

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sponage

Dr. J. C. Stevens of Portland, one of the country's eminent engineers, is serving this year as president of the American society of civil engineers. Last week he talked before Salem's geology group on "Silt and Civilization."

The subject is one which Dr. Stevens is well qualified to discuss since he was employed by the government a few years ago to make studies on the silting of Boulder dam in the Colorado river.

The base for silting studies is the Elephant Butte storage reservoir on the Rio Grande river near El Paso. This dam was built by the United States to supply water to users in Mexico in satisfaction of prior rights claimed by Mexicans.

It has been in use over 25 years. Records have been kept as to the progress of silting this storage basin through continuing tests of the solid content of the water, through soundings and through measurements when the basin is empty so that engineers can walk over its floor. Through computations based on these studies the scientists estimate the life of the reservoir at 138 years.

At the end of that period it will be filled with the sediment deposited from the silt-laden Rio Grande, though long before that the partial filling will greatly diminish the value of the reservoir.

The Colorado river is another turbid stream. Draining the southwestern slope of the continental divide through Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona it accumulates huge quantities of earth-material. When the flow reaches the pool of Lake Mead, behind Boulder dam it drops its cargo.

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Army Training Endorsed by House Group

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—With only one member voicing opposition, the house postwar military committee today endorsed the "broad policy" of universal military training.

The committee did not offer specific legislation—it has no legislative powers—but left that job to the military affairs committee which is expected to hold hearings after the summer recess.

A majority of the military committee is known to favor a peace-time draft requiring every youth to take a year of military training at some time between the ages of 17 and 22.

Navy Seizes Rubber Plants To Halt Strikes

The navy seized five plants of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company in Akron yesterday (Thursday) and ordered half of the rubber capital's 33,000 strikers to be on the job today.

On orders of President Truman, the navy took over Goodyear production, crippled by the 20-day walkout, after the 16,700 CIO United Rubber Workers had defied war labor board back-to-work orders seven times. The seizure was by the navy because it let most of the Goodyear contracts.

Occupation of Goodyear was expected by the WLB to influence peaceful resumption of production at the Firestone Tire & Rubber company, Akron, where 16,500 CIO rubber workers have been out since Sunday.

Strikes in addition to those in Akron made some 60,000 workers idle over the nation.

Steak May Be Full of Lead

PORTLAND, July 5-(AP)—Some hungry consumer is going to lose a few teeth when he bites into the steer Charles L. Hale sent six 22 rifle slugs into today.

Hale told a deputy sheriff he was awakened this morning by a two-year-old bull calf and four yearling heifers stampeding around his back yard.

Grabbing his rifle, he sent six slugs into the bull, but each shot only brought the animal to its knees. Puzzled, the calf finally withdrew while Hale located its owner.

Diphtheria Cases In State Increase

PORTLAND, July 5-(AP)—Diphtheria cases in Oregon have increased 129 per cent during 1945, the state board of health said today. Ten new cases were reported last week, bringing the year's total to 178.

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Nazi War Plants Seized



Justice Owen J. Roberts Retires From Highest Court

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—Justice Owen J. Roberts, for years the supreme court's leading dissenter and next to the last member of the tribunal not appointed by President Roosevelt, retired today, effective July 31.

Since he has served more than 19 years and recently became 70 years of age, he will receive full pay of \$20,000 a year for life.

He had been a member of the court since 1930. Chief Justice Stone also was appointed to the high court before Franklin D. Roosevelt became president.

In the early years of the new deal, Justice Roberts held a balance of power between "conservative" and "liberal" elements in the court, voting sometimes with one group and sometimes with the other.

In 1937 the retirement of Justice Van Devanter upset the previous balance between the other eight members.

Three Air Lines Now Authorized To Fly Atlantic

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—The CAB today authorized three United States air lines to operate across the north Atlantic, holding that this country's international air service in the European area should not be restricted to one company.

Pan American Airways, Inc., American Export Airlines, Inc., and Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., were given permission to fly transportation routes which the board said will provide additional service to Portugal, Spain, Ireland, the British Isles, Scandinavian countries, Russia, other European countries, India, Africa, the Near East and India.

BIRTH RATE CONTRARY

LONDON, July 5-(AP)—The British medical journal Lancet expressed astonishment today at the rise in the European birth-rate since 1941-42, calling it one of the most unusual accomplishments of the war.

Orderly Vote Follows One of Country's Bitterest Campaigns

LONDON, July 5-(AP)—Great Britain chose a new government today to fight the war with Japan and to lay the foundations for the peace to come, but the result will not be known for three weeks.

Farben's In Army Control

Action Taken to Smash Greatest Arms Combine

HOESCHT, Germany, July 5-(AP)—In a sudden move today, the American army seized complete control of the management, assets and plants of the vast I. G. Farbenindustrie in the United States zone of occupied Germany and set in motion machinery intended to wipe out for all time the German ability to wage war.

Acting under general order No. 2, issued by Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay as deputy military governor, armed American troops marched simultaneously into 24 Farben plants at 6 p. m. and assumed control of properties which had played a great part in building up and maintaining the German war machine.

The action was taken to smash I. G. Farbenindustrie's worldwide cartel system and practices and break up the industry's war making power, which the United States government control council considers a "major threat to the peace and security of the postwar world so long as such industries remain within the control of Germany."

Control of the industry's management, assets and plants which produced more than 50 per cent of Germany's supply of chemicals and allied products is to be held for ultimate disposition by a four-power government to be established for Germany.

The great Farben plants produced about 80 per cent of Germany's entire nitrogen output, 100 per cent of the country's manganese metal, 100 per cent of the tetra ethyl lead production, 100 per cent of the cellophane, approximately 80 per cent of the plastics, more than 50 per cent of the explosives and 100 per cent of the effective poison gas.

Sub Trigger Lost With 85 Men Aboard

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—The submarine Trigger, holder of the presidential unit citation for an "exceptionally notable record of severe damage inflicted on hostile shipping," is overdue and presumed lost.

The navy's announcement said the submarine was on her way to the west coast of the United States when she was lost with 85 officers and men aboard.

The Trigger was the 45th United States submarine lost since the start of the war.

Warsaw's Main Street Once More Illuminated

MOSCOW, July 5-(AP)—A Tass dispatch from Warsaw said tonight that the main district of the Polish capital was illuminated for the first time since German destruction of the city's electrical system.

Truman Signs Tariff Power

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—President Truman took over today the tariff bargaining power which congress granted on his plea that it was necessary to the "success" of his administration.

He signed into law a three-year extension of the reciprocal trade act, which carries authority to cut tariffs 50 per cent below the rates in effect Jan. 1, 1945, in return for concession from other nations.

His Breakfast Would Kill An Ox-and-a Ration Book

ATLANTA, July 5-(AP)—Doctors don't know what's the matter with PFC Chester J. Salvatori. PFC. Salvatori has a big appetite, an appetite that would appall even an elephant.

A breakfast of 40 eggs, 20 pieces of toast, several quarts of milk, eight pieces of bacon, a quart of coffee and a box—a big box—of cereal is nothing unusual for the soldier from Southbridge, Mass.

And PFC. Salvatori isn't a big guy. Just 140 pounds. Slightly less than average in height.

He tells friends he once ate an 18-pound turkey at one meal—without any help. His favorite meat is pork chops and he says he's eaten as many as 36 at a meal.

He's been in the army four years and four months. In civilian life he likes to work in a grocery store or a bakery.

Once, he said, he worked for an optical company and nearly starved to death. Physicians who have the little guy under observation at Ft. McPherson station hospital say his stomach is a little larger than average—but not much.

They say also it may be his craving for food is psychological, but they are not definite on unanimous in the matter.

Oregon \$7,000,000 Short of Reaching Its E Bond Quota

PORTLAND, July 5-(AP)—Oregon is still more than seven million dollars short of its E bond goal, with three days left to go, Seventh war loan officials said today.

Sales are now \$47,583,447 of the \$55,000,000 quota. Overall sales, topping the quota by 155 per cent, are now \$171,469,847.

Aussies Take Vital Airfield Near Oil Port

MANILA, Friday, July 6-(AP)—The Australian Seventh division has captured Manggar airfield with its two 4000-foot runways and won control of all of the big oil port and refinery town of Balikpapan in southeast Borneo, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Capture of the airfield, second taken in the Balikpapan area since the invasion of July 1, was accomplished on the afternoon of July 4 against light opposition.

It is 10 miles by air and 13 by road northeast of Balikpapan. An Australian column, pushing on beyond the airfield along the bomb-cratered paved road, could see raging fires at Koela Sambodja, once-great refinery and pumping station.

The Japanese apparently were methodically destroying all of the oil installations in Borneo's richest petroleum belt.

Cockroaches Go, Anyway

PORTLAND, July 5-(AP)—A Vanport man's scheme to celebrate "The Fourth" by exterminating cockroaches went astray, and today his Savage 30.6 rifle is on its way back east.

W. C. Kennedy couldn't deny the holes in the floor, but claimed the rifle had done its work, for there were no cockroaches to be found today.

Police, thankful that his wife and five children were at a Fourth of July picnic, charged Kennedy with intoxication. Kennedy promised the judge he would ship the rifle back east to his father.

Treasury Secretary To Leave

Morgenthau Resigns Effective After Next Meet

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—Henry Morgenthau, jr., whose resignation as secretary of the treasury after 11 1/2 years in the office.

He will remain as secretary for several weeks or until President Truman returns from the big three conference near Berlin.

Truman, announcing Morgenthau's decision to step out, said he has a successor in mind but won't name him until he gets back from Europe.

Still In Succession Line

Until Morgenthau actually leaves office, the tall, bald, applegrower from Hopewell Junction, N. Y., will remain No. 3 in the presidential line and would succeed to the presidency if anything happened to Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Morgenthau has been secretary since Jan. 8, 1934, longer than any other man except Albert Gallatin of Pennsylvania, who was secretary for 12 years in the early 1800s.

Smiling cheerfully, Morgenthau told reporters that when he leaves office he will go to his farm in Dutchess county, N. Y., and after resting there — "I haven't the slightest idea what I will do next."

He is 54 years old. His friends said emphatically he is "not interested" in any governmental job.

The president wrote to Morgenthau, saying he was "indeed sorry" over the secretary's decision. He praised Morgenthau's work, particularly in raising taxes and selling bonds.

Morgenthau is the sixth of the Roosevelt cabinet to resign, leaving only four: Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes; commerce, Henry Wallace; war, Henry Stimson; navy, James Forrestal.

In the immediate speculation regarding the new treasury secretary, many in Washington put Fred M. Vinson at the head of the list.

Howard Larkins Killed in Action In Island Battle

T/S Howard Larkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Larkins, station A, Salem, died in action on Mindanao June 15, according to a telegram received by the parents.

Larkins was one of three brothers to enter the army with the original 41st and went first to Ft. Lewis. They went through the campaigns of Salamaua, Hollandia, Biak and the Philippines.

First Sergeant Marvin Larkins, older brother, is back on rotation and now is at Camp Maxey, Texas. The third of the fighting brothers, Tech. Sgt. Melvin Larkins, was given an honorable discharge from Baxter General hospital, Spokane, on February 1, and is now employed at The Oregon Statesman.

A younger brother, Harold, a student, and two sisters, Mrs. Garnet Saunders and Mrs. Gayle Stogard, and the parents, all of Salem, survive.

(Picture on servicemen's page).

Resigns



Henry Morgenthau, jr., whose resignation as secretary of the treasury was accepted by President Truman on Thursday.

Still Chance of County Hitting E Bond Quota

Marion county still has a chance — if only a slim one — to meet its \$2,270,000 quota for the Mighty Seventh War Loan campaign.

With \$2,060,000 actually in sight, Chairman Douglas Yeater announced Thursday night that determined efforts would be made by all workers to make up the remainder of the official bank deadline at noon Saturday.

"We have a day and a half to work," said Yeater, "and if 273 loyal citizens each would buy a \$1000 (maturity value) bond, Marion county would be over the top."

"I have asked every worker to stay on the job."

Meanwhile, official tabulation at 477 Court st. headquarters showed total sales of all bonds would pass the six million mark and possibly reach \$6,500,000 or around 150 per cent of quota, when all returns are in.

Latest national tabulations show that Oregon has regained its No. 1 place among the states with \$376.83 per capita sales, 52 cents ahead of Connecticut, temporary leader.

Casualty List Grows 6258 Within Week

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—Combat casualties of the armed forces since the beginning of the war reached 1,036,937 today, a rise of 6,258 in the past week.

The total represented 911,397 for the army and 125,540 for the navy. It included 239,533 killed, 628,353 wounded, 49,580 missing and 119,471 prisoners.

Most of the week's increase reflected fighting in the Pacific, the war department said.

Only a few European casualties are still being reported.

Blasting Brings Flurry Of Telephone Queries

Blasting at the Anunson gravel pit on Cherry avenue at mid-afternoon Thursday startled many Salem residents. Japanese balloon bombs obviously were paramount in the minds of a number who called The Statesman office to learn the cause of the loud explosion.

M'Arthur Enters Air War

Tokyo Bay Area Ripped by Units From Iwo Jima

MANILA, Friday, June 6-(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has flung his air forces against the Japanese homeland for the first time, operating from Okinawa, he disclosed today.

Thirty-six hours after they landed on Okinawa, fighters and bombers roared off on an unchallenged sweep over the southern Japanese island of Kyushu.

"This is just the start," declared Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the far east air forces. "We will continue to hammer Japan until she accepts unconditional surrender."

Raiders Staged July 3

The raids were staged July 3. The first blows landed on the cities of Tojimbara, Byu, Izumi, Chairan and Omura.

Speedy Mustangs darted down, strafing against moderate to heavy anti-aircraft fire as the raiders swept the skies for two hours. They found only three enemy float planes and sank them all in Fukuoka harbor.

It was the first blow struck by MacArthur against the Japanese homeland in more than three and a half years of war.

PLANES RIP WAREHOUSES, DOCKS IN TOKYO BAY

GUAM, Friday, July 6-(AP)—Nearly 100 Iwo-based Mustangs of the US Seventh army air force raided airfields in the Tokyo area yesterday for the second straight day and ripped dock and warehouse targets in Tokyo bay.

The Seventh fighter command reported the raid at the same time that fleet headquarters announced navy privates on July 4 made their first sweep over southwestern Korea, disrupting a main railroad line.

The Japanese air force defending Tokyo again failed to show up against the Mustangs which the day before had broadcast a challenge to the foe.

Five enemy planes were destroyed and 10 damaged in yesterday's strike making a total of 48 shot down, destroyed or damaged in two days.

Arnold Quits Bench to Take Law Practice

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—Thurman Arnold, former justice department "trust buster," resigned a high judgeship today to re-enter private law practice and work for "a truly competitive economy in the postwar world."

The president accepted the resignation "regrettably" saying it represented a "great loss to the bench."

Another resignation today was that of Eugene Casey, an executive assistant to the president. He was one of the "secret six" aides chosen by President Roosevelt because of their "passion for dynamism."

Late in 1944, Casey went on active duty with the navy and is now a lieutenant commander serving in the Pacific.

Tornado Loss Set \$500,000

RISING CITY, Nebr., July 5-(AP)—Damage from a tornado which killed six persons and injured 15, five critically, in a five-mile sweep through Butler county Nebraska, was estimated tonight "at close to a half million dollars."

Mayor H. D. Treadway of Rising City, small town on the edge of the destruction wrought by the storm last night, declared damage was principally to livestock, buildings, and crops.

MAYOR RILEY HOME

PORTLAND, July 5-(AP)—Mayor Earl Riley arrived home today from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of the American Municipal association.



Gen. Carl A. Spaatz

Gen. Carl Spaatz Gets Command of Army's Growing Drive to Bomb Japan Off the Map

WASHINGTON, July 5-(AP)—The man who directed the smashing of Germany from the air today was assigned to do the same thing to Japan.

The war department announced an expansion of the air command set-up in the Pacific, placing Gen. Carl A. Spaatz in charge of the B-29s now levelling Nippon's cities and softening the enemy home islands for invasion.

The red-haired, poker-playing Spaatz will be commander of the U. S. army strategic air force in the Pacific. His set-up will be big: He will be in charge of the 20th and the 8th air forces, equipped with B-29s, with their own fighter cover.