

NAZIS GAIN IN SAAR BLOWS

On April 7, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson, ill and very weary of the struggle to get the peace conference in Paris to accept the basic principles which he felt necessary to insure the lasting peace which he desired for the world, ordered the battleship George Washington which had carried him to Europe to sail for Brest, As Ray Stannard Baker reports in his work "Woodrow Wilson and the Peace Settlement:"

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Salem Council Turns Over New Leaf and Refuses to Backtrack on Past Action

Another year, another system marked Tuesday night's meeting of the Salem city council when it refused to backtrack on two previously-taken actions.

The council will neither rescind its recommendation that Tom Hill's sandwich shop on North Capitol be given a beer retailing license similar to the one it has held since shortly after the repeal of prohibition, nor will it repeal a resolution adopted last November calling for civil service examinations to fill vacancies in the ranks of city police and fire departments.

Meeting to Decide Fate of Oregon's State Fair in '45

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2-(P)-Whether or not Oregon will hold a 1945 state fair probably will be decided at the 17th annual meeting of the Oregon Fairs association here Friday and Saturday.

Ward Officials Dismissed as Probe Begins

CHICAGO, Jan. 2-(P)-The army today discharged 11 officials of Montgomery Ward and company in seven cities, a federal grand jury began an investigation of the dispute which led to seizure of the mail order firm's properties, and Ward's chairman, Sewell L. Avery, held a long conference with his associates.

Eastern Coast Feels Bite of Severe Winter

Atlantic seaboard states from Florida through New England felt the sting of a severe cold wave last night while the Great Lakes region got a sprinkle of snow as warm air fronts moved in from the southwest and northwest.

Robert Bissell Killed, Action

SILVERTON, Jan. 2-(Special)-Word has been received that Sgt. Robert Bissell, formerly of Silvertown and McMinnville, was killed in action recently over Germany. He had previously been reported missing.

John (Jafsic) Condon Dies at 84 in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 2-(P)-Dr. John F. (Jafsic) Condon, 84, who tried in vain to ransom the kidnapped Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., died today—the 10th anniversary of the start of Bruno Richard Hauptmann's trial for the crime.

Yanks Gain and Halt Nazis



The U. S. Third Army registered gains between Molroy and Basle on the southern flank of the salient driven into Belgium by the Nazi winter offensive (1). To the south German attacks (2) on U. S. Seventh Army positions in the Blicke area appeared to have made little progress. (AP wirephoto)

Congress Convenes Today; Official Opinion Divided Over Proposals by Byrnes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2-(P)-President Roosevelt gave general endorsement to a home-front legislative program proposed by War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, as members gathered for the 79th congress opening tomorrow.

Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, Allied Naval Chief, Killed



PARIS, Jan. 2-(P)-Adm. Sir Bertram Home Ramsay, whose ships saved the British army at Dunkerque and who four years later directed naval operations in the Allied invasion of Normandy, was killed today when his plane crashed on a trip to Belgium. He would have been 62 on Jan. 20.

Complete British Fleet Arrives in Australia

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2-(P)-A complete British fleet has arrived in Australia, NBC Reporter George Folster said today in a shortwave broadcast from the Philippines. He said the force, including aircraft carriers, is under the command of Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, who recently concluded strategy talks with U. S. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

Senator Belton Completing List Of Appointments to Committees

By Wendell Webb, Managing Editor, The Statesman. Committee appointments in the state senate "will be made on the basis of the ability of individual members, the interests and needs of the districts represented and the welfare of the state as a whole." Sen. Howard C. Belton, whose selection as senate president has been conceded, told The Statesman Tuesday.

Von Rundstedt May Be Withdrawing From Belgian Base

Sizeable Dent Made in Seventh Army Front But Drive Slowed; 2500 Allied Planes Hit Enemy

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 3-(AP)-German troops were jabbing today at nearly a dozen places from Saarbrucken to the Rhine against US Third and Seventh Army positions in a series of diversionary thrusts that had gained as much as two miles in at least one point.

900 Blocks of Budapest Held By Red Army

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 3-(P)-Red army troops have seized almost 900 blocks of battered Budapest with "fierce encounters in fortified houses, in courtyards and in cellars" in their drive for annihilation of the city's trapped German-Hungarian garrison, Moscow announced last night.

George Harris Free Under Bail of \$10,000

George Elmer (Bud) Harris, bound over to the grand jury Tuesday on a charge of voluntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Charles Etchelor at rooks early Sunday morning, is free under \$10,000 bail. After Harris had been ordered by Justice of the Peace Joseph Felton held for the grand jury and bail had been set, undertaking was posted almost immediately by Clyde Harris and W. B. Russell of Brooks.

Navy Planes Slug Formosa In Deep Stab

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Jan. 3-(P)-Formosa figured prominently for the first time today in a communique from this headquarters with announcement that navy patrol planes attached to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command made a new penetration north into Japanese waters.

Adj. Gen. R. Olson May Join Regular Army

Adj. Gen. Raymond F. Olson, who has the distinction of being at once a brigadier general and a lieutenant colonel, left Salem on Tuesday morning for McChord General Hospital to take the physical examination which will either send him back to regular army duty as a lieutenant colonel in the finance training field or return him to Salem as brigadier general of the state guard and Oregon's adjutant general. Olson was placed on the inactive list seven months ago because of his health and sent home from army service at Duke University.

Military Trial Due for Spies

NEW YORK, Jan. 2-(P)-Trial by a military tribunal apparently is in store for the two alleged German agents who were landed on the Maine coast by a submarine November 29.