Generally fair today and on coast. Max. Temp. 83, Min. 49. River -3.9 ft, N-W

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, August 13, 1939

Three Ballots

of Hotly-Contested

**National Post** 

Determined Against

Foreign Wars

By RALPH C. CURTIS

convention came to a close here

Other offices were filled with-

out much in the way of fireworks.

Neil Allen of Grants Pass was

ment office, that of commander,

without opposition. Hugh Bow-

man of Pendleton was nominated

days before the convention open-

vice as lirst commander of the

ism committee and in other capa-

Outlining the viewpoint upon

which his year's administration of

Legion affairs will be based, Allen

classified Oregon as one of the

preponderantly rural communities

which must be "the strength of

Legion had "come of age," de-

clared that its members are des-

tined from this time on to have

an outstanding part in shaping the

course of national events. His

statement of the Legion's determ-

ination that neither its members

nor their sons shall fight again on

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Successor by Action

of Directors

Moran as auditor of the Salem

Community Chest was announced

president of the chest organiza-

tion, who also indicated that the

Herbert L. Braden as his succes-

ated therewith and has been suc-

cessful in making the collections

for the chest to an extent which

has been highly gratifying to the

board of directors and officers of

Braden, who lives at 1710 Court

street, is at present general agent

for the Ohio National Life In-

surance company, has also been

associated with the Miller store,

the Salem Hardware company and

the Metropolitan Life Insurance

company during his 13 years in

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12-(AP)

-Western Oregon and Washington

All fires, including the gigantic

ington, remained inside fire lines.

One flare-up of the Saddle Moun-

John Gulock, 59, of Portland,

was the sole casualty of the Co-

lumbia fire. He dropped dead yes-

terday at a base camp pay window.

fighters backfired.

the chest,"

"Mr. Moran has made a very

Moran Quits Post

America" and in noting that the

Oregon Held

Nation's Strength

late Saturday afternoon.

Price 3c; Newsstands 5e

No. 120

"TRASH" piled against wooden wall of Foreman beer parlier storage shed, shown above, flared up during American Legion parade Friday night, giving the fire department a scare and parade crowds a thrill. Police believe blaze may have been set. A scrious fire would have developed had the flames not been subdued before igniting stock in rear of adjoining Metropolitan Chain store, Note charred window frame.—(Jesten-Miller photo.)

Lifts It From 240 Foot Depth

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Aug. 12 -(A)-The submarine Squalus with its cargo of 26 dead was held fast tonight by an uncharted mud hump it struck while being towed shoreward after the US navy had raised the vessel 80 feet from a

"Squalus cannot be moved appreciably from position of first grounding," Rear Admiral Cyrus W. Cole, in charge of the operations, radioed from the salvage

toons attached to the submarine materailly bettered during the uld be re-set tomorrow for the second of three scheduled liftings. Naval officers ashore said the mud pinnacle had halted the shoreward journey from 300 to 500 yards short of the first haul's destination. They expressed in-formal opinions that the unexpected grounding would simply change the scene of the second lift without materially interfering with the task of returning the Squalus to the Portsmouth navy

yard. The submarine struck the hump at 2:13 p.m. (EST). Salvage rise to proceed with the tow, but when high tide failed to provide the needed lift, it was decided to suspend operations until tomor-

Ten pontoons were used in moving the Squalus from the place at which it sank during diving tests

Hatches of the vessel will not be opened until it is returned to

Navy officers kept watch on a freshening sea in apprehension lest the weather delay another Hope Diminishing lifting and towing operation— probably early next week—that would carry the Squalus into the sheltering lee of the now nearby Isle of Shoals. Once there, the job virtually would be done.

### **Waterfront Meet Ends Sans Action**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.-(P)-A meeting of waterfront employers and a longshoremen's union committee headed by Harry Bridges, called to discuss a 1940 Pacific coast waterfront contract broke up in disagreement late today and employers charged Bridkes had walked out, "breaking off collective bargaining on his

Bridges said the union was faced with the choice of renewing the present contract as it stands, for another year beginning September 30, or a "fight to the finish" threatened by employers. He rejected renewal, he said,

F. P. Foisie, president of the Waterfront Employers association, and Bridges, Pacific coast president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, disagreed sharply in their respective summaries of the situation. Each promptly wrote a long letter to the other, and issued statements to the press.

# Four Miss Death

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Mt Hood, Aug. 12-(P)-A rock slide near Crater rock, on Mt. Hoo., narrowly missed killing three

Portland youths today.

Flying stones slightly injured

two slides on the north side of

# Lifted Squalus | Hauser Urges Decrease Sticks in Mud In Salem Tax Spending

Budget now in Making to Retire City's Bonded Indebtedness

Curtailment of tax-spending was urged upon the Salem elected to the principal departcity government in a statement and financial review issued yesterday by City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser.

The treasurer specifically advocated cutting all frills 240-foot depth in an epic engineer- from the city budget now in the making and appropriating for a program of retiring theocity's bonded debt.

fore the citizens' committee, Hauser declared the financial status He added, however, that Pon- of the city was sound, had been crease in taxes had occurred.

terrupted, from 20.8 mills in 1935 to 24.1 in the current year, are "largely attributable to the upkeep of auxiliary services depayers," the treasurer explained. Further increase above the 63.8mill combined city, school, county and state levy on Salem property appears prohibitive, he main-

Listing what he termed auxiliary services, the treasurer admitted that "possibly they cannot be considered as non-essential municipal functions, and there should be no complaint if the taxpayer understands and is willing to have his tax rate increased by their operation."

Services he mentioned and the amount of taxes levied for them this year included the airport \$1107, developed under a \$50,000 (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

# For 2 Sea Fliers

DUBLIN, Aug. 12 - (AP) - Hope for the safety of two New York fliers attempting to fly from Canada to Ireland vanished today as hours passed without word after their fuel supply was estimated to have been exhausted.

The airmen, Alexander Loeb, 32, and Richard Decker, 23, left St. Peter's, Nova Scotia, at 9:04 a. m. (EST) yesterday with 350 gallons of gasoline, calculated to be enough to last 25 hours. The odds were "100 to one

against them," fliers at Baldonnel airport said, when the zero hour for that supply, 4 p. m. (10 a. m. EST) was reached without any report from alert coast guard stations or ships at sea. The fliers' monoplane

om"-the Hebrew word for peace -carried no radio. "Atlantic 'crazy' fliers overdue" read the headline over terse press accounts of the attempts of

Sub Is Towed After Navy City Treasurer Advocates Cutting Frills out of test for national committeeman in

the largest amount possible, without increasing the tax levy,

# Asked for his opinion on budget matters soon to come be-Who Started Fire Allen had been nominated by Hugh Rosson of Salem in an ad-

Hutton and Minto State Fire at Beer Parlor Incendiary

That the fire which Friday night manded and voted for by the tax- destroyed the rear of Foreman started by arsonists or incendiaries was the opinion yesterday of Fire Chief Harry Hutton after viewing evidence in relation to he cause of the blaze, and hearing the story of Harry Phillips, Route 4, Box 225, that he saw men light a pile of rubbish in the rear of the building.

Police Chief Frank Minto similarly stamped the beer hall blaze as "set," and indicated yesterday that investigation of the fire and its origin was under way by his

The downtown fire was one of five which harried local firemen during the hour period between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, at the time when the 2000 marchers in the American Legion parade, and thousands of other spectators fill-

ed downtown streets. None of the other four blazes was considered to be of incendiary origin, the fire chief indicated, though a house at 1165 North 19th street was entirely destroyed, while its owner, A. P. Hermanns, an oil salesman, was viewing the parade with his family.

# Marsh Gas Death Claims two Boys

WEST PLAINS, Mo., Aug. 12 creditable record in his position as -(P)-Two youths, one of whom auditor of the Chest during the attempted unsuccessfully to rescue the other, died from the effects of marsh gas in an aban- the chest and the agencies affilidoned cistern at the rear of a home here tonight.

One of the victims, Charles Louis Elliott, 14, was playing with a wheel in the yard of Mrs. Lawrence Ingold, a neighbor, when the toy rolled into the 10-foot well. Mrs. Ingold said the boy removed a concrete slab and 'ow-

ered himself into the cistern. When he failed to reappear in few minutes, Mrs. Ingold's 8year-old son summoned Rufus Edwards, jr., 16, who jumped in after Elliott. He, too, was over-

## Legion Delegates Have "No" Mood in Resolution Ballots

In Hood Slides the Oregon capitol they occupied they need not be read on the floor ity. for three days, decidedly in a "no" mood on Saturday, closing day of the convention, and numerous resolutions and propositions were turned down including several changes in the department con-

stitution. Almost the only important resolution passed on Saturday was the 15, and his brother, Walter, 9. one thanking the Marion county First-aid treatment was given Legion posts, the people of Salem, them by members of their party. Governor Sprague, other state of ing its independence, and Edward Scarcely 24 hours before, Vera Hays of Portland was injured by their part in making the conventor who urged the Legion to appoint

Delegates to the American Lestitutional change providing for forest fires remained nearly dorgion convention were, like the advance publication of committee mant today under a combination legislature whose work-rooms in and commission reports, so that

Speakers in addition to Louis Saddle Mountain blaze, one in A. Johnson, assistant secretary of Dutch Canyon and another in the war, included Congressman James | Columbia national forest of Wash-W. Mott, who mentioned the veterans' legislation of the past sersion enacted to "undo the wrong tain fire was halted when fire done by the economy bill enacted by the 73rd congress;" Congressman Homer Angell who emphasized congress' success in regain-

Satuday directed J. W. Fergus

New Commander Of State Legion



Neil Allen of Grants Pass, who was elected department commander of the Oregon American Legion, at yesterday's final session. He succeeds John A. Beckwith of Portland.

### by Henry Heisel of Tillamook. but Next Year's Meet immediately withdrew, mention-"unforeseen circumstances which, the delegates knew, includ-**Goes Sans Takers** ed the death of his father two

No Bid Put in to Stand Allen had been nominated by Host; Meet Here May dress which mentioned his ser-Pay Its Way Grants Pass post, on the state executive committee and American-

> tion of the American Legion in Salem, declared by many veteran conventioneers to be the biggest best ever, may have been the Legion convention to end all Legion conventions," was indicated when no invitations from prospective host cities were received. The convention "time and place" committee made no re-

> Incidentally, the Salem convention came at least within "hatpassing" distance of paying its own way; may have done so completely, though the finance committee of the convention commission will not be able to determine this until receipts of Saturday night are counted and all of the bills are turned in.

There had been some mention of Eugene, Corvallis and Tilla-As Chest Auditor mook as possible 1940 hosts but none rose to the bait. The truth Legion convention has grown to such a task that it is a big prob-Herbert L. Braden Made lem for any post; Salem was assisted this year by Silverton, Stayton, Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Aurora as joint hosts.

There was some informal discussion of making the convention in future years less a show and more a mere gathering of Legion delegates to conduct their campaign today in concluding routine business.

Delegates and visitors from all board of directors had selected in which the 1939 convention was conducted and Salem's hospitality in general, especially the ing nomination of candidates next fact that except possibly in one or two minor instances, there was dealer, 28-year-old Homer Mat no increase in regular prices for Adams, Springfield, Ill., was unapast two years," Hamilton stated. "He has made many friends for

## Tropic Storm Is Felt by Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 12 (AP)-A tropical storm with winds of 60 miles an hour or more skirted the northwest Florida coast tonight, cutting off several communities from outside communications and causing the death of a fisherman when his boat capsized. Oregon Fires Are All Under Control

Apalachicola, where waterfront property was damaged, Port St. Joe, Carrabelle and other com-munities along the gulf and Franklin county coast were without telephone and telegraph communications. Streets near the gulf were flooded.

Whether there was any serious damage or any casualties in that section was not known but it was believed losses were not heavy. The storm was expected to pass inland near Valparaisor

### Brain Surgery Is **Used** in Fracture

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 12 - (AP) Blucher V. Lawson, 28, Harpster, Ohio, was "holding his own" in a hospital here today after an operation to repair a compound skull Governor Charles A. Sprague fracture.

two slides on the north side of the mountain. Miss Hays was being carried on a stretcher when the published record of the shoremen threaten to tie up shipstruck the second time.

Forest service officials have isgued warnings against climbing the mountain during the rest of the mountain during the past year.

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# **Garner Backed** By Rayburn as '40 Candidate

15 Die in 2 Train Wrecks

House Floor Leader Says He's for "Liberal" Democrat

Pronouncement Is First From Any of "big 4" on 1940 Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12-(P)-Representative Sam Rayburn, who as majority floor leader has piloted new deal legislation through the house for three years, indorsed Vice President Garner today for the 1940 democratic presidential nomination. Rayburn announced his support

of his fellow Texan in a statement issued in response to an inquiry from the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram as to his stand. "I am for that outstanding Texan and liberal democrat, John N. Garner, for the presidential

nomination in 1940, believing

that if elected he will make the

country a great president," the statement said. Garner's Friends Are Elated

Garner's friends here were ob viously elated at Rayburg's publie stand, not only because he has been an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt's policies, but because he is listed as an author of such important new deal legisla- electric commission to investigate exchange act and the utilities That the 21st annual convenholding company law.

With Rayburn's announcement, With Rayburn's announcement, they said the vice president had the backing of the two Texas Rortlett, chairman of the Bonnesenators, Eheppard and Connally, Wille for Portland committee. and of 11 other members of the state's delegation in congress. They also said that Rayburn's

definition of Garner as an outstanding "liberal democrat" was pleasing, in the light of President Roosevelt's recent statement that the party must choose a liberal in 1940, or he would not actively support the candidate.

Rayburn's statement, too, was the first public pronouncement regarding 1940 from any of the 'big four" of congress-Speaker (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

# Young Demos Give New Deal Support

Homer Mat Adams Named One Dies, 26 Hurt to Head Clubs for Next 2 Years

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12-(AP)-The young democratic clubs of America went down the line for the new deal program in the 1940 their thee-day biennial meeting. The convention adopted resoluover Oregon praised the manner tions urging President Roosevelt to "press forward" with his "liberal" objectives and recommendyear favoring his program. A new nimously elected president of the young democrats for the next two

> Although their constitution forbids endorsement of candidates for the presidential nomination, the junior democrats applauded and cheered Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago when he "demanded" that Roosevelt run again. Mrs. Verda Barnes, 31, Idaho Falls. Ida., until recently a secretary in the interior department in Washington, D.C., was elected vice president, and John Neff, Staynton, Va., apple-grower, secretary. John M. Bailey, Hartford, Conn.

was re-elected treasurer. Louis-

ville, Ky., won the 1941 conven-

# Allen new Legion Head War Department Aide Is Speaker



Louis A. Johnson, assistant secretary of war, urged Oregon Legionnaires to help preserve the American ideal when he addressed them yesterday at closing sessions of the Legion convention at the state capitol. Johnson arrived here in a government airplane. (Courtesy Oregon Journal)

## 5800 Petition for PUD in Portland | The train was traveling on Southern Pacific tracks at a point

State Hydro Commission Chicago to San Francisco. Requested to Study Power Proposal Petitions signed by 5800 per-

sons requesting the state hydro- on the track. tion as the securities act, the stock | the feasibility of creating the Portland people's utility district were filed here Saturday.

C. E. Stricklin, secretary of the

hydro-electric commission, said a study would be made of the proposed district and if it was found feasible a special election would be called. A public hearing on the proposal would precede the elec-

Kenin told Stricklin that the Portland district, if organized, would have the largest population of any similar project of its kind Acquisition of the Portland

General Electric company and the Northwestern Electric company facilities was favored, Kenin said. This would be brought about either by purchase or condemna-

# **As Truck Topples**

26 persons injured tonight when a truck in which they were returning home from the picnic of a Lithuanian fraternal order overturned at nearby Sandy Ridge.

No one on board the truck escaped injury, all being catapulted onto the highway when the vehicle toppled over a 12-foot embankment and rolled over twice. The injured are residents of

Osceola Mills, a small soft coal mining community close by. Helen Sokol died in Philipsburg state hospital a few hours after the accident.

### Opening Envelopes Is Waste of Time

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Aug. 12 -(P)-The postoffice here received a unique request from a man whose name was withheld. The man requested that no mail be delivered to him, explaining that his mail is not important and that he doesn't

## Salem Drinks Deep, but it's Water That Is Fast Flowing

Salem was in a heavy drinking mood last week. The city consumed 53,340,140 gallons of water, records kept at the municipal water department disclosed yes-

. The combination of hot weather and influx of convention crowds ran water consumption to near-record proportions on Tues-day and Wednesday, when 9,430,880 and 9,458,220 gallons, respectively, were checked through the master meters.

Manager Carl E. Guenther said the city may have used more than those amounts of water in a day

Despite the heavy drain on the water supply, the Stayton island underground and well systems held their own, the manager said. The infiltration galleries below ground are continuing to produce more than 6,000,000 gallons a day even though an additional estimated 2,750,000 gallons a day are being pumped out of the two wells recently drilled on the island. The level of the North Santiam river, which directly af-Santiam river, which directly afin the island, is at or close to
fects the level of the water table
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# Former Salem Girl Is Among Those Injured

"City of San Francisco" Derailed and six Cars Are Wrecked

Two Die When Expresses Collide at Crossing Near Denver

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12-UP1 Twelve persons were killed when six cars of the westbound streamlined train "City of San Fran-Nevada about 200 miles east of Reno tonight, Southern Pacific headquarters here reported.

Most of the dead were dining car employes, the company said. A large number of persons were believed injured.

Four trains, carrying rescue and clean-up forces, converged on the accident spot. Full reports from the scene were not expected before morning. Several Cars Roll Into River

The Southern Pacific said that several of the derailed cars rolled into the Humboldt river which flows below the tracks at that

15 miles west of Carlin, Nev. It was westbound, en route from Cause of the derailment could not be determined immediately, but unconfirmed reports from railroad men at Elko. near Carlin, said the train had struck a rock

The accident occurred at 9:32 the remoteness of the region. word of it was not received for some

time. A hospital train with seven dectors and eight nurses left Rene as soon as it could be made up. The train was expected at the scene sometime after midnight. Ambulances Sent

To Wreck Scene Ambulances were recruited from Elko and Winnemucca, and

sent to the accident scene. The streamliner travels through the sparsely settled section of central Nevada at speeds of as high as 90 miles an hour. The section where the accident occurred is in the Humboldt river gorge of the Tuscarora mountains, a bleak and rugged region.

Fragmentary reports from the lispatcher's office at Sparks, Nev., indicated that the dining car of the 17-car luxury train was swept into the Humboldt river. The number of passengers in the diner at the time was not learned.

The train was proceeding west through the rugged Humboldt river canyon country, reports stated. The first three units of the train, corresponding to the engine and tender of steam trains, passed ever the rock, but pushed it back under the following cars. The boulder sheared off the

deck of a steel bridge and plungel the diner into the river, the reports said.

DENVER, Aug. 12.-(AP)-A Denver and Rio Grande Western train, pulled by two locomotives and starting a trip through the Rocky mountains to Salt Lake City, plowed into the side of the Santa Fe railroad's "Navajo" in south Denver today, instantly killing Conductor A. S. Mock, 62, of the Na jo and injuring 54 persons, one of them fatall; Mock, who lived at Pueble. Colo., was crushed to death in a

Roy S. Scott, 56, of Denver, a passenger aboard the Navajo, dies at 6:40 p. m. of a skull fracture and internal injuries.

Fifty-three others—all of them aboard the Denver-bound Santa Fe train-required hospital care. All but 15 were discharged after emergency treatment. Among the seriously injured

were Mrs. Phyllis Shaw, 28, Moscow, Idaho, fractured right arm and shock, whose condition was described as poor, and Frances Rolfe, 16, Portland, Ore., fractured vertebrae, condition fair.
(Mrs. Phyllis Shaw, listed as seriously injured, attended Willamette university as Phyllis Dennison. After her graduation in 1933 she worked for several years as laboratory technician for the clinic of Morse, Robertson, Power, Rusent Re-

Robertson, Power, Buren, Robertson and Miller. She was married in Moscow last year.)
The smashup occurred at a 38-

legree cross-over track. Both the "Navajo" and the Denver and Rio Grinde train, the first section of the "Scenic Limited," were behind schedule. "The two came together with

terrific clash," said F. F. Marlatt, in charge of a railroad conboard was set against the Rio

### the two Americans to span the Atlantic in a plane similar to the one Col. Charles A. Lindbergh used in 1927 when he flew from New York to Paris.