

phia Monday to attend a meeting of the board of "Presbyterian Life," the publication of the Presbyterian church which is now just a year old. I was one of the committee House, Senate named to launch the magazine and am still on its board. The experience has been an interesting one. Launching a magazine, even under church auspices is by no means Slowing Who? easy. The board meetings are strenuous affairs, under compulsion to decide many important matters in limited time.

My associates on the board come from various parts of the country, most of them laymen. One man, J. Thursday, threatening to make the B. Crutchfield of Pittsburgh, is 1949 session the longest in hispresident of the American Fruit tory. Growers, with interests in the southern Oregon pear belt and in the apple growing sections of Washlege; another woman a former na- session in 1947. tional head of the P-TA. One member is in charge of public relations committee Thursday divided 5 to 3 for one of the country's largest over provisions of the proposed corporations. The contacts with these people are stimulating, even though the time for visiting is ex-

In New York Tuesday I attended the trial of 11 communists charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government. It is held in the federal courthouse in Foley square, before Judge Harold R. Medina. Weeks were consumed by the obstructive tactics of the lawyers for the (Continued on editorial page.)

Lewis Orders Miners to Start **Work Monday**

PITTSBURGH, March 24 -(AP) John L. Lewis passed the word dates. down to the UMW ranks today go back to work Monday.

It was good news for industry. It was also welcomed by the 463,-000 idle hard and soft coal miners east of the Mississippi. They said two months, but admitted it was war. at the start of the two-week me- unable to satisfy either the dog morial - protest shutdown March or horse racing interests. Rep. 14 their pocketbooks would be Rudie Wilhelm, jr., Portland, 14 their pocketbooks would be Rudie sagging by the scheduled end of the work stoppage Monday.

Lewis' word to return to the pits

chairman of the committee, said he hopes the threatened repeal will bring the two interests to

as scheduled came in the form of "executive communication."

It came shortly after the Baltimore and Ohio, an important coal carrier, announced that 8,500 shop workers now on furloughs would return to work April 4, one week after the miners resume operations. Idled train crews will be recalled as needed. Over the na-

Pen Population At Record High

high at the Oregon State penitentiary today.

Warden George Alexander said the prison, with accommodations supposedly for 1100, had a regis-

There were 120 at the penitentiary annex, 95 in the so - called garage dormitory and 82 at the hospital — at least half of them there only because there wasn't

The new cellblock designed to accommodate 400 — and thereby ense fees to \$5, earmarking the bring the prison's "capacity" to additional funds for county and 1500 — will be finished within city roads. two or three months. Officials Also passed in the house and sent to the senate were bills apexceed the 1500 - mark within a propriating \$22,500 to buy addi-

DANES SUPPORT PACT

approved the nation's entry into the North Atlantic alliance by a Senate Defeats Plan five to one margin. The action was referred to the upper house, bill which would have given the where similar approval is re-

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



House Kills Vet Pension--By One-Vote Margin

Disputes 24 Charles A. Strugue Shackle Session

By Lester F. Cour Sharp differences over old age pensions and racing meets slowed down the Oregon legislature

tween the house and senate over "who's murdering our bills" ington as well as in other parts promised to bog down progress of the country. One man is a col- still further as the lawmakers lege president; one woman is wife wound up their 74th day - only of the president of another col- 10 days short of the record 84-day

A joint ways and means sub-\$50-a-month old age pension written by the house welfare committee

Five committee members believe the state should have prior claim on any real property left by deceased pensioners. Puts \$5,000 Limit

Three members favor the bill written by the welfare committe which bars state claims on prop-erty valued at less than \$5,000. Under the bill, the state could what a recipient had received in pension payments from money received by a pensioner's more than \$5,000 is sold.

The race meet problem came to a head Thursday afternoon when the house state and federal affairs committee recommended a bill to repeal all pari-mutuel betting on dog and horse racing. Tired of Wrangling

Committee members said they were tired of listening to sessionlong wrangle between horse and of items down 2.5 per cent. dog racing interests over who should have the best racing meet

The committee action came af-

Carson Leads Off The rift between the house and senate developed Thursday morning when Sen. Allan Carson, Salem, charged that numerous bills approved unanimously in the sen-ate were being buried in house committees. Senators charged that one committee has failed to act on more than 100 bills. Others tion more than 70,000 railroaders were laid off during the mine shutdown.

Said the house was deliberately passing its own bills, refusing to act on the senate's and then charging the senate with holding up adjournment.

Both houses moved through long calendars Thursday, passing several important measures and killing several. Split Income Passes The house voted to permit mar-

ried couples to continue splitting their incomes for state income tax Population was at an all - time purposes after the repealed community property law expires. The bill now goes to the senate. Sent to the governor by the

house were senate-approved bills allowing the board of control to women's reformatory in California and permitting officials of Hill-crest School for Girls to return incorrigible girls to jurisdiction of Chicago send Oregon's criminals to a the courts. Drivers' License Bill

The house killed a bill which would have boosted drivers' lic-

tional property for the state heat-ing plant at 13th and Ferry streets; increasing from \$4,500 to \$5,000 the annual salary of district COPENHAGEN, Denmark, judges of Marion, Lane and Clack-March 24 -(A)- The lower house amas counties; abolishing the of the Danish parliament today post-war readjustment and devel-

The senate defeated 22 to 8 a secretary of state power to reject a political party's statement in the voters' pamphlet which he con-siders false. The majority charged

it would set up a censorship over the pamphlet. The senate completed action on a house resolution setting up a five-man interim committee to study the possibility of taking over the \$2,500,000 Astoria naval hospital as a state hospital. The fa-cilities could be obtained free. The committee will investigate the hospital immediately and report back to the legislature.

The house labor committee vot-

ed 5 to 4 Thursday to recommend defeat of bills to repeal two 1947 acts which restrict labor unions. They would repeal laws outlawing secondary boycotts and requiring labor elections to determine if labor disputes exist. The house will decide the issue Monday.

Both houses resume at 10 a.m.

(Additional details on page 12.)

SURGERY FOR THOMAS WASHINGTON, March 24 -(P) Aides of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) said today the condition of the former house un-American activities committee chairman was "good" following an abdominal operation earlier today.

The Oregon Statesman

99th YEAR

The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Friday, March 25, 1949

Baldock Blasts Bill to Bar City Road Projects Cost of Living Drop Wipes Out 1948's Boost

Food Prices Reduced 2½% Last Month

WASHINGTON, March 24 -(AP The cost of living has dropped for the fifth month in a row, and virtually all of the increase that occurred in 1948 has now been wip-

The bureau of labor statistics reported that its consumers' price index declined 1.1 per-cent be-tween January 15 and February 15. This fifth consecutive drop brought the index down to a point where it was only 0.9 per cent higher than a year ago.

The index figure on February 15 was 169 per cent of the 1935-39 average. It was 27 per cent above June 1946, when OPA controls were abandoned, and 71 per cent higher than the pre-war level The substantial cuts in food pri-

ces between January and February sent the index on that class There were smaller declines for

clothing and house furnishings. As a result of the three the index. which represents the retail prices ter the house sent the group's race of goods and services bought by meet bill back to committee for moderate income families in large amendments. The committee had cities, took one of its deepest debeen working on the measure for scents for one month since the

The food index on February was 199.7 per cent of the 1935-39 average, 8 per cent below the July 1948 peak. It was 21/2 per cent lower than a year ago and 37 per cent above the June 1946 level.

Fete Princess

Suzanne Barnes, 17 - year - old senior at Salem high school, was selected Thursday by the student council as Salem high princess for the annual Cherryland festival. Miss Barnes, recently in charge of a high school improvement as-

sembly, is the daughter of Mrs. C. A. Downs, 2121 S. High st. First to be named to the royal court of the 1949 festival, she will compete with eight other mid-Willamette valley girls for Cherryland queen.

THE WEATHER

Willamette river 5.9 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather buresu, McNary field, Salem):—Cloudy
with light rain today, becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers to-night, High today near 54. Low to-night near 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to March 25) Last Year

Ton of Dynamite Blasts Rock at Croisan Quarry Delegates From



This recent blasting operation at Croisan quarries produced some 15,000 yards of hard rock after more than a ton of dynamite was set off in one blast in the Croisan creek area four miles south of Salem. Behind the log barrier is Robert B. Brennan of the West Coast Powder Co. (Story on page 2).

Bulganin Removed as Russian Military Chief Pirate Mine;

LONDON, March 24-(P)-The Soviet Union announced tonight that Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky, 49, has succeeded Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin as minister of the armed forces - - the highest military post in all of Russia. This was the first big change in soviet military leadership since

Prime Minister Stalin stepped down as minister of the armed forces succeed him. Stalin ran the armed 100 persons were killed or injured sections of the state.

hierarchy in the last few weeks. The most important was the re-Bulganin is also a vice chairman of the council of ministers of the soviet union -- a deputy prime

minister. A man known for his ability as a skilled negotiator and administrator, Bulganin will presumably keep his deputy premier-Into the post of minister of the armed forces comes a relatively

young man who has carved out a distinguished career in soviet military annals. Vasilevsky was deputy minister under Bulganin and therefore is closely associated with the workings of the office.

Smelt Run Hits LONDON, March 24 - The Mosondon, March 24 — The Moscow radio announced tonight Sandy River Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin (above), has been succeeded by

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24-(AP)-The long-awaited smelt run reached the Sandy river tonight, signalling a sure-to-follow stampede of Portlanders to the river banks 15 miles east of here. Licenses entitling the holder President Truman's bill to repeal Licenses entitling the holder to the Taft-Hartley act won 13-10 25 pounds of fish per day are sold approval by the house labor com- at the scene for 50 cents. Last year mittee today and headed toward 32,170 were sold in the few days

Casualties High CANTON, Friday, March 25-(AP) in 1947 and appointed Bulganin to Authorities estimated more than Portland district's money in other

China Ship Hits

The new shift followed top level ship Miss Orient struck a mine tel owner, suported the bill be-between here and Hong Kong.

The ship was en route to that boulevard, from where through between here and Hong Kong.

The ship was en route to that boulevard, from where through British Crown colony from this traffic would be diverted to the lease of V. M. Molotov as foreign south Chinese port when the ex-

(A dispatch from Mong Kong said there were 800 passengers aboard.) The injured were being brought

to Canton. It was believed here that the mine was laid by pirates after the owners refused to pay extortion

The explosion occurred in Eliot passage, six miles east of Canton. The Orient is a ship of 1,200 tons

Senator Walsh **Acting Governor**

Senate President William Walsh. Coos Bay, took over as Oregon's chief executive Thursday while Gov. Douglas McKay is in Pocatello, Idaho, attending a Columbia basin interagency committee meeting.

Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, presided over the senate in Walsh's place. Governor McKay Mr. Rush Fined will return to Salem today.

TRUMAN BUCKLES DOWN ced a daylight-to-dark work schedule, apparently aimed mainly at getting his legislative pro-gram through congress.

RAISE FOR CITY WORKERS PORTLAND, March 24-(AP)-City employes here will get a \$5 monthly pay boost start July 1. Ormond R. Bean, city finance commissioner, said it will cost taxpayers about \$188,000 annu-

Salem Absent at his multi-billion dollar measure climaxed three days of quarrelsome debate during which the Senate Hearing

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock and Portland City Commissioner William A. Bowes protested tonight against a bill which would prohibit spending of any state highway funds inside cities until Oregon's primary highways are brought up to federal stand-

The only witnesses against the bill, they said it would make ci-ties into bottlenecks all over the state's road system. 16 Senators Sponsor Sixteen of the 30 state senators

are sponsors of the measure. Portland was the only city represented at the hearing before the senate ighway committee.

Portland is most vitally affected because the bill would delay the proposed Sullivan gulch freeway until the primary road system is completed. It also would delay Salem's proposed \$7,000,000 highway and bridge construction program, but no one from Salem showed up. Bowes said "One-third of all traffic in the state is in urban areas. The financial condition of the cities is so bad that they are vital part of bill which would put strapped so that they can't do much of anything on their roads and streets."

Would Change System Baldock said the bill would force the highway commission to do away with its system of allocating money equally to the state's five highway districts. This, he said, would cause spending of the

The Oregon Farm Bureau fed-eration also supported the bill, as-serting that all money should be spent on farm-to-market roads.

National VFW Commander to Talk in Salem

Lyall T. Beggs, national com-mander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will speak at a district meeting of VFW posts in Salem, Saturday, April 9, it was announced Thursday, night. Subject of his talk will be

nounced later. Beggs will install new officers of the district's eight posts at the Teague's motion to shelve the bill meeting which will be held in the VFW hall. It will be open to the public, The Marion and Meadowlark posts will be hosts.

- For Speeding

of-town engagement and announ- in municipal court Thursday forthat's right, speeding.

Arresting officers said Rush was rushing out North Capitol street at 45 miles per hour when arrested early Thursday morning.

QUAKE AT GRANTS PASS GRANTS PASS, March 24-(AP)-A light earth tremor, felt over a considerable area today, caused no damage here. It was recorded at 12:55 p. m. Many persons telephoned in reports.

Polk County Assessor Advises Overall Re-Appraisal Program

A huge re-appraisal program involving all real estate in Polk county was recommended to the county court this week by Ed C. Dunn, county assessor. The plan would involve all city residences, business buildings and lots in West Salem would require the services of two appraisers for an estimated six months.

The appraisal of lands is considered the most important phase of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the Swiss-made of the year. The 12-year-old was the sensation of the year. The 12-year-old was the year to the year the year the year to individuals. This area was referred to as the "sore spot" of Polk county with regard to taxes.

West Salem would be the prime area for revising lot values. This work alone would require the services of two appraisers for an estimated six months.

The appraisal of lands is considered the most important phase of the overall program. Enlarged aerial photos would aid in the taxe time the year in the year of the year.

The project, which would require three years to complete, will be presented to the county budget committee for consideration of years.

committee for consideration of past 10 years. costs involved. Its purpose is to

Rankin **Fight Lost**

Recount of Votes Sends Measure Into Oblivion

By Morgan Reynolds WASHINGTON, March 24 -(P) In a final jittery flip-flop ballet, the house today killed the Rankin veterans' pension bill - by a one

Ironically, the death stroke was administered on the initiative of World War II veteran.

The sudden end to Rep. John Rankin's efforts to put across house members changed their votes five times before shelving

On the showdown the tally 208 to 207 to send the riddled legislation back to the veterans committee for "further study." (Reps. Norblad, Ellsworth and Stockman voted to shelve the bill.

"That kills this legislation this congress," Rankin said. When Rankin confidently brought his pension bill before the house Tuesday it was drafted

to provide \$90 a menth for vet-erans of both world wars when they reached the age of 65, regardless of their financial nee Weighted with Amendments But by the time the final

ection vote was tallied. measure was so weighted with amendments that even its author could scarcely recognize it. It was a combat veteran, Rep. Olin E. Teague, of College Sta-

tion, Texas, who set off the legis lative machinery to halt the Ran-Teague moved to strike out the measure's enacting clause -

it into effect if enacted. The motion lost on a standing vote, 169 to 158,

But Teague demanded a teller vote, and when the members marched down the aisles, count was 171 to 168 in favor. The Texan then asked the house to send the bill back to the con mittee.

Tense, Confused Moment This brought the most and confused moment of all the lawmakers made public the decision in a roll-call vote. Und similar circumstances two days earlier they had voted off the record to shelve the bill, then changed their minds on the roll

call test. As the count was in progress two Pennsylvania democrati Reps. Barrett and Granha changed their votes to the sid with the Rankin bill foes, On the Associated Press score sheet these switches changed the unofficial total from 209 to 20 against to 208 to 207 in favor the Teague motion. But the clerks erroneously reported the result as 209 to 208 against the motion Recount Ordered

Acting Speaker John McCor-mack (D-Mass) on his own initiative immediately ordered a re

When the last name had been called and the votes counted -with no changes - they added up to 208 to 207 - in favor of It was the closest vote on a major bill in the house since Aug. 12, 1941. That was when, by another one-vote margin, the lawmakers approved extension of the draft law.

Jane Wyman, WASHINGTON, March 24 -(P) President Truman today swept his April calendar clear of all out Earl Rush, Portland, was fined \$15 Olivier Capture Movie Oscars

HOLLYWOOD, March 24 -(A)-"Hamlet," which William Shakespeare wrote and Laurence Oli-vier brought to film life, almost swept the boards tonight for 1948's Academy awards. It took the coveted Oscars as best picture, for Olivier as the best actor, for art direction, set

decoration and costume design.

Lovely Jane Wyman won the feminine award for her plain but appealing deaf mute in "Johnny Belinda," for Warner Bros. "Hamlet" is the first British picture to win this country's top

A miniature statuette, a special award, went to Ivan Jandl, for the best juvenile performance DALLAS, March 24 -(Special)- praisal start with former Camp of the year. The 12-year-old was

Claire Trevor, another veteran

Cost of the work if undertaken won the best supporting actress equalize tax burdens.

Those presenting the program recommended that the land appay two-thirds of the expense.

would be shared by county and sward for her trampish tole as Edward G. Robinson's girl friend in "Key Largo."

Hungarian Government Ousts Two Americans

Marshal Alexander M. Vasilev-

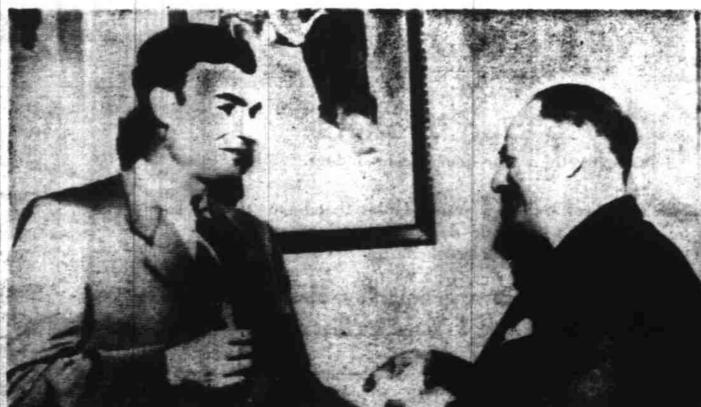
sky as minister of the armed

WASHINGTON, March 24 -(AP)

an early debate in the house. of the run.

forces of the Soviet Union.

T-H REPEAL ADVANCES



VIENNA, Mar. 24-In hotel room in Vienna today, Lt. Col. John P. Merrill (right) points to photostatic copy of receipt for garage bill which Hungarian government says he refused to pay and for which reason he was expelled from country, yesterday. With him is Lt. Col. Peter Kopesak (left), former West Point football star, who also was expelled from Hungary. Both were assistant military attaches of the U. S. legation at Budapest. Hungary also accused the two U. S. army men of spying and "brutal abuse of diplomatic privileges." (AP Wirephoto via radio from Vienna to The Statesman.)