

JOBLESS RELIEF PLAYS LEAD ROLE IN LEGISLATURE

Committee Expected to Report Out Administration Bill Today — Beer Bill Hearing Set for Monday

SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The unemployment relief issue, which played the leading role in yesterday's legislative activities, took opening honors for the last day of the third week of the 37th assembly, when a public hearing on the administration bill was held before the house unemployment relief committee. It was expected the committee would report out the bill today and make a second effort to place it on the calendar for final passage immediately.

A survey of other public hearings set for the immediate future indicated committees were almost ready to report out additional big matters now before the legislature. Tonight one hearing has been set, that on the opening of a portion of the Willamette river to commercial fishing. Beer Bill Hearing Monday.

During next week the hearings program will start with two on Monday, one on the beer bill and the other on bus and truck legislation. Tuesday the senate committee will hold a hearing on the two hydro-electric bills, while two house hearings on insurance bills have also been scheduled. Wednesday another hearing on the timber yield tax has been scheduled, while Thursday night the school bus matters will be up for discussion.

While the house today has nine bills up for vote, the senate has but three proposals. Noon adjournment of both houses is anticipated. The senate bills include one on state parole law amendments and another hearing to do with the holding of public utility hearings.

Plan Olympia Junket. The house will consider the senate action providing for a "junket" trip to Olympia by a committee of five to confer with Washington legislators on fish matters pertaining to the Columbia river. Bills to be considered include seed lien provisions, waiving penalty and interest on delinquent taxes by county courts in some instances, limiting time chattel mortgages can be placed on crops, rights of way acquisitions for state highways, and bill charging fee for trade-marks.

Lame duck national committee-men and committeewomen would be eliminated in Oregon by a bill introduced by Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee of Multnomah county. It provides for the election of the two officials in the same manner and at the primary election of the presidential year, when national delegates are elected, instead of the primary election of the gubernatorial year.

Ask Phone Probe. The senate passed a joint memorial asking a probe of the operations of the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The senate concurrent resolution, pledging the legislature to remain in session until some system of taxation is devised to relieve property of the tax burden, was tabled until Friday so members may have access to printed copies of a re-drafted resolution.

Pays Hospital With Fruit. SANTA MARIA, Cal.—(AP)—Hundreds of jars of preserved fruits are on the shelves of a hospital pantry here that were given for services. Another patient is paying her hospital costs with honey.

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Would License Collectors. During late afternoon yesterday the house received a measure providing for licenses for collection agencies, at a rate of \$10, and requiring a bond of \$3,000. Employees of collection agencies would not be affected by this act. It was introduced by Representatives Horan, Beckmann, Loneragan, Wells and Senator John D. Goetz. Before completing its calendar the house passed 11 bills, all of which were considered minor. Two were clarifying measures having to do with administration of estates, providing for convenience in location of law suits, requiring peace officers to report fines to state treasurer, permitting resident firms to distribute goods within county without peddler's license, changing time for fishing in Coquille river, and two senate bills clarifying duties of county boards of education.

Road Patrol Costs More. Comparative costs of the present highway patrol system under the state police and that previously under the secretary of state was the subject of consideration by the joint roads and highways committees of the two houses. The cost was declared about \$172,000 more under the present system.

Officials of the police department contended that the increase was largely due to the necessity for purchasing new equipment, increase in the personnel and expense which previously were charged to the secretary of state's office rather than to the traffic bureau.

Figures presented at the hearing showed that in 1929 and 1930 the state police and that previously under the secretary of state was \$428,558, while approximately \$641,000 was expended in similar work by the state police department during the period August 1, 1931, to November 30, 1932. The state police department has asked \$911,437 to carry on its traffic operations during the current biennium.

\$938,000 Required. The entire appropriation asked by the state police department for the present two-year period is \$938,000. This includes \$265,000 for the game division, \$226,000 for the fish division and \$87,200 for the fire marshal division.

Money for conducting the traffic division of the police department comes out of motor vehicle and state highway funds.

Senator Burke suggested that a bill be enacted limiting the number of traffic operatives. Into the small, high-ceilinged room of the judiciary committee crowded men and women from Portland to testify against house bill 83, intended to tighten up some of the loose joints of the recall law. Sponsor for the bill, Frank J. Loneragan, sat as chairman of the committee and threw the meeting wide open to anyone who wished to criticize the measure. Opposition came from the State Grange and the State Federation of Labor.

Northwest Ski Stars Will Compete Sunday. SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Highlights of the northwest's winter outdoor sports season, the third annual Pacific northwest ski tournament, one of the Pacific coast's largest ski events, will be held on the sheer slope of big hill at Summit on Snoqualmie Pass Sunday.

Fifty daredevils, including some of the leading skiers from Canada, Washington, Oregon and California, will compete for the northwest championships.

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CHINESE SOLDIERS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO ROUT JAPANESE

Nipponese Retain Hold On Chiumenkow, Key Coastal Route—Japanese Planes Bomb Northeastern Jehol

(By the Associated Press) A strong Chinese force failed in an attempt today to drive Japanese troops from Chiumenkow in the Great Wall of China, dominating the coastal route from China proper into the Chinese province of Jehol. Japanese captured the pass more than two weeks ago in preparation for their announced invasion of Jehol.

Japanese planes made their sixth bombing raid in two weeks over northeast Jehol yesterday, breaking up a Chinese military concentration west of Kailu. More than 30,000 Chinese troops were preparing for a clash in that region.

Helpo Occupied. Tokyo learned today that Japanese troops have occupied Helpo, last important town on the Siberian border to be brought under the Manchukuo government. The drive to Helpo, in the extreme north, followed recent offensives to the Soviet border on west and east extremities of Manchuria.

The Russian government denied Japanese reports that it had entered a secret agreement with China to strengthen that country's anti-Japanese boycott.

The mayor of Canton informed the Japanese consul at Hongkong that four men recently executed in Canton were "bandits" trafficking in arms. Previous reports were that the Chinese nationalist government and the anti-Japanese boycott society approved their executions as boycott violators.

Progress by League. The League of Nations special committee made some progress today in drawing up a report on the Sino-Japanese controversy which will include recommendations for league action.

The Japanese war office at Tokyo minimized the importance of the battle at Chiumenkow and said there were less than 2000 Japanese troops in the Shanhaikwan area.

KMED Broadcast Schedule. Saturday. 8:00—Breakfast News, Mail Tribune. 8:05—Musical Clock. 8:15—A Peerless Parade. 8:30—Shopping Guide. 9:00—Friendship Circle. 9:30—Today. 9:45—Shoppers' Tour. 10:00—T. S. Weather Forecast. 10:00—Schubert's Love Songs. 10:30—Morning Comment. 10:45—Martial Music. 11:00—Quartets Parade. 11:15—Morning Melody. 11:30—Song and Comedy. 12:00—Mid-day Review. P. M.— 12:15—Popularities. 12:30—News Flashes, Mail Tribune. 12:30—Martial Music. 1:00—Patriotic Program. 1:15—Dreaming the Waltz Away. 1:30—Oregon Rambles. 2:00—Dance Matinee. 3:00—Songs for Everyday. 3:30—KMED Program Review. 3:35—Chandu Review. 4:30—Across the Seas to Hawaii. 5:00—Popular Parade. 5:45—News Digest, Mail Tribune. 6:00—Dinner Dance Music. 7:00—Eventide. 7:30—Your Favorite Dance Bands.

EX-MARINE BECOMES A PRIEST



John Strachan (right), who served as a lieutenant with the British marines in the World War, was ordained as a priest of the Episcopal church by Bishop George C. Stewart of Chicago. (Associated Press Photo)

NEW MUSIC FILM USES OLD IDEAS AND MANY STARS

It's more involved, much more involved, than that. It has to be, with good roles for Bebe Daniels, Warner Baxter, George Brent, Dick Powell, Una Merkel, Ginger Rogers, Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks, George E. Stone, Robert McWade, Allen Jenkins, Eddie Nugent, a flock of others and most importantly—Ruby Keeler, who flashes brilliantly as the little unknown, and quite credibly saves the show. Where "Forty-Second Street" draws novelty and freshness in its expert characterizations up and down the line of talent, its quick tempo despite much music and dancing, its tunes, its humor, its vivid picture of the unglamorous, sweaty labor, from start to finish, that goes into a Broadway musical, and its finale—the scenes from the show, revealing how Ruby Keeler pinch-hits her way to fame. These scenes take full advantage of cinematic license and pardonably ignore the limitations that might be expected on any musical comedy stage. Three technical experts on the English setting of Constance Bennett's new film are confounded. Elsa Maxwell, internationally celebrated as hostess and authority on social affairs, Sir Gerald Grove and Madam Grenier, who once was head of the wardrobe for the queen, singly or combined can do nothing about it. Everything else may be authentic, but those English tea biscuits the players nibble in one scene are not English tea biscuits, but American horror of horrors, the authentic English variety crunched forbiddingly when bitten, and the microphone said no.

starring, in its elements, than another of those stories about a musical comedy troupe that is about to go on the rocks before the tryout, because of the angel's displeasure with the leading lady, who breaks her ankle and thus gives a chance to the unknown chorus girl who saves the day—I mean the night.

UNCLE SAM MAY FIND BOND SALE MORE DIFFICULT

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Mr. Cooper gave senators the play with his ideas about conducting investigations. They claim he wanted 50 blank subpoena issued to him. They pointed out only 27 have been issued so far in the entire so-called stock market investigation. Also they claim he wanted to work from his own office in New York, with no hindrance from the committee. That led Mr. Cooper and Senator Norbeck to the parting of the ways.

The latest hot tip from inside the committee is that they are looking over the books of a certain large bank affiliate in New York. No one will accept tips or vast announcements from that committee any more unless they are accompanied by sworn affidavits.

A certain senator has designated a private investigator to run down information about a new kind of blackmail racket in Washington. It seems certain companies have been threatened with official investigation unless they paid an amount of money. The evidence will be hard to get. The companies do not care to go into the matter. Those who paid do not want the fact advertised that they were such suckers. One which refused to pay and threatened exposure is satisfied to let things stand as they are.

There is no indication that anyone in official position is involved. The private inquiry is being directed at an attorney who has only a nominal official connection. It is very probable that the racket will be broken up, but there may be a congressional investigation if conclusive evidence can be obtained.

Some textile interests have joined the opposition to the farm bill. That may result in depriving it of three to five senate votes. The strategy of the opposition lobby now favors delay. They think that if they can prevent action March 4 they will be all right. That is a short-sighted policy. They can rely

on a presidential veto. It might help their game in the end. The way things appear now, the farm bill will pass and be vetoed this session. It will become law in the special session.

It begins to appear that Mr. Hoover stole a full march on the Democrats in recommending that bankruptcy legislation. Apparently he heard privately what the Democrats planned to do and then recommended it before they had publicly come out for it. That is better teamwork than has prevailed on any other issue.

The boys in the house speakerhip race are acting like a flock of school girls in a sorority election. Mr. Rainey appears to have the race nearly won, but a lot of the interested parties are getting catty. Rainey is not exactly pleased at the way Garner is tied up with his leading opponent, McDuffie of Alabama. These two are very close. They meet every afternoon in what they call "the education society." That is a group of Garner's cronies who join him daily in discussing the affairs of the world. Rainey is not in the group.

The situation has developed to a point where Garner and Rainey have had what might be called a falling out. Their personal feeling is bound to have an important effect on future Democratic leadership in the house. The man in Washington closest to

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