EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

School Board Denies Contract to Gaiser

Nazis Goose-Ster Into Czech Lands; Last Vestige of Republic Wiped out J.D. Ross Dies

'Protectorate' Established by Hitler Decree

Prague Officials Advise no Resistance; Hacha and Fuehrer Talk

Hungary Also Has Hand in Affairs; Two of Provinces Secede

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler in a swift coup at dawn today wiped out the last vestige of the Czecho-Slovak republic.

He marched his goose-stepping nazi army into the ancient Czech provinces of Bohemia and Moravia and announced simultaneously that he "had taken the Czech people under the protection of the German reich."

The Czech defense ministry announced shortly beforehand that the German troops were coming, and asked the Czech people not to resist. Church bells tolled throughout Bohemia as the dramatic, stark announcement was head.

In the 24 preceding hours history-making events piled one atop the other in stunning swiftness, with precision from Berlin. Slovakia Declares Independence First

Slovakia declared itself independent of the Prague federal government; Hungary demanded Prague withdraw troops from Carpatho-Ukraine, eastern autono-mous province; Hungarian troops marched into Carpatho-Ukraine and proceeded northward to Poland's border; Germany marched troops eastward through northern Slovakia toward Carpatho - Uk-

At the end of the day only the ancient Czech homeland of Bohemia-Moravia remained - nominal dismemberment republic. The Czech president, Dr. Emil Hacha, was in Berlin conferring with Hit-

But not even Bohemia-Moravia and Hacha parted at 4:15 a, m. (10:15 p. m. Tuesday EST), and at 6 a, m. (midnight Tuesday EST) German troops entered this heart of Czech territory. Hitler had declared in a world-

wide radio address last September 26, that the Sudetenland was "the last territorial demand I have to An official German announce

ment this morning said that Dr. Hacha and Hitler had agreed that "all efforts must be to guarantee the quiet, order and peace in this part of Central Europe," and that Dr. Hacha "places the fate of the Czech people and land trustingly in the hands of the fuehrer of the German reich." Two Ultimatums

Czecho-Slovakia's last day as federal republic began with Slovakia declaring herself - with Germany's backing-independent

Then Hungary — acting also with Germany's backing—sent two ultimatums to Prague. One had a 12-hour deadline expiring at 3 a. m. today (9 p. m. Tuesday EST) and demanded various Hungarian rights be granted in Carpath Wheelers. tho-Ukraine. The second was a 24-hour order, expiring at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. EST) today, demanding withdrawal of Czech troops from Carpatho-Ukraine,
Hungary rejected a Czech reply
to the first ultimatum, received

four hours before the deadline. As for the second, the Hungarian troops raced northward through Carpatho-Ukraine just a few hours

after it was delivered.

An estimated 10,000 Czech solddiers and gendarmerie were reported withdrawing as the Hun-(Turn to page 2, column 5)

Not in Sight

LONDON, March 14 .- (.)-Great Britain and France, who almost went to war with Germany over Czecho-Slovakia last September, kept strictly aloof today as the little republic further crumbled apart under overpowering pressure from Germany.

Officials in both London and Paris were believed to be more interested in the possibility that Germany's new moves eastward would lessen her interest in Italy's still unofficial claims for a part of the French colonial em-

Prime Minister Neville Champerlain in the house of commons called an "unwarrantable assump tion" a suggestion that Britain now was completely disinterested in Czechoslovakia.

But his replies to a series of questions from members of pariament showed plainly he had no intention of intervening in the German-Czech quarrel as he did last summer. France, saving her strength to

resist possible Italian demands on her, seemed to be only an interested spectator in the new crisis. Official sources left no doubt that France considered it a matter for Berlin and Rome to settle

frontiers, mentioned in an annex to the Munich pact) was "one against unprovoked aggression; against Czechoslovakia, and no such aggression has taken place.

Income Taxes Due For Final Action

on Amendments Slated in Both Houses

Both legislative houses this morning will have before them for final consideration report of their conference committee on was to be spared invasion. Hitler amendments to existing state tax laws on personal and corporate

> The conference report restores the existing personal income tax exemptions to \$800 on single men and \$1500 on married men. The provision by the senate upping the rates i. retained in the bill the two per cent rate applying to only to the first \$500 of taxable income, then jumping to three per cent on the next \$500, with advances of one per cent on each additional \$1000 of net income up to and including seven per cent. The increase on a married man with income of \$5000 will amount to 26 per cent, his tax jumping from \$115 tr \$145.

The conference committee agreed to leave the surtax on intangibles income at two per cent. The committee beat back a proposal to include utilities in the provisions of the corporate excise

On the conference committee vere Senators Steiwer and Jones. Representatives Hockett and

Beaverton Holdup Queries Face Duo

McMINNVILLE, March 14-(P)
-Two men identified as Roland
C. Kinney, 18, and Donald C. Gaslin, 20, were taken into custody today for questioning about the gagging and robbery of attendants of a Beaverton service station last night. The victims, William Dodson and Max Nolt, lost \$14.50. Gaslin and Kinney were found at and \$25 on another. James Simona Newberg tavern and State Officer James Burns said he located a pistol in their machine.

School Measure Is Beaten On Second Try in Senate Wagga Wagga' Is

favored by the majority.

The minority amendments, favored by the bill's original proponents, lowered the classroom unit base appropriation to \$1000 for elementary schools and \$1200 for high-schools.

Efforts to pass the county school equalization fund measure, HB 343, went down again to defeat in the senate late Tuesday. The measure was a part of Governor Sprague's legislative program.

The senate educational committee reported the measure, defeated Friday on its initial ballot, out with two amendments favored by the minority and one amendment

Sen. W. H. Strayer, opposing the bill, said there had been no demand in his state for the mea-

Sen. Dorothy Lee supported the bill. She said school districts with a large ratio of children to their

On the final vote, the measure

Intervention For Sales Tax Of Marathon Bill Succeeds

Representative's Tactics Make Vote Probable After 2 Setbacks

Referral by Legislature Will Mean Place on 1940's Ballot

If the legal voters of Oregon ballot in November, 1940, upon a sales tax bill referred by the legislature, they will have the parliamentary genius of Rep. Frank Lonergan of Portland to thankor blame—for it.

Checkmated twice in his effort to get a sales tax bill before the house of representatives after the gross income tax bill had been defeated Tuesday, Lonergan dug deeper into the book of strategy and apparently succeeded in getting the measure onto the floor. Pleads for Improved Relief, Social Security

Pleading earnestly for some leg islation which would both relieve property owners of an unbearable As for Britain, Chamberlain told the house that "the proposed tax burden and provide more generously for relief and social secursales tax bill, approved by the house taxation and revenue committee, be introduced over the apposition of the committee on legislation and rules.

Speaker Ernest Fatland ruled that this would require suspension of the rules, which requires a twothirds vote. The vote was 36 to 19 one short of the required num-

Rep Lyle Thomas of West Salem then moved that the cigarette Joint Conference Report tax bill sponsored by himself and Rep. George Duncan of Stayton be introduced, but that move also

Lonergan Bobs up With Another Motion Immediately Rep Lonergan was back with another motion — to withdraw the sales tax bill from (Turn to page 2, column 1)

Portlander Gets 15 Years Prison

OLYMPIA, March 14-(AP) Three safe crackers who burglarized a Tenino garage and stole a truck and a safe were sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary today by Superior Judge John M. The three, all from Portland,

are C. B. Ficklin, 31, Milton J. Burgessen, 27, and J. T. Spence, Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Ken-

ney said Portland officers questioned the trio today and that the men admitted 22 "jobs" in Portland, most of them safe cracking. In the Tenino robbery the trio stole the truck to carry the garage safe into the woods where they opened it. They were arrested a short time later as they were leav ing the woods.

Yakima Huntsmen Fined for Baiting

YAKIMA, March 14.-(AP)-Five Yakima duck hunters were found guilty of hunting over baited ground and were fined by Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster in district court today.

Lester Shaw, J. W. Hargreaves,
D. C. Tufts and R. C. Babbitt were

fined \$150 each. Jack Simonson was assessed \$150 on one charge son, William Amos and William Treneer were freed.

The case was the outgrowth of the arrest of 30 Yakima business men by federal officers recently. The officers charged ponds of duck clubs in the Yakima valley had been baited with wheat,

Not Amusing but 'Walla Walla' Is

SEATTLE, March 14.-(P)The Misses Alice and Forbie
Sullivan, arriving from Australia, laughed heartily today when
someone mentioned the name of
the city of Walla Walla.

"Isn't that quaint," they said.
But it was a case of the pot
calling the kettle black.

They're from Wagga Wagga.
They explained the town, in
New South Wales, got its name
because crows native to that
territory make a squawking
sound like—"Wagga Wagga."

Democracies' Lonergan Move Adjournment Report Plane Session Near

This morning's sun will dawn upon the 66th and final day of Oregon's 40th legislative assem-

the senate predicted that the session would close "in orderly fashion" about 6 p.m. today with all of its essential work completed. Speake: E. R. Fatland of the house said that body was ready to adjourn Tuesday.
It was expected that in accord-

ance with tradition, a resolution to adjourn at some definite hour, probably 6 p.m., would be passed this morning, and that in case that became impossible, clocks in the two houses would be stopped a few minutes before the "zero

Amendments to the unemployment compensation law constitut- snow. ed the principal major legislation delaying sine die adjournment but they were due for final action in the senate today. A few conferate on other legislation were expected to be necessary.

Today's session brings the legislature's tenure to six days in excess of the former record set in Searching Party 1933.

Ultimatum Fails

Portland CIO Stevedores Told Contracts Void if Iron Unloaded

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14-(P)-Portland CIO longshoremen, confronted with an ultimatum from their employers to load scrapiron aboard the freighter Ann Stathatos or have their union contract suspended, stood their ground in a meeting tonight and refused to load the mooted cargo. As a result closure of the port of Portland loomed for 8 a.m.

Thursday morning. The waterfront employers notified the International Long-pleaded guilty today to charges of shoremen and Warehousemen union today that unless dockmen and were found guilty by District started loading the scrapiron by Judge George N. Woodley of at-8 a.m. Wednesday the working tempted jail break. They pleaded agreement would be suspended 24

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Crashes Into Hills Nearby

bly, it was agreed upon all sides at the capitol Tuesday night.

President Robert M. Duncan of Ship Falls, Carrying Aviator With It

> Search Party Returns as Darkness Balks Further Quest

The mystery of a reported crash at 5 o'clock last night of a slate colored high-wing monoplane in the rugged country northeast of Niagara was unsolved early this morning. The search was called off last night due to darkness and

According to the first story received in Salem last night, relayed to The Statesman by Gladys Harrow, Mill City telephone operence committees to iron out dif- ator, several Mill City residents ferences between house and sen- saw the plane, with engine badly missing and finally silenced, pass over that town and drop. A man appeared to be attempting to bail out, some residents believed.

Three Mill City men, including S. Rider, former Salem mail carrier, started immediately for what they believed to be the scene of the crard, but returned after To Stir Dockmen dark with the report that further search wiuld be useless until day-Rider said he saw the ship dis-

> appear in the trees atop a 2000-No report was available of a missing airplane at a late hour last night, and in Portland State Aeronautics Inspector Allan D. (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Multnomah Jail's Rioters Sentenced

PORTLAND, March 14.-(P)-Five Multnomah county prisoners who participated in a riot Saturday at the sub-jail at Kelly Butte assault and battery on a guard innocent to the latter charge. Joe Prier, called the leader in

The ultimatum read "... No or- the riot by Merle Sims, guard, a dispute involving the expiration ders will be placed for longshore- was sentenced to a year on the of a contract on March 31. Emmen to work any vessel in port jail break charge and six months ployes were represented as object-. until such violation is dis- on the assault and battery charge. ing to a company plan calling for continued," which virtually as- Each of the others drew total sen- work seven days a week instead tences of 12 . ionths.

Administrator Of Bonneville,

Heart Attack Is Fatal Following Operation Five Weeks ago

Dam's Power Chief, 66, Was Believed Near Total Recovery

ROCHESTER, Minn., March 14 -(A)-J. D. Ross, 66, Bonneville, Ore., power administrator, died in a hospital today of an acute heart attack suffered as he was conva-lescing from an abdominal opera-tion performed several weeks ago. Ross came here five weeks ago to undergo the operation by Mayo

clinic surgeons and was recovering satisfactorily, physicians said Ross was born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada. He was an electrical engineer and had been super intendent of the Seattle, Wash., light department.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14-(P)-The Portland Oregonian said tonight in an article by Richard L. Neuberger, that the "death of J. D. Ross leaves in considerable uncertainty the future policies and administration of Bonneville

Charles E. Carey, principal construction engineer, had been acting administrator while Ross was ill, but it was not known whether he would succeed to the post per-The paper said that "several

cally today in connection with the Roy Foster, Ruth G. Fraser, Cepost, among them Benjamin H. of Olympia, chairman of the northwest regional planning commission; Robert W. Beck, Bonneville valuation expert; James H. Rowe of the White House secretariat; Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, former member of congress, and Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon

SEATTLE, March 14-(AP)-In the death of James Delmage Ross, Bonneville dam administrator and superintendent of Seattle's city light enterprise, President Roosevelt lost one of his foremost pub-(Turn to page 2, column 3)

Traction Company Will Arbitrate With Employes

PORTLAND, March 14 - (AP) The Portland Traction company and unions representing 1500 street car operators and maintenance workers agreed today to arbitrate an hour and wage controversy.

A three-man board will act in IN OPENING PREP TOURNEY GAMES TODAY

Illness Fatal to Bonneville Chief



J. D. ROSS

Teachers Granted Permanent Status

40 Probationary Tenures Extended for Year by City Board

Six Salem school teachers were laced on permanent tenure basis and 40 probationary instructors retained for another year by mo-tion of the school board last night. Those advanced to permanent standing were Mildred Leighton, Albert Johnston, Norborne Berkeley, Glade Follis, Lorraine Meusey and William Porter.

Probation teachers retained lay in action by proposing the were Hazel Ardiel, Esther Arnold, resolution be tabled for one meetother names were mentioned locile Gregory, F. E. Neer, Doris board would grant the request if Neptune, Mary B. Noland, Nettie Roberts, Jens Svinth, Janet Waldron, Ruth Warnke, Constance Weinman, Marjorie Whitely. Esther Wilcox, Jean H. Woodard, Ruth Brandon, Clifford Bullock, Evelyn Carpenter, Edith Fanning, Bessie Forsythe, Martha B. Fox, Lloyd Girod, Blanche Grentzenberg, Margaret Grewell, Carmen Gueffroy, Margaret Jones, John Ludvigson, Elphie Pederson, Marthat J. Pinson, LaRue Richards, Eleanor Trindle, Carolyn G. Wilson, Rachel Yocom, W. H. Arstill, Dorothy J. Murphy, George N. Niemi and Lucille Arant.

Other board actions: Band allotted \$150 for additional uniforms, with remaining \$150 needed to be raised by stu-dent body and band friends; use of senior high gymnasium for Northwest YMCA volleyball tournament preliminaries April 15 approved; wood bids referred to Di rector Barrick for final action; request for \$298 for adding machines in senior high commercial department deferred to budget making time; school boundary rules changed, to be optional subject to building conditions and classroom sizes.

Linfield Captures

FOREST GROVE, Ore., March 14-(P)-Linfield college captured top honors in the state old line oratorical contest here tonight. Josephine Cornacchia, whose subject was "the Destiny of My Race" won first place and a \$15 cash prize in the women's division. Harold Hight, speaking on "the Conflict" won first place and \$15 in the men's division.

Dorris Riggs, Willamette, took third and fourth places in the women's division, and William Clemes, Willamette, third in the men's division.

Pierce Moves to Save Line Funds

WASHINGTON, March 14-(AP)-A move against possible further reduction in a \$13,000,000 request for Bonneville transmission line construction was taken today by Rep. Pierce (D, Cre.), who said he had notified "friendly representatives" that a million dollars already had been cut out of the original budget. A charge that Bonneville was

getting money faster than it could be spent economically was made by Rep. Dudley A. White (Ohio,

Three Support Resolution to Seek new Man

temperature, Max, temp. Tuesday 50; min. 35. River

New Plea Presented for Reconsideration but Lineup Unchanged

Statement Cites Desire to Avoid Agitation Over Issue Here

The three majority members of the Salem school board last night settled the superintendency question as far as they were concerned by introducing and adopting a resolution deciding that Superintendent Silas Gaiser would not be reemployed at the expiration of his present contract and that selection of a successor should proceed. The superintendent's contract expires June 30.

As at the recent executive session at which the real decision was made, Directors Cupper and Bradfield voted against the superintendent, Directors Wright and Barrick supported him and Chairman Neptune broke the tie by voting with the Gaiser opposition. Yocom Presents Plea For Reconsideration

No debate preceded passage of the resolution. Ray Yocom. spokesman for citizens urging Gaiser's retention, had renewed their plea at the start of the meet-

Director Barrick sought a de-"I am sure the members of the

responded. "But this has been aggravated enough now." Reporting that "it couldn't be any more aggravated." Dr. Barrick declared the "resolution was carefully thought up but it could

be answered." "Of course, this has been carefully thought up, doctor," replied Cupper,

"It's evident," Barrick exclaimed, as he withdrew his mo

The resolution was offered by Director Bradfield and his motion for its adoption was seconded by Director Cupper. No signature was affixed to it, inquiry by Director Wright revealed.

No Mention Made Of Possible Choice Chairman Neptune declared he had no idea when a new superintendent would be elected.

"We'll study applications when they come in and make a decision when we've found a man to suit," Neptune said. The majority directors asserted

they had not considered H. F. Durham, principal of Parrish junior high school, or Fred Wolf, principal of the senior high, for the superintendent's pøsition, although both men have been rumored as possibly in line for the job. Durham will be barred un-Oratory Contests der the state teacher retirement act from continuing in his present position after this school year. Need to End Agitation

Over Issue Is Cited Salient sections of the ouster resolution read as follows: "Whereas, this board on Feb-

ruary 20, 1939, in accordance with well established practice and in carrying out a request of a prominent friend of the superintendent, met in executive session, the members voting 3 to 2 against extending the superintendent's contract, and notified the superintendent of proposed action prior to its public announcement. The superintendent gave the matter publicity and his friends rallied to his support in questioning the propriety of the board's proposed action, and "Whereas, . . . a petition signed

by 21 prominent citizens was presented to the board, requesting that the selection of a superintendent be postponed until after the election in June on the ground that a change in the personnel of the board might result from aid election. It was also suggested that the question of the reention of the superintendent be signers of the petition was Justice Rossman of the supreme court who presented the petition tolerantly and forcefully. Also (Turn to page 2, column 1)

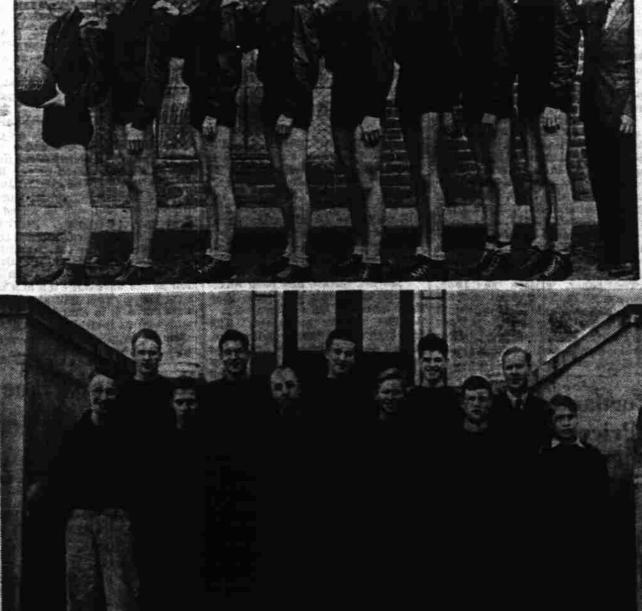
Gaiser Tells Appreciation Of Assistance Given Him

Silas Gaiser, whom three Sal.m school board members last night denied a contract renewal, issued a brief statement expressing appreciation for the treatment accorded him during his five years as city school superintendent.

"I want to express my appreci
"I want to express my appreci-

ation to the people who have stood by me, put their names on peti-tions and made an open stand, Gaiser said. "Furthermore, I wan: George W. Hug. E

Mr. Gaiser came to Salem five years ago as successor to the inte George W. Hug. Before that time Milton-Freewater district, to which position he had moved fol-



by me, put their names on petitions and made an open stand, tournament at Willamette university gym this afternoon. Above, Arlington, district 13 B champs who play Butte Falls, 14, at 1 p. m. Left to right: C. Wetherell, Fulker. Strahm, Morris, West, Bowman and Coach Vince Barrett. Below, Westport, district 15, meets Oakridge, highly touted district 16 outfit, at 2 p. m. in the second of the day's eight games. Left to right are: front row—Manager Jack Lundeen, Tuom, Miller, Rainhold. Bandeen, Roberts. Back row—Ray Nelson, Don Helson, Parton, Rulli, for the friendships and lovalities parintendent in Montana. These teams will figure in the two op tournament at Willamette university