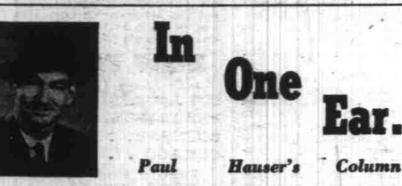
EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, November 21, 1939

Sea Toll Grows as Tenth Steamer Sinks



IT'S A CINCH-P. L. Tromlitz, above, at the levers which control the draw on the Southern Pacific railroad bridge across the Willamette, and his two co-workers have the softest jobs in Salem, Paul Hauser believes. He tells about his visit to the drawbridge, which hasn't had to open for a steamboat since 1936, in his column below.



We have about decided to quit column writing and go to bridge tending. Yesterday we discovered the men who have the softest jobs in Salem and they are bridge tenders, all three of them. We walked out on the Southern Pacific railway bridge across the Willamette and climbed to the little yellow house that sits atop the

There, sitting at his desk, we found Mr. P. L. Tromlitz, who has been tending bridge at the same stand for nine years now. Mr. Tromlitz sits and watches for steamboats 'round the bend from 7 to 3 o'clock every day. Jim Moyer, Mr. Tromlitz told us, sits and watches for steamboats from 3 until 11 o'clock and Herman Stege, who will be retired next month at the age of 70, gets the graveyard shift from

They all sit and wait for steamboats because the government decrees that all drawbridges over navigable streams shall have bridgetenders. The Willamette is a navigable stream, but there hasn't been a steamboat 'round the bend since July, 1936, when the old Northwestern, now in Alaska, made its last run from Sa-

Secretary Slays

Dallas Attorney

Blond Woman Discharges

Two Guns at Man Who

Tried to Kill Her

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 20-(AP)-Blond Corinne Maddox fished two

guns from her handbag today on

Main street and shot down Brooks

C. Coffman, 40-year-old lawyer

accused of stabbing her last

Murder charges were filed

against Miss Maddox by Homicide

she was released under bond of

spector Will Fritz the young wom-

an emptied one gun, ignoring the screams of the victim. She re-

piaced it in her purse, took out another, dropped the purse and pursued Coffman across the

trieved the purse and appeared at

a telegraph office with an auto-

26-year-old former stenographer

told Detective Inspector Will Frits. "I didn't want to do it,

but what else could I do?"
"He called me at my home and told me he would kill me if I

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"He hounded me to death," the

company him to California.

hour of two bullet wounds.

While Ron Gemmell, who climbed the stairs with us, was going around snapping pictures here and O there with his camera, Mr. Tromlitz told us that it isn't quite the einch job it looks, though its certainly not a hard one. Although there are no more steamboats the draw has to be opened occasionally to let a government dredge go through and once in a while an unusually high sparred gasoline boat will give the one long and one short whistle signal that calls

the Southern Pacific 27 of his 53 years, told us he doesn't get lone-"You get used to this kind of a job after a while," he said. Before he came to the Willamette bridge Mr. Tromlitz worked on the branch of the railroad.

Jim Moyer, who is 63 years old is the real veteran of the bridge crew. He's been on the job since 1915, two years after the span was

Aside from sitting and watch ing for steamboats the bridge tenders have a certain amount of maintenance work to do, Mr. Tromlits told us. The machinery, operated by two 40 horsepower electric motors, has to be kept in shape so it can whip the draw up when and if a steamer appears hull down on the horizon. Then a couple of times a week they run the draw up just for practice and to see if everything is working

properly.

Just to show us how it was done Mr. Tromlitz gave us a ride on the bridge. He had to throw six heavy levers, which is the hardest work of it all, before he pushed the button that started the motors grinding. Up we went, riding the middle of the bridge, 44 feet from the point where we had been. It took about a minute and a half.

While we were up there Mr. Tromlits told us that the view is pretty good on a clear day. There

pretty good on a clear day. There is a telescope in the bridge house and Mr. Tromlits said that in the summer there are often interesting things to see on the river. Mr. Gemmell did quite a bit of looking out of the telescope, but didn't

The draw section of the bridge is balanced by two huge counter-weights of concrete. We asked Mr. Tromitts how much the draw weights, but he mid he didn't know and had never been able to find out, even from the engineering department.

Five Sallots; Ali how Ties

Still Vacant as City Fathers Deadlock

Frank Winslow Case to Be Appealed to Supreme Court at Once

of its two aldermen because the city council played a tie game last yesterday.

for Clifford S. Orwig, market pro-

'After the fifth ballot had failed to elect a successor to Harold Pruitt, resigned representative of ward seven, Alderman Glenn Gregg proposed an armistice by moving that the election be postponed until next council meeting.

The case of Frank Winslow, discharged Salem policemen, against Chief of Police Frank A. Minto, who was ordered to reinstate Winslow in a decree handed down by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker, will be appealed to the supreme court, the council decided. The civil service commission was authorized to appeal from Walker's decision on the man-damus action and provided funds for legal fees. Fate of Civil Service

ment at Stake The report of the civil service commission on the Winslow case pointed out that Walker's decision, based on the fact that no hearing was given Winslow before discharge, would make the civil service amendment to the city it does not provide for such hear

The civil service commission recommended that the case be carled to the supreme court to clarify the law and that if Walker's decision is affirmed the civil service section of the charter be amended to conform.

It was provided that E. M. Page attorney who assisted the city in preparing the case for the circuit court, be employed in continuance of the appeal. Payment of Salary

Referred to Committee City Attorney Paul dricks said he expected notice of appeal to be filed today or tomor-

Question of payment of Winslow's salary from the time the writ ordering his reinstatement was served on Minto until the notice of appeal is filed was referred to the committee on accounts and carrent expenses. The action was taken after City Recorder A. Warren Jones informed the council he had heard Winslow would present (Turn to page 2, col 5)

Dinner, Football Coffman died within a half Sprague's Advice Detective J. T. Luther tonight and

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20-(A) Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon, in a radio address tonight, arged Oregonians to eat their Thanksgiving dinner in Seattle and then go to the Oregon-Washington football game,

The governor, who will be un able to attend the game, had this to say about Seattle hospitality: "Seattle is a very nice town up there on Elliott bay, a very nice out, they spread a good table." Asserting "we can be sure of a good football game," the governor said comparative scores and seasonal showings don't count for appeared against him in court," | much. In an interview today, he

United States Will Insist On Minimum of Interference

American ships from Europe's combat area, will insist on a mini-mum of interference with them

By interference, the adminis-tration means not merely seizure

fore proceeding to neutral desti-nations. Some times British au-thorities took off cargo they suspected was destined ultimately for Germany.

But now the combat sone proc-lamation automatically rules this to British ports at all.

Counciakes Oregon Seeks Bigger For 1941 Road Plans Rothin Tie Up

Ward 7 Aldermanic Post Total Expenditures of \$5,310,000 Called for by Employers Council Head Estimates Turned in by State Highway Engineer Baldock at Meeting

> By STEPHEN C. MERGLER Oregon will have \$620,000 more to spend on its federal road program for the 1941 fiscal year beginning next July 1 than it had for its 1940 program if allocations are made by the federal roads administration on the basis of estimates tentatively approved by the state highway commission here

night.

In five separate ballots the city fathers arrived at the same answer, seven votes for Bert F.

Ford, attorney, and seven votes for Bert F. 726,000 in state funds. The 1940 program amounted to \$4,690,000 and the 1939 program to \$6,-320,000.

The new program is divided into the following classifications: Forest highways \$1,000,000 all federal. Federal aid highways \$3,300,

000, the state contributing \$1, 420,000. secondary highways \$430,000, the state contributing \$184,000.

Federal land roads \$180,000,

the state contributing \$59,000. Grade crossings \$400,000, the against lottery tickets, game pools state contributing \$63,000.

While 5000 miles of Oregon for Mrs. Steingrube's arrest, with bail fixed at \$250, was issued by under the federal secondary highway program, the commission applied for inclusion of only 25 per

represented in the 25 per cent. law highway, the commission planned to return to Salem for charge, police authorities yesterwill consider a petition from property owners along the Pacific highway near the south city limits protesting the change being made in the grade in connection with reconstructing the approach to the city and eliminating the

The commission is expected to vote formal abandonment of the old Soda creek-Tombstone Summit section of the South Santiam Seven-mile hill, which has been replaced by a new grade on a gentler slope.

sharp turn at Liberty road junc-

Council's Wrath Visited on Arany

Resolution Asks Resignation of Municipal Airport Operator Here

Leo Arany, operator of the Sa lem municipal airport for the past two years, was ordered ousted from the position last night in a resolution adopted by the city

The resolution, stating that Arany was behind in rentals due the city and had never obtained a bond as required in his contract gave the airport committee au-

The council also heard a peti-tion signed by Dr. J. H. Garnjobst and 37 other "fliers and businessmen" requesting city management and development of the airport. It also heard a letter from Er-

that Lee U. Eyerly, formerly operator of the airport under lease, be again put in charge. Eyerly had previously offered to take over the airport management. That the question of whether the city should appoint a manager and operate the airfield as a mu-

nicipal venture or lease it again may stir considerable discussion

was indicated. Alderman Harold Olinger, chair-man of the airport committee, said that Arany was approximately \$350 or four months behind in rental due the city and that as a pilot for the Oregon Airlines he was at the Salem airport only about 15 minutes daily.

Dr. S. B. Laughlin urged that the council consider ways and investment in the airport. should the taxpayers operate this for a relatively few people for a play place," Dr. Laughlin said. "It's just a dead loss." He later said that he did not believe the airport should be abolished but that it should be developed so that it would bring an appreciable

Faced by Woman

Initial Step in Campaign Against Gambling Is ' Taken by Police

Criminal information charging Florence Steingrube, alias Florence Brady, with possession of lottery tickets with intent to sell, was filed yesterday in justice court by Salem police officials as the initial step in a campaign the court.

Officers yesterday had in their plied for inclusion of only 25 per cent of this mileage, principally ciation tickets allegedly in her farm-to-market roads. Every possession, as well as a \$200 check county in the state, however, is on the Royal Bank of Canada, said to have been given by her After conducting a hearing at on a lottery. She was reported by Junction City last night on propolice as having admitted selling posed improvements to the Sius-lottery tickets for several months.

In addition to the lottery District Attorney Lyle J. Page in reference to alleged bookmaking activities centering in a downtown hotel room into which has been brought a leased wire connecting indirectly with eastern

and southern race tracks. Two men, whose identities are known to the authorities, are suspected of having solicited bets from individuals, and to have communicated such bets to an agent in the hotel room, who then placed them at racing centers in distant points.

At the conclusion of the race the solicitor is then thought to return to his client, inform him of the outcome of the event, and either to pay him his winnings or accept the amount of his wager without the exchange of written memoranda of the transaction in any form.

Chicago Probably Choice of GOP

Windy City Logical Site for 1940 Republican Nation. al Convention

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.-(P)-The republicans have an old habit of going to Chicago for their national conventions, one which, reinforced by other factors, makes that city a likely choice for next year's big party meeting.

The democrats, on the other hand, have no ingrained habits of that sort. While the republicans have held four of their last seven have met in seven different places So the latter still are casting abou for a city, with San Francisco con sidered a good bet, if the fair there runs into another year. For the republicans, Chicago is located fairly close to the party's center of population—away from the south and a little closer to the

east than to the west. Its hotel facilities are more than imple, it has a convention hall, (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Hitler Supported

today by one of its members, Prince August Wilhelm, fourth son of the ex-Kaiser, to be solid-ly behind nazi Germany's present

Hits CIO Leader as Strike Continues

"Communistic Satellites" Also Get Blast From Irate President

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20-(P)
-A new blast at Harry Bridges and "his communistic satellites" was voiced today by Almon E Roth, president of the San Francisco employers council, as the CIO ship clerk's strike closed its eleventh uneventful day.

Except for resumption of coastwise steam schooners schedules, following settlement of the marine firemen's strike, most of the harbor's commerce was tied up by the clerks' strike and that of Oakland warehousemen in a separate dispute. No progress toward settlement was announced in either. A crowd of nearly 300 union

men, led by Herman Stuyvelaar, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Industrial union council, marched into the San Francisco board of supervisors' chamhers late today urging they be given a hearing of their side of the controversy. They complained (Turn to page 2, col 1)

Warm Springs Is **Roosevelt Choice**

President to Spend Thanksgiving at Resort With Little Fanfare

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Nov. 20 (AP) - Thanksgiving comes on a new date to this old town but it brings an old friend and it vill be observed in the same, old sim-

Back in the days when this old friend-Franklin D. Rooseveltwas just another easterner seeking health at the famed springs, there was no occasion to single them out at turkey time. Now he wishes no fanfare and Warm Springs is glad to honor this wish for privacy and quiet.

When the president announced he was moving Thanksgiving up to November 23 to stimulate Christmas trade, Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia was one of 25 state executives who followed his

While folks around here were glad Rivers' action avoided pos sibility of embarrassment, some were pleased for another reason quite apart from the solemn arguments which flew over the hange. They were glad that the president's earlier arrival will give him a better chance to see the Georgia countryside arrayed in its autumnal reds, yellows, golds and greens, before winter reduces the hillsides to compara-

A big bin generously filled with logs stands hard by a door to the "little White House" and while they crackle in the fire-place, there will be many "fire-

place, there will be many "fire-side chats" during the president's stay from this coming Wednesday until the next Tuesday.

But they'll not be of the na-tionwide broadcast kind. They will be homey talks with friends and neighbors of many years' If there is any special excite-

ment around here it's down at Mrs. Root was chosen from among the foundation for infantile pa-ralysis victims, where patients to aid the girl. The child's moth-er said she believed Kathryn again will draw straws to see who er said she believed Kathryn sits beside the president at would be happier amid home sur-Thanksgiving dinner. roundings than at the hospital.

Harry Bridges 5 Neutral Vessels Federal Allocations Draws Fire of Included in List of Week-End Disasters

Nazi-Loosed Mines Held Responsible For Heavy Losses in North Sea; 133 Feared Dead

Arlington Court Latest Victim of U-Boat Warfare; Anti-Aircraft Fire **Drives Off Lone German Plane**

(By Associated Press)

Great Britain's unusually heavy shipping losses over the weekend, attributed by the British to loose German mines in the North sea, mounted last night with the disclosure that the steamer Arlington Court had been sunk by a submarine 200 miles off the Irish coast. Word of the 4915-ton Arlington Court's fate was received

Oin Cork, Ireland, as the British

KATHRYN FELT

Against Infection

Kathryn Felt Goes Home to

Continue Treatment for

Dreaded Ailment

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20-(AP)

dreaded blood infection, acute

Her mother, who broadcast an

condition remained "about the

Kathryn was given a transfu

Louise Root, of Westport, Conn.

lymphatic leukemia.

Fight Progresses

Blood Transfusion
Brings Girl Smile

totaled up a rocked in the vessels sent to the bottom in the vessels sent to the bottom in the North sea during the weekend.

At least 133 persons—11 from the Arlington Court—were retained are missing in 10 disported dead or missing in 10 disasters. Five of the sunken ships were neutrals. Meanwhile, nazi airmen sud-

denly stepped up the tempo of the war in the air with an unsuccessful raid which touched London's outskirts for the first time during the war.

British anti-aircraft guns, aided by the royal air force, drove off the lone German plane which was seen over the Thames estuary. British guns also repelled a nazi flight over the Orkney islands, site of the Scapa Flow naval base, and a German air man's assault on a British deoyer in the North sea w to have been "unsuccessful." Date of Sinking

Is Not Given The date of the Arlington Court's sinking was not given in brief dispatches received last night, the first information meraly reciting that 22 survivors in a lifeboat were rescued by the Netherland vessel Algenib. A life-

boat with 11 other crewmen was It was believed the Arlington Court sank several days ago, however, as the chief engineer was said to have died in the lifeboat

found by the Algenib. The survivors were expected in Cork Owners of the Netherlands passenger liner, Simon Bolivar, lowered the known death toll in the destruction of their ship by a mine Saturday to 85. Previously,

140 persons were reported to have been lost. Other ships lost since Saturday in the North sea area were: Grazia, Italian, 5857 tons. Blackhill, British, 2492 tons

-Smiling happily over her most B. O. Borjesson, Swedish, 1586 recent blood transfusion, eight-Carica Milica, Yugo-Slav, 6371 year-old Kathryn Felt returned home from a hospital today to

Kaunas, Lithuanian, 1521 tor continue her fight against the Torchbearer, British, 1267 tons. Wigmore, British, 345 tons. Pensilva, British, 4258 tons. Most of the losses were attrib-uted by the British to German mines — but the Germans said

appeal more than a week ago for their mines could not have been blood donors who had suffered from the disease, said the child's On the western front, military ily while German troops cleared debris caused by violent storms tion last Thursday by Mrs. Marie

mies virtually had to forego even patrol action because of the flood-ed Rhine and other border rivers. German Airmen Active German airmen were reported active over France, however, their scouting flights causing air raid alarms to be sounded in wide-

One German pilot crashed to his death in The Netherlands was the third time in as many

days that German planes fly over Netherlands have been fi helm, fourth son of the forms haiser, told foreign corresponents the house of Hohensolles was solidly behind nazi Germany present struggle. The prince him self works in a Potsdam warting

Recall in Athenia Probe Is Expected by Gus Anderson his plane apparently disabled by Netherlands anti-aircraft guns. In

BERLIN, Nov. 20 -(P)— The House of Hohensollern was said today by one- of its members, Prince August Wilhelm, fourth on of the ex-Kaiser, to be solid-

ring event following the outbreak of the war in Europe.

"I told only part of my story; I'll be called back," Anderson told fellow members of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, at the post meeting Monday night. He intimated that the testimony he is yet to give would get him "in bad with the whole world," referring to the international furor that followed his testimony that an officer had told him there were guns in the Athenia's hold on its fateful voyage.

were being lowered into the 20foot swells and how agitated passengers leaped into boats or into
the water; of two children who
were tossed by parents into his
arms after the boat was cut loose;
how some of the boats were cut
in two by the propeller; of the
anxious hours before dawn and
before rescue vessels arrived,
when weary passengers lost most
of the boat's oars and it was difficult to keep it near the Athenia,
where rescue would be most probable; of the jubilation upon arrival of rescue vessels and the
difficulties and perils of the res-The draw section of the bridge to balanced by two hage counters we have the property of the pr