORMS** BUENOS AIRES, April 4 .- (AP)-The radio of Paraguayan insurgents heard in Buenos Aires tonight claimed that the loyalists' sole line of communication with the outside world had been sab-