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### Mikado Denies Divinity Fable, Mac Approves

#### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Happy New Year!

It's time to change the calendars. The old one comes down; the new one goes up. Traditionally, too, it is a time for prognostication, an effort to peep behind the veil to see what the coming twelve months may bring.

I prefer, however, to look back over 1945. Never was there a year like it in history. More events of earth-shaking importance were congested in its 365 days than in any period of similar length. In comparison, time ahead looks pale, a sort of fifth act of earth's drama whose climax already has been passed.

The end of the war, the conversion of atomic energy to human purpose, the birth of the United Nations organization stand out as the high peaks of the year. Time may reveal them as permanent peaks of human history. Other events claim attention in retrospect. The death of Franklin Roosevelt and the tapering off of his era; the grisly execution of Mussolini; Hitler vanishing into ash after wrestling in anguish in his bunker as the Russians, like the avenging furies of Greek tragedy, tear his capital apart; the broken pride of Japan represented in the humiliating scene on the battleship Missouri on September 1. Here, indeed, is material for history, material also for literature and drama and art.

And now the spastic jerking of a world in reconversion: contention among the victors; the ambitions of subject peoples for independence; the bitter feud of labor and management; the return and readjustment of millions of service folk; the exuberant bursting of restraints as noted in frenzied buying, in eating and drinking, in speed of travel. These are immediately in the scene as the curtain rises on 1946 and promise to furnish the setting for the early months at least of the coming year.

Write Tennyson:

"The year is dying; let him die." Nineteen hundred forty-five, with its high drama and great tragedies and pageantry of war, belongs to history. The world will never be the same again—hopefully not, we might add.

### Morgan Appointed To Succeed Cooley

Appointment of Ralph Morgan as supervisor of agricultural education to succeed Earl R. Cooley, who died two months ago, was announced by the state board of education Monday. Morgan was Cooley's assistant.

Maurice Buchanan who was serving as assistant supervisor of food production was made assistant supervisor of agricultural education.

The board voted to extend for another year the emergency certificate for Oregon teachers.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



### Hirohito Bluntly Admits Defeat, No Super Race

TOKYO, Tuesday, Jan. 1. (AP)—Emperor Hirohito denied today, in an imperial rescript, that he is divine and drew from his conqueror and current boss a prompt well-done.

"The emperor's New Year's statement pleased me very much," said MacArthur.

"By it he undertakes a leading part in democratization of his people. He squarely takes his stand for the future along liberal lines. His action reflects the irresistible influence of a sound idea. A sound idea can not be stopped."

The mikado branded as false the twin legends of his own divinity and his people's destiny to rule the world as his defeated nation greeted the new year with apprehensions over the allies' future occupation policies.

Emperor Hirohito's unprecedented rescript, with its disavowal of myths taught to his subjects since infancy, bluntly told the people the depths of their defeat and destitution and called upon them to "strive courageously" for the construction of a new, peaceful Japan.

"We stand by the people, and we wish always to share with them in their moments of joys and sorrows," said the emperor's message.

"The ties between us and our people have always stood upon mutual trust and affection. They did not depend upon war legends and myths. They are not predicated on the false conception that the emperor is divine and that the Japanese people are superior to other races and fated to rule the world."

### Truman Names Board to Head Off Steel Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (AP)—President Truman sought to head off a steel strike by the appointment of a fact-finding board and instructions to the OPA to review the possible need for price increases.

Stepping into the dispute between the industry and the CIO United Steel Workers' union, the president set up a board composed of:

Roger I. McDonough, associate justice of the Utah supreme court; Chief Justice James M. Douglas of the supreme court of Missouri.

Nathan P. Feinsinger, public member of the expiring war labor board and professor of law at the University of Wisconsin.

### Million Throng Times Square To Ring Out Old, Ring in New

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (AP)—From a million celebrators in Times Square at midnight rose shouts of joy, the shrieks of thousands of whistles, the blare of countless horns, as New York greeted the riotous beginning of 1946.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, who arrived at 46th and Broadway just before the bells tolled the end of 1945, made the official estimate that the crowd numbered at least a million persons.

Revelers in the crowd pulled along huge rubber balloons which floated high above the shuffling thousands. More than 2000 patrolmen shunted intoxicated figures out of traffic, and gently guided service men who had celebrated too well and had lost their bearings in the surging multitudes.

Everybody seemed to be carrying a horn, a bell or a rattling noisemaker, and everybody let go when the clock hands reached midnight. Like people all over America and all over the world, New Yorkers expressed in one great yell their relief that the war was over and many of their sons were home, and their hope that 1946 would be a big year.

Barricades were up in the huge square. The crowds brushed against planks, ropes, storm shutters and other shields put up by

### Witness



Admiral Harold R. Stark, who testified at the Pearl Harbor inquiry yesterday that Admiral Kimmel did not take proper precautions at Hawaii Dec. 7, 1941.

### Charges Levelled By Stark

#### Short's Opinion Different From Admiral's Views

By William T. Peacock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (AP)—Pearl Harbor investigators heard Adm. Harold R. Stark contend today that Washington's warnings should have brought "all-out security measures" in Hawaii in 1941. They received also a directly contrary view from Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, army commander in the islands when the Japanese attacked.

With Stark, 1941 chief of navy operations, in the witness chair, the senate-house committee was given a transcript of Gen. Short's testimony in 1944 to an army inquiry board.

In brief, the Hawaiian army commander's contention was that he never was given any reason to anticipate an air attack and, from information supplied by the navy in Hawaii, had felt the chance was "very slight."

#### Unarmed Planes Sent

Short cited that the army dispatched 12 unarmed four-engine bombers from the west coast to Hawaii the night of Dec. 6, 1941. Four were destroyed when they arrived in Hawaii next day during the attack.

That incident alone, Short declared, demonstrated that the war department's "estimate was exactly the same as mine, that they were not expecting an air attack on Honolulu."

Stark's view, on the other hand, was that he sent an "unequivocal war warning" to Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander, on Nov. 23 directing that he "execute an appropriate defensive deployment."

Under questioning from William D. Mitchell, committee counsel, Stark said he thought that as a result of this message Kimmel would take up the matter with Short and the two would "make the best disposition of the forces they had to guard against danger."

#### Mitchell asked what was meant by "defensive deployment."

"A defensive deployment," Stark replied, "would be to spread his forces and use them to the maximum to prevent surprise." He said Kimmel could have deployed submarines and light craft.

The release of Short's testimony marked the first time that his side of the Pearl Harbor story had ever been made public in detail. He is listed to follow Stark as a witness before the congressional committee, but there is doubt that he can testify then because of a respiratory ailment.

### New Record for County Divorces

Total marriage license applications at the Marion county clerk's office for the year just ended reached 806, while approximately 446 divorce complaints were filed during the year.

The divorce total of 1945 is the highest recorded yet, topping by 120 the 326 complaints registered in 1944.

The 1945 figure of marriage applications just topped by eight the 1944 figure of 598 and missed by a considerable mark the all time high of marriage applications recorded in 1943 of 739 applications.

Employees of the headquarters, along with Hayes, will be absorbed in other state department jobs.

### U. S. Businessmen Optimistic Over '46

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (AP)—

American business leaders, in an outpouring of year-end statements, today pictured 1946 as a year of tremendous opportunities, with prospects that civilian production in many lines could surpass anything this country had previously known in peacetime.

There were hints of caution in some statements, with obvious reference to management-labor difficulties and other problems facing the start of the New Year.

One of the most outspoken was Paul W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company. After speaking of the "great market awaiting us," and the prospect that "we could be busier than we have ever been," he concluded that "the immediate future is neither clear nor bright. The paradox is that while almost every-

one recognizes the nature of our problems, effective steps are not being taken on a national scale to meet them."

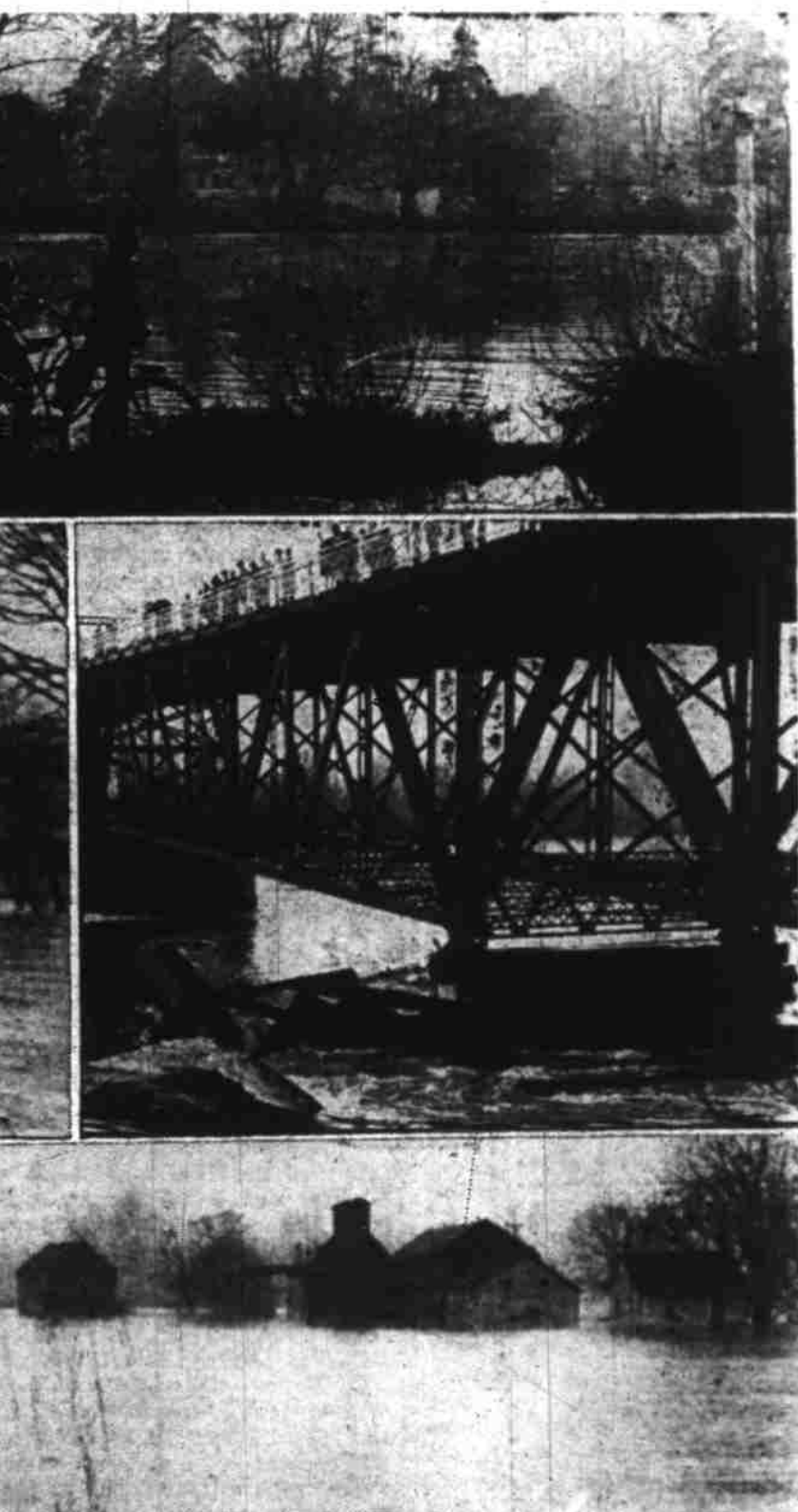
In San Francisco, Henry J. Kaiser, who is interested in several industries, declared 1946 "presents far more prospects than problems." He forecast the west in particular was in for its greatest advance, and based his optimism on the return generally of a competitive consumers market.

Kaiser said "Private enterprise now has its greatest opportunity in meeting an unprecedented demand for housing. This one essential could do for our economy in 1946 what the automobile did for it in 1921."

Clarence Francis, chairman of General Foods Corp., said the American food industry's most competitive era will start in 1946.



The Willamette didn't set any records over the weekend but it did a good job of kicking up a fuss. It surged around railroad bridge piers at no mean speed (top left), backed up its already swollen tributaries to create such scenes as those at Bellevue and S. Cottage in Salem (top right), took over the Burke Auto camp in West Salem (center left), crashed logs against the piers of the Salem



West Salem highway bridge (center right), swirled over the road at the west end of the same bridge (bottom left), and isolated the Jack Minto farm southwest of Salem (bottom right). (Photos by Bill Scott, Statesman Staff photographer, some of them taken from a boat provided through the cooperation of Willard Tassler of the Salem Boat house).

### Petitions Filed For Spaulding; Election Jan. 11

Bruce Spaulding, Salem attorney and former district attorney of Polk county, today apparently was assured a place on the ballot for the January 11 special election when a successor will be chosen for the late Rep. James Mott.

Completed petitions were filed with the department of state late Monday and Ralph Campbell, campaign manager, said they contained 4862 names. A total of 3,696 qualified signatures are necessary for the 10 counties affected.

Spaulding, who was endorsed by the first district's democratic congressional committee, will run as an independent, will compete against Walter Norblad, Astoria republican, who qualified through representative assembly rather than by the petition method.

The nomination deadline was last night.

### State Defense Council Ended

The Oregon state defense council headquarters here, opened by executive order of former Gov. Charles A. Sprague in June, 1941, closed Monday night. Jack Hayes, acting administrator, will return to his previous position in the state fire marshal's department.

Hayes' final report filed with Gov. Earl Snell said that various units of the organization had functioned efficiently and that thousands of persons in defense units throughout the state gave freely of their time in making the plan a success.

Employees of the headquarters, along with Hayes, will be absorbed in other state department jobs.

### Portland Reports Boom in Divorces, Real Estate Sales

PORTLAND, Dec. 31. (AP)—It was a record smashing 1945 at Multnomah county statistics bureau.

Divorces and marriages ran a merry race, breaking all records. Divorce actions totaled 5535 by noon today, 663 above 1944. Marriage applications totaled 4119, or 653 above last year.

Real estate sales totaling \$87,424,088 were reported to the county assessor's office, compared with \$68,523,086 in 1944. Building permits for the year reached \$12,355,185 in value against \$7,305,890 the previous year.

### 2 Wrecks Mar New Year's Eve in Salem

Amid the confusion of floods, holiday celebrations and the ushering in of the New Year, Salem's traffic slate was chalked up with two traffic accidents late Monday night. Watch night parties in churches, homes, hotels and clubhouses highlighted the New Year's observance, but whistles blew, horns honked and the few persons on downtown streets greeted one another cheerily.

Mrs. Floyd Dunn, 365 Taylor st., was injured in a two-car accident at the intersection of Center and Commercial streets. Mrs. Dunn was taken to Salem Deaconess hospital where stitches were taken in the cut on her forehead. Other occupants of the car were uninjured.

Arthur Staples, 32, 2190 Berry st., was injured on the Pacific highway just north of the underpass when he was struck by a car. Staples was taken to Salem General hospital in the first aid car where several stitches were required to close the cut over his left eye.

### Man Killed on 99E Near Brooks

Henry Caley Williams, Valley hotel, Portland, died early Monday in a Salem hospital, as a result of injuries he received Sunday night when he was struck by a car on the highway near Brooks. Williams, who had been visiting an acquaintance in Brooks, was walking on the highway.

Homer A. Mitchell, Turner, driver of the car was not held responsible for the accident, state police said.

### Sawmill Department To Re-open Thursday

The entire sawmill department of Oregon Pulp and Paper, originally scheduled to resume operations tomorrow, now is set to re-open at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 3, company officials announced. Minor damage from flood conditions necessitated the delay.

### Willamette's Crest 28.35 Feet at City, Valley Death Toll 7

By The Associated Press

Seven deaths and millions of dollars in property damage were reported today as western Oregon's flooded valleys saw river levels recede.

The Willamette river's crest was passing through Portland today but district army engineers said little damage was expected. Greatest toll of death was in the car of John A. Mitchell,

Portland. The body of Mrs. Mitchell was found Monday, confirming the tragedy suspected when their empty car was located off the highway south of Eugene. The bodies of Mitchell and their two children, 8 and 4 years old, are sought.

#### 2 Drowned

Two men drowned Saturday in the coastal Coos river. The body of the Rev. Neil J. Barnes, retired minister, was recovered but that of his companion was believed swept into the current and out to sea.

Searchers late Sunday found the body of Raymond H. Hill, 26, Drain, Ore., World War I veteran, in his car in flooded Elk creek.

Many of the upper valley communities were without power today as the flood toppled poles.

U. S. highways 99 and 101 were reopened from the Columbia river to California after three days' closure but many secondary routes were still closed by washed-out bridges. (Full road information on page 10).

#### No Damage Reported

No estimate of the flood damage to properties in this area can be made until the now rapidly receding waters of the Willamette river have uncovered again the fields and pastures inundated last weekend.

The heavy current of the swollen river carried with it enough mud to indicate that soil erosion was considerable, but the early warning service of Red Cross and army engineers probably cut other types of losses considerably, it was said. Among the largest losses in the New Year's day flood of 1943 was hop wires and poles, tangled and carried away in the debris of the flood.

#### Crest 28.35 Feet

Crest of the flood, which reached here early Sunday night was 28.35 feet, less by 2.65 feet than predicted. The 1943 maximum was 30.6 feet.

Minor damage occasioned by the flood delayed the scheduled re-opening of the sawmill division of Oregon Pulp & Paper Co. until Thursday, January 3. It was to have opened Wednesday. No lumber was lost by Oregon Pulp but approximately 200,000 feet of logs were swirled away on the high water. (Story also on page 2).

### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	54	41	25
Eugene	55	46	trace
Portland	53	43	06
Seattle	51	43	08
San Francisco	61	45	00

Willamette river 23.2 ft.  
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy today, occasional light rain. Maximum temperature 50 degrees.

### No Legal Holiday For Special Election

Friday, January 11, the date of the special election to choose a representative in congress from the first congressional district (10 counties), is not a legal holiday in Oregon, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., declared Monday.