

Fair and continued cold tonight. Lowest temperatures tonight 10 to 15 in interior and 15 to 22 in extreme east portion. Saturday, fair and slightly warmer.

Reds Gain Upper Hand In Kiev Bulge Sector After Five Weeks Fight

First Ukraine Army Appears Firmly Established In Kiev After Peace Counterattacks; Soviet Forces In Other Sectors Moving Forward

By HENRY C. CASSIDY Moscow, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Gen. Nikolai Catulin's first Ukraine army appeared to have firmly established the upper hand west of Kiev today after more than five weeks of desperate fighting against heavy German infantry and tank attacks.

Russian counterattacks dislodged the enemy from several settlements in the Terev river sector 55 miles west of the Ukraine capital for the second successive day yesterday, enabling Vatutin's columns to resume their drive northwest of Radomyshl.

Nazi Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's hold on that important stronghold, lying between the Korosten-Kiev and Zhitomir-Kiev main highways, is now seriously threatened, dispatches from the front indicated.

Meanwhile Gen. Ivan S. Konev's second Ukraine army, 200 miles to the south, pressed its attack below captured Cherkassy toward the rail junction of Smela and repulsed fierce German counterattacks launched from the partly-encircled industrial city of Kirovograd, 65 miles southwest of Kremenchug.

In these twin drives on Smela and Kirovograd Soviet troops killed 900 Germans, captured a number of villages and picked up considerable stores of abandoned war material, the Russian war bulletin said.

The German radio, admitting strong Russian counter-drives west of Kiev, announced at the same time that at least three Soviet offensives were now under way in White Russia, one south of Nevel, a second west of Krichev in the Mogilev area and the third southwest of Zhitomir.

Moscow paid major attention to developments in the Kiev bulge where Vatutin apparently broke through the back of Manstein's tank salient by Von Manstein's tank's fighting against the Terev river between Radomyshl and Malin to the north, and the Soviet war bulletin said a German attempt to force an unnamed water barrier (probably the Terev) was dispersed, with the Germans leaving 800 dead on the field of battle.

In the fighting along the Dniester behind the communique said. (Continued on Page Four)

BERLIN AGAIN TARGET OF RAF

More Than 1,500 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On City

By W. W. HERCHER London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stricken Berlin heaved up fields of flame and smoke again last night as hundreds of giant, black RAF bombers loosed thunderous explosives on the Nazi nerve center for the 41st time this year.

Sto-kholm dispatches said the capital city was burning again today after a two 1/2 hr respite, as flames from her gutted buildings "flickering in the sky." Telephone communication was irregular, and the capital's transport was reported paralyzed from streets choked with debris.

The sixth raid on the capital in a month was launched from Britain just after American Liberators and Flying Fortresses returned in twilight from their daylight raids on northwest Germany. The eighth air force did not specify the Americans' target, but the German communique said the fleets were over Heligoland Bay and "dropped a great number of high explosives and incendiary bombs on residential quarters in a number of localities in northwestern Germany and Bremen. It acknowledged particularly heavy damage to Bremen itself, the big U-boat base which the Americans battered also on November 26 and 27.

The degree of the Berlin assault—more than 1,500 tons of bombs—and the determination with which it was pressed home despite the loss of 30 bombers, left no doubt that the RAF intends to finish the job of leveling what remains of the capital city's acres of factories, government buildings, financial institutions and warehouses.

With last night's attack, which came before bomb-exhausted Berliners had a chance to fall asleep, more than 500 tons of high explosives and incendiaries have been showered upon the blackened and shattered city.

There was no clear indication of what area of Berlin the RAF concentrated on last night although private information reaching Sweden indicated that the central sector had suffered heavily.

The Swedish radio said the foreign office district was struck, and one Berlin broadcast clung to the familiar line that the residential area had been the target.

The German high command, in its broadcast communique, acknowledged only that "considerable damage" had resulted.

Canadian flyers who participated in the attack had been given a staggering blow. One Canadian flyer said flares (Continued on Page Four)

Scene Of Latest American Invasion



American forces have invaded New Britain, Japan's major island east in the South Pacific and have successfully established bridgeheads for a drive against the main Jap base at Rabaul. The landings took place on the Arawe peninsula at the southwestern end of the island 250 miles from Rabaul.

Start Of Rabaul Campaign Is End Of Cheap Victories

CHURCHILL IS BETTER TODAY

Full Recovery Expected To Take Some Time

By JUDSON O'QUINN London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—General improvement in Prime Minister Churchill's condition has been maintained, a bulletin from his bedside announced this afternoon.

"There has been no spread in the pneumonia, and improvement in the Prime Minister's general condition has been maintained," said the bulletin issued at No. 10 Downing street. It was signed by Lord Moran, Brigadier Evan Bedford and Lt. R. J. V. Pulverstat.

Churchill, suffering from his second attack of pneumonia in 10 months, undoubtedly will require a long period for recuperation and consequently it is expected Britain's war cabinet may name an acting leader to serve in his absence.

The first of the daily bulletins promised from his bedside somewhere in the Middle East, was issued from No. 10 Downing street at 7 p. m. last night and reported "some improvement in his general condition" after a restless night. He is under the care of three physicians, including a heart specialist.

The Prime Minister's illness was announced yesterday morning, taking the nation by complete surprise and arousing quick anxiety.

The London press was virtually unanimous in suggesting that on his (Continued on Page Four)

Two Subs Destroyed. London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Relentless assaults by British naval and air forces against enemy U-boats threatening north Atlantic shipping recently saved "two valuable west-bound convoys" from attack and resulted in the destruction of two submarines, an Admiralty and Air Ministry communique said today.

French Score Successes Against Nazis In Italy

WRECK DEATH TOLL MOUNTS

Known Dead In Train Accident Placed At 79 Today

By RALPH L. HOWLAND Lumberton, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The toll of dead in the southeast's worst railroad disaster mounted to 79 today, including 47 soldiers, as more bodies were located in four telescoped passenger cars that still blocked the Atlantic Coast Line's double-track main line from New York to Florida.

The Red Cross at Atlanta said bodies of 47 soldiers and 20 civilians had been recovered and that seven more bodies were known to be in one of the cars and five in another.

The double pileup of the two crack flyers produced a death list just short of that in the wreck of the Congressional Limited in Philadelphia last September when 80 persons lost their lives.

The southeastern seaboard's worst previous rail wreck occurred at Rockmart, Ga., in 1926, when 20 were killed. The biggest wreck toll in the nation's railroad history is 115 killed at Nashville, Tenn., July 9, 1918.

Workers toiled throughout the night and continued today in 12 degree weather to clear the tracks and remove the wreckage of the C. O. Sibley, vice president of the Coast Line, today put the time of the derailment on No. 91, the south-bound train, at 12:50 a. m. North-bound train No. 8 struck the derailed cars between 1:25 and 1:30 a. m., Sibley said.

"Our information is that the fireman on Train 91 went ahead of his train to flag the northbound train but did not succeed in stopping the train with his red lantern," he spoke-man said in a statement. "He had a fuse but he stumbled and he used his lantern. The engineer on No. 8 evidently did not see the fireman's signal. We understand that the sleet and snowstorm was still in progress at the time. The flagman on 91 went back to protect trains following on the southward track."

A formal investigation will be held to develop the facts with respect to the action of the crews of both trains.

In Washington the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today its investigation of the wreck failed to uncover any evidence of sabotage or foul play.

The FBI said an examination of the broken rail revealed no signs of tampering. FBI agents remained on the scene to assist in identifying victims.

Under Charge



Mrs. Carmela Serretchio Tolazio, assistant clerk of a Yorkkers, N. Y., selective service board, has been arrested on the accusation she destroyed files of her fiancé, Joseph J. Topazio, whom she subsequently married, and also those of her brother-in-law, the FBI announced upon her arrest. (AP Wirephoto.)

Presence Of French Troops In Italy Revealed For First Time Today; Fifth And Eighth Armies Make Slight Gains; Airmen Blast Nazi Communications

By WES GALLAGHER Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 17.—(AP)—French troops, entering the war on the European mainland for the first time since 1940, have scored outstanding successes against the Germans in mountain fighting in central Italy. It was announced today.

The French have been in forward positions alongside British and American soldiers for some time, but their presence was not disclosed until today's communique from Allied headquarters.

They are the same troops which fought alongside the Allies in Tunisia, but since then have been completely re-equipped with American uniforms, guns and materials.

Soon after moving up to the battlefield the French participated in a series of local attacks, capturing several important German hilltop positions and taking a number of prisoners, who expressed surprise at finding the French in action.

The French forces had been trained in North Africa under the direction of Gen. Henri Giraud and their use of American arms came under arrangements made at the Casablanca conference last January.

Their presence created a sensation among the Italian people and the quick successes of the French soldiers contrasted sharply with the active efforts recently of the first Italian militia to be sent into the Allied lines.

Announcement of the participation of the French coincided with an aerial assault for the second successive day on German communications and supply lines in the Alpine region of northern Italy, where heavy bombers wrecked rail facilities at Padua and Dogna.

Ground fighting by both the Fifth and Eighth armies was confined largely to consolidating previous gains and to bitter local battles for strategic advantages.

Gen. Mark W. Clark's Allied forces on the western end of the battlefield assaulted the German bastion of San Pietro, which guards the road to Rome, and the attacking infantry ran into a series of concrete pillboxes and other strong points resulting in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. (Continued on Page Four)

FIRST FLIGHT IS CELEBRATED

Tribute Paid To Achievement Of Wright Brothers

Manteo, Dec. 17.—(AP)—On a bleak, cold December 17 forty years ago the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, made the first airplane flight, and today on the same spot a handful of people gathered on a "leaker and colder December 17" to observe the anniversary of the epochal event.

What had been planned as a big celebration was weatherbound. Kill Devil Hill, scene of the first flight, was completely cut off from the rest of the world, save for a single telegraph line and approaching high-waters were covered with six-foot waves. (Continued on Page Six)

Hitler Firing Army Generals

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, acting quickly to put down a "generals' revolt" within the German army, has started dismissing a number of high-ranking officers including major generals, an informant with close underground connections in Germany said today.

This informant, who cannot be further identified, said that officers dismissed wholesale along the eastern front and in virtually every occupied country had been accused of "insubordination" and "negligence."

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Senate Freezes Security Levy

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Senate voted today to freeze the social security payroll tax at the present rate of 1 per cent each on employers and employees for the first two months of 1944.

The temporary extension of the present rate, if also approved by the House, would block a scheduled automatic increase in the rate to 2 per cent on Jan. 1.

The rate freeze was added as a rider to a House-approved resolution permitting the duty-free importation for 90 days of certain grain used for livestock feed and was intended to act as a stopgap pending final disposition of the new general revenue bill.

Senate leaders all but slapped a don't-open-until-New-Year's label today on the new \$284,000,000 tax bill.

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Subs Sink Eight Jap Cargo Ships

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—United States submarines roaming the Pacific have added eight more Japanese cargo ships to their "sight-and-sunk" list. These raise the total of all Japanese vessels sunk since the start of the war to 374.

U. S. submarines in the Pacific now have sunk probably 36 "damaged" a grand total of 324 Japanese vessels, both fighting ships and merchantmen. In addition to today's report bringing the sunk total to 374, 36 have been reported as probably sunk and 114 damaged.

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The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst After more than a year of bloody fighting among the jungles of the southwest Pacific, American troops have made a successful landing on New Britain, key position in the Japanese perimeter of defense.

We have without undue losses established a bridgehead on Arawa on the southwestern coast of the island. That means we finally have forced one of the gateways to this important blockhouse. It should lead to great things but we should remember that we have only just got inside the gateway and that difficult operations lie ahead before the whole island is in our hands.

This capture of Arawa, and other recent successes, presages the big scale offensive which is boiling up against the enemy. Our ability to embark on such an undertaking is due to our great naval and air superiority in the Pacific.

What we are aiming at on New Britain is the huge base at Rabaul on the northern horn of the crescent. This was second in importance to Japan's prize base of Truk some 800 miles to the north, until the American Air Force got at Rabaul and so knocked it about that the Japs had to abandon it as a naval operating base. It still is a strong land position, however.

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Predict Invasion Of Balkans Soon

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Ankara radio, quoting Turkish press reports, predicted today that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s American Seventh army will strike soon in a Balkan invasion it said had been pressed by recent concentrated Allied bombings of Balkan bases in Britain.

Concentrated Allied bombing of the Balkans bear out the supposition that an Allied landing there is imminent.

"The Germans are said to be making final preparations for the zero hour, and Rommel's visit to Denmark is another pointer that the storm is about to break."

President Returned To Capital This Morning

By DOUGLAS E. CORNELL Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Bronzed and smiling—but in need of a haircut—President Roosevelt came back home to the White House from his long trek into the Middle East today and found a tumultuous reception awaiting him there.

Members of the cabinet and other top officials of the government were assembled with a host of senators and congressmen of both major parties in the diplomatic reception room of the executive mansion to extend a noisy greeting.

Santa Claus Begins Annual Pilgrimage

Old Santa Claus came to Greenville today on a sleigh and found signs of a white Christmas. Old Kris Kringle shook the snow from his whiskers and boots with a merry smile and greeting for the children and grownups. Old Santa suggested useful gifts for Christmas and reminded the folks not to forget to use war stamps and bonds, the most acceptable and useful presents.

He started his rounds of the business sections and is taking frequent jaunts through the stores, spreading good cheer. Beginning tonight stores will be open evenings until Christmas Eve.

Mr. Roosevelt looked tanned and fit after his five weeks' absence and many of those who greeted him commented on how well he looked.

But to a veteran Negro attendant at the White House who doubts as presidential barber, Mr. Roosevelt remarked: "I need a haircut, Johy."

Hundreds of office-bound government workers knew of the President's return to the capital some minutes before the official announcement, when they saw the ex-cutive's entourage sweep down historic Constitution avenue and whirl into the White House drive.

RATION DEADLINES Foods: ABC, Dec. 20; DEF, Jan. 20. Meats: LMN, Jan. 1. Sugar: "Sugar" 29, 3 lbs., Jan. 15. Gasoline: No. 2-A coupon, Feb. 8.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TO GET BEST TIME FOR ASSS Buy Christmas Seals

Train Wreck in Georgia Kills Two, Injuries 21



Two Georgia state guardsmen search the end of an overturned coach for survivors after two persons were killed and 21 injured in the derailment of the Seaboard railroad's fast passenger train, the Sun Queen, near Seak, Ga. Three coaches turned over on their sides and five others were derailed. The train was enroute from Florida to New York. (AP Wirephoto).

The trains were crowded with holiday travelers. Scattered about the wreck scene were packages in Christmas wrappings, army blouses, marine coats and broken Christmas toys. One spectator reported seeing a white satin dress and white veil, evidently the wedding dress of some passenger.

After the first derailment some of the passengers built bonfires of newspapers to stop two southbound freight trains. They frantically endeavored by the same means to warn the northbound engineer, without succeeding.

Many of the service men were en route to their homes for the holidays. Those who were not injured pitched in and helped in the rescue work and declined to board a relief train sent from Florence, S. C.

From army bases in the area, ambulances, wrecking crews, doctors, nurses and medical units sped to the scene before dawn. Laurinburg-Maxton air base sent a detachment of 40 men with acetylene torches and jacks and it was their work which opened the way for the rescue of many trapped under the steel wreckage.

One railroad official said an automatic warning device on the parallel

track did not operate when the southbound train's three cars were derailed because the cars did not fall over completely on the second track, and consequently failed to set off the signal.

Of the injured, 15 were taken to a Fayetteville hospital, 30 to Lumberton hospitals, several to a Florence, S. C. hospital and the injured servicemen to base hospitals at Laurinburg-Maxton air base.

Social and Personal

Miss Norma Eakes, a student at Gardner-Webb College, Bowling Springs, N. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eakes.

Miss Pat Waldrop will arrive this afternoon from W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldrop.

Mrs. Edmund Waldrop, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldrop, left yesterday for her home in Tennessee.

Mrs. Ruth Carter, who has been quite ill in Pitt General Hospital, returned to her home on West Fifth street today.

Arrive From Durham. Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw and children, Bobby, Francis and James, arrived today from Durham to make their home. Rev. Bradshaw has fully recovered from his recent illness.

To Open Seal Sale Booths. Several young women will take their posts at Christmas Seal booths in Greenville Saturday, December 18, to sell seals direct to the people who did not receive them through the mails.

There will be booths at the post office, Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, and Belk-Tyler's. The following ladies will be at the booths: Mesdames James S. Ficklen, Gertrude Taylor, John Proctor, E. T. Lloyd, M. B. Long, C. H. Edwards, E. E. Rawl, E. R. Browning, Fred Haar, Misses Margaret Jones, Rosalie Taylor and Jean Harrington.

Seals were distributed through the city schools this week, and a very successful sale is being reported.

Christmas Banquet. Last night at 7 o'clock Belk-Tyler Company held its annual Christmas banquet in the pine room of the Old Towne Inn. A four-course turkey dinner was served.

Edw. W. Hearne, buyer and manager of the men's department, was master of ceremonies. Toasts were offered by Gene Skinner, assistant to Mr. Hearne.

The seats were numbered from 1 to 65. Mr. Dal Cox drew a sealed number from the box and Mrs. T. I. Moore was winner of the five dollars for being seated in the "Hot Seat."

Several humorous sealed questions pertaining to the employees were passed out to the young ladies who read them and the answers were distributed among the men who in turn read them after each question. Miss Reba Hardee is still swooning from the question that struck her, as well as Mrs. Nell (Ma) Harrison.

About four hundred gifts were distributed, after which Manager C. A. Frazier made a very interesting and instructive talk.

Bonus checks to the department heads, and gifts checks to the employees will be distributed next week.—Reported.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Attention, Scouts. For those who can brave the icy weather the Girl Scouts will carry on with their plan to carol tonight, so all scouts who have their parents' written consent will meet at the Christian Church tonight at 7 o'clock.

Bundle up in warm clothes and don't forget the Christmas spirit.

Brownies To Meet. Brownie Troop 6 will meet at the home of Mrs. J. T. Cheatham Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Forty Years Ago Today

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Talk about successes in the way of entertainments, the Lilliputian wedding in connection with the Lazzar in the opera Thursday night has never been surpassed in Greenville.

Some of the wedding guests were already seated when the curtain was drawn. The ushers were Master Ficklen Arthur and Bryce Brown. As they went about their duties conducting the guests there were frequent bursts of laughter.

When the guests were all in their places Miss Fannie Daywell began an accompaniment on the piano and little Miss Essie Whichard sang "O Promise Me."

At the conclusion of the song the pages, Masters H. Sheppard and Larry James, performed the duty of unrolling the white carpet through the aisle. Then little Miss Lillian Burch took charge of the piano and charmingly played the wedding march as the bridal party entered.

As the first notes of the march rang out Bishop Alfred Schultz marched solemnly in and took his stand upon the rostrum. The cunning little bridesmaids came next. These were little Misses Christine Tyson, Minnie Exum, Douglas Arthur, Annie Leonard Tyson, Inez Pittman, Ernestine Forbes, Pattie Wooten and Helen Grimes.

Little Miss Louise Fleming was next to enter, bringing the ring on a silver tray. The maid of honor, little Miss Helen Laughinghouse, carried a bouquet of LaFrance roses. The bride, little Miss Novella Moye, entered leaning upon the arm of Master Ferrell Burch, representing her father.

The bridegroom, Master Churchill Hodges, came with his best man, Master David Whichard. All the boys except the Bishop and pages, wore Prince Albert coats with long pants and had tremendous flowers in their lapels.

As the curtain fell the audience expressed delight in a long burst of applause.

Wreck Death . . .

(Continued from Page One) cars and twisted rails was expected to be moved today to permit resumption of traffic.

Some civilian dead were still unidentified. Witnesses said a few victims were so dismembered it would be difficult to establish identity.

Names of the soldier dead were withheld pending notification of kin.

A broken rail, rail officials said, caused the first wreck—the derailment of three coaches of the Florida

and Tamiati West Coast Champion. One person, 1st Lt. Roy A. Griffin, a student chaplain at Harvard University, was killed in this wreck.

This was at 12:50 a. m. Some 35 minutes later the northbound Tamiati East Coast Champion ploughed into the derailed coaches of the first train.

Magazine Publisher William Wood, a passenger on the first train and eye-witness of the second wreck, said five cars of the northbound train "leaped the track and folded together like an accordion."

"It was like a bad dream, filled with screams, and in the dark you couldn't see what happened," he added. He told of an expectant mother, whose legs and thighs were badly mangled and who kept saying, "I don't want to lose my baby. God help me, I won't."

"She had more spunk than I've ever seen in a woman before," he said. "After a doctor came up and examined her and gave her a sedative and told her that her baby would be born, 'Than God,' she said."

First arrivals at the scene told of the injured crying "Shoot me," "Kill me!" and begging for help and water.

SURGICAL DRESSING STATION OF RED CROSS

Austin Building, E. C. T. C. Hours Daily Except Saturday: 9-12 a. m. 2-5 p. m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7:30-10 p. m.

Monday, 9-12—Episcopal and Catholic women. Monday, 2-5—Memorial Baptist and Catholic Women. Tuesday, 9-12—Episcopal and Christian.

Tuesday 2-5—Book Clubs. Wednesday, 9-12—Methodist Circles Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4. Wednesday, 2-5—Presbyterian and Immanuel Baptist women.

Thursday, 9-12—Immanuel Baptist women. Thursday, 2-5—Methodist Circles Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8. Friday 9-12—Presbyterian women.

Friday, 2-5—Christian and Memorial Baptist women.

Cllo Club Meets.

Mrs. Ed Wilkerson, Miss Mae Joyner and Miss Rose Hadley were hostesses to the Cllo Book Club on Thursday evening at Mrs. Wilkerson's home on Library street.

A short business session was held to make plans for the needy family the club will provide Christmas cheer for this year. The club also voted to give \$5 toward the stocking fund for service men at Camp Davis and a committee was appointed to help all them.

The house was beautifully decorated with candles and Christmas greens and the hostesses served a delicious turkey dinner which everyone especially enjoyed this year.

Miss Emma L. Hooper of the college faculty, was our guest speaker for the evening. She gave a beautiful and unusual Christmas story, "Mary of Nazareth," which she had written. This was a story of Mary as a young beautiful girl before the days of her betrothal through the time of our Lord's birth.

The club members gathered about the Christmas tree to exchange their gifts with the help of little Miss Ann Wilkerson, after which the members joined in singing Christmas carols.—Reported.

Farmville Paarde On Tuesday Night

The arrangements committee of the Farmville Merchants Association will have their Santa Claus parade on Tuesday night at 7:30 instead of Monday night as previously announced.

There will be free gifts for all children. The stores will be open. Contact lenses are worn by about 10,000 persons in the United States.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Pitt County Chapter of Red Cross has just received an urgent request for 120 pairs of wool gloves. These gloves are needed for service men in Eastern North Carolina and are wanted immediately.

The knitting committee is having directions mimeographed. Every Pitt county woman who can knit is urged to get the materials tomorrow and complete the gloves as quickly as possible.

Since the knitting room is closing for the Christmas holidays the following women have wool for gloves and directions in their homes for distribution. Call the one nearest you for supplies:

Mrs. E. R. Conway, Mrs. Joe Parkerson, Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, Mrs. Jesse Moye II. As fast as the gloves are completed, please take them to these same women.

Mrs. Morton's Christmas Specials



FRUIT CAKE, We have a few left, per pound 75c & 90c

LAYER CAKES, 28c 50c—80c \$1.00 Place your orders early.

PLAIN POUND CAKE, It can't be beat 28c & \$1.00

ANGEL FOOD CAKE, Limited amount 50c

PIES and CUSTARDS, Family size 27c

COOKIES, Good variety, dozen 15c & 20c

Assorted Buns, Pastry and Doughnuts

For GOOD THINGS TO EAT Visit

Mrs. Morton's CAKE SHOP

314 Evans St. Phone 4021

Buy War Bonds

FOR Christmas is the suggestion of BEST JEWELRY CO.

Savings when you shop at Best's will enable you to do this.

Due to increased business and shortage of help, Best Jewelry Company will open at

10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

except Saturday, December 18 and Christmas Eve. This will enable them to serve you more efficiently. They will also be closed on Monday following Christmas

Best Jewelry Co.

"Eastern Carolina's Leading Jewelers"

GIFTS

There Are Hundreds Of Practical Gifts In Every DEPARTMENT Of This Big Store

It would take pages of this newspaper to enumerate the many items for your selection of Christmas gifts. We have prepared for Christmas shopping to the best of our ability to secure goods and believe you will be able to find in these departments, gifts for every one on your list.

Gifts For Him — Gifts For Her
Gifts For Brother — Sister — and the Baby
Gifts For Those In Service
DO NOT DELAY — SHOP TODAY!

Store Hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., 'Til Christmas

Blount-Harvey

WGTC 1490 KILOCYCLES GREENVILLE, N. C.

TONIGHT
7:00—News.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Hi Neighbor.
His Gospel Singers.
4:45—Swing Session With Edna.
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.
5:45—The Girl From the Golden West.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Gracie Fields, MBS.
9:30—Double or Nothing MBS.
10:00—Bout—Angott Vs. Ruffin, MBS.
11:00—News.
11:15—Musical Interlude.
11:20—News.
11:25—Sign Off.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:30—Melody Mustangs.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Modern Novelty Trio.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Strictly Instrumental.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design For War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
9:30—Boys Town.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Women in the News.
10:10—Musical Interlude.
10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Rainbow House, MBS.
11:00—News Roundup, MBS.
11:15—Vivian Denning Presents, TN.
11:30—Hello Mom, MBS.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—News.

12:15—Dinner Music.
12:30—Tune Time.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Hillbilly Time.
1:15—Henry Jerome's Orch. MBS.
1:30—Luncheon With Laps, MBS.
1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.
2:00—News and Business Review.
2:15—Western Melodies.
2:30—Carolina Farm Features.
2:45—The Norton Sisters, MBS.
3:00—Today's War ommentary.
3:05—Musical Interlude.
3:10—In the Woman's World.
3:15—Tex Street.
3:30—Army-Navy Houseparty, MBS.
4:00—Band Music.
4:30—Sweet String Time, MBS.
5:00—Navy Bulletin Board, MBS.
5:30—Weekly Visit to American Eagle Club in London, MBS.
5:45—Religion Today.
6:00—Sports Cast.
6:15—Pitt County Medical and Dental Society.
6:30—Hawaii Calls, MBS.
6:45—Sundown Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:15—Deep River Boys.
7:30—Hi Neighbor!
7:45—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
8:00—Word of Life, TN.
8:35—Musical Varieties.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Chicago Theater of the Air, MBS.
10:00—News.
10:15—Saturday Night Bondwagon, MBS.
10:45—1100 Club.
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign Off.

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DEATH of a Saboteur

By Hulbert Footner

Chapter 6

The guests had been invited for Thursday night, and dinner is to be served at eight. At Mr. appin's you dined at your ease, without being snatched away to the kitchen, and after the theater, to some other place. Good food, the mainstay of the entertainment, and every guest was expected to contribute to it.

At seven, Elias, the waiter from the Tsarkoe Selo, arrived in a taxi with his various containers, bottles, and a satchel full of assorted items for the culinary art. He immediately went into consultation with the man, Jermyn, in the kitchen. The third man had been engaged to assist Jermyn in serving. Jermyn thought two would be sufficient, but he didn't want Elias to come into the dining room. That gaudy and glib face of his might take the life off his guests' appetites, he thought.

The guests began to arrive. First the Miss Delphine Harley, the actress, whom Lee could always depend for beauty and wit at his table. She was followed by the famous Nick Cassells, whose income in normal times was said to be a million a year. Mrs. Cassells was not a young woman, but she had the air of one to arrest time. Slender, exquisitely dressed and jeweled, she was a goddess. The other two women were Miss Marjorie Denmeade, the eminent foreign correspondent and commentator, who was goodlooking, and Lee's own little Fanny Moran, who contributed youth and delicious blonde prettiness to the gathering. The red-headed Tom Star, an ace on the Herald Tribune, brought Fanny and had eyes on nobody else. The other man was the dogub of the Soviet Embassy, who had come all the way from Washington.

Eight o'clock arrived and Lenkoran had not appeared. The ghost of his smile was hovering around Lee's face. Presently Jermyn appeared in a French window opening. Catching Lee's eye, he shaped the word "telephone."

Lee went in. "Who is it?" he asked.

"A message from Prince Lenkoran."

Lee's smile broadened.

Over the wire he heard a man's voice that was strange to him saying, "Dr. Westcott speaking. I am speaking for Prince Lenkoran. A little while ago I was called to his apartment and found him suffering from an attack of acute gastritis. He is in great pain."

Lee's smile was at its widest then. He might have pointed out that gastritis attacks a man after eating, but he bore.

"Prince Lenkoran deeply regrets that he cannot come to dinner," the voice went on, "and that he was unable to notify you earlier."

"That's quite all right," said Lee. "Tell him not to distress himself on my account and that we'll have another dinner as soon as he feels able."

Jermyn was standing by to hear the outcome. "Remove his place," said Lee. "Jermyn, did you tell anybody that a gentleman from the Soviet Embassy was coming to dinner?"

"No sir! No sir!" cried Jermyn in

distress.

"How could he have found out?" Jermyn had an idea. "Elias had had an opportunity to look at the place cards, sir."

"Ha!" said Lee. "Has he used the telephone?"

"Yes, sir. Called the Tsarkoe Selo for something that had been forgotten."

"Did you overhear his talk?"

"No, sir. I was busy in the dining room."

"That explains it, then," Lee shrugged philosophically. "Oh well, there are more ways than one to skin a cat. You may serve the dinner."

Lunching at home alone on the following day, Lee looked out of sorts. Linder in San Francisco had reported again. Scharipov had no interest in any ship or shipping business; no ship was sailing that day; no pursers or other seamen by the name of Dielch or any other name had recently been carried to a hospital.

"Jermyn," said Lee. "I believe I'll crack a half-bottle of the Chateau Puy Ducasse. It may change my luck."

Jermyn returned with the precious bottle reclining in its little basket. Nobody but the master was permitted to draw the cork of this wine. Placing the basket beside Lee and laying down a corkscrew, Jermyn stood by. Lee removed the cap and prepared to insert the corkscrew. Suddenly his glance of pleased anticipation hardened.

"Fetch me a magnifying glass," he said in a changed voice.

Jermyn flew.

Lee, examining the cork, said very dryly: "This is not one of my corks. This is not my bottle. In what position was this bottle in the rack?"

"It had been drawn forward out of the rack, sir. I thought for some reason or other you wanted this one used first."

"Naturally you would. But I did not change the position of any bottle. Who else has had access to the wine closet?"

"They looked at each other and the same name occurred to both.

"Elias?"

Jermyn nodded wretchedly. "I was obliged to leave him alone in the kitchen while I was serving."

"And the key was hanging in its usual place?"

"Yes, sir. Very careless of me."

"Never mind that now. We'll be more prudent hereafter." Lee lifted the bottle from its cradle and stood it aside. "Fetch me another. I really feel the need of it now."

After lunch Jermyn was sent down to Bellevue Hospital, with the suspected bottle and a note to Lee's friend, Dr. Hatchett.

Dear Hatchett:

Will you please have one of your chemists analyze the contents of this bottle immediately. Do not under any circumstances tell him or anybody else that it came from me. This concerns a matter of supreme importance.

Yours, Lee.

At five o'clock the bottle came back with an answer:

Dear Lee:

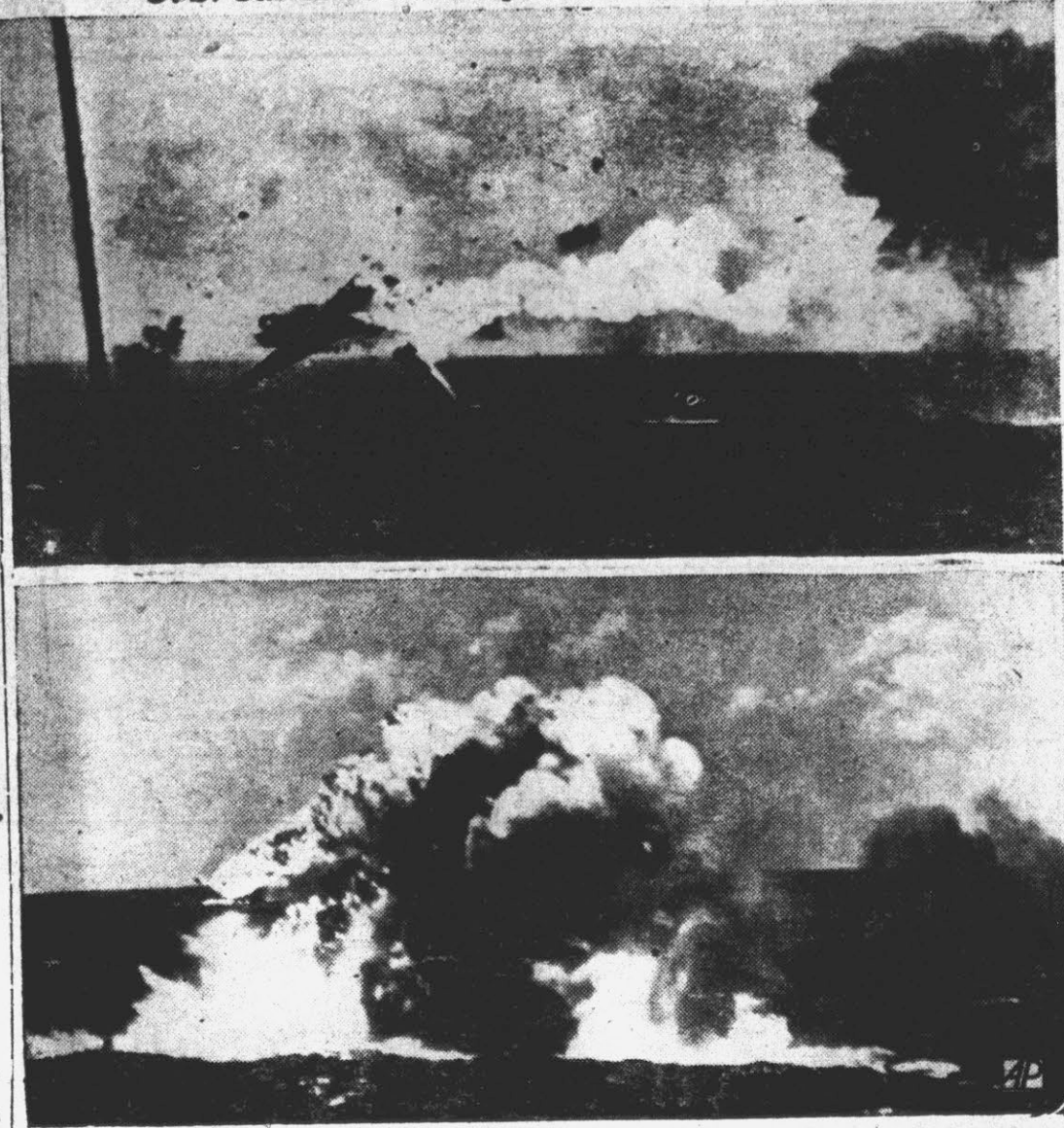
This wine is loaded with the bacteria of bubonic plague. For God's sake what did this? Take care

Plane Kills Pilot, Wrecks House



This scene of wreckage was left in Daily City, Calif., a suburb of San Francisco, by a U. S. army fighter plane which crashed into an unoccupied house and killed its pilot, Flight Officer George Criswell, 22, a native of Irondale, Ala. The house was destroyed, four other dwelling houses were damaged, and the smoking ruins of the plane were strewn in the street. The pilot's mother, Mrs. Maud Criswell, lives in Birmingham, Ala. (AP Wirephoto).

U. S. Carrier Blasts Jap Plane From The Skies



Caught by accurate anti-aircraft fire from a U. S. aircraft carrier, a Japanese torpedo plane (top) plunges toward the sea as it disintegrates and burns during the raid by U. S. forces on the Marshall Islands in the Pacific December 4. It was one of six planes that came in at low level to attack. Bottom: The Jap plane plunges into the sea with a violent blast that showered water, smoke and flames high into the air. Seventy-two enemy planes were shot down in the raid. (AP Wirephotos from U. S. Navy).

of yourself, old man. They might get you in some other way. We will keep the secret.—Hatch.

Chapter 7

Lee showed the chemist's report to Jermyn, who turned ashy. "Oh, sir, if you had drunk the wine!"

"Well, I didn't," said Lee cheerfully. "Have the lock on the wine closet changed and keep the key in your pocket hereafter, as I keep mine."

Lee sat thoughtfully smoking in his living room. When Jermyn came back he said: "At six o'clock call up the Tsarkoe Selo restaurant and say that Mr. Mappin has had an unexpected guest for dinner. Say that I enjoyed the food so much last night, I want to give some Russian food to my friend. Get the woman something from it, it doesn't matter what, because it's going into the garbage pail, anyhow."

At seven o'clock, when Elias again arrived at the Mappin apartment, Jermyn brought him in to Lee in the dining room. A bottle of Puy Ducasse was before him, and two glasses.

Lee's glance was hard. He said pleasantly:

"Good evening, Elias. My guest has not come yet. I want to thank you for your services last night. Everything was perfect."

Lee watched the waiter intently. "Drink a glass of wine with me, Elias. This is wine a man doesn't get every day."

The man's eyes were fixed in horror on the bottle. "I never drink liquor."

Lee poured a glassful with care.

"This isn't liquor; it's bottled sunshine."

"Doctor's—doctor's orders, sir. I'm not allowed to touch it."

"You appear ill, Elias," said Lee, slowly and smiling. "You are sweating. Drink this. It will buck you up."

Elias unable to speak, could only shake his head.

"Well, I'm sorry you won't join me. I drink to you," Lee lifted the glass.

Elias, with a strangled cry, staggered forward and knocked the glass from Lee's hand.

Lee's smile warmed. "I knew you would do that," he said. "You have not the look of a murderer."

Elias seemed about to fall. Jermyn shoved up a chair behind him and he dropped on it, covering his face.

"This is not the bottle you put in my wine closet yesterday," said Lee. "He filled the other glass. I drink to you quite safely."

There was a silence broken only by the man's sobbing.

"Of course, I know who sent it to me," said Lee presently. "Do you know what was in that bottle, Elias?"

Elias shook his head. "He said it was a wine of a better vintage than yours and he wanted to surprise you."

"Did you believe him?"

The wretched Elias shook his head.

"I had the wine analyzed," said Lee. "It was loaded with the germs of bubonic plague. What was the price?" asked Lee.

"My wife, my two little children," murmured Elias. "We are Belgian.

to the light. "What was that?" he asked.

"I felt a little down at lunch time and I asked for a bottle of Puy Ducasse to buck me up. As I was about to pull the cork, I noticed it was not one of the corks I had used in recorking it. A very close illumination; I had to look at it with a magnifying glass to make sure. This bottle had been emptied and refilled."

"Your servant?"

"I'm afraid so, though I hate to believe it. He never served me so before."

"What do you suppose was his idea?"

"Oh, I take it he drank the wine and filled the bottle with some cheap stuff."

"Did you taste it to see?"

"No indeed! I made him pour it down the sink."

Lenkoran was silent for a moment. His smooth, hard face concealed every sign of disappointment. "Have you discharged him?" he asked.

"No," said Lee. "He's a good servant. It was partly my own fault. I have bragged so about that wine. I said nothing about it. It's enough that he knows I have discovered the trick. I'm going to give him another chance."

Lenkoran swallowed his drink.

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PREVIEW

During the past few months, the forces of inflation have given a preview of the way American freedom can be destroyed from within. Rising prices led to inexorable pressure from organized labor for higher wages in the coal industry. The coal industry, as a private enterprise, could not meet the demands of the miners even if it had wished to. It was bound by the same government "hold the line" orders that bound the miners. But the miners defied government orders by striking, and compelled government seizure of the properties of the coal mine owners, after which it was forced to accede to the miners' wage demands. Thus, at a stroke, property rights, and the authority of representative government, both of which are essential to liberty, were trampled underfoot before the flood of inflation. The object lesson is inescapable.

Scene Of Latest Jap Victory



French Score ...

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WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Your capital in wartime:

One of the bright young lads in the news corps here stormed the OPA citadel the other day with a request for a picture layout on the new plastic ration tokens. He explained that these black-and-white reproductions would go to more than 1,000 newspapers and would give the ration-ridden public a preview of the simplified token system.

The minor official with whom he first took it up thought it was a good idea but explained he would have to get an okay from "upstairs." The bright young lad came back the next day and was given a hazy brushoff. The same thing happened the next day and the next.

A little puzzled, he finally demanded a showdown—and got it. The brass hats had decided there could be no advance pictures of the ration tokens.

"Why?" asked the now more puzzled than ever B. Y. L.

"Well," it was explained, "we decided it wouldn't be a good idea to give the counterfeiters a head start."

Jerry Klutz, the Washington columnist whose sharp nose is always stuck into the affairs of federal employees, has this story to tell about 1943 boondoggling:

Some 40 women are employed as flower gardeners at the Pentagon building—the Army's five-sided gargantuan office headquarters across the Potomac in Virginia. Since there are no flowers to garden these winter months, the 40 ladies have tried to break the monotony by sweeping the sidewalks picking up trash, etc.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Sailor
2. Perch
3. Sarcophagus
4. Exist
5. Egg-shaped
6. Wire measure
7. Pertaining to
8. Lilies
9. Metallicous
10. Surface mine
11. Form of worship
12. Wild flower
13. Declare
14. Vine
15. Went away
16. Gypsy look
17. Ancient wine vessel
18. Money hoarder
19. News organization
20. Crusted dish

DOWN
1. Park down
2. Social evening
3. Mass team
4. Road bed
5. Extra working
6. Casual grass
7. Stellar
8. Dipping the
9. Traveling
10. Subtle emanation
11. Pure
12. Worthless dog
13. Flower
14. Tom's
15. Paper
16. Segment
17. Bones of the
18. Figurative use
19. Trouble
20. North
21. charity scale on
22. Single unvarying
23. Public vehicle
24. Sealing device
25. Vines
26. Photographable
27. Mountain
28. Scotch
29. Shoe forms
30. Skating arena
31. Coarse
32. Opposite of
33. Lamb's pen
34. Inclined walk
35. Harbor boat

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Churchill Is ...

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return we delegate to assistant a great portion of the tasks that have kept him up almost daily until the wee hours of the morning. There seemed general agreement that a long convalescence was in prospect for the stricken leader despite the incredible energy still apparent in his 70th year (he observed his 69th birthday during the Teheran conference) and the driving force that raised the British Empire from the dark days of 1940 to the dawn of a day of victory.

Although his illness may force the Prime Minister to absent himself from active direction of the forthcoming Allied attack on Hitler's Europe, an invasion which the Germans say is imminent, it seems likely that this man with the remarkable recovery powers cannot be counted out of the front seat entirely. Judging from the experience of the pneumonia attack that sent him to bed shortly after his Casablanca conference with President Roosevelt, his friends say virtual force will be required to keep him away from work. During the earlier attack he was described as "the world's worst patient." That time he was ill about 9 months. Mrs. Winston Churchill has the country to be with the Prime Minister in the Middle East, Downing street announced tonight.

Berlin Again ...

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had illuminated the path to Berlin for 25 miles. He said the clouds reflectively blanketed defensive lights, but the reflected fires of the burning city could be plainly seen as they departed homeward. While the heavy bombers were thus entranced, Mosquitos stabbed western Germany and other plain attacked targets in northern France.

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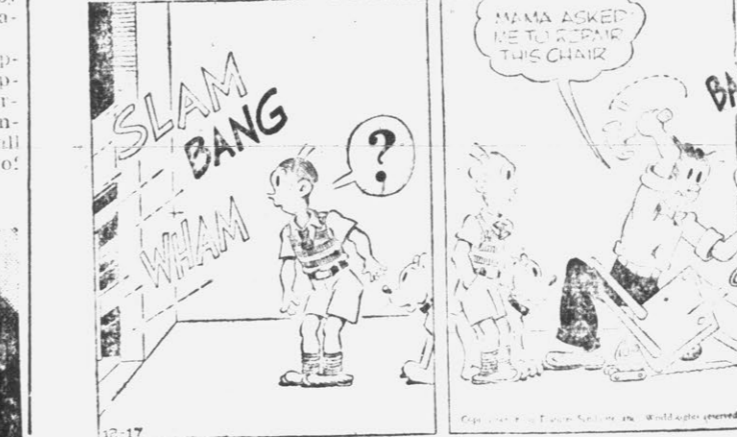
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DICKENS—Lt. Peter Dickens (above) has received the DSO (for service with the light coastal forces in England). Lt. Dickens is a relative of the author Charles Dickens.

WOOD LEADS BY A STROKE

Golf Champ Takes First Day Honors At Miami

By BERT COLLIER
Miami, Fla., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The uncanny putting of Craig Wood, duration national open champion, was the talk of the galleries with the Blond Blaster from Mamaroneck, N. Y., starting the second round of the Miami Open today in first spot by a stroke.

Wood carded a 34-34—68 for the best first-day showing over the Miami spring layout despite a biting wind and drizzling rain.

Only Wood and Slave Wurga of Miami, who had a 32-37—69, bettered par and all but five of the field of 124 were over the mark. The small greens put a premium on putting and Wood was master there.

General Chairman, H. H. Arnold stuck to his prediction that 278 for the 72 holes would capture the \$1,000 in war bonds that goes to the winner. But he shorted his list of potential victors to three.

"I'll ride with Wood, Sammy Byrd and Bob Hamilton," he declared.

Arnold dug far down the list. Byrd, the pro from Plum Hollow, Detroit, was tied for eighth place with 36-36—72 and Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., was in a tie for 18th with 36-39—75.

Arnold was basking on Byrd's steadiness and Hamilton's putting ability. Sammy, the former Yankee outfielder, was shooting at par and his card showed regulation figures, except for two bogies.

To share amateur honors Ensign Willie Turnesa of the famous golfing family, slipped through with a 36-34—70 to go into a three-way tie for third place. He divided the spot with Earl Christiansen, Miami amateur, and Orville White of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Rated Tops In Miami Open



Sammy Byrd, (left), former New York Yankee baseball player, Johnny Bulla (standing) airlines pilot, and Craig Wood, national open champion, talk over prospects for the Miami (Fla.) open golf tournament which opened Thursday. They are rated among the best in the field of about 100 entered in the annual tournament. (AP Wirephoto).

President Returned

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was made up of a dozen big automobiles. All cross-islet traffic was halted on the route followed and necks were craned from buses and automobiles for a look although it was not possible to distinguish who were in the closed cars.

The chief executive came up to the south entrance of the White House shortly before 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Roosevelt and the two daughters, Boettiger, were riding with him. White House officials were waiting to greet him under the canopy leading into the diplomatic reception room and he joked with them for a

Start Of Rabaul

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Italy with no opposition primarily because the Germans decided opposition was not worth the price.

It was vastly different when the Anglo-American Fifth army went into Salerno, and but for an unquenchable will to stick it out plus the timely arrival of support and reinforcements the Fifth would have lost its beachhead. Yet casualties, frightful as they were, were

proportionately light in comparison with what the Russians have been losing over individual points on the eastern front and what the Anglo-Americans will lose when they push across the English channel.

Some well qualified estimates of Allied losses in the big push—always assuming that an aerial assault does not crack Germany before 1,000,000 casualties before the beachhead is thoroughly secured.

The losses at Tarawa are an example of what can happen. The attack on Tarawa was planned as a strategic flanking attack. The high command obviously considered it a secondary point in relation to Japan's main positions in the nearby Marshall Islands.

But the Japanese considered the Gilberts an important part of their strategic position in the central

Pacific. They compelled American landing forces to make a frontal attack. As a result the bodies of a thousand dead littered the beaches of Tarawa before the American flag was raised over its battle-torn palms.

The offensive in the direction of Rabaul, now reaching its climax, began more than a year ago when marines landed on Guadalcanal and American and Australian troops drove over the mountains from Port Moresby, New Guinea, and into enemy territory.

Now the forces come up to attack Rabaul itself. It is a formidable bastion, easily defended, and if the enemy is willing to expend the men and materials he can expect a heavy toll.

Beyond Rabaul the problem of frontal attack becomes even more acute.

The only thing which can minimize losses is American superiority of weapons, especially airplanes. But Tarawa proved that in the last analysis it's the vulnerable foot-soldier with a rifle who captures and holds positions—at the cost of his own blood.

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COUNT FLEET IS HORSE OF YEAR

Wins Honor By Largest Margin In History

By SID FEDER
New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—By the most lopsided margin in the eight-year history of their poll, the nation's sports writers today named Count Fleet "the horse of the year" for 1943—and the Count did less work for it than any of the seven previous winners.

Although he's been on vacation for 11 months and had only half a dozen trips to the post in his victorious campaign, the Fleet came out in all by himself with the year's top honors in the annual poll of writers and broadcasters conducted by the TRL and Sports Digest.

Eclipsing even the sweep that hard-working Seabiscuit registered in 1938 and the "double" busy Whirlaway chalked up in '41 and '42, John D. Hertz's triple crown winner was named head man by 125 of the 143 voters, against two each for Market Wise and Slide Rule and one apiece for Thumbs Up and Occupy. Two ballots were blank.

The Rangy Rocket from the Blue Grass made even more of a one-sided walk of the three-year-old championship, drawing 142 of 143 first-place nominations and picking up 428 points, compared to 219 for W. E. Boeing's Slide Rule, the late-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.
New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Attention football coaches: Since you'll all be counting heavily on freshmen next season, take a look at a few of these high school standouts of 1943.

Dinky Brown, 175-pound halfback from Greenville, Miss., apparently took the season's scoring honors. He scored 30 touchdowns and punted kicked 47 extra points for 277 points in ten games.

Dinky was a star for 14 scores, two of them when his team was trailing Holy Cross 19-7 in the last quarter of the New Orleans Toy Bowl game.

In spit of that, Thomas "Shorty" McWilliams of Meridian was named the most outstanding player in the big eight conference (which has 14 teams). Shorty also made 30 touchdowns averaging 36 yards on each scoring run, passed for eight more, averaged about 40 yards on punts and backed up the line on defense.

The Other Foot
Among the standout place-kickers of the prep season was Bob Fidler of Ashland, Ky., who converted 31 extra points to equal his 1942 total. He missed 23 in two years.

J. C. Kennard, captain and high scorer (138 points) for Ashland, carried the ball 36 times on his team's 37 attempts in one game and scored four times. He enlisted in the navy, but in the meantime he carried the ball four times on end around plays against Sparks high and made four touchdowns on runs of 74, 56, and 31 yards.

He was just copying his coach, Wes Goodner, who once worked the play three times in one game to score for the University of Nevada.

Tough Decision
Bill Summers, the American league umpire, ran into a real puzzler this fall when a kid asked him what would be the verdict if a batsman hit a ritched ball, the ball broke in half and one piece was caught by the first baseman while the other fell in safe territory.

Instead of answering offhand, Summers secured a ball, wedged it firmly on a chopping block and took a whack at it with an axe.

The axe cut through the cover and yarn, but when it struck the rubber core, it bounced back.

So Bill decided he wouldn't have to worry about that problem any more.

One-Minute Sports Page
With only seven exhibition games scheduled for next spring, the Dodgers likely will play one of them for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Besides coaching at Union College and playing football for the pro Giants on Sundays, Mel Hein finds time to play basketball in the WMAA senior basketball league at Schenectady, N. Y. Mel scored 18 points in his first game. One of his teammates is Al Ciampa, who played on Columbia's Rose Bowl team.

Chip Royal, AP Feature Service sports editor, will direct the New York baseball writers' show at the annual fiesta February 5. Chip once was an actor, which bars him as a participant in this affair on grounds of professionalism.

Service Department
Brigham Young and the University of Utah may join the Utah Service basketball league that is being organized with two teams from Kearns Field, Salt Lake Army Air Base. Hill Field and Fort Douglas already entered.

Coast Guardsman Joe Hernandez, former New York City fighter, is rated a leading contender for the Hawaiian welterweight title.

Recalling on Pearl Harbor Day what he was doing on December 7, 1941, Chief Specialist Paul Runyan of the Norfolk Naval Training Station said that he and Harry Cooter had been

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Proposes Merit
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be investigated. The measure they offered would bar Senate consideration of presidential nominations for permanent promotions, all of which must be submitted for confirmation.

On the other hand, Senator Gurney (R-SD) said the committee should not set itself up as a judge on promotions but should leave such matters to the chief of staff.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky) said a sub-committee he heads would study the promotion freeze legislation in permanent rank. The sub-committee has postponed action indefinitely on 14 such promotions. The list includes presidential recommendations for promotions to permanent rank of major general for Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Lt. Gen.

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Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 17—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 13.85 at Richmond and 13.55 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 17—(AP)—(NCDA)—Eggs and poultry markets steady with light receipts.
Raleigh—U. S. grade A large (clean white) 49; hens, all weights, 22 to 25.
Washington—U. S. grade A large 52 to 53; broilers and fryers 28 1/2 to 30.

Grain Market
Chicago, Dec. 17—(AP)—Grains drifted lower in a quiet trade today, cash interests providing most of the selling in the wheat pit. Weakness in December rye was the most notable feature of the market, that contract dropping more than a cent at times. Oats were easier and barley held steady.
At the close wheat was 1 1/4-1/2 lower, May \$1.65 1/2, oats were unchanged to 3/4 lower, May 79 1/2-1/4, rye was down 3/4-1 1/2, May \$1.23-1/2, 1/2, and barley was unchanged to 3/4 higher, May \$1.21 1/2.

New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 cents a bale higher to 5 cents lower.
Noon prices were 5 cents a bale higher to 5 cents lower.
Futures closed 15 to 35 cents a bale lower.

	Open	Close	Prv Cl.
Mch.	19.58	19.54	19.57
May	19.38	19.30	19.37
July	19.17	19.09	19.15
Oct. (new)	18.95	18.90	18.96

Middling spot 20.38, off 6.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Profit taking had a sobering effect on the bounding liquors in today's stock market but most of these, as well as assorted industrials, managed to keep in the rising column.
Schenley and National Distillers changed hands at the opening. These hit new tops for the year, along with Park and Tilford, with gains of 1 to more than 3 points. They soon encountered offerings and extreme advances were reduced or transformed into declines near the close. Distillers Corp., Park and Tilford and Allied Mills were favored while American Distilling, Hiram

First Flight . . .
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snowdrifts.
Major Gen. T. J. Hanley Jr., commanding general AAF flying training company, in a prepared address, delivered as if speaking to Orville Wright, the surviving Wright brother, said "your dream will be realized," and added:
"For your weapon of destruction will again revert to peaceful uses when tyranny has been wiped out. The future of the world and the peace of its citizens will be guaranteed in great measure by that instrument devised by you—that air-

Walker and Canada Dry were difficulties the greater part of the session.
Dealings, lively in the forenoon, slackened at intervals but transfers for the full proceedings were around 800,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Al Chem and Dye	145 1/2
Allegheny	2 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	37 1/2
Am Can	8 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	37 1/2
A T and T	15 1/2
Am Tob B	57 1/2
Anacosta	24 1/2
A C L	26 1/2
Ahl Ref	26 1/2
Aviat Corp	3 1/2
Baldwin	19 1/2
B and O	5 1/2
Bendix Aviat	3 1/2
Beth Stl	57
Boeing Airpl	13
Borden	24 1/2
Burd Mfg	3 1/2
Burl Mills	27 1/2
Bur Add Mach	12 1/2
Chrysler	80 1/2
Coca Cola	114 1/2
Coml Credit	38
Coml Solv	14 1/2
Cont Can	35 1/2
Curtiss Wright	3 1/2
Doug Air	48
Dupont	141 1/2
Eastman Kod	159
Firestone	39 1/2
Gen Elec	37
Gen Foods	42 1/2
Gen Mot	50 1/2
Goodyear	72
Int arvest	7 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	12 1/2
Johns Man	87
Ligg and Myers B	57 1/2
Lewis	17 1/2
Lorillard	17 1/2
Mont Ward	44
Nas Kely	11 1/2
Nat Biscuit	20 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	29 1/2
N Y Cent	16
Packard	3 1/2
Param Pix	28
Penny J C	25 1/2
Pen R R	26 1/2
Pensl Cola	51 1/2
Pullman	38 1/2
Pure Oil	16 1/2
Radio	9 1/2
Rep Stl	17 1/2
Reynolds B	21 1/2
Sou Ry	20 1/2
Std Brands	31 1/2
Std Oil N J	53 1/2
Stewart Warner	11 1/2
Swift	26 1/2
Tex Co	48 1/2
Un Carb	79 1/2
Unit Air	26
Unit Corp	1
Unit Drug	14 1/2
US Rub	42 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	52 1/2
US Steel	51 1/2
Vanadium	18 1/2
Va Caro Chem	3 1/2
Warner Pic	11 1/2
Western Un A	48
West El and Mfg	95 1/2
Woolworth	38 1/2

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Reds Gain . . .
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vanguards of Koney's army stormed forward to the outskirts of Smela under cover of a devastating artillery barrage which was slowly crumbling the defenses of that important communications and supply center. The Germans were resisting fiercely in an attempt to save some part of their rail network from the advancing Russians, who now control all but one of the lines feeding German troop concentrations in the

NOTICE
North Carolina—Pitt County
In the Superior Court
Leroy Best
-vs-
Nellie Tyson Best
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce, and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear

before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at his office in Greenville, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days from January 9, 1944, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This is the 9th day of Dec., 1943.
J. F. HARRINGTON,
Clerk Superior Court Pitt County.
J. B. James, Atty.
Dec. 10-11-43k.

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lower Dniepe rand Krivoi Rog basin.
Good visibility which followed days of blizzards permitted extensive air activity, the communists said, and the Red army air force reported 100 German plants shot down in air combat or by anti-aircraft fire.

Defer Action . . .
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ending February 29.
In the absence of an extension of life, the CCC's legal authority to pay subsidies and carry on various other farm aid programs would expire December 31.

Barkley told reporters he was prepared to pledge the words of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson that no new administrative moves in this connection will be made during the time congress may take to decide the subsidy question finally.
Barkley said he had been informed by House Minority Leader Martin that House Republicans probably would have no objection to the 60-day extension under those conditions. Previously Martin had said he favored an earlier showdown, with the CCC's life extended only from January 1 until February 5.
If the 60-day extension is approved, the CCC's legal authority to pay subsidies and carry on various other farm aid programs would expire December 31.

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quart jar 25c
Early June PEAS
20-oz. (18) can 13c
N. B. C. Premium CRACKERS, lb. 19c
IVORY SOAP, large cake 10c
LAVA SOAP, 3 cakes 18c
NORHERN TISSUE, roll 5c
TRIANGLE FLOUR, Self-Rising, 10-lb. bag 54c
PICKLES, Triangle Sweet Mixed, 12-oz. jar 12c
Hotel Restaurant COFFEE, lb. pkg. 22c
HUDSON NAPKINS 80 count 8c
BRER RABBIT MOLASSES 16-oz Bottle 19c
CAKE FLOUR SWANS DOWN 2 1/4-lb Pkg 28c

proved, Barkley said it might be possible for congress to recess next week until January 10. Otherwise, he favored calling the legislators back January 4.
It was planned to extend CCC's existence through resolution.

Fire Destroys School Gym.
Winston-Salem, Dec. 17—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Mineral Springs High School gymnasium last night.
The building had been utilized as the central unit of Mineral Springs High School classrooms since fire destroyed the school building itself last February.
All school records were destroyed, as well as a new library.

Sign Wage Contract.
Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Northern and western soft coal producers, joined by Alabama operators, today formally signed a new wage contract with the United Mine Workers, to become effective if and when the War Labor Board approves it and the operators get the price increases they want.

Weather Forecast
Forecast from 7:30 p. m. Friday, December 17 to 7:30 p. f. Tuesday, December 21.
Temperatures much below normal at beginning with a slowly rising trend through Monday. Showers and cooler about Tuesday.

Light Docket Today In Recorder's Court
In City Recorder's Court today Judge Roberts disposed of the following cases:
Steve Joyner, colored, disorderly conduct and profane language, guilty, 30 days in jail and \$15, costs deducted, jail sentence suspended, provided Joyner not visit Greenville between 5 p. m. and 7 a. m. for six months.
George Johnson, colored, disorderly conduct and profane language, continued to December 24.
Louis Gaylord, drunk, continued until Monday.
W. A. Tripp, crashing red light, continued until Monday for defendant.
James R. Purser, drunk and disorderly, called and failed to answer.
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