

Message to Congress Also Implies Prediction of War's Termination in Present Year

Admitted Diplomatic Rifts Declared Inevitable With Allies Conscious of Nearness of Triumph Over Enemies

(By the Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt...

F. R. Voices Full Confidence in 'Ike'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told Congress today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower "has my complete confidence."

Plaque to Honor Dillard School for Bond Sales

A plaque bearing the name of the Dillard school will soon be on the war front, according to word received by the school from the Schools at War chairman.

Leonard Bales Killed In Action in Germany

Leonard C. Bales, employed at the Rose hotel in Roseburg prior to entering military service two years ago, was killed in action in Germany Dec. 9, according to word received here by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Victor Smith.

Order Egg Cases Now, Urae

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A warning to egg producers and distributors to order egg cases immediately to handle an expected record production was issued today by the War Food administration.

Roseburg Postal Receipts Soar to All-Time Record in 28 Perct. Gain During 1944

Receipts of the Roseburg postoffice soared to an all-time high of \$78,393.61 during the year 1944, Postmaster L. L. Wimberly reports.

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American Invasion of Luzon Poised; Allies Battling Stiffer Nazi Defense

Both Armies Gain, Lose in Fluid Combat

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN BELGIUM, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Marshal von Rundstedt suddenly stiffened his stand at the western point of his Belgian wedge today and threw allied troops back as much as 1,000 yards at points.

At the same time, however, southward stabbing elements of the U. S. First army managed to gain as much as 2,000 yards at softer points farther east, possibly indicating that the German commander was shifting armored units from sector to sector to combat each new threat.

(By the Associated Press) The U. S. seventh army has blunted the second big German counteroffensive, this one aiming at the vital Saverne gap in eastern France.

The German push in the south, which carried 15 miles through the northern Vosges in five days south of Bitch, magnificently resisted city, into a state of resistance at the deepest point of its penetration, 12 miles from Saverne and the Saverne gap.

The German sent troops across the Rhine in battle strength nine miles north of Strasbourg, posing a threat to that important French Rhine city.

Bad Weather Slows First Montgomery's forces in the Ardennes sector gained 23 miles against von Rundstedt's northern flank, but U. S. First army forces driving south from the Grandmeir area toward Bastogne were slowed by bad weather and increasing German resistance.

The U. S. Third army fighting on the southern flank in the Bastogne sector yielded two miles in the Michamps area northeast of the city under pressure of at least 21 counterattacks in two days. Another mile was given up around Warden, three miles southeast of Bastogne.

The withdrawal were described as orderly line-shortening operations on the narrow waist of the salient.

Big Air Battle Stage Despite the weather, RAF planes hit enemy troop and armor concentrations in and around Hauffalize, road hub ten miles northeast of Bastogne, during the night. This is the area which from dispatches have described as a likely area for the great battle of the west.

A great fleet of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators assaulted western Germany today, following up a battering of more than 100 bombers.

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Committee Posts Very Satisfying To Cordon, Morse

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Oregon's senators are very well satisfied with their new committee assignments.

Senator Cordon got the agriculture-forestry committee, which he requested, together with public lands and surveys. Cordon's first choice was appropriations but the available places were claimed by members with greater seniority.

To take the agriculture post, Cordon had to give up Indian affairs and post offices and post roads but Senator Morse was given a place on the roads committee.

Cordon retained three of his old committees, commerce, reclamation, both of which he considered of especial value to the state, and library.

Morse was highly gratified with his assignment to the education-labor committee which had been his first choice because of his experience as a member of the labor board and his earlier opposition to the Oregon university faculty. He also was pleased with the place on public roads and regarded the claims committee, normally a heavy load of work, as particularly desirable because of the number of war-connected claims expectable.

He also has mines and mining, which concerns an Oregon industry, and public buildings and grounds, which is expected to face a considerable amount of study during the next two years in outlining postwar development of the swollen federal plant.

Vincent Reappointed SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Frank Vincent, Portland, was reappointed today by Governor Snell to a four-year term on the state wage and hour commission.



BUS DRIVER SLAIN—Miss Winifred Cecil, 25-year-old navy bus driver, who was found shot to death and criminally assaulted in her Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco in the early morning of Jan. 4. The killer apparently hid himself in the bus overnight.

Roommate Robbery Charge is Faced

Augustine Pacheco was bound over to the Douglas county grand jury today and continued in custody in lieu of \$1,000 bail following arrest on a charge of theft of a pocketbook containing \$186 belonging to his roommate, Fred Fuch, State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported.

Fuch told police, Morgan stated, that he returned to his room at 439 Fowler street, Roseburg, and found that the billfold he had left on the bed had disappeared. He notified the city police, who, in turn, called the state police.

Pacheco, after being questioned, admitted dropping the billfold out of the window into a clump of shrubbery, Morgan reported. The officers recovered the billfold and money.

Douglas Fir Mills Place Huge Batch of Orders

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP) Douglas Fir mills in Oregon and Washington placed 110 million board feet of new orders at this year's first military auction—the largest amount at one sale since a year ago, Major Raleigh Chinn reported today.

Chinn, head of the central procuring agency, thanked the industry "for concretely indicating its will to meet heavy war demands."

About 60 million feet of the orders represent water cargo, the remainder rail.

Siberian Volcano On Rampage Nearly Month

MOSCOW, Jan. 6.—(AP) Kluchevskaya, one of the world's largest volcanoes, looted on the Kamchatka peninsula in eastern Siberia, has been in eruption since Dec. 11. It was learned today.

The last time it erupted was in 1937, when the flow of lava reached 10 miles in length.

(The Kamchatka peninsula is northeast of Japan. Kluchevskaya, with an altitude of 16,130 feet is the highest peak in Siberia and the highest active volcano in the old world.)

Bert C. Parker Admits Accusation of Robbery

A plea of guilty to a charge of robbery by force was entered in circuit court today by Bert Clarence Parker, recently arrested at Portland and returned to Douglas county. Parker was accused of the theft of \$5 from Walter Elder on December 2 District Attorney H. A. Canaday told the court. Imposition of sentence was postponed by Judge Carl E. Wimberly, pending further investigation into Parker's past record.

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Struggle For Budapest In Seesaw Stage

MOSCOW, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Tank, artillery and air battles virtually as fierce as any fought since Germany attacked Russia raged northwest of Budapest today as the Germans made a supreme bid to break through to their isolated garrison in the battered Hungarian capital.

The fighting has reached such a pitch that neither side has given any clear indication of how far the German penetration has gone toward the city from the Komarom area.

At last report the Russians held a zone possibly 30 miles deep, but dispatches said the whole sector south of the Danube bend now is most fluid and places are changing hands several times daily.

A Russian communique said the Germans threw 300 tanks into the battle yesterday.

The Germans were said to have brought up numerous King Tigers from the Vienna area. These met a strong foe in the Red army's new T-34 tanks. The Germans also poured great numbers of other mobile weapons into the area in the past two days.

Strong forces of German aircraft—in greater number than have been seen on the eastern front for months—are providing steady support for the enemy ground attack.

Garrison Still Trapped. Although the Russians are tight lipped about the way the fighting is going northwest of Budapest, dispatches said one thing is certain—no units of the Budapest garrison have been able to break through toward their would-be rescuers.

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Record Number of Bills in Prospect For Legislators

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—An unusually large number of bills probably will be presented to the 43rd legislative assembly which meets here Monday, legislators arriving here today said.

Several senators, scoffing at predictions of a short session, said they have heard reports from fellow legislators that a new record for introduction of bills might be set.

"Many legislators seem to have large batches of bills in their pockets," one senator said. "The attorney general's office said it has been swamped by state departments and legislators asking assistance in drafting bills. Many of these requests were made at the last minute."

Governor Snell put the finishing touches on his legislative message, which he will deliver about 2 p. m. in the house chamber.

Jobless Payments in Oregon at All-Time Low

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Only 2,131 persons drew unemployment compensation benefits totaling \$157,843 in Oregon during 1944, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

The totals were at an all-time low. The average weekly payment was \$13.60, with only 399 workers drawing the maximum of \$15 a week.

The commission collected \$17,268,140 in taxes from employers last year, or \$300,000 less than in the previous year.

Gasoline Doctored With Red Ink, OPA Alleges

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A new use for red ink has been reported by the OPA which filed injunction suits here seeking to prevent 10 service station operators from "doctoring gasoline and selling it as high octane fuel."

A few drops of red ink, said the OPA, gave the fuel a deeper color and the dealers assertedly charged two cents more per gallon.



HITLER EXAMINES WAR RUINS—A sad-faced Adolf Hitler, hat in hand, surveys ravages of war with unidentified Nazi leaders in an undesignated German city. This picture was captured by U. S. army signal corps on western front but date it was taken is unknown.

Issuance of Order Drafting 18-38 Age Men Who Desert Jobs Slated Now, Assertion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Capitol sources predicted today selective service headquarters would direct local draft boards within the next 24 hours to induct men between 18 and 38 who change jobs without board approval.

Sources close to the house military committee said they were informed of the new order by spokesmen for selective service.

These sources also said the army has agreed to lower its physical standards to accept for work units men sent to it by draft boards under "work-or-fight" regulations.

The new regulations would apply to men now holding deferments of any kind, either occupational or physical, but would be aimed primarily at the physically-fit group. Its purpose is to prevent labor turnover through shifting of jobs without draft board approval.

While men under 26 have in the past faced immediate induction if they shifted from jobs for which they had been deferred, that policy had not applied generally to men of the older age groups or to 4-Fs, spokesmen explained.

Frequently, they added, men ordered inducted for shifting jobs were found physically disqualified. In the future, with the lowering of army acceptance standards, these men will be assigned to labor units.

The new selective service order virtually puts into effect by regulation provisions of a bill introduced today by Chairman May of the house military committee. However, it was pointed out, the legislation is necessary to provide that men inducted into the work units shall not be eligible for normal veterans' benefits and to remove misunderstanding about the use of the men in industry.

Christian Scientists Observe Anniversary

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Christian Scientists today observed the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, and a half century of religious accomplishment.

The original edifice of gray granite, seating about 1,200 persons, was dedicated January 6, 1895, by the founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. It is now dwarfed by the "annex" built only ten years later to seat 5,000 persons.

Predatory Angler. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Portland's "fish pole" prowler is at work again, using a pole and line to take two purses from a home and getting only \$2.

MEANEST THIEF. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Sad news for smokers in LaGrande—police reported that seven cases of cigarettes consigned to that city were stolen from a truck terminal in Portland.

Landing May Have Started, Tokyo States

China-Based Superforts Bomb Nippon Homeland; Aircraft Plant Target

(By the Associated Press) American assault forces are closing in and "may have landed on Luzon," most important island in the Philippines, Tokyo radio reported today as coordinated U. S. land, sea and air forces invaded, sheltered or bombed strategic Japanese-held islands spread over more than 1,000 miles.

The quickening tempo of the Pacific war brought these developments:

1. Tokyo radio reported three new allied convoys on the move in Philippine waters, including a heavily guarded invasion flotilla west of Luzon on which Manila is situated.

2. Gen. MacArthur announced the unopposed invasion of capture of Marinduque Island, 12 miles south of Luzon and less than 100 miles from Manila. It was the seventh island to be retaken in the Philippines.

3. Adm. Nimitz announced fast U. S. carrier forces destroyed 111 Japanese planes and 27 ships in their two-day raid on Formosa and the Okinawa Islands, linking Japan and the Philippines. Sixty-eight other ships were damaged, China Coast Command.

4. For the first time sea-borne U. S. planes reached the China coast. They searched 500 miles of the coastline from Foochow to Hongkong and reported they could have flown on to U. S. air bases in the interior.

5. Another U. S. task force shelled major harbors on Haha Jima and Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands, 650 miles south of Tokyo and 1,300 miles west of Formosa.

6. About 70 or 80 China-based Superforts bombed western Kyushu in the Japanese homeland, apparently hitting for the sixth time at the important Omura aircraft factory, Tokyo said, 12 other B-29s bombed Nanking.

7. Japanese troops in southwest China recaptured Wanting, Burma-road fortress town near the

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Robert C. Barrett Wins D. S. Bar for War Valor

Robert C. Barrett, Roseburg, serving as a chief cook in the maritime service, has been awarded the merchant marine Distinguished Service Bar for bravery in action on the high seas. When Barrett's ship was attacked by enemy planes Barrett and Fireman James B. Gordon took over operation of the anti-aircraft gun after the navy gunner was hit. They exhausted their ammunition and braved enemy fire to carry up more shells and continue the anti-aircraft fire which chased off the attacking planes.

Tractor Crushes Out Life of Operator

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—The death of Phillip Sheridan Manselmann, 35, yesterday when a tractor lurched forward and pinned him underneath at a ranch near seaside, was reported here today.

Arranges to Pay Fine. J. A. Woodworth, charged with intoxication, was fined \$10 after pleading guilty before the Roseburg city court, A. J. Goddes, city recorder, stated today. Woodworth was released on arrangement to pay.

Generous Landlord. PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A generous landlord gave the OPA this description of his rental facilities: "I allow my tenant the temporary use of 24 chickens."

Levity Fact Rant. By L. F. Reinhardt

American civilians would be less concerned over the statements that a "long war lies ahead" if some heads of the war did not lie.