

PROPERTY TAX CEILING TALKED

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE peak of the war jam is passing. In the smaller towns, it is occasionally possible to get into a hotel without a reservation—although it isn't advisable to rely on it. This is a chilly winter on the Pacific coast.

The country, even the suburban, motels rather frequently display vacancy signs, at least up to about 5 o'clock.

The city hotels still run full. The garages run even fuller. All the city apartment houses still display prominently the "No Vacancy" signs they have had up since the war boom started.

IT'S surprising how many of them have been made over from "Vacancy" signs by the simple expedient of penciling a big "No" above the "Vacancy."

There WAS a time, whether we can remember it or not, when landlords WANTED tenants. That was back in the olden, golden days when there were surpluses.

We complained bitterly about the surpluses then, but have since learned the important economic lesson that if the world is to run successfully there must be more sellers than buyers.

THE general story is that the transportation jam is well over the peak. There are even fairly reliable reports of people walking in, asking for a Pullman berth or a seat on the next plane and GETTING IT—just as simple as that!

STILL—An Oregonian started shopping this morning for a room, preferably, or a lower berth, fairly hopefully, or just anything, dear Lord, as a last resort on the Cascade for tonight.

HE GOT A ROOM, over the telephone, and was instructed to call for it as soon as reasonably possible.

HE showed up at the window in about 20 minutes, told his name and his business, and was met by a look of blank surprise on the face of the reservation clerk.

"Why, sir," the clerk said, "this reservation was delivered to you not over five minutes ago."

The would-be passenger protested. He got there as quickly as he could, he asserted, and added that he was still puffing slightly from the haste he had made.

"BUT your name is 'Jan'!" the man at the window queried.

"Check," the purchaser replied. "And the room was such and such, was it not?" the clerk cross examined.

"Check again," was the response.

"Well," the clerk concluded, "we certainly delivered that room to a man giving your name."

Barracks Deal Upset Again

Perry Faces 4 Charges In Siskiyou

Four criminal charges, all of them carrying possible heavy penalties under California law, have been filed in Yreka against Jack Kyle Perry, 34, who has signed a statement admitting a vicious attack on a 17-year-old Klamath Union high school girl.

Perry was taken to the Siskiyou county, Calif., jail late yesterday, and this morning District Attorney Fred W. Burton placed charges of assault with intent to rape, crimes against children, sex perversion and kidnapping against the man.

In his statement Perry said he would plead guilty to all counts.

Penalties Listed
Assault with intent to rape carries a one to 20-year penalty, crimes against children one year to life, sex perversion one to 15 years and kidnapping, under section 208, California penal code, which does not include a demand for ransom, one to 25 years.

Burton today notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation and believes the federal authorities might file a charge of violation of the Mann act, which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Perry's statement corroborated the story told by the girl, who is still in a Dorris hospital receiving treatment after her experience. The attack took place on a side road off highway 97 this side of Dorris Wednesday afternoon.

Perry admitted forcing the girl to disrobe, threatening her with a 10-inch butcher knife. No gun was found in his car. The girl broke away from Perry and, clad in only one sock, ran through the snow to the highway where she was picked up by a motorist and taken to Dorris. Officers here say that her

Surplus Sale Loss Heavy
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The government has realized about 28 cents on the dollar from the sale of surplus property costing \$13,200,000,000 through 1946, War Assets Chief Robert M. Littlejohn told congress today.

The job is still less than half done and he needs new laws to wind up the war assets administration in the shortest possible time. Littlejohn said in a letter accompanying his report.

He said that in order to turn loose surplus installations the army and navy must have legislation which will enable them to estimate peacetime military requirements.

Littlejohn added that congress can speed up surplus disposal by simplifying such regulations as veterans' priorities.

Calm Motorist Beats River Rap
THE DALLES, Jan. 31 (AP)—Phil S. Ryan, 46, Portland, was alive today because he kept his wits when his automobile plunged into the Columbia river at the Dalles.

The car went into the river at the ferry slip yesterday. Ryan tried to open a door to escape. It wouldn't budge. So he sat calmly at the bottom until enough water trickled in to equalize the pressure. Then he opened the door and bobbed to the surface.

Onlookers, who had given up hope for him, pulled him to safety. They said he had been under more than 10 minutes.

GOP Budget Balancing Plan Gets Boost From Report Of Higher Revenue Prospects

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Congressional tax experts told the senate-house budget committee today revenues for the next fiscal year would reach \$37,928,000,000—about \$200,000,000 more than President Truman had estimated.

Committee Chairman Taber (R-N.Y.) told reporters this would make easier the republican program to balance the budget, reduce the national debt and cut individual income taxes.

Moreover, Taber reiterated a previous statement that "it is my plan" to balance the current federal budget.

Mercury May Move Upward
Thursday's storm, which left a thick blanket of snow over the Klamath area, had apparently spent itself today and warmer temperatures were in prospect for the week-end.

The weather man, however, gave strong hint of additional snow flurries in this section but nothing like the storm which left eight inches in one fall late Wednesday and early Thursday morning.

The mercury fell to 21 degrees, minimum for the past 24 hours, CAA reported.

In the meantime the Oregon state highway commission continued its warning to motorists to use extreme caution in traveling the mountain passes and described roads in higher elevations as "hazardous." All major routes were open today, but chains are absolutely necessary.

Bend was the state's coldest point with a low of 7 degrees.

Snow removal and sanding crews were busy on the Willamette pass and the Green-spring highway today, working throughout the night to clear the roads of the recent snowstorm. At Odell lake on the Willamette it was 19 degrees, overcast, 12 inches of new snow and 67 inches of roadside snow.

West Pointers Denied Leave
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Secretary of War Patterson today disapproved the applications of West Point athletes Blanchard, Davis and Poole for leave of absence to play professional football.

An announcement from the secretary of war's office said in part: "The secretary of war has disapproved the application of Cadets (Felix) Blanchard, (Glenn) Davis and (Barney) Poole for four months leave without pay subsequent to graduation from West Point.

"The requirements of military training and service for young officers are such that the war department cannot favorably consider granting extended leave of absence for engaging in private enterprise."

North Central Cold Wave On
By The Associated Press
Temperatures began to fall sharply in the north central states today as a new cold wave developed after the heaviest snow and sleet storm of the winter.

The midwest was still digging its way out of the drifts which measured as high as 15 feet in Milwaukee and communications were disrupted in many communities. Milwaukee schools and businesses were closed while railroads tried to resume operations.

Negotiation With WAA To Be Reopened

SALEM, Jan. 31 (AP)—The state board of education today unanimously rejected the war assets terms by which the state can acquire the Klamath Marine Barracks for use as a vocational school, and decided to carry on further negotiations with the WAA.

The board objected to the provisions that the barracks must be used for 25 years exclusively for educational purposes.

The board will ask the WAA either to reduce the 25-year period and provide exclusive use for education, or to leave it at 25 years and permit the state to use it for other purposes as well as for education.

The board felt that there might not be need for the vocational school in a few years, in which the state might want to use it for some other purpose.

WAA Offer
The WAA stipulation provides that if the state took over the barracks, and at any time during the next 25 years the state failed to use it exclusively for education, then the barracks either would revert to the government, or the state could buy it at actual value minus four per cent for each year the plant was used for education.

The board said it would attempt to rush the negotiations to final completion before the end of the legislature, which would be asked for \$350,000 in state funds to operate the proposed school from now until June 30, 1949.

The board had no objection to the WAA provision that the state must pay costs of moving some items not included in the deal. The board estimated this cost at \$500.

O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, said a few weeks delay would not handicap his program since the pressure on his department is greatest in the fall.

Split Charged On Portal Pay
DETROIT, Jan. 31 (AP)—The federal government is split over the national \$4,000,000,000,000 pay issue, it was charged today in the federal court hearings of the Mt. Clemens Pottery company case.

Edward Lamb, attorney for the pottery workers said Wage-Hour Administrator L. Metcalfe Wolling has refused, despite "a terrific struggle," to join Attorney General Tom Clark in fighting beside American industry against the portal pay theory.

Lamb told reporters later: "The inference is plain. The administrator is on our side; the attorney general is on the company's side."

Lamb, who has led the precedent setting Mt. Clemens Pottery company fight since its inception, told Federal Judge Frank A. Picard that the government's brief in opposition to portal pay "was filed solely by (Attorney General) Tom Clark."

Morse Warns On Punitive Laws
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association went into the second day of its annual meeting today with a warning not to urge "punitive labor legislation."

The warning came from Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.), who in a broadcast speech last night said he would advocate some modification of the Wagner act, but would not advise "legislation of compulsion."

Jackpot Collection



With his streamlined "safe on wheels," Paul Otterbein is shown here transferring coins from a parking meter box to the city coffers. Otterbein taps the meters about twice a week. The first collection yielded \$321.

Parking Meter Collections For Two Days Total \$321

Parking meters installed along Main, Klamath, Pine and cross streets yielded \$321 in the first collection which took in a 2-day revenue of Saturday and Monday morning.

Meters, which were put in the downtown section of Klamath Falls recently, started operating officially Saturday, January 25.

Many dimes were found in the meters, and a warning to the public has been issued that these do not register. It was thought that motorists may have believed that by putting in a dime they could park for a couple of hours.

It was also believed, that part of the money was put in before the meters were operating, by persons "trying them out."

Parking is free evenings, Sundays and holidays and the meters will not register coins put in during these times. It was brought out by the city treasurer.

Collections are not made daily but the second collection was in progress Friday. Paul Otterbein, meter box collector, unlocks each meter on his rounds and transfers the take to a wheeled receptacle. Sometimes the collection takes more than a day. The money is then taken to the city treasurer's office where the coins are separated by a machine. From this machine they are put into another machine of the type which bankers use, to be counted and from which they are made into rolls.

Results of the second collection will be announced Saturday.

Raise Given AFL Workers
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31 (AP)—The AFL turned "employer" today, giving \$20 weekly pay increases to 200 union organizers.

Among the union promoters affected are organizers in Alaska, said AFL President William Green.

Green said the pay of organizers had been boosted from an average range of \$60-\$80 to a range of \$80-\$100.

Sales Levy Plan May Carry Limit

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Jan. 31 (AP)—House leaders disclosed today they would include a 40-mill property tax limit in their retail sales tax proposal, which they hope the legislature will refer to the people at a special election soon after legislative adjournment.

Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg, chairman of the house assessment and taxation committee, said the tax would be between 1 and 3 per cent. He said the exemptions to be provided by the bill and the distribution of its revenues have not yet been worked out.

Gile said his committee would start to work next week on the entire tax program, an first would decide whether to "struggle along on existing revenues or to adopt new revenues." He said the sales tax would be considered along with the many other tax proposals, including the state tax study commission's recommendations for higher income and liquor taxes, and taxes on tobacco, gambling devices, amusements and soft drinks.

Information Campaign
"If we adopt the governor's program," Gile said, "the state will be flat busted. The people must be made to realize that we must have more revenue to finance the program the people want, including the public welfare and school programs."

Gile said the legislature hopes that the people become informed about the state's critical financial position before they vote on the sales tax, which the people have rejected many times.

Gile said the tax study commission "did a wonderful job" in pointing out the need for additional revenues, but he said he did not know how his committee feels about the commission's proposed new taxes.

The senate resolutions committee introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to permit the state and counties to tax motor vehicles and use the revenue for general purposes. The constitution now restricts use of this money to maintenance, construction and administration of highways.

The house passed and sent to the senate the state police salary increase bill, which provides raises of between \$600 and \$1080 a year.

Truman Halts Rental Order

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Major Gen. Philip B. Fleming, director of the office of temporary control, took responsibility today for the never-issued OPA rent increase order. He said it was blocked by President Truman himself.

He told the senate banking committee that the order was presented to the president for final approval by his deputy, James C. Pollock, because Fleming himself had been called away from the capital by the death of his mother.

OPA made all arrangements Wednesday for issuance of the order, allowing a 10 per cent hike in rental rates. It was not put out, and the White House announced President Truman felt any rent increase was a matter for congress.

Weed Road Jobs On Big Program
Twenty-two miles of the Weed-Klamath Falls highway will be rebuilt, the state announced today. The California 10-year highway modernization program is carried out as proposed after a special study.

The Weed-Klamath jobs include 11.7 miles from a point 4.6 miles north of Weed to Cougar, and 11 miles from Macdoel to Dorris.

The Weed-Klamath road is part of US 97 and a major traffic carrier into California. The program proposes considerable development on the Pacific highway both north and south of Weed, junction of US 97 and No. 99.

Byrd Leads Six Transports In Flight Over Polar Seas

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
LITTLE AMERICA, Jan. 30 (Delayed)—(AP)—Admiral Richard E. Byrd was "back home" in the Antarctic today after leading six big transport planes in a history-making flight over 600 miles of the south polar seas.

"I like this place. It's like a second home," said Byrd as he returned to the scene of his two previous expeditions to the Antarctic.

His plane and five others took off from the deck of the carrier Philippine Sea, flew over the icy wastes and landed without serious mishap on a snow-covered field laid out by an advance contingent of the navy's Antarctic expedition.

Churchill Suggests British Surrender Of Palestine Mandate; Evacuation Order Out

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Winston Churchill urged the British government today to surrender its Palestine mandate to the United Nations unless the United States joins "Britain 'on a fifty-fifty basis'" in a new policy for the Holy Land.

Almost simultaneously, the Palestine government ordered the evacuation of British women and children to the United Kingdom, a decision apparently forestalling new action against terrorism in the mandate.

Churchill, speaking in house of commons debate, declared: "We have broken our pledges to the Jews. Having found ourselves incapable of carrying out our promises, we have no right to say that we have to stay there for motives of honor.

"If there is no call to honor, then the responsibility of stopping civil war in Palestine between Jew and Arab ought to be borne by UNO (the United Nations) and not by this poor, overburdened and heavily injured country."

The former prime minister referred to talks in progress here aimed at reconciling Jewish and Arab claims in Palestine, and said: "When the present conference is over, unless the United States comes in with us on a 50-50 basis to shoulder an agreed policy, then we should lay our mandate at the feet of the United States."

Eugene Woman Held For Jury

EUGENE, Jan. 31 (AP)—Mrs. Virginia Harrington, 23, charged with first degree murder in the fatal shooting of her husband, waited in the Lane county jail today for a grand jury meeting that may not come until late February.

Accused of slaying Gene Harrington, lumber mill owner, on Tuesday, she was given a preliminary hearing in justice court yesterday. The court held her for the grand jury.

Prices Of Eggs Move Downward
PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP)—Egg prices took a downward revision for the third time in recent days today.

A major distributor cut the price by 2 cents a dozen on all but small eggs. Present wholesale levels are 50-51 cents a dozen for grade AA large, and 49-50 cents for grade A large.