

# Flames Destroy Two Wallowa Business Buildings

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# VON HINDENBURG IN DEATH AGONY

## SHELL STORE, OREGON HDWE. ARE BURNED

Early Morning Fire Wipes Out Wallowa Landmark Built In 1890.

## OTHER BUILDINGS SAVED BY FIREMEN

Flames Discovered After Getting Strong Start—Shell Plans to Rebuild Soon.

WALLOWA, Ore., Aug. 1 (Special)—The Shell Mercantile Co. building, which housed the second store operated in Wallowa in pioneer days, and the Oregon Hardware building were reduced to ashes here early this morning by fire of unknown origin. Other buildings across the street, including the telephone office, were menaced but were saved by the Wallowa fire department, later assisted by the Enterprise department. Windows across the street were cracked by the intense heat of the blaze.

The fire was discovered about 12:30 a. m. by Gordon Martin, who was driving to his home. The alarm was promptly turned in but the flames already had such a start it was impossible to save the two structures. Both were partly covered by insurance, and it is understood that the Shell store will be housed in a new structure as soon as one can be erected. Loss will run into several thousand dollars.

The Shell building was erected in 1890 by the Island City Mercantile and Milling Co., and was the second general merchandise store. At that time George Post operated a small

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## Duck Season In Oregon to Open On October 26

The Oregon duck shooting season this year will begin on Friday, Oct. 26, and close on Sunday, Dec. 30, with shooting allowed only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the 10-week period, the game commission decided at a meeting in Portland Tuesday.

This decision conformed to recommendations of the U. S. biological survey and gave Oregon the lead on the coast in a move for conservation of water fowl. There were hopes that both Washington and California would adopt a similar season.

The Oregon commission also decided on bag and possession limits, conforming to the law now reading 12 a day. Last year the bag limit was 12 and the possession, daily and weekly, 24. Game limits were reduced to four in each instance.

## FLOWER SHOW AT UNION TO BE ON FRIDAY

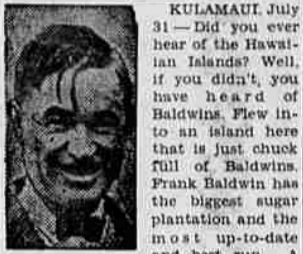
UNION, Ore., (Special)—The annual late summer flower show of the Women's club of this city, will be held Friday afternoon, August 3 at the club house. The display opens at 1:30 o'clock and continues throughout the afternoon. There will be a program and silver tea held in connection with the show. The affair is open to the public and if former shows are any criterion will be largely attended.

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## Hawaii Has Best Politicians



KULAMAUI, July 31—Did you ever hear of the Hawaiian Islands? Well, if you didn't, you have heard of Baldwin. Flew into an island here that is just chuck full of Baldwin. Frank Baldwin has the biggest sugar plantation and the most up-to-date and best run. A water pumping system that is big as San Francisco. Then they got a big cattle ranch. All riders and ropers and polo players.

These visitors that never get away from the Whykiki beach when they come out here miss a lot. This island must have the best politicians, for they got the best roads. Over home, a congressman is never any better than his road, and sometimes worse. Yours,

Bill Rogers.

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## RAIN BELOW NORMAL HERE DURING JULY

Moisture Deficit For First Seven Months of Year At 1.11 Inches.

With only .12 of an inch of rain for the month of July, which is exactly a quarter of an inch below normal of 1.17, making the deficit for the year to date 1.11 inches.

July was somewhat of a record breaker from a weather standpoint, with the all-time heat record of 107 set in 1928 equalled on July 27. Also,

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## COUNTY'S SHARE IN SCHOOL FUND FOR YEAR \$5998

Annual apportionment of earnings from the common school fund of Oregon will be made to the various counties today by the state land board, it was announced in Salem this morning.

Union county's share will be \$5,998. The turnover this year will amount to \$1.21 per census child in the state. Last year it averaged \$1.11.

Interest received from the irredue-

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## MILLER HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Considerable damage was done to the roof and attic of the Chris Miller residence at 1510 Adams avenue just before the noon hour today by fire. Origin of the blaze was unknown, although it caught on either the roof or in the attic.

The flames were kept from the rooms upstairs, but there was some water damage also. The alarm was turned in at 11:15 o'clock and the fire truck returned to the station at noon.

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riding horseback from their home, which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Unzicker, they came to two trees and in the one which was taken out an immense cougar had been treed. Mr. Childers went back home for his gun, while the girl and her dogs remained on guard and the animal was shot when Mr. Childers returned."

Corroborative information from Mr. Snodgrass states that the lone pine in question was cut down 15 years ago by W. R. Parker, an engineer.

## BOYS' CAMP AT LAKE TO OPEN AUG. 12

Harvey Carter, Director, Announces Plans And Personnel Today.

Registration is continuing this week for the annual boys' camp to be held at Wallowa Lake at the Methodist camp grounds from Aug. 12 to Aug. 26, inclusive. It was announced today by Harvey Carter, camp director. Registration is at the office of B. F. Wyde.

Complete plans and personnel for the camp, which is expected to be the best ever held at the lake, have been announced by Carter, who is particularly proud of the staff of assistants named up.

Woodrow Damerell will be assistant director and waterfront man. He is a Red Cross lifesaving examiner and this is his third year at camp. He will be assisted on the waterfront by Fred Gehring and Jack Fariss.

Russell Nelson will cook and will be assisted in the kitchen by Arthur Steffen, and by Rex Wall in the dining hall. All three are experts in their line.

Carl Johnson, a member of the 1932 staff, will lead naturecraft games and work on merit badges; Carl Coleman, La Grande eagle scout, will have charge of games and athletics, and Harry Dawson, who lives at Joseph and knows the Wallowa mountains like a book, will have charge of hikes and fishing.

Gilbert Stein, two-year veteran, will have charge of instruction; Don Higgins, stunt night, campfires and pow wows; Gehring, Wall, Lynn Johnson and James Brinton will serve as camp counselors, and Bob McMillan will be bugler. Nine of these leaders are eagle scouts and four are national

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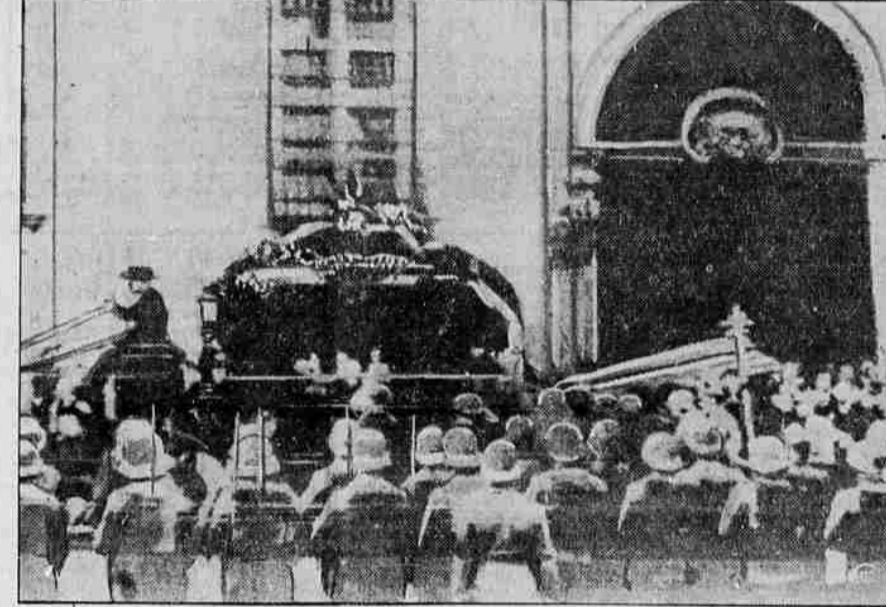
## Good Response Is Reported By Jubilee Board

A fairly good response has been reported by the general committee of the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration from the letters which were sent out yesterday to the underwriters of the event. Checks for 60 per cent of the amount pledged by each of the merchants are now payable at the office of the chamber of commerce—minus any amount which may have already been paid.

Members of the committee are very anxious to have all checks in their hands by tomorrow evening in order that all obligations may be retired at the earliest possible date.

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## Body of Dollfuss Taken From Assassination Scene



While files of Heimwehrmen form the guard of honor, the casket containing the body of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss, assassin victim in the Austrian uprising, here is being carried from the chancellery, where he met death, to a flower-decked hearse for removal to the Vienna city hall. The photo was transmitted from Europe by radio to NEA in New York.

## MRS. J. A. RUSSELL PASSES TUESDAY; BURIAL THURSDAY

Funeral services for the late Mrs. James A. Russell, whose passing occurred last evening at 6:30 o'clock at Hot Lake, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the St. Peter's Episcopal church, with her pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, having charge of the service. The body will lie in state at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman chapel from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock tomorrow morning when friends may call, as the casket will not be opened at the church.

Mrs. Russell was among the prominent pioneer women of this valley and also she was a native of Oregon. As Adelaide E. Whittemore, she was born in Eugene April 30, 1860 to which locality her father's family had pioneered from Iowa. She was married to Mr. Russell at Pendleton in 1886 and their family consisted of four children, Imogen, of this city, Mrs. Ruth Cox and Ralph, of Baker, and James Donald Hill, deceased. Their married life was spent at Cove—the home for years—Island City and La Grande. Coming here around 1907, Mr. Russell organized what is now the Grande Ronde Meat Co.

Mrs. Russell lived a very active life, and the Episcopal church with

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## Mrs. Busick Hurt When Tree Crushes Tent

UNION, Ore., (Special)—What might have been a tragedy but was instead a serious and painful accident, visited the camp of the Girl Scouts on Benson Island up Catherine creek, during the heavy winds of Monday afternoon. Mrs. Edna Busick who figured in the unfortunate happening has to thank a tent with a steel frame and a steel cot for injuries much less serious than they might have been. Mrs. Busick had just entered her tent and was lying on the cot when a huge tree struck by the severe wind, crashed, falling across the tent. A fork of limbs pinned Mrs. Busick at the throat and an immense splinter a few inches wide and perhaps twice as long was thrust in under her scalp on the left side of her head. Her cot was flattened to the ground and she was rendered unconscious.

Mrs. Dorothy Cook Davis, leader of the Girl Scouts in the camp retained perfect self control, organized the girls so that the camp had been entirely cleared, water hot and other things in readiness by the time doctors arrived. No skull injuries were

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## NEW ORLEANS IS TENSE AS GUNS BRISTLE

Mayor Walmsley Calls Out 500 Additional Police to Face Huey Long's Guardsmen.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 1 (AP)—Further answering the challenge of Senator Huey P. Long's militia mobilization south of the city, Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley today called out 500 additional police to duty from the city service lists, swelling the local constabulary force to 1,400 men.

Full arms, including riot guns, were issued to the augmented force at headquarters. All officers now on leave were recalled to duty and 12-hour police shifts were decreed for the first time here in 15 years.

The city was tense, fearing the first hostile move by either side might precipitate an actual clash between the state soldiers and the city police.

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## AUSTRIANS HANG ANOTHER REBEL

(Copyright, 1934, Associated Press) VIENNA, Aug. 1 (AP)—Another Nazi rebel, Friedrich Wurnig, who shot and killed Police Commandant Franz Hiekl at Innsbruck July 25, was hanged at 8 p. m. tonight after being carried to the gallows.

A court martial sentenced his companion, Christian Meyer, to 20 years' imprisonment. Another criminal trial of a Nazi was scheduled to have been held in Vienna this afternoon but was postponed until morning.

The foreign office said late today that no decision had yet been made in connection with the suggested appointment by Chancellor Hitler of Vice Chancellor Franz von Papen as minister to Austria.

A possibility was reported that Chancellor Schuschnigg and Vice Chancellor von Starheimberg will go to Rome some time in August for a conference with Premier Mussolini.

With armed opposition crushed, the government today began a mopping-up campaign against Nazis inside and outside the country.

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## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

WILBUR HEADS DEMOCRATS

WOLF CREEK ROAD GETS CASH

BOY PLEADS NOT GUILTY

DERN INSPECTING COAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—George R. Wilbur, of Hood River, was elected chairman of the Democratic state central committee at the annual organization meeting here today by members of the Democratic party in Oregon. Flavel W. Temple of Portland was elected secretary, and E. J. Griffith of Portland was re-named treasurer.

SALEM, Aug. 1 (AP)—Allocation of \$175,000 to the Wolf Creek highway and \$42,000 on the Wilson River highway, the two proposed routes from Portland to the coast, was announced today by the state highway commission.

NORMAN, Okla., Aug. 1 (AP)—Neal Myers, runaway college boy, pleaded not guilty at arraignment today on a charge of murdering Marian Mills, 20-year-old campus beauty at the University of Oklahoma. Myers said he did not know his sweetheart had died until he read it in a newspaper.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 1 (AP)—The army considers the Pacific coast such a strategically vital area that Secretary of War George Dern will make an exhaustive study of the defenses in the entire ninth corps area, comprising the Pacific states, within the next few months, he said here today.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Labor department cancellators at the Chicago stockyards strike scene reported to the department today they had obtained concessions from both sides and would hold another meeting this afternoon.

## TROOPS IN RAID ON HEADQUARTERS OF LABOR UNION

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 1 (AP)—Heavily armed troops, in quieting strike truck drivers, today raided the Central Labor union where scores of men and women were found. Twenty army trucks with machine guns lined up outside the building within three blocks of the heart of town, and the guardsmen took control of the place.

Officers said some firearms were found in the building. No arrests were made immediately and several of the occupants were soon released after questioning. Many were searched. Forty automobiles used by pickets were confiscated during the raid.

Albert Goldman, Chicago labor attorney, immediately began consideration of legal moves to obtain the release of the men.

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## LYMAN TELLS OF HITLER, GERMANY

An interesting talk on his impressions of the condition of Germany from actual observation during 30 months in the Fatherland, was given at today's Rotary club luncheon at the La Grande hotel by Richard Lyman, who recently returned from a three-year mission for the L. D. S. church.

Especially interesting was his statements of how the people of Germany in their hearts were reacting against Hitler, although they were so held in fear that voting and protest utterances gave no indication of the actual conditions.

Charles Gmther, assistant manager of the Oregon State Motor association, spoke briefly on the work of the organization he represents.

Guests today included Ray Gill, of Portland, and J. D. Alexander, of Spokane.

## PRESIDENT OF GERMANY NEAR LIFE'S CLOSE

Chancellery Tonight Denies Rumor He is Already Dead.

## HITLER MAY SEEK EXECUTIVE'S POST

Chancellor Visits Von Hindenburg in Neudeck—Leaves President Asleep.

BERLIN, Aug. 1 (AP)—An announcement at 8:28 p. m. tonight said President Von Hindenburg's death agony had set in and death was expected in less than an hour.

The chancellery vigorously denied a rumor circulating abroad that Von Hindenburg was dead.

Chancellor Hitler, returning tonight from the bedside of the dying reichs president, said the president shook his hand.

The chancellor said that when he arrived in the sick room at Neudeck, Von Hindenburg's condition already was serious but his mind still functioned perfectly.

He said that when he told the president that the entire nation zoped and prayed his condition might take a turn for the better that Von Hindenburg seized his hand warmly and shook it in grateful

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## Roosevelt Will Visit Portland Friday Morning

ABOARD CRUISER NEW ORLEANS WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, ORE., AUG. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt's approach of the Oregon coast today well ahead of schedule.

Capable of reaching Portland

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## Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
New York	11 15 2
Boston	2 9 1
Salveson, Hubbell and Mancuso;	
Danning; Cantwell, Barrett, Mangum,	
Brown and Hogan.	
(Second Game)	R. H. E.
New York	10 14 1
Boston	3 11 0
Schumacher and Mancuso; Frank-	
house, Smith and Spohrer.	

Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	4 10 2
Collins and J. Wilson; Benge, Zach-	
ary and Lopez.	
(Third Game)	R. H. E.
St. Louis	4 6 2
Chicago	0 5 0
P. Dean and Davis; Weaver, Bush	
and Hartnett.	

Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	4 10 2
Collins and J. Wilson; Benge, Zach-	
ary and Lopez.	
(Fourth Game)	R. H. E.
St. Louis	4 6 2
Chicago	0 5 0
P. Dean and Davis; Weaver, Bush	
and Hartnett.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
Chicago	10 15 1
St. Louis	6 13 0
Lyons and Shea; Hadley, Newsum,	
Andrews, McAfee and Hemaley.	
(Second Game)	R. H. E.
Boston	7 9 0
New York	11 10 2
Rhodes and R. Ferreri; Broaca, Van	
Atta and Dickey.	
Washington	11 14 0
Philadelphia	7 14 0
Weaver, Russell and Bolton; Flohr,	
Laggar, Wilshere and Berry, Hayes.	

## Wheat Today

The price of local new crop cash wheat stood at about 66 1/2¢ bulk, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland export 80 cents. Portland cash 85 cents.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1 (AP)—Wheat soared about 3 cents a bushel here today and corn 2 cents, responding to reports of worldwide drought.

Unseasonable weather and crop reports extending to Australia and Canada were noted as the reason for the upward course of values both at Liverpool and Buenos Aires.

Wheat closed strong 2 1/2¢ @ 2 1/2¢ above yesterday's finish, Sept. new \$1.03 1/2¢, corn 1 1/2¢ @ 1 1/2¢ up, sept. 71 @ 71 1/2¢, oats 5 1/2¢ @ 5 1/2¢ advanced, and provisions showing 7 to 10¢ gain.

## STUNTING CYCLISTS TURN FUN TO HORROR

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Aug. 1 (AP)—Two stunting motorcycleists roared into a church festival crowd at nearby Holmansville and left two persons dead and 30 injured, nine seriously, including themselves.

Drawn from the church by the roar of the racing cycles on the Lakewood-New Egypt road last night, the festival through saw Milton Showell, 28, of Whitesville, and Stanley Koierowski, 19, of Legier, stand on the seats of

their machines and remove their hands from the handlebars.

Suddenly Showell's cycle swerved and plowed through the crowd for thirty feet, leaving a trail of prostrate persons. The other machine crashed into an automobile, John W. Johnson, 80, and Everette Horner, 17, were fatally injured.

Showell suffered concussion of the brain and internal injuries. Koierowski has a broken leg, and internal injuries.