

Battleship Oregon Takes 'Ghost Cruise' Over Pacific

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Typhoon Frees Old Warship

Few modern statesmen have had the gift of prophecy as strongly as Winston Churchill. In the first world war he was first lord of the admiralty, and as the war clouds lowered in the summer of 1914 he adroitly massed the British fleet in home waters. Between the wars, as he noted German revival and rearmament, he became a veritable Cassandra foretelling doom unless Britain strengthened its military arm, particularly its air force. When his warnings were tardily and scantily heeded and the heavy blows fell which crushed France and the Low Countries, Churchill was given the responsibilities of government. How he rallied the British people, stood alone against Hitler for over a year, and conducted the negotiations which brought support from the United States is history so lately written as to be known by all.

Now, out of power, he is only a voice, but when he speaks the world listens, especially when he discusses international affairs. Ten days ago in the course of an address in the commons he read a letter which he had addressed to Marshal Stalin, under date of April 29, 1945. Its contents sound now as though for a few moments the veil of the future had been drawn aside and Churchill given opportunity to see what would happen in the postwar years. Rarely indeed has a forecast proven so accurate when events actually transpired.

What Churchill foresaw and what he feared was the growth of

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French Give Berlin Village To Russians

BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 13-(AP)—The British-owned newspaper Telegraph said today the Russians had requested the French to evacuate the village of Stolpe, in the French sector of Berlin, and that the French had complied.

The report could not be confirmed officially immediately. The paper said Gen. Alexander G. Kotkov, Soviet commandant for Berlin, had addressed the request to Gen. Jean Ganeval, French commander, last night.

Russian troops were reported to have reoccupied the village, which has a population of about 1,000.

The French were said to have taken horses and cattle with them, leaving what had been there when they took over in 1945.

Stolpe was originally part of the Russian occupation zone but was incorporated in the French sector of Berlin by agreement between French and Soviet military authorities in 1945.

The reported Russian request was regarded here, if true, as retaliatory action for demolition by French engineers Thursday of Soviet-controlled Berlin radio towers.

Weatherman Falls 2 Stories While Bannister-Sliding

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18-(AP)—A weather bureau forecaster fell two stories down a stairwell today when he slipped while sliding down bannisters at the office.

Police said Arthur J. Rozette, 30, Vancouver, Wash., had succumbed to the temptation of the slick, wide bannisters. He suffered hip, back and possible internal injuries.

Rozette fell from a third floor level to the first floor.

RIVER LOCKS TO OPEN WEST LINN, Ore., Dec. 18-(AP)

Locks on the Willamette river here, closed by last week's flood, will be reopened to river traffic tomorrow morning.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He used to be a church mouse."

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Your Legislature
The 60 members of Oregon's new House of Representatives are presented pictorially on page 8, section 2 of today's STATESMAN.

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State Police to End Period with Budget Surplus

Invader



SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 18—Dr. Rafael A. Calderon Guardia, (above) leading invasion forces from Nicaragua into Costa Rica, reportedly has been promised help from Nicaraguan Dictator Anastasio Somoza. Guardia is a former president of Costa Rica. (Story on page 2.)

Maison to 'Continue Economy'

The state police department will turn about \$200,000 back to the general fund at the close of the current biennium June 30, H. G. Maison, department superintendent, said Saturday.

In a report to Gov. John Hall, Maison said the money will be left over from the department budget of \$3,388,891 appropriated by the 1947 legislature. The report covers a period from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1948.

Maison said the return of this money to the general fund is possible despite the addition of more than 50 men to the operating force, rising prices of equipment and materials, increased wages and new services.

Of the total police appropriation of the 1947 legislature \$2,200,860 was earmarked for salaries and wages, \$864,724 for general, operating and maintenance expense and \$273,307 for capital outlays.

"Prudence dictated caution against over expansion," Maison averred, "with the result we are now in a very comfortable financial situation. It is our purpose to continue strict economy where such economy can be practiced without impairment of service."

Maison's report showed that during the two-year period department operatives patrolled 11,241.479 miles with 85,033 arrests. Of the arrests 72,814 were for violations of the motor vehicle and motor transportation codes, 5,040 for offenses against the game and commercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for crimes defined by the penal code as general law enforcement.

Dutch Bomb Indonesian City, Start Invasion

BATAVIA, Java, Sunday, Dec. 19-(AP)—The republic of Indonesia said today Dutch airplanes bombed Jogjakarta, the republican capital, today, Jogjakarta is in south central Java about 200 miles east of Batavia.

The republican government, in an official radio statement, said a Dutch invasion of Indonesian territory began at dawn.

An official Netherlands government communique issued in the Hague last night said the Dutch had started "police action" against what it called terrorist elements in Indonesia.

The Indonesian radio announcement said Dutch amphibious forces had made a landing on the north-central coast of Java. It said Dutch planes, including two-engine B-25 medium bombers were still attacking Jogjakarta and an airfield more than four hours after the military action began.

SINGAPORE, Sunday, Dec. 19-(AP)—A spokesman for the Netherlands consulate general told newsmen today Dutch paratroopers have captured Negue airfield at Jogjakarta.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	35	22	00
Portland	34	22	00
San Francisco	55	41	00
Chicago	33	24	22
New York	35	29	trace

Willamette river 1.8 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain this morning. Becoming partly cloudy this afternoon with showers. Warmer today. High today near 43. Low tonight near 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Dec. 15)		
This Year	Last Year	Average
18.18	18.14	14.37

Board Asks Milk Control Law Separated from State Bureau

The Oregon state board of agriculture, at its semi-annual meeting in Salem, recommended that administration of the Oregon milk control law be separated from the administration of the Oregon state department of agriculture, it was disclosed Saturday.

Board members stated that the department of agriculture as originally constituted was not charged with the functions of milk control law enforcement and the board has never regarded the fixing of milk prices and the policing of milk distribution as a proper function of the department. The state department of agriculture was created in 1931 and it was not until 1943, at the suggestion of the late Governor Snell, that the legislature saw fit to transfer the duties of the milk control board to the department of agriculture, it was pointed out.

Board members declared that while the state department of agriculture was created to give service to all of Oregon's agriculture, their studies disclose that since milk control law administration has been added to the duties of the

Taft to Fight to Keep Top GOP Role in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18-(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) made it clear today he will fight to retain a top role in forming senate republican policy in the new congress.

At the same time, it became known that veteran republican members have been discussing a shift in leadership assignments.

Taft talked at a news conference in which he also promised a fight against outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law. He declined to say whether he will seek a spot in the republican leadership lineup. But he added: "I did not start any ideas of stepping down or retiring as chairman of the policy committee."

Cold Weather Broken in State

The weatherman turned off the cold and turned on the rain with the promise of warmer, above-freezing temperatures for the Salem area over the weekend. He left open the possibility of some snow during early hours Sunday, but said Salem was definitely due for a break in the four-day cold snap which had sent the mercury to a winter low of 20 degrees Saturday morning.

Salem wasn't the only cold spot in the state, however. Portland recorded its lowest mark of the year Saturday with 21.7 degrees. Baker was the state's coldest city with 11 below zero, and La Grande shivered in 8 below cold. Eugene matched Salem with 20. Other minimums Saturday were: The Dalles 21, Roseburg 31, Tillamook 23, North Bend 28, Pendleton 10, and Ontario 9.

MILD QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 18-(AP)—A mild earthquake centered about 90 miles from Los Angeles was recorded today on the California Institute of Technology seismograph. But there were no reports of damage or that the quake was even felt in inhabited communities.

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13 Killed as Buses Collide in Utah Blast Wrecks Gas Plant at Astoria

Gas Service Imperilled to 1,150 Homes

ASTORIA, Dec. 18-(AP)—An explosion partially wrecked the Northwest Cities Gas company plant today, blew one man into Young's bay, and threatened to curtail the gas supply in 1,150 Astoria homes.

Forrest Salisbury, 38, was rescued from the water immediately and taken to a hospital with serious burns. Attendants said he would recover.

The explosion blew off the roof, scattered windows and bricks for hundreds of feet around, destroyed three rooms, and re-sounded a two-mile radius.

Two other men in the plant at the time—Foreman Charles Macy and Albert Bennett—escaped harm. Macy's 12-year-old daughter, Adeline, had been sent home from the plant only a few minutes before because workers were having trouble with leaking caps.

One generator was expected to be put back into service tonight, and officials hoped that by doubling the output of that generator they could keep the gas tanks level. Enough gas was in storage to keep householders supplied until about 10 o'clock tonight.

Results Even Beat the Ad!

Statesman want-ads bring results—that's admitted by those who use them. And sometimes The Statesman gets results without waiting for the ad to appear.

That happened Saturday. A lady's purse was picked up on the street and brought to The Statesman office to be advertised under "Lost and Found." It contained currency and a check in favor of Mrs. Rex Gibson of West Salem.

When called by phone Mrs. Gibson said she hadn't lost her purse, that she had it just five minutes before. When told about the check, she said it must be hers and would look for her purse.

Returning to the phone she reported it was gone, that she must have laid it on the running board of a car which had just called at her home. It made the trip across the bridge and dropped off on a Salem street.

For quick results... try The Statesman.

SAYRE TO TESTIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18-(AP)—Former Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre, his personal secretary, and possibly six or seven other witnesses will be questioned by the house-un-American committee next week. Rep. Mundt (R-S. D.), acting committee chairman, announced after an exchange of radiograms with Sayre, who is returning from France.

PORTLAND JEWELRY THEFT

PORTLAND, Dec. 18-(AP)—Theft of 260 unset semi-precious jewels valued at \$3,500 were reported stolen today by Roy & Molin jewelry store. Police said a clerk had shown the stones to a man and two women a short time before.

Special Statesman Delivery to North Marion County

Lateness of early morning northbound trains and failure to get paper bags on the right trains delayed delivery of The Statesman two days last week to towns north of Salem on the Southern Pacific.

It took the circulation department considerable time and many phone calls to locate the cause of the trouble. The trains have been running late because of the heavy load of Christmas mail and express.

Until trains are back to normal operation The Statesman will run a special motorcar delivery north as far as Aurora.

Lower House of Oregon Legislature 'Organized'

Committees for Oregon's 1949 house of representatives all have been arranged and the house "could start work tomorrow" it was declared Saturday by Rep. Frank VanDyke of Medford, who is declared to hold sufficient pledges to assure himself the speakership.

VanDyke and Sen. William Walsh of Coos Bay, who appears certain to be president of the state senate, were in Salem Saturday conferring with legislative leaders.

VanDyke said he was "very hopeful" the legislative session could end within 60 days (the 1947 session lasted 83 days; pay halts at the end of the statutory 50 days).

"We want all groups interested in legislation to have their bills ready the first day," VanDyke said, "including state boards and agencies."

The 1949 session starts January 10. (Pictures of all houses are on page 8 of section 2 of today's Statesman.)

Russ Agree to Big 4 Austria Treaty Talks

LONDON, Dec. 18-(AP)—Russia agreed today to take part in a new effort to write a peace treaty for Austria.

The next move seemed to be up to the United States, whose representative was acting as chairman when the last four-power meetings on the subject ended without result.

All of the Big Four powers—the United States, Britain, France and Russia—have agreed now that negotiations should be resumed.

The talks over Austria's future broke down last May after weeks of wrangling here among deputies of the Big Four's foreign ministers.

The big issue was Yugoslavia's demand for a big slice of southern Austria plus millions of dollars of reparations.

Russia supported Marshal Tito's claims. The United States, Britain and France balked.

Russia's recent coolness to Yugoslavia probably inspired the Austrian government to plead anew on December 6 that the Big Four countries make another try on peace terms.

Belgium to Build Huge Congo Base

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 18-(AP)—The defense ministry of Belgium, an American ally in the projected north Atlantic defense pact, announced today that construction of a huge military base will be started in the Belgian Congo next year.

The Belgian Congo at present is the world's largest producer of Uranium ore used in development of atomic energy.

Both Hall, McKay Preparing Legislative Recommendations

Recommendations to the 1949 legislature are now being prepared by both Governor-elect Douglas McKay and Gov. John Hall, the officials said Saturday.

44 Injured in Wreck West of Salt Lake City

DELLE, Utah, Dec. 18-(AP)—The flaming crash of two Burlington Trailways buses on a snow-bordered highway in desolate western Utah killed 13 persons today and injured 44 others.

Bodies of 12 victims were taken from the burning wreckage. Another died at a hospital several hours later.

Identification of the victims, many of the bodies charred beyond recognition, was difficult.

Burlington officials said the eastbound bus carried the driver and 37 passengers. Eighteen and a driver were aboard the westbound bus. Some were hurt only slightly.

The accident occurred 63 miles west of Salt Lake City. State Highway Trooper John F. Ross of Ogden, assigned to assist in the investigation, said the burned wreckage of the two buses was so intermingled it was difficult to determine just what happened.

He and County Attorney A. Pharis Johnson said they had information from two witnesses that a third car was involved, but escaped damage.

Both officers said the witnesses told them the westbound bus started to pass the car, skidded, then collided with the eastbound bus.

Salem Homes Without Water As Main Bursts

About 100 Salem homes were cut off from their water supply for more than four hours Saturday morning when a 14-inch water main ruptured beneath Mill street between 14th and 15th streets.

The break in the cast iron pipe sent water pouring into yards of several nearby residences and about 50 feet of paving. The street was flooded for about 30 minutes.

Service was restored about noon when city water department crews valved around the break. The pipe was replaced by 6 p.m. No estimate was made on damage to the street.

The break was noticed first by Earl Strain, 1435 Mill st., shortly before 8 a.m. He notified the water department immediately and crews were rushed to the scene. When the workers arrived the gushing water had lifted two sections of pavement and flooded the street.

The crews immediately shut off a master valve controlling water mains in the area. The water flowed away within a few minutes and workmen began to make repairs. Bus service over Mill street was detoured to a nearby street until afternoon.

Marion Forks Reports 48 Inches of Solid Snow

MARION FORKS, Dec. 18—Forty-eight inches of snow here is now solid in the present freezing temperatures, with just a skiff of snow on top. This is considered an unusual amount of snow for so early in December.

RUSS, FINNS SIGN TREATY

LONDON, Dec. 18-(AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight Russia and Finland have signed a new agreement for the "mutual exchange of commodities" during 1949. The broadcast, heard in London, said the agreement was signed yesterday.

5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS