

Train Wreck in Missouri Kills 12, Injures Score

100 Percent Gain Made in Building Here

Manager Plan Of Government Called Success

Rear End Collision During Blinding Snowstorm Near Syracuse

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1 (AP)—Twelve persons were reported killed and an undetermined number injured today in a rear end collision of two Missouri Pacific trains during a blinding snowstorm near Syracuse, Mo., 95 miles east of Kansas City.

Twisters Kill 19 in Oil Belt Of Louisiana

Shreveport, La., Jan. 1 (AP)—Freezing winds and rain added peril and discomfort today as rescue workers counted a mounting toll of lives and property in the wake of scattered southern tornadoes. The toll of known dead reached 19.

Gaiety Features Celebration Of New Year

(By the Associated Press) The revelry of joyous throngs, the fervency of worshippers with prayers for world peace, the somber appeal of a United Nations' leader for accord among the great powers; in this contrasting, but traditional, setting, the nation observed the advent of the new year.



Copy of Lost Inflation Bill Signed—House Speaker Joseph W. Martin (R., Mass.) signs a copy of the anti-inflation bill on a banquet table, stripped of its covering, in the high school at Dedham, Mass., after the piece of legislation—substituted for the original measure mislaid at the White House—was flown to Rhode Island and rushed by courier to Dedham. Others in picture unidentified. (AP Wirephoto)

Troops Lift Red Siege Of Konitsa City

Athens, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Greek war ministry declared today that the battered city of Konitsa has been released from siege by 5,000 communist guerrillas who have been hammering at the town since Christmas day.

657 More Babies Born Than in Previous Year

Salem and Marion county scored a new record during 1947 with a bumper crop of new Oregonians, the county health office disclosed today with the release of an annual report. The year-end summary, covering an 11-month period of 1947, showed that 2445 babies were born in the city and county. That figure was 657 higher than the record set in 1946 and more than twice the 1033 births record a decade ago.

\$326,995 in City Treasury

As the new year begins the finances of the Salem city government show a total balance of all funds of \$326,995.98, which is considerably lower than the \$533,542.78 balance at the beginning of 1947. Three funds show overdrafts. There were no overdrafts at the end of last year.

Death Toll of Holiday Low

(By the Associated Press) The nation's motorists apparently steered away from wild driving in celebrating the arrival of the new year.

10 Cent Bus Rides In Effect in City

Ten cent bus rides went into effect on all Oregon Motor Stage equipment Thursday with three tickets sold for 25 cents. Holders of the metal tokens may use these with the addition of one cent or redeem them at the bus line offices on North Front in multiples of two. There is no change in school ride tickets or for children under 12 years.

Streets of NY Being Cleared

New York, Jan. 1 (AP)—New York City's ban on non-essential trucking—imposed by Mayor William O'Dwyer to speed snow removal operations—will be lifted tomorrow but the embargo against private automobiles will continue until further notice.

11,000 Jewish Refugees Land

Famagusta, Cyprus, Jan. 1 (AP)—More than 11,000 uncertified Jewish immigrants were disembarking quietly here today under watch of hundreds of British troops and police from two converted cargo ships.

New Year's Baby Born at Hospital

Salem's first New Year's baby, as far as hospital records show anyway, is Steven Ray Loewen, born at 9:21 Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen, 1533 Ruge street, West Salem. The baby arrived at Salem General hospital.

Europe Grets New Year With Hangover From War

London, Jan. 1 (AP)—Europe had a hangover today, too, but with Scotch at \$16 a fifth in Glasgow, champagne \$22 a bottle in Paris, the welcome to the new year was not as cordial as it might have been.

Love at First Sight Says Princess Anne

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 1 (AP)—Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma said today, "It was love at first sight" with her former King Mihai of Romania and that "wherever he goes, I will follow him."

2 New Courts Expedite Salem Legal Business in '47

Judicial and administrative reorganization in Salem in 1947 included two new courts—a city court that was made an exclusive district court that replaced the old justice court.

Fear Lost B-29 In Cook Inlet

Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 1 (AP)—Fear that a missing B-29 Superfortress and its nine crewmen may have fallen into the waters of Cook Inlet were expressed today by a veteran Alaska construction engineer.

Friscio Float Wins At Pasadena

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1 (AP)—The city and county of San Francisco won the Tournament of Roses sweepstakes award today with a float, "The Cable Car," depicting one of the bay city's famed, old trams.

Records Topple with Total of \$6,898,215; 369 Permits for Homes

An altitude record was made in Salem building permits during 1947, with a total of \$6,898,215, which exceeded the highest previous figure of last year by practically 100 per cent.

Mayor Comments on First Year of System; Some Forecasts Made

By Stephen A. Stone Good judgment in the use of city money, in the face of rising costs and increasing demands for expenditure, is claimed by Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom for the first year of managerial government in Salem.

The Weather (Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Friday with intermittent light rain.

Germany received 1948 in a mood of dull despair. Their trip, country, wrecked by war, was split in two and there was no prospect for peace or prosperity.

An editorial in Pravda, the organ of the communist party in Moscow, declared that "the age of capitalism is approaching its end" and in extending New Year's greetings to communist comrades all over the world it added: "We are living in an age in which all roads lead to communism."

With almost 40 percent of the city's 5719 miles of streets already opened, the mayor predicted yesterday that by late tomorrow every thoroughfare in all of New York's five boroughs would be cleared for traffic.

Commercial transportation, with the exception of scattered bus routes, was nearly back to normal and commuters were experiencing only occasional delays in traveling to and from work.

Snow and Sleet Greet Mid-west

(By the Associated Press) Stormy, blustery, snowy, icy, sleet, rainy and cold weather ushered in the New Year over a wide section of the country today.

City Hall Remodeled

The mayor mentions an outstanding improvement in the fire department. Chief W. P. Noble came to Salem a few weeks after the first of the year, and, with cooperation of the manager and the council, reorganized the department. Systematic drill, a salvage unit and other innovations came in. The personnel was increased.

Convenience was added to the city's operating plant by the remodeling of the interior of City hall, with a shifting of departments that relieved them of congestion and added efficiency.