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President Quezon, "Jinx Ship," Goes Down

-Paul Hauser's Column

One of our scouts reports that the postoffice lobby has been taken over by a young and ardent stamp collector

who is going right to the source for the latest issues. He has been there three or four days now in the afternoons following school and has yet shown no signs

of weakening The young phil- Paul H. Hanser, it atelist, our scout relates, hovers abous the post office boxes until an unwary customer of Mr. Farley comes along to take his mail.

With a gleam in his eye and the look of a tiger leaping on his prey, the youth approaches the box holder and waits eagerly while key is inserted and the mail taken out. No sooner is it out of the box than the lad pounces. Pointing at any visible stamp the collector cries with the frenzy of the fanatie, "May I see what kind of a stamp that is?" The box holder, taking pity that one so tender in tor gets to go through all the mail and he gets his stamps. Carries his own scissors, too, our scout says.

LET'S QUIT KILLING

Cat Dept. A friend came into the office the other day and requested us to ask those who have extra cats they don't want to kill to please be thoughtful of others—not alone of self, and do their own killing. This party thinks they have done their share. -Gervais Star.

WHAT? NO INDIANS? "Salem will produce a different show, a letter from one of its leading citizens promised, 'not Indians and miners and that sort of thing, because Salem was founded by deeply cultured people." -- From news item on visit of Salem delegation to Eugene to request postponement of Eugene's "Oregon Trail Pageant" for Salem's cen-

No Indians or miners For our centennial! From cultured stock We're off the block, Descendants lineal.

We hail each hundred years; Eugene halls every three, And that, we fear, For us would smear Our precious dignity.

No Indians, no miners, No pistols and no gore We'll take our tea And let all see Our cultured stock galore.

We'll have no hairy beards, No hoopskirts running wild! No noise for us, No stir, no fuss,

Just culture, meek and mild.

Boydston to Run For Polk Sheriff

DALLAS, Jan. 26-At least one candidate will seek a place on the democratic primaries ticket in Polk county for the office of sheriff, now held by T. B. "Tom" Hooker, republican.

He is County Treasurer William A. Boydston. The treasurer said today he would not run again for his present office but instead would file soon for the democratic nomination for sheriff.

Silverton Child

ette Kintz, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Kintz of Silver Creek falls, was taken to the Deaconess hospital in Salem today with severe second degree burns caused by a pot of boiling coffee. The little girl, who was clothed only in a nightgown when she upset the coffee, was burned from chin to knees.

Barefoot Burglar

PORTLAND, Jan. 26-(P)-Portland's barefoot burgler isn't to be daunted by snow and ice. A \$75 watch was missed by ack O'Bryan. Police found foot prints in the snow beneath O'Bry-

Spies "Wiped Out"

MOSCOW, Jan. 26-(P)-The red

In One Ear.. Charter Group -Year-Old Boy Freed in Slaying To Eye City & Inefficiences

Find Weaknesses, Devise Remedy Is Program of Mayor's Committee

Commission-Control Type of Government Ruled out From Start

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER Of the changed forms of government that may be proposed for Salem within the next few months the straight commission type is not likely to be one, it was indicated by discussion at the initial meeting of Mayor W. W. Chadwick's charter revision committee at the chamber of commerce last night.

But before getting down to studies of systems of municipal govyears should be so afflicted, usual- ernment, the committee will look ly gives in and the young collec- for weaknesses in Salem's present form, with its mayor, 14 wardelected councilmen, elected recorder and treasurer and separate water system control and management.

Public to Be Queried For Complaints The committee members de-

cided to meet again next week after devoting the intervening time to polling their acquaintances for complaints against this system of government. Chief objection to the commis-

sion type of government, committee discussion indicated, is its "In talking around I find sen-

timent against the manager plan \$5000 a year for a manager," W. other states. C. Jones, Willamette university and adviser to the committee said. its merit system be adopted in "Therefore, I feel the commission, with three paid men, is entirely

Chairman O. K. DeWitt des clared he also believed it was useless to consider the plain commission system. Other members who commented were inclined to

DeWitt proposed the committee (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Four Willamette **Co-Eds Are Hurt**

Skiing Trip to Mt. Hood Ends in Crash; One **Escapes Unhurt**

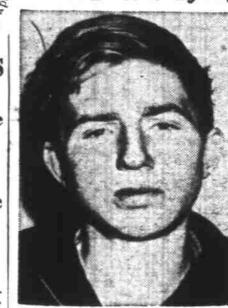
PORTLAND, Jan. 26-(AP)-Four Willamette university co-eds were injured today in a head-on collision between a truck and an automobile on the Mount Hood loop highway near Cherryville. The injured:

Pauline Mestrezat, 23, driver, injuries to head and legs. Barbara Viesko, 19, internal and right leg injuries, face lacerations and bruises.

Margaret Schon, 18, back injury and facial cuts. Betty Anunsen, 18, possible skull fracture and internal injur-

The girls were taken to the Portland sanitarium. Pauline Chambers escaped unhurt. The girls, all of Salem, were en route to Mount Hood for ski-

Miss Mestrezat is the daughter ka. Miss Viesko is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Viesko of 2060 South High street, Salem. Miss Anunsen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Anunsen. 920 Leslie street, Salem. All are hon, whose parents are Mr. and \$10. The 38-year-old man has a Mrs. George W. Sehon, 1883 Sag- criminal record of a term in the inaw street, Salem, does not at- Multnomah county jail and some tend the university. Miss Cham- time in the Washington state re-Seriously Burned bers is also a freshman.



PORTLAND, Jan. 26-(P)-Norman Sweider, 16, was freed today of criminal responsibility for the fatal shooting of his step-fa-ther, James B. Hart, 40. A verdict of "justifiable homicide" was returned by a coroner's jury, which recommended the boy's exoneration. The lad held in technical custody, said he shot his step-father last Sunday to protect himself and

Welfare Workers Begrudge US Plan

Federal "Merit" System Accepted in Oregon Under Protest

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.-(AP)-The ity, gave definite indications of a state welfare commission hoped today to escape the federal social security board's demand for a 'merit" in that people can't see spending through combined action with The commission accepted under

professor of public administration protest the board's request that place of one the commission has had in effect for three years. Jobs of 550 state and county welfare workers are involved. Oscar M. Powell, executive di-

rector of the social security board, wrote that the board accepted "the resolution as compliance at However, unless it is put into

effect, Oregon may lose federal relief funds, he warned. Multnomah county relief recipients increased their buying power with \$150,000 in food stamps

plan was in operation, the commission said. Well over 50 per cent of the eligible persons had bought stamps

by the middle of the month. A request for inauguration of the plan was filed by Marion Marshall E. Dimock, second ascounty and the commission indi- sistant secretary of labor. They cated it expected the program to spread to several other Willamette valley counties in the next few months.

Direct relief expenditures for December were 7.7 per cent above November but 22.8 per cent below December, 1938, Administrator Elmer F. Goudy reported. Oregon's public assistance bill

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Polk Jailbreaker

DALLAS, Jan. 26 .- Merle Rand Tyler, who escaped from the Polk county jail December 31, has been arrested in Bismark, ND, according to word received today by the Polk county sheriff's office from of J. P. Mestrezat of Juneau, Alas- authorities in Washington, DC, where fingerprints were checked. Rand escaped from the Polk county jail while awaiting a second trial on a charge of taking money from a church. Slipping out during the noon hour, he rifreshmen at Willamette. Miss Se- fled the sheriff's office and took

Labor Idea on

Montana Senator Goes to Bat for Relief of Jobless

tial aspirant.

President Roosevelt, who has intentions immediately.

Workers of America that only through government leadership and solution of "economic absurdities" could unemployment be ended, prosperity assured and "American ideals of industrial and political democracy" achieved. The Montana senator, regarded

bid for farm-labor support. John L. Lewis, UMW's and CIO's president, made no political system of employment reference to Wheeler in introduc-

Roosevelt Again

President Calls Two Named by Lewis as Fostering **Draft Movement**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- (AP) during the first three weeks the with two men whom John L. Lewcret plans to launch a third term

Picked Up in ND given a chance to offer a "legitimate program" for the meeting. given a chance to offer a "legiti-

the conference, he said, was the "slight" to Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) and "other great liberals of the west who have not been consulted and who are slated to be excluded from the conference." In addition, he cited what he termed "the secret plans to use TEMPERATURES NO AID TO FIREMEN

Wheeler Backs His Job to Fill Senate Vacancy

No. 1 Problem

Noted Liberal Dodges Direct Statement on Candidacy

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 26.-(R)-Demands of labor and agriculture for a government-backed war on unemployment - termed "America's No. 1 problem"-received strong backing today from Senator Burton K. Wheeler as he turned aside queries whether he would be a democratic presiden-

not acted on pleas by the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the national grange for a general conference with industry on unemployment, also was implored by Wheeler to declare his third term Wheeler told the jubilee con-vention of the CIO's United Mine

in some quarters as a leading democratic presidential possibil-

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Rouses Questions

President Roosevelt started a fresh wave of political guessing today by holding a conference is denounced last fall on the keep our nation out of war." grounds that they entertained "se-The two are Norman M. Littell,

assistant attorney general; and visited the White House in company with Oscar L. Chapman, as-sistant secretary of the interior. Upon emerging they would say nothing to reporters.

The politically wise immediately recalled that last October the CIO chieftain loosed a blast at a western "progressive conference" which he said Littell and Dimock were seeking to hold in Salt

Warning labor's non-partisan league, which he heads, to have nothing to do with the conference, he said labor had not been Other reasons for objecting to



SEN. JOHN W. THOMAS

Thomas Appointed To Senate of US

Former Senator Named to Tolvajarvi. Fill Vacancy Left by Death of Borah

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 26-(P)-For ner United States Senator John W. Thomas of Gooding was appointed by Governor C. A. Bottolfsen tonight to the senate vacancy created by the death of William E. Borah. Thomas, former Idaho republi- Britain Doubles

can state chairman and former Idaho national committeeman for his party, accepted immediately. "I am deeply appreciative to Governor Bottolfsen for the op- Citizens Convinced Navy, have been liked of high boss, was ble best, to carry on Senator Bor-

ah's program of constructive legislation in behalf of our state and nation." Thomas said. "No one realizes better than i who was for five years his col-league, that no mus can fill the vacancy resulting from Borah's untimely death, but I here and now dedicate my services to those fine ideals of good government for

which our great senator so courageously and valiantly fought. "I pledge myself to an undying fight in behalf of Senator Berah's often expressed determination to

Slumbering Guns Roar Into Action

PARIS, Jan. 26-(AP)-The slum-bering steel giants of the western front suddenly burst into action today with a fierce artillery duel which shattered the frosty silence of the Vosges mountains.

Military sources said French big guns opened the engagement from behind icicle-draped emplacements after scouts had brought back reports of feverish German outpost activities, possibly indicating an impending of-

and for hours both sides threw shell after shell at each other while allied and German planes

Nazi artillery replied in kind

took advantage of the first favorable weather in days to roar aloft en reconnaissance flights. One French plane flew deep into Germany but encountered 12 enemy ships and scurried back the conference to launch a third- to the safety of its own lines, the military sources reported.

Fate of Four **Red Divisions Nearly Sealed**

Believed Hopelessly Ensnared by Finn Land Forces

Soviet Dead Declared to Be "Counted in Hundreds"

HELSINKI, Jan. 27.-(Saturday)-(P)-The fate of four soviet divisions, which have been fighting almost ceaselessly all week in the icy wilderness north of Lake Ladoga, early today was approaching decision, Finns report, with two divisions possibly snared beyond hope of help. The latter two units were

caught far from their base in the region of Kitela; a third division has been battering in vain at Fin-nish lines near Kollaanjoki and the fourth, attacking at Aittojoki, is reported composed of the remnants of large forces shattered some weeks ago at Aglajarvi and Victims of the coldest winter

in 60 years, trying to cope with the merciless guerilla tactics of Finland's fleet ski fighters, some of these troops are still able to launch attack after attack in a valiant effort to rescue their trapped comrades and then fight their own way out of threatening disas-(Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Rations of Ham

Army Have Settled on Adequate Defense

LONDON, Jan. 26 (A) British conviction that the navy and air force are finally solving the problem of German assaults upon the empire's vital supply lines was bolstered today by a food ministry order doubling the bacon and ham This development was closely

followed by official announcement of the conclusion of an economic and financial agreement with the Greek government, details of which were not immediately dis-Britain previously had pledged

aid to Greece in the event of aggression threatening her independence. Despite the better situation in imported food supplies as reflect-

ed by the relaxation in rationing. three more neutral ship losses were revealed with the landing of 62 survivors at Scottish and Irish ports. Eleven other creamen from two vessels were missing. The new rationing order, effect

ive January 29, increased to eight ounces the amount of bacon or ham allowed each person per week, and was greeted jubilantly by the press with such headlines as "Navy brings home the bacon." Rationing of bacon, ham and sugar was begun on January 8. "Eggs and bacon" or "eggs and

ham" are British breakfast table

musts. Most bacon and ham are Elation over this evidence of adequate pork supplies was tempered somewhat by reports of a shortage of fresh meats—probably in February—under the government butchering program,

adopted recently as a preliminary

to rationing of these commodities



JAMES J. HINES

Hines Conviction Upheld in Appeal Ex-Tammany Leader Must

Serve 4-8 Years in Penitentiary NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-(AP)-The conviction of James J. Hines, a fallen Tammany district leader under a 4-to-8 year sentence for acting as the political "front" for the Dutch Schultz policy racket,

was affirmed unanimously by the appellate division of the state supreme court. At the same time Magistrate Hulon Capshaw, one of the jur-

removed from the bench. Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Hines-who was convicted of lottery made immediate preparations to take the case to the state court of appears, the last stop on the road up to the United States

supreme court itself. "Of course," Littleton said, "the appellate division in this case was an intermediary court. It did not matter who won; Mr. Dewey (District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey) could have appealed from

reversal." Dewey, whose victory in the case had brought him national attention, made no comment. Hines himself was out of town. and arrangements were made to renew his bail and permit him

3 Companies Told To Disband IEU

continued freedom.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26-(AP)-The labor board today ordered transportation picture, the oncethree northwest lumber compa- proud President Madison, renies to disestablish the Industrial Employes' Union, Inc., and its affiliated locals as a bargaining Christmas in Portland, it was reagency for lumber camp workers. The board's announcement said

its order was based on a finding that the three companies "dominated and supported" the IEU and as a consequence had "re-strained and coerced" the rights New York service after being ov-of their employes to self-organiza-erhauled and refinished in Shangof their employes to self-organization under the Wagner act. The three employers named were the McGoldrick Lumber com

pany, Spokane, Wash., the Pot-latch Forests, Inc., Lewiston, Ida-

tablished in 1917.

Tammany Leader Must Serve Term South Japan **Reef Catches Ex-US Vessel**

> Crew, Passengers All Taken off Before ·Submersion

Ship Launched Under ill Star Always in Trouble

TOKYO, Jan. 27-(Saturday)-(AP)Lashed by a raging storm, the grounded, 8341-ten Philippine liner President Quezon was reported to have sunk on reefs off Tanegashima island, southern Ja-pan, today after her crew of 114 and an undetermined number of passengers were taken off by rescue ships.

A brief radio message from the Japanese vessel Ukishima Maru, which raced to the President Quezon's side an hour after she ran onto the treacherous reefs, said the liner went down stern first at 11:45 a. m. (6:45 p. m., PST. Friday). Radio advices from the Ukish-

ima Maru said that all the crew-

men and the one or two passen-

gers aboard had been removed safely by three rescue ships standing by. Ukishima said the grounded liner disappeared beneath the surface at 11:45 a. m. (12:45 a. m., PST) in a raging storm which handicapped the rescue efforts.

As Madison, She Worried Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 - (AP) - The President Quezon, reported sunk tonight off a southern Japanese ists claimed by the prosecution to island, sailed—and docked— unhave been "fixed" or improperly der an ill star. Since 1933 the vessel has

The Quezon, then called the President Madison of the Amerconspiracy in the operation of a ican Mail Line, capsized in the Seattle harhor March 25, 1933. but was righted and repaired. But the "jinx" continued. Even

idleness couldn't keep her out of trouble. On October 24, 1934, the converted freighter broke loose from her mooring at Smith cove and rammed two vessels, sinking the Harvester and damaging the North Haven. The American Mail Line subsequently was assessed for heavy damages. Vessel Sold for

Fraction Original Cost Until late 1939 the vessel continued to lie idle while the American Mail Line progressed in reorganization proceedings.

sold to the Cojuanco Brothers of Manila for \$350,000, only a fraction of her \$5,887,111 cost 18 Idle in recent years because of labor difficulties and the fading of the American Mail line in the sea

Last October the vessel was

spectacle when she stopped over called last night by a member of The Statesman staff who is wellacquainted with the vessel's pur-The President Quezon was to

named Quezon, presented a sorry

Blizzard Takes Toll

hai, he said.

ho, and C. D. Johnson Lumber corporation, Portland, Ore.

The IEU, the board found, was a continuation of a former organization known as the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen established in 1917.

TOKYO, Jan. 27—(Saturday)—

(P)—A bliszard in North Central Japan has killed more than thirty persons. Most of them died when the flimsy roofs of their homes collapsed under the weight of

Southland Scourged by Cold As Northern Clime Tempers

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26-(P)- gions of Georgia, Alabama, Tensouthland which habitually nessee and Kentucky, were isotakes its winters mild was lated and while the food and fuel nancial less from Texas to Vir-While relentless frigidity

smashed records for intensity and duration, forecasters could promise no general relief before Sunday and predicted only relatively higher temperature then. Human suffering fell heaviest on the poor in the cities where even the best dwellings are not

built to withstand sub-zero and

near-zero conditions. Retail bus-

iness was slowed to a walk as

housewives left home only of necessity, and construction work virtually was suspended. Still incomplete reports showed 94 on the winter fatality list for this week and these added to 257 at Nashville, Tenn., to 22 above in previously reported to make a to-tal of 351 chargeable to the pro-

to thousands of homes, many reached deep into Florida.
snowed-in and ill prepared for the Tipelo. Miss., had 6 below this

courged today by racking cold situation was not believed acute that spread death, misery and fi- among them, there was concern less illness and injury find them without access to medical aid. Texas, Florida and the Gulf coast farmers could not as yet estimate the millions lost when

freezes bit savagely into fruit and

vegetable crops. Further to the

north livestock accustomed to wintering with little or no shelter froze and starved in the snow-cov ered fields or inadequate sheds. The south contributed an unusually high percentage of the mounting list of deaths charged to exposure, cold-bred fires, ice-caused traffic accidents and other weather-connected tragedies.

The deep south temperatures is major cities ranged from 13 below spots last night. The mercury fel to 15 above along the Mississipp The Red Cross and regular regular coast, a resort section and lief agencies carried fuel and food readings in the 20's, 20's and 40's

most severe winter of a genera-tion.

Tens of thousands of rural fam-ilies, particularly in the hilly re-kinsville, Ky.

morning and it was 4 below at Memphis, 3 above at Atlanta, 17 below at Topton, NC, and Hop-kinsville, Ky.

Hour Limit, No More Parallel Parking Urged on Committee By PAUL H. HAUSER, jr. | possible, cutting down on drive-Salem's parking problem took way space for service stations.

one of its recurring thrashings last night at public hearing in the Fred Burrell, manager of the council chambers of the city hall Fred Meier store, and H. R. attended by 12 citizens, three Worth of Worth's department councilmen, a handful of city of- store all agreed with Dan Hay, ficials and policeman and a boy. Operates in Snow ute to hour parking in the downtown district up for considera- help to the merchants. "The extion only Alderman E. B. Perrine had a good word to say for the present 45 minute system. He reminded the meeting that the change could possibly eliminate a fourth of the parking spaces F. H. Ely suggested that High now available. The rest who spoke street should have angle parking

> resolution introduced by Alder-man David O'Hara, who acted as is only 59 feet wide as compared chairman of the meeting, provid-with Liberty and Court streets' ing traffic difficulties were

Harry Scott, bicycle dealer, icials and policeman and a boy. representing the Salem Merch-With a change from 45 min- ant's association, that a return to the hour limit would be a great tra 15 minutes," Hay said, "makes a big difference. Mayor W. W. Chadwick said he thought "it would be a good idea"

army organ Red Star said today fing for the change.

The question of parking methat an undisclosed number of Also suggested as aids to solve the change.

to give hour parking a trial. F. H. Ely suggested that High

were solidly in favor of the one as did Ben Ramseyer. In re-hour limit.

Already before the council is a City Engineer Harold Davis in-



night while attempting to enter
Russia illegally over an unspecified point on the southern frontier.

Intervited by the southern frontier.

With Worth saying, "I think we're
going to come to meters sooner
or later." Mayor Chadwick told

Sub-zero temperatures in Chicago and in many other sections of the United States hamper fire fighters
as shown by this picture of a frozen automobile and fire engine at the scene of a fire.