

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer this afternoon and tonight. Partly cloudy and mild. Wednesday becoming colder in mountains in afternoon.

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GREENVILLE, N. C. TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 21, 1943

New Gains By Americans On Central Italian Front

Fifth Army Battle Through Storms To Advance Two And One-Half Miles To Capture Mt. Spinuccio; Eighth Army Improves Position On Eastern Sector

Americans Take Arawe Airfield

Saved By Partisans



Lieut. Louis Frank, III, 23-year-old son of a Louisville, Ky., physician, told in North Africa how Yugoslav partisans rescued him in a small boat when his fighter plane was shot down over the Adriatic Sea.

Land And Air Forces Pushing Japs Slowly Back On New Guinea And Bougainville

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The American Sixth Army expanding six miles from its cape Merkus, New Britain, beachhead has taken the Arawe air strip, adding another landing field to the perches from which Allied war birds are purging the air of Japanese.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the Arawe field was secured Sunday, and by failing to mention any Japanese aerial activity in the southwestern New Britain section, for the first time since the Americans stormed ashore there December 15, it underscored Allied power in the skies.

A headquarters spokesman termed the slackening Japanese air activity over Arawe as faithful to the enemy pattern after the first few days in which the Japanese failed to produce results. He said the situation at Arawe was generally unchanged on the basis of reports up to Monday.

Across the Vitiaz strait in New Guinea, Australian forces forded tanks and artillery across the Massawang river in pursuit of the Japanese who until recently controlled all of the strategic Huon peninsula.

Scores of heavy and medium Allied bombers again hammered Cape Gloucester, on the western end of New Britain, dropping 414 tons of bombs on enemy airfield supply and bivouac areas. Damage was described as "widespread."

The tonnage left in two raids Sunday topped the bomb load dumped on any one enemy location in one day in this theater, and brought to 1,600 tons the total delivered at Cape Gloucester since Oct. 19.

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Marines Aid Wounded Comrade



Four Marines give first aid to a wounded Luddy as Pfc. Robert E. Lansley (right), hero of a skirmish in which 19 Japs were killed at road ambush, seeks more Japs. Later Lansley and his buddy, Pfc. John V. Mahoney, Clinton, Conn., were wounded by a grenade thrown by a sole remaining Jap, and Lansley went on to kill the Jap. (AP Wirephoto).

President Hopes Rail Strike Can Be Averted

Declares Assurance Of No Strike Would Be Best Christmas Present For American People

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today that assurance there would not be a transportation stoppage would be the best Christmas present the American people could get. He expressed a hope that railway executives and employe representatives could get together and work out a formula which would provide some wage increases.

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Russian Forces Expanding New Baltic Breakthrough

New Air Blows Against Germany

Allied Planes In Two-Way Thrusts Lash Frankfurt, Germany And Sofia, Bulgaria

By HUDSON O'QUINN

London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Hundreds of RAF bombers gave Frankfurt its most crushing blow of the war last night, raining 2,000 long tons of incendiaries and explosives on the German chemical and armament center.

In this and subsidiary attacks the RAF lost 42 bombers. The great air offensive against Germany reached a new intensity with these additional attacks during the past 24 hours:

1. RAF subsidiary formations attacked Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, Mosquitoes stabbed at western Germany and Belgium and mines were laid in enemy waters.

2. Heavy formations of American Liberators and Fortresses in daylight struck heavily at the German U-boat campaign by bombing Bremen.

3. American bombers based on the Mediterranean for the fifth time in recent weeks blasted the rail yards of Sofia, capital of war-weary Bulgaria, and Eleusis airfield near Athens.

4. American and British medium bombers spread destruction on targets in northern France.

The Allies lost more than 90 planes in the 24-hour operations. This includes 33 (counting 25 heavy bombers) over Bremen, 42 in the RAF sweeps including an unspecified number of heavies, 11 in the Italian-Balkan area and six fighters over northern France.

Last night's RAF attack probably placed Frankfurt in the category with Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg and Kassel as Germany's most bombed cities. It was carried out in near top strength by a force which possibly included 100 bombers.

A subcommittee of the 15 non-operating unions, which had hoped until yesterday that congress would uphold their wage demands before Christmas, decided to summon their chiefs to consider setting a strike date. Their meeting today coincided with a resumption of mediation conferences opened Sunday by President Roosevelt between the five operating brotherhoods and the carriers.

The non-operating groups (clerk-telegraphers, etc.) have taken a strike vote but have withheld the return so far. Their growing impatience was reflected in a remark of George M. Harrison, president of the brotherhood of railway clerks, after the President had called a conference without including his group of non-operating workers.

Mr. Roosevelt indicated he might see the committees representing the carriers and the brotherhoods this afternoon and said he hoped there could be an announcement by tonight of an agreement or lack of agreement.

He said he had told both sides at Sunday's White House conference that a stoppage of transportation would be the most serious blow that could be directed at the war effort.

Police Court Schedule.

City Recorder's Court will be in regular session Friday, Christmas Eve, and Monday, Judge J. W. H. Roberts stated today.

Revolt Flaming In North Italy

Naples, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Northern Italy is flaming with revolt against the German military command and its puppet Italian government, trustworthy information reaching Nazis showed today.

At the same time, it was reported that the Germans, following the tactics employed in Naples, roped off areas of Rome, presumably to permit German engineers to plant mines and dynamite on a large scale. This may indicate a decision to abandon Rome.

The situation behind the German line was described as being "more serious than in any of the European countries that are under complete German occupation."

Axis radios gave heavily censored confirmation. The German military commander in Rome ordered the suspension of all street highway and railway traffic inside and outside of the city between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m.

That line is not particularly strong, and it is unquestionable how long the Germans could hold on. But they probably could count on at least two months breathing space to consolidate it before the Russians could launch another major offensive.

Plunges To Death



Mrs. Grace Fox (above), radio singer known as Grace Morgan, was killed in New York in a plunge from the top of a 29-story apartment house in which she lived. Her husband, at home at the time, told police she left his presence complaining that she did not feel well. (AP Wirephoto).

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE MONDAY

Business Houses To Take Extended Holiday

Greenville business houses generally will observe an extra day for Christmas this year remaining closed throughout Monday, December 27.

A poll of merchants by the Merchants Association this morning indicated that the closing would be general taking in groups and individual businesses. Hardware stores, furniture stores and grocery stores had previously announced a decision to remain closed for the day. Other merchants joined the movement today.

The banks will not be open for business on Monday, the day having been set aside by the governor as a holiday for banks throughout the state.

City and county offices will close at noon Friday, (Christmas Eve) and remain closed until Tuesday morning.

Both Greenville's newspapers are joining the other business houses in observing the extended holiday to give overworked employees a well deserved extra day of rest.

Second Front May Bring Manpower Draft Action

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Should an all-out 1944 "second front" against Hitler boom out of Allied high command conferences in Cairo and Teheran, congress expects to take the lid off bills to conscript homefront manpower.

Pending war-labor draft legislation is dead as a doornail now. What with a national election coming up in November, 10,000,000 in the armed services; a comparative handful overseas; a fluctuating 500,000-man shortage in essential industries; fabulous combat supplies piling up; and many factories authorized to return to part time production of civilian commodities, I. E. umbrellas, alarm clocks, kitchenware and such.

But, says Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Affairs committee, congress will act quickly to meet an emergency if millions of men are hauled from farms and factories to replace other millions hurled into conflict in western Europe.

Top military men warn "this is it" in killed, wounded and missing if Allied armies jump the English channel or blast into the Balkans for a showdown. They say mountains of men and material—even on the homefront—disappear in modern warfare. May says his committee has no illusion, much as it is inclined to cork up the Luce bill to draft 4-Fs for limited military service at home and draft, up to 45, men overseas for combat duty, into labor ranks. And, much as it currently intends to beat down the

Russian Offensive In Nevel Area Threatens To Isolate German Armies Of Center And North And Imperil Entire Position Before Leningrad

London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Russian Baltic army, steadily expanding its breach in the heavily-fortified German line, has plunged down the east side of the Nevel-Vitebsk railway to within 20 miles of Vitebsk, Reuters reported today from Moscow.

This represented an advance of some 15 miles for Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's forces from their last reported position. His troops stand barely 50 miles from the old Polish and Latvian frontiers.

The nearest approach to Vitebsk was the railway station of Gorodok, 20 miles north on the railway from Nevel.

The German communique said Soviet pressure was increasing in the Vitebsk area and that "northwest of Nevel, the Soviets launched unsuccessful attacks."

In the Dnieper bend area, the Germans said the Russians had broken through southeast of Kirovograd but had been dispersed or wiped out. Two days of Russian attempts to break through on the Nikolopol bridgehead on the lower Dnieper and southwest of Dnepetrovsk were said by Berlin to have failed.

Bagramian's success in northern Russia, threatening to disrupt the entire Nazi defense system south of Leningrad, had immediate repercussions on other sectors of the long eastern front. Dispatches indicated that huge reinforcements the Germans are throwing into the Nevel battle were possibly being drawn from the Zhitomir-Korosten front west of Kiev, if not further south.

Troops of the first Ukraine army, who successfully balked Nazi Marshall Fritz von Manstein's powerful tank drive in the Kiev blitz last week, were back in the Korosten sector yesterday, front dispatches said, and had repulsed a series of sharp enemy assaults.

Dispatches said that the Russians were now exerting strong pressure (Continued on Page Four)

MacArthur Silent About Candidacy

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 21.—(AP)—No comment was available from Gen. Douglas MacArthur or his staff today on the latest Washington press stories suggesting that MacArthur would accept the Republican presidential nomination.

The Southwest Pacific commander and his senior officers were described as too occupied with the current New Britain campaign to have time or opportunity to comment on political issues.

(Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) declared in Washington yesterday he would continue to assume that MacArthur would accept the Republican nomination for President "unless he says he would not.")

(The Indianapolis Star said it had been learned in Washington that MacArthur was making tentative plans to return to the United States in March for conferences in the national capital.)

Wadsworth bill to conscript both men and women for domestic war service, the committee knows it may have to pull out all the stops in a crisis.

Selective service officials say that about 2,000,000 men, 1,000,000 of them fathers, face military induction duty now and July 1 when the army, alone, expects to be 7,700,000 strong. It has reclassified all 1-A more than 1,400,000 of almost 6,000,000 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, and local draft boards have deferred nearly 1,000,000 more for war-production and war-supporting activities.

Total armed strength, including DACS, WAVES and all other military personnel, is expected to climb from around 10,000,000 to 11,300,000 by July 1. Officials say this will require an additional 1,900,000 to 2,100,000 recruits and 700,000 to 800,000 replacements.

Rep. Luce (R-Conn.) says the presently estimated 500,000-man war-labor shortage could be made up first from the best among 3,000,000 4-Fs and 600,000 retired service men still in the 18-45 draft age classes. Her bill would put men in 440,000 war jobs intended for WACS, not replacing women with men who WACS are at work.

Seeks Recess In Pork Rationing

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Governor Broughton has asked Chester Bowles, administrator of the OPA, to eliminate rationing of hog meats for 90 days to ease what the governor termed a "grave" hog marketing situation.

In a telegram to Bowles, Broughton said North Carolina farmers were unable to market hogs because parking companies were operating on limited schedules due to the labor shortage and were unable to take the farmers' offerings.

A copy of the telegram was sent to Marvin Jones, war food administrator.

The governor said hundreds of farmers were having to carry their hogs back from the markets and use up their feed supplies and added:

"The situation is one of grave emergency to thousands of farmers in this state and will very seriously affect future hog raising problems unless immediate relief is granted."

Secretary Renews Plea For Bigger Revenue Bill

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Congress had from Secretary Morgenthau today an outspoken warning that the Senate Finance Committee's \$2,100,000,000 tax bill was now drawn contains provision that "open the way to truly extortionate" war profits and "hold the seed of a national scandal."

The Treasury chief's blistering denunciation of the measure, particularly with relation to proposed changes in the war contract renegotiation act—was capped by an assertion that "the way the matter stands now I think the Treasury would be better off with no tax bill—but on that basis we'd be awful badly off."

Morgenthau, holding one of his rare Monday afternoon news conferences, first read a prepared statement rapping the House-approved bill as "extremely disappointing" from a revenue standpoint and "equally unfortunate" due to the recommended changes in the renegotiation law.

Then, discussing the statement with special emphasis on renegotiation, the secretary declared that "the smartest thing business can do is to leave it alone—unless business executives want to spend the rest of their lives on Capitol Hill appearing before investigating committees."

DELAY ACTION ON GENERALS

Senate Freezes Promotions Until After Holidays

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Majority Leader Barkley (D-Ky.) intervened today to keep alive presidential nominations to increase the permanent rank of 14 generals among them Lt. Gen. George S. Patton.

Barkley obtained unanimous consent for the senate to retain the nominations through the Christmas recess. Without the consent of the nominations would be sent back to the White House and could not have been acted upon until re-submitted by the President.

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The WAR TODAY

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By WILLIAM FRYE (Associated Press War Analyst)

The great Red army offensive now rolling southwest of Nevel what ever its immediate tactical aims, is clearly a major blow aimed eventually at collapsing the German left flank.

It is moreover, in all likelihood only the first of a series of winter drives by the Russians calculated to speed up considerably the probable intention of the German staff to withdraw by spring to the so-called Riga-Odessa line.

The power of this northern line is indicated by German confession of losses long before the Russians disclosed progress, or even admitted the drive had started. And the Russians probably expect to keep moving until the Red army, reaching the Baltic, has relieved the long siege of Leningrad and isolated Finland from her Nazi ally.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

TO BUY GLOVES FOR HELEN



Buy Christmas Seals

# Social and Personal

Miss Alice Ruth Bundy, who is attending school at Greensboro College, is home for Christmas.

Mrs. George Lay of Chapel Hill, spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. White.

Lymon Move Mills, who was inducted into the navy last week, is in training at Brainbridge, Md.

Pfc. Burton P. Evans of Fort Taylor, Key West, Fla., is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Evans, on the Farmville highway.

Mrs. Lulu Little left today for Kenly to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Bob Hicks arrived from Morehead City today to visit her mother, Mrs. W. W. Phelps.

Miss Mary Agnes Deal, who teaches in Angier, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Deal.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. R. T. Burnett.

Mrs. J. R. Starkey and little son, Bobby, are visiting relatives near Winterville.

Miss Frances Kittrell is home from W. C. U. N. C. to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Mabel G. Blow left Sunday for Cambridge, Mass., to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Walter C. Hargrove, Jr., whose husband, Ensign Hargrove, is taking naval training at Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller of Scottville, N. Y., are guests of Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Miller, 319 East Eighth street.

Miss Phyllis Shuff will arrive from Duke University today to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Charles Shuff.

Miss Lucy Blount, who is a student at Stevens College in Missouri, is spending the holidays at her home in Greenville.

Mrs. W. G. Wyckoff of Fayetteville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Stella Carrico, who is sick at her home on Evans street.

Mrs. Paul Green of North Wilkesboro, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Herring.

Miss Evelyn Scheller, a student at Katharine Gibbs School, Boston, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Scheller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rawl left today for Jacksonville, Fla., to visit their son, Ed Rawl, seaman second class USNR.

## Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR  
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F. C. Harding went to Grifton Monday evening.

Nearer and nearer comes Christmas.

Tomorrow will be the shortest day of the year.

Don't be a skinflint. Help somebody poorer than yourself enjoy this Christmas.

With the pension appropriation already pushing on towards two hundred millions, it was no wonder rumors of war gave people the cold shivers.

### Overseas

Word has been received that Pvt. William D. Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Vincent of Greenville, R. F. D., has arrived safely in England.

**Christmas Party For Juniors**  
The Christmas Junior party will be held in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church tonight at 7:30.

**TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SERVICE MEN**

The Red Cross canteen corps will sponsor a sugar plum tree at the Service Center on Christmas Eve. Everyone in the community who wishes to share their Christmas goodies with the men in service is invited to bring a plate of cookies, candies, nuts or fruit to the club on Friday.

The tree will be ready to receive such fruit Friday afternoon. If you are unable to bring your plate to the club call Mrs. James T. Little at 2582 and she will have it brought.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, Providence has called from our midst to his Eternal home, Dr. W. I. Wooten, be it resolved:

First: He was one of the newer members of the Club, but in the short time that he was a member of the Rotary Club, he succeeded in attracting every member to him through his very fine personality.

Second: That the community has lost also a Minister of Mercy and an efficient physician. He never refused to show mercy and skill to the needy.

Third: Be it resolved that these resolutions be included in the minutes of the Rotary Club, that a copy be sent to the family of our fellow Rotarian, Dr. William I. Wooten, and that a copy be sent to the local papers.

**HEALTH AND HAPPINESS COMMITTEE.**  
By: Judson Blount, Chairman,  
L. M. Buchanan.

**Transferred.**  
Aviation Cadet Paul A. Scott, Jr., USNR, has been transferred from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Athens, Ga. His new address is Ranger Barracks, Room 207, U. S. Navy Pre-flight School.

**Notice, American Home Dept.**  
All members of the American Home Department who have not taken gifts for the County Home to Mrs. C. C. Hilton, please take them to the home of Mrs. Dink James, since Mrs. Hilton will be out town after today.

All who can go to the County Home tomorrow, please meet at the club at 2:30 p. m.

**County Schools Have Holidays.**  
The county schools closed today for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed Wednesday, December 29, Supt. D. H. Conley announced today.

**To Close Dining Room.**  
The Proctor Hotel dining room will close Thursday night and remain closed until Saturday morning, January 1, Manager Dave Turner announced today.

**Engagement Announced.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Bryan McCormick announce the engagement of their daughter  
Ann Harrison  
to  
Corporal Fred James Demasi  
United States Marine Corps  
The wedding will take place on Tuesday, January eighteenth.  
Corp. Demasi is the son of Mrs. O. D. Demasi and the late O. D. Demasi of Northfield, Vermont.

## Mrs. Katie Peaden Buried Yesterday

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Peaden, 74, who died at her home near Falkland Saturday night, were held at the home Monday afternoon. The Rev. L. B. Manning, Free Will Baptist minister of near Farmville, officiated. Burial was in the Peaden family cemetery.

Mrs. Peaden, a native of the Falkland community, was the daughter of the late Lemon and Margaret Johnson Dunn. She married W. H. Peaden in 1889. Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Effie Wooten of near Falkland, and Mrs. Stephen Wooten of Greenville; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Suppers And Dances For Marine Officers

Major W. E. Gregory, commandant of the Greenville Marine Auxiliary Air Base, and the officers and their wives, will be guests at numerous Christmas holiday social affairs during the coming week.

Manager L. R. Whently of the Olde Towne Inn, will be host to the officers and their wives at dinner tonight and tomorrow night at 9 o'clock.

The Elks Club will entertain the Marine officers and their wives at a barbecued chicken supper and dance at the club, Monday night.

The German Club will have them as guests at a reception and dance at the Country Club New Year's Eve.

Numerous other social affairs in honor of the Marine officers and their wives are being arranged for the holidays.

## Rotarians Have Fun Christmas Program

By WYATT BROWN  
Greenville Rotarians had Christmas all the way from carols to Santa Claus last night in a "little program" whipped up in a few minutes, according to John Proctor, chairman of the Program Committee, who, assisted by J. B. Kittrell, were the "whipper-uppers." The treat of the evening was a Christmas reading by Mrs. J. H. Rose, who made a simple children's story assume a fine significance. "J. B." said he requested Mrs. Rose not to read an adult story but rather a children's one.

Christmas carols were sung, ably led by Johnnie Overton. In a more serious strain Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, new preacher at Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, led the group in a special prayer for Christmas. Ending the singing by the group there was a noisy glass ringing rendition of "Jingle Bells" during which Santa Claus, packed filled with a remembrance for each, came in. Everyone filed by and received a gift.

Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson was greeted as a new Rotarian last night. There was one visiting Rotarian last night, John Mewborn from Farmville. Guests of the club were Rev. Robert Bradshaw, Sgt. A. T. Denton, Sgt. David Proctor, Dr. F. P. Brooks, Sammy White all of Greenville, and Beverly Redfern of Durham.

Resolutions on the occasion of the death of Dr. W. I. Wooten were read and adopted.

John Fleming, club president, presided. J. B. Kittrell was Santa Claus.

Cotton plantations in the Soviet Union produce not only white cotton, but Auburn, brown, blue, dark green, emerald and khaki.

## WGTC

1490 KILOCYCLES  
GREENVILLE, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22  
6:59—Sign On.  
7:00—Early Risers Club.  
7:15—Yawn Patrol.  
7:40—Lost and Found.  
7:45—News, TN.  
8:00—Musical Clock.  
8:15—Evelyn Tyler's Orch.  
8:30—Morning Meditations.  
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.  
9:00—News.  
9:05—Design For War Time Living.  
9:10—According to Record.  
9:15—Melody Time.  
9:30—Organ Moods.  
9:45—Names in the News.

9:50—Musical Interlude.  
9:55—Vitamins for Victory.  
10:00—Obituary Column.  
10:05—Women in the News.  
10:10—Musical Interlude.  
10:15—Farmville on the Air.  
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.  
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.  
11:15—News and Kentucky Carnival, MBS.  
11:30—Lang Worth Military Band.  
11:45—Ayden on the Air.  
12:00—Boake Carter, MBS.  
12:15—Hank Lawson, MBS.  
12:30—Tune Time.  
12:55—News and Markets.  
1:00—10-2-4 Ranch.  
1:15—News Value.  
1:30—Luncheon With Lopez, MBS.

1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.  
2:00—Cedric Poster, MBS.  
2:15—Songs of the Services, MBS.  
2:30—Carolina Farm Features.  
2:45—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.  
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3:05—Musical Interlude.  
3:10—In the Woman's World.  
3:15—Miracles and Melodies.  
3:30—Yankee House Party, MBS.  
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.  
4:15—Requestfully Yours.  
4:30—Full Speed Ahead, MBS.  
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.  
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.  
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.  
5:45—Treasury Star Parade.  
6:00—Sports Cast.  
6:15—Lanny and Ginger, MBS.  
6:30—World's Front Page, MBS.

6:45—Sundown Serenade.  
7:00—News.  
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.  
7:30—Modern Airs.  
7:45—Waltz Time.  
8:00—Music Just For You.  
8:15—Mid Week Prayer Service, TN.  
8:30—Christmas Serenade.  
8:35—Aviation Cadet Show, TN.  
8:50—You and Uncle Sam.  
9:00—Gabriel, MBS.  
9:15—Gracie F., MBS.  
9:30—Soldiers with Wings, MBS.  
10:00—News.  
10:15—1100 Club.  
10:30—Justin Stone's Orch., MBS.  
10:45—Del Courtney's Orch., MBS.  
11:00—News.  
11:05—Sign Off.

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Chinese Victories In Rice Bowl Area

Chungking, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Chinese forces have smashed forward in the central China rice bowl area, capturing the four main Japanese advanced bases of Lihshien, Tsing-shih, Nanshen and Ansiang, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's headquarters announced today.

The victory, a follow-up to the smashing at Changteh of a Japanese offensive against the important Chinese base and communications center of Changsha, effectively cleared the northern banks of Lake Tungting. It also made the position of the Japanese forces between the Lake and the Yangtze river extremely precarious.

The original Japanese offensive against Changteh and Changsha was launched from the four strong points whose capture was announced today.

Senate Adjourns For The Holidays

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Senate adjourned at 12:47 p. m. today, bringing to a close the first session of the 78th congress for this chamber, and beginning the Christmas recess which will continue until January 10.

The adjournment resolution went to the House, which was still disposing of eleventh hour business when the senators began leaving the capitol.

Asks Investigation Recent Train Wreck

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A congressional investigation of the recent railroad wreck in North Carolina was proposed in the house today by Representative Southoff (D-W.Va.).

The Wisconsin member said he had talked with two persons on one of the wrecked trains and they were "emphatic" in their criticism of the railroad.

He suggested that a sub-committee of the Interstate Commerce commission should make an investigation, and also study the feasibility of installing shortwave radio equipment on trains.

City Workers Strike

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Montreal's second strike of municipal employees within a week started today with an estimated 2,000 city clerks and stenographers out for force demands for higher wages.

Nazi Admiral Dead

London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The German DNB agency said today that Vice Admiral Ludwig Von Reuter, 75, who ordered the scuttling of the German fleet in Scapa Flow in 1919, died today of heart disease. The Berlin broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

Colored News

Christmas Service. The Rev. R. B. Brown known as "Long Brown" and his choir of Ebenezer Chapel, will have charge of the Christmas service on Christmas Day at Mount Calvary, Free Will Baptist Church at 11 a. m. Rev. Brown will deliver the sermon and the choir will render special music for the occasion. Churchill C. Thomas is director and Lester L. Barrett will be organist at that time. The public is invited to attend the service.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kind sympathy and many floral designs sent to us during the death of our beloved father, Willard Davis and Family.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—When such a basketball expert as the Oklahoma Aggies' Hank Iba grudgingly admits that a suggested change in basketball "might work," this department feels safe in popping off about it. Our idea was to hoist the basket up out of reach of the extra-tall boys and to make it larger so that shooters would have a reasonable chance of hitting their mark without getting into those traffic jams under the basket. Iba, who contends that basketball will see a lot of post-war changes, agreed that anything that tends to produce more outside shots will give the spectators a chance to see what's going on inside. Then he added still another point—if the bank-boards are higher, the rebounds will go farther, out into the court. Maybe we still couldn't see what some of the clever ball-handlers were going, but we'd like to see the experiment made once.

Coincidence

Harry Lumley, the 17-year-old

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hockey goalie who made his big league debut with the Detroit Red Wings here Sunday, has the same name as the old Brooklyn outfielder who clouted nine home runs to lead the National League in 1904. And the way the Rangers fired pucks at him, Detroit's Harry probably thought he was playing his first big league game in one of those Ebbets Field pop-bottle showers.

Sportpourri

The two lightweight champs, Sammy Angott and Beau Jack, likely will meet in an over-weight scrap at the Garden January 28. Wonder what good that'll do? Emery Hresko, outfielder-pitcher of the Flint, Mich., American Legion baseball team, has been offered \$2,500 to sign with the Giants but decided to wait until he heard from the Tigers' Wish Egan before taking it. Alle Stolz's kid brother, Stanley, made his debut as an amateur boxer last week in the same Newark, N. J., ring where Alle started as a 105-pounder. Stanley weighs 125. Sports-caster Red Barber has been made chairman of the Brooklyn Red Cross war fund drive. Steve War-ga, Jr., who won the Miami open golf tourney, is an air line radio operator and Johnny Bulla, who tied for third, is an air line pilot. Perhaps they're used to hob-nobbing with birdies.

Quote, Unquote

Coach Dutch Bergman (explaining the Redskin's victory over the Giants Sunday): "The three-day rest at the Westchester Country Club made all the difference. You know most of these boys work an eight-hour shift daily. I was able to get them off for two days this week. They had drive. We'll try to get to Chicago a few days early like we did here."

Service Dept.

The National Football League's

service list numbers 387 men, all taken from active duty with the clubs, and just half of them are commissioned officers. Ex-Yankee Scooter Rizzuto, paying basketball for the welfare and recreation team at the Norfolk Naval Training Station, topped his team in scoring twice last week, but W. and R. lost once to the anti-submarine warfare outfit paced by two other baseballers, Benny McCoy and Eddie Robinson. Mike Jacobs' nephew, Irv Hirsch, has just qualified as a student pilot in the Army Air Corps. Lieut. (jg) Luther A. Johnson, former VMI footballer, must believe in preparedness. As a construction company executive, he worked on defense projects for three years before entering the navy. One of his jobs was helping to build the naval ammunition depot at McAlester, Okla. Now he's ready to ship out of New Orleans as a merchant ship gun crew captain to let some Nazi subs have a few rounds of the stuff that comes from that depot.

Fights Last Night

(By The Associated Press) Boston—Raipa Zanelli, 148 1-2, Providence, R. I., outpointed Fritz Zivic, 152, Pittsburgh (10). Providence, R. I.—Tippy Larkin, 142, Garfield, N. J., knocked out Gene Ward, 145, Chicago (4). New York—Marvin Bryant, 158 1-2 Dallas, Texas, stopped Freddy Flores, 162 1-4, New York (4). Newark—Bobby Jacobs, 158 1-2, Philadelphia, outpointed Ted Nate Bolden, 172, Chicago (10). Trenton, N. J.—Jerry Fiorello, 154, Brooklyn, outpointed Stanley Miller, 150, Ozone Park, N. J. (8). Chicago—Freddie Dawson, 135 1-2, Chicago, stopped Al Reasoner, 137, Hines, Ill. (10). San Francisco—Van McNutt, 154, New York, outpointed Kenny La-Salle, Los Angeles (10).

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WILSON'S WEEKLY Bulletin By George Rector Food and Nutrition Consultant to Wilson & Co. Christmas is Everywhere

From the South Pacific to Iceland and in every corner of the globe where the American flag is flying, our boys will dine on Christmas day much as they would at home. For Uncle Sam, bless him, is seeing to it that a real old-fashioned Christmas dinner is enjoyed by all... to the tune of about twelve million pounds of turkey! Wherever it is humanly possible, even those in foxholes will enjoy this same, hearty dinner (although in some cases, dehydrated vegetables may be used instead of the fresh). Just look at all the trimmings on our boys' Yuletide menu!

Uncle Sam's Christmas Dinner for the Armed Forces. CREAMED CELERY SOUP WITH CROUTONS, ROAST TURKEY WITH GIBLET GRAVY, SAGE OR OYSTER DRESSING, CRANBERRY-ORANGE SAUCE, SNOWFLAKE POTATOES, BAKED SASSIFI, CREAMED CORN, LETTUCE WITH RUSSIAN DRESSING, HOT ROLLS WITH BUTTER, MINCE PIE, CHOCOLATE NUT CAKE, FRUITS, CANDIES, COFFEES.

December 25, 1942. Last Christmas day in Chungking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gave a party for every American fighter stationed there, from General Stilwell on down to the humblest private. The spirit of Christmas prevailed, as the great allied leader is a Christian; but the food was Chinese and it was a twelve-course meal.

Included on the menu were date cake for "early victory"; lotus-seed soup for "success"; meat-filled dumplings for "prosperity"; cake fritters for "harmony"; oranges for "blessing"; and olives for "peace". Each guest got a necktie from Chiang Kai-shek, and American-educated Chinese girls were there to entertain our men. It was a gala, festive party and the day was complete when an American transport plane dropped 23 sacks of Christmas packages and mail from home. Chiang Kai-shek's entertainment last year is typical of the sort of hospitality that will be extended to Americans in many far-off lands this year. Allies Share Christmas. Americans in Australia on December 25 will experience mid-summer heat. They'll see no poinsettias or holly but there'll be large white lilies, bright glad-

U. S. NAVAL AVIATION FACILITIES Traverse City, Mich. Dec. 14th, 1943. Belk-Tyler Company, Greenville, N. C. Dear Sirs: Today I received your lovely Christmas card and I wish to take a few minutes to let you know how much I appreciate it. A person never forgets the people back home who are as thoughtful as the people in Greenville. Sometimes the men and women of our Armed Forces think of the people at home and wonder if they really are thinking of the ones that have been called away on account of the war. As for me, I can say that it is one of their foremost thoughts at the present time. I can also say that "Home" is our foremost thought all of the time. I hope that you will not mind me writing this letter because it is the only way I could find to thank you for the card. Thanks a million and I hope that each and everyone of you have a Very Happy Holiday Season. Sincerely, (Signed) NORMAN D. SAVAGE.

A LINE FROM HOME

means so much to them, more than gifts, more than we can imagine. Let's resolve this New Year's to drop a line to every boy and girl we know in the service at least once a month, if only a card.

S-Sgt. W. E. Utley 14051267 11241 School Sqd. A.P.O. 953 care Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal. Nov. 28th, 1943.

Dear Belk-Tyler: I wish to express in this letter my thanks for the very nice Christmas card that I received from you. It certainly made me feel mighty good as I have been away from Greenville over two years in the Armed Forces, and it makes one feel that the people back home haven't forgotten you. I think of all the fine folks of Greenville very often and my only wish is that all the boys in the Service will have a speedy return home soon. Please give all your employees my regards and again thanks. May God bless all of you—

Sincerely, (Signed) BILL UTLEY

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## Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

### FREEDOM OF THE WILL

A great deal is written today about the necessity of strengthening the will. Philosophers dwell and have dwelt on this necessity, and many modern ethical movements have been based on the theory that a strong will can do anything. Not only ethical movements but unethical as well have been based on this principle. Hitler and his minions talk a great deal about the possible achievements of an unending will.

But much of this talk about strengthening of the will is beside the point. What the wills of most of us need is not strength but liberation. The trouble with our wills is that they are in bondage. We look upon certain evils and know that it is our duty to avoid them, and yet we are drawn to yield to them because of some little promise of pleasure which they hold out. On the other hand, we aspire to do some good thing and find we cannot because our vices, great and small, interfere.

What we need to do is to strike from the will the fetters which bind it. The liberated will may be very weak and ineffectual, but at least it is free. Being liberated, it is now prepared to be strengthened. Not amount of strengthening will make it adequate so long as it is held in bondage.

The wills of some men are bound by ignorance; of others by prejudice. But the greatest bondage of all is the bondage of sin.

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## WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Tourist business isn't what it used to be in the nation's Capital, but it's still thriving.

Capital tour guides estimate the business has dropped off about one-third since Pearl Harbor, but it's hard to check exactly because the 25-cent fee isn't charged service personnel and those not charged are not counted. On week days, the number of servicemen and women who want to see the Capitol from the sub-basement up is small. The guides attribute this to the fact that service personnel have little leisure time during the week. But five months ago the Capitol was opened Sundays to service personnel and their escorts only, and since then the Capitol has become a Sunday shrine for boys and girls of the armed forces.

According to the guides, the war hasn't made much change in the tourist's slant on things except that the guides are constantly bombarded by the declaration that "this is the first place in Washington where we have had a friendly word or courteous treatment."

Often, too, that mark of courtesy isn't easy. Perhaps the most frequent indignation expressed by the sightseers comes when they have to check their cameras at the doors.

The second cause for constant explanation is why Congress isn't always in session and close behind that comes the blistering attack on Senators and Representatives because they don't keep their seats or even attend when speeches are being made from the floor.

That last is a tough one because few visitors can be made to understand that most speeches are made "for the record" and that nearly all members' friends and enemies know what they are going to say before they can read it in the Congressional Record the following morning. Besides, if all members stayed on the floor all the time their respective chambers were in session, they would get precious little business done for their constituents.

The guides, however, have an answer for everything and undoubtedly are the best salesmen in Washington, Congress and the Capitol have. Although it isn't on the agenda, they answer all questions about the statue of freedom on the Capitol's dome. They explain patiently often a score of times a day, why wartime visitors can't go up to the dome or down to Washington's tomb and why Washington isn't buried there.

## Pushing--To Get Away



from Louisianans who cry "Congressional conspiracy" when they see the late Senator Huey Long's effigy in Statuary Hall.

Eleanor Smith, youngest member of the guide corps, thinks perhaps her worst worry is trying to convince her clients that President Roosevelt doesn't live in the building. When she explains about the White House, some visitors then insist on seeing where he works.

Ralph Cady, a veteran of 15 years on the guide staff, says you learn a lot from visitors too. One of his favorite descriptions of the Capitol rotunda came from a farmer who glanced up and up, whistled, and said: "Whew, what a hayloft this would make."

## Second Front . . .

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Hobby concedes DAC enlistment has flopped. War Secretary Stinson said he would like to have a total of 500,000 WACS, 300,000 of them in the army air corps alone. After repeated recruiting campaigns there now are scarcely more than 60,000 compared with a top of about 65,000 before WACS ceased to be an auxiliary service and became a regular army department.

## Delay Action . . .

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and presented to congress again after the holiday recess.  
Included in the list with Patton, whose striking of one soldier and upbraiding of two others came under committee investigation recently, are these other three-star generals: Joseph W. Stilwell, Brehon B. Somervell, Joseph T. McNarney and Jonathan M. Wainwright.  
Unless the senate acts, the nominations of seven other temporary lieutenant generals to the permanent rank of brigadiers will go back to the White House also. They include George C. Kenney, Carl

Spaatz, Omar N. Bradley, Ira C. Eaker, Millard F. Harmon, Robert L. Eichelberger and Mark Wayne Clark. Two temporary major generals, Thomas T. Handy and Walter B. Smith, are caught in the same squeeze.

## New Air Blows . . .

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sibly numbered 800 or more heavy bombers.

Huge fires were left burning in the city of more than a half million which already had been so badly devastated in 41 raids that a large proportion of the populace had been forced to leave.

Continuing the air offensive, a steady stream of medium and light bombers winged across the southeast coast towards France in daylight today, backing up heavy assaults begun yesterday on what may be German rocket gun emplacements.

U. S. airforce Marauders, escorted by Allied fighters, bombed military objectives in northern France for the second straight day, army headquarters announced this afternoon. Mannheim - Ludwigshafen, a twin cities on the Rhine where I. G. Farben-Industrie has the largest chemical works in the world.

The tonnage dropped on Frankfurt last night approached the heaviest raid of the war—more than 2,300 tons rained on Berlin the night of Nov. 22—and its effect on a city less than an eighth the size of the German capital must have been terrific.

Frankfurt has been the target for British bombers on numerous occasions, but last night's raid was the third major attack (more than 500 tons) there by the RAF. The city, important inland port and rail center, also has been heavily attacked in daylight by American heavy bombers. The Frankfurt attack was the

RAF's fourth major operation of a month which has seen Berlin bombed twice in strength and Leipzig once. Losses to date for December total 136 aircraft.

American Fortresses and Liberators had a big day yesterday in stabbing a body blow at the Nazi U-boat effort by looting a cargo of high explosives and incendiaries on the port of Bremen in northwest Germany.

The American bombers, escorted by swarms of fighters, knocked down 40 Nazi planes while losing 25 heavy bombers and eight fighters.

The American airmen, flying four miles high in temperatures 50 degrees below zero, found visibility excellent over Bremen. It was announced, despite German attempts to shroud the big port under a rolling smoke screen.

The RAF went out early last night, with the planes taking two routes—one over the southeast coast, another over the east coast. This spitting of forces suggested the RAF was attempting to scatter the waning Nazi fighter opposition.

During the night the German air force again tried to retaliate. A few bombers were over various sections of England, giving London a half-hour alert. It was announced they had dropped bombs in southeastern regions, causing some damage and a number of casualties.

## Russian Forces . . .

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from the southeast on Kirovograd, Dnieper bend enemy base, in an apparent drive to isolate that industrial center. The Russian communiques said the Germans lost 1,200 men killed and 59 tanks destroyed in futile counterattacks there yesterday.

A German military spokesman was quoted by the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter as saying "that the Germans had withdrawn troops from the Kiev bulge southward toward Kirovograd, suggesting von Manstein may have abandoned his drive on Kiev."

A Berlin broadcast, meanwhile, announced that Germans had evacuated their bridgehead on the east bank of the ice-bound Dnieper river opposite the city of Kherson far to the south, and said an early assault against Kherson itself was anticipated by the German garrison.

Moscow did not mention any activity in the Kherson salient. CBS recorded another Berlin broadcast early today in which the announcer was evidently preparing his listeners for the possibility of "sudden changes of the situation

on the eastern front." He added that "at Kherson there are German movements in progress which remind one of the developments at Cherkassy." Cherkassy fell to Gen. Ivan Konev's army last week.

Detailing action in the Soviet drive south of Kiev, the Moscow war bulletin said Bagramian's army had wiped out 1,800 Germans yesterday and that "the enemy is retreating, abandoning a great quantity of arms and ammunition." Bagramian was driving in mul-

tipie thrusts toward the rail centers of Yitetsk and Polotsk as his immediate objectives. In less than a week his troops have recaptured nearly 1,000 square miles of territory, including 507 villages and have killed or captured nearly 24,000 enemy troops along a 50-mile-wide front.

## New Gains By . . .

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of the mountains in this area are covered with snow and many of them tower above 3,000 feet.

On the remainder of the Fifth army front, only patrol activity was reported.

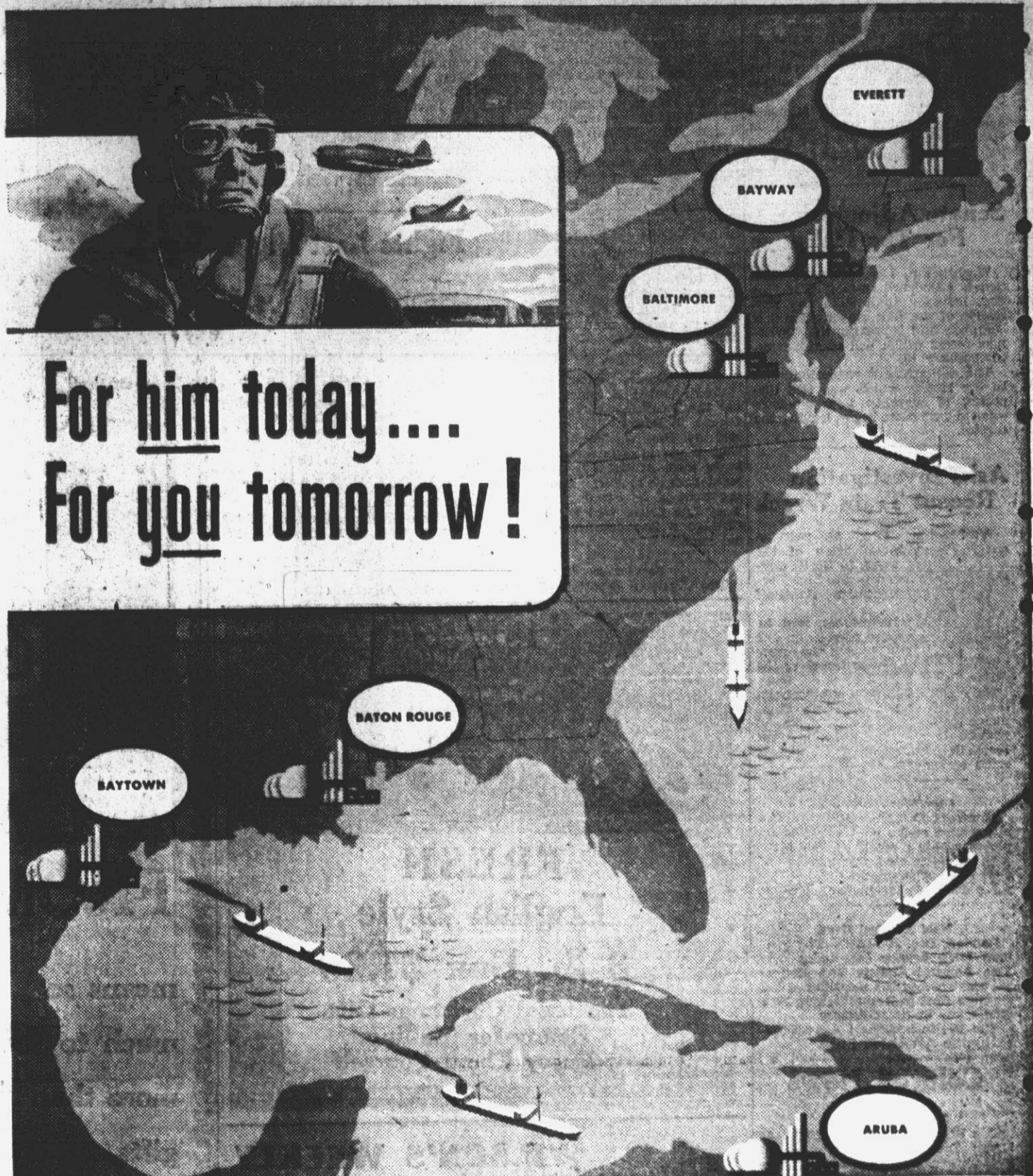
On the Eighth army front, Montgomery's men pushed about a mile north of the Ortona-Orsogna road toward Tollo four miles northwest of the highway.

The Germans were said to be using a good number of tanks to halt the Eighth army's advance. The naval communique said the PT enemy destroyers fled with the PT boats in pursuit and later were engaged by another force, which included both American and British light-coastal ships.

Both actions were brisk and enemy opposition was considerable in the communique.

On the same night, British light units sank an "E" boat, a Siebel ferry, an escort vessel and two motor-craft in the eastern Adriatic.

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war is over, these new plants will still be here—your guarantee of the finest fuels in human history for your post-war cars and planes!  
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ACROSS  
1. Cover the top  
4. Stands opposite  
12. Luzon native  
13. Fruit of the oak  
14. Australian bird  
15. Male child  
16. Anglo-Saxon warrior  
17. Tomb of a Mohammedan saint  
18. Epic poems  
20. Wear away  
22. Short-napped fabric  
23. Weeds  
25. Shallow receptacle  
27. Thick liquid  
28. Close  
31. Male sheep  
32. Officers of the law  
34. Symbol for copper  
35. Wreath  
37. Those who scatter seed  
39. Ourselves  
40. Obliterated  
42. Shelter  
43. Part of a plant  
45. Number  
46. Sound of disapproval  
47. Citrus fruit  
49. Nervous twitching  
50. Steeple  
52. Lasting  
56. Bushy clump  
57. Sum  
59. Beverage  
60. Old musical note  
61. Make amends  
62. Bitter vetch  
63. Seed container  
64. Noblemen  
65. Diamond-cutting cup  
DOWN  
1. Instance  
2. On the highest point  
3. Extended view  
4. Goddesses of destiny  
5. Pain  
6. Pertaining to the seashore  
7. Bird of prey  
8. Scoff  
9. Least  
10. Among  
11. Unadorned  
12. Be profane  
13. Residue  
14. Ascended  
15. Large net  
16. Hindu princess  
17. Fruit  
18. Land measure  
19. Tricks  
20. By  
21. Food fish  
22. Postpone  
23. Called fourth  
24. Part of an optical instrument  
25. Concealed  
26. Woven glass  
29. Pieces of baked clay  
30. Staff  
31. Outdoor game  
33. Company  
34. Roman emperor  
35. Labored breath  
36. American Indian

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ALUM TINTO ERG  
RELIT GENERAL  
ASEA REDATE  
PATENTS SIT  
APENNINE TEAK  
SI ELATE NE  
TALK TINSTONE  
AND LATERAL  
CAMERA SOLO  
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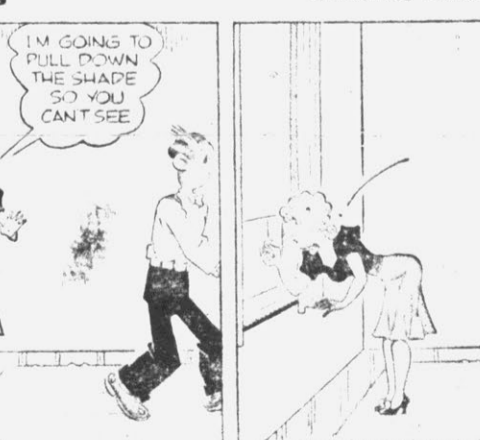
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# DEATH of a Saboteur

By Herbert Fisher

### Chapter 9

Lenkoran conveyed his invitation to Lee by telephone. They now reached the stage of addressing each other as Lee and Alex.

"My dear fellow, you have shown so much interest in my unfortunate country, I'd like to have you come to dinner on Monday night to meet some of my Russian friends; Scharipov, whom you already know, and a couple of others. It will be a stag affair—that is, I'll be asked a beautiful lady to act as hostess at the table. She has an eminent later and that will leave us men to talk in perfect freedom. I'll dress a long breath. He answered with seeming heartiness: "Why, I'd be delighted, Alexis! At what hour?"

"Half past seven. Earlier if you like. Black tie."

On Monday afternoon Welby called on the telephone. "Both Scott and Tasha have returned from New York," he said, "apparently for the purpose of attending P. L.'s dinner tonight."

"I knew it," said Lee. "Evidently something against you is cooking," said Welby earnestly. "You're not going, are you?"

"I certainly am," said Lee. "Mr. Mappin, this is too dangerous!" protested Welby. "Once you're inside the place, how can we protect you?"

"I shall not be liquidated in P. L.'s apartment," said Lee. "Too many people know that I am going there. He means to get me when he can, but it will be in some place and in some manner that could not be traced back to him."

"What is his purpose in giving this dinner, then?"

"That's easy, Welby. It is exactly how I would expect him to act. He has guessed or he has discovered that I am investigating him. He is a supremely self-confident man. He thinks himself so much cleverer than I that he is not at all alarmed. He believes in acting boldly. Therefore, in case my suspicions may have fallen on these lieutenants of his, he is presenting them to me in this open fashion in order to pull the wool over my eyes. It's a kind of challenge!"

"Shouldn't I place men within call?"

"Absolutely not! Not even in the street below. P. L. will certainly be watching from his windows."

"Well, I suppose you know best," said Welby reluctantly.

"I want you to be listening throughout the dinner," said Lee. "P. L. has no dining room, so I assume the usual will be served in the big front room. I will need your report of what is said in order to refresh my memory."

"Just as you say, sir. But, oh God! How terrible it would be if I heard cancer threatening you and was unable to reach you!"

"You can make your mind easy about that. P. L.'s own flat is the safest place in the world for me."

Prince Lenkoran had invited him to come as early as he liked; therefore, walking across town in his deliberate fashion, Lee was planning to arrive about seven-fifteen. At Third Avenue he noticed a newspaper headline: The Attorney General of the United States had caused the arrest simultaneously of 25 editors of small newspapers throughout the country. They were charged with printing seditious matter. Lee frowned. Somebody had slipped up somewhere. The news was breaking too soon.

A few minutes later he was climbing the stairs of the Parkside. As luck would have it, just as he was extending his hand to press the bell beside Lenkoran's door, the door opened and Elias the waiter came out with an empty tray. The haggard, white-faced Elias was obviously in a bad state of nerves. To give him a little courage, Lee murmured: "Everything is going splen-

didly," and, passing into the apartment without having to ring the bell, closed the door after him.

The foyer had been turned into a makeshift pantry for the evening, and Lenkoran's man Vassily was arranging some dishes at a side table. Lee handed him his hat and gloves with a smile, saying: "I'll go right in," and started for the front door. He could hear Lenkoran's voice raised in anger. Evidently he had read the extra. Lee opened the first door and, closing it behind him, paused in the little passage to listen. Lenkoran was shouting: "He stole your list from you! He struck unerringly. Every newspaper! Every one!" Another voice spoke but Lee could not hear the words: Lenkoran went on, "You don't see how he could? Where was the list? In your brief case! Did you ever let it out of your hands? You left it in the hotel room while you attended to private business! Oh, my God, what a fool you are, Tasha. One would think you were playing pussy in the corner instead of holding the fate of your country in your hands!"

There was a silence, then Lenkoran broke out afresh: "The loss of the newspapers is nothing. I suspected we were wasting our money on them. But to be shown up by these dim-witted Americans! That endangers our vitally important work. It puts them on their guard! And to be mocked in their flimsy newspapers. That's why I want God damn you, Tasha! And God damn that smug, fat faced man with his innocent ways. For this I will kill him with my own hands! I shall not leave it to anybody else!"

For the moment the man was out of his mind with rage. The listening Lee put out a hand against the wall to steady himself. He started back toward the foyer and paused irresolutely. Rapid steps could be heard approaching the other door. Then there was only one thing for him to do. Quickly stepping forward, he opened the door and faced the blazing Lenkoran.

### Chapter 10

Lenkoran almost instantly recovered himself. It was an extraordinary transformation; it was too quick to be natural, "Lee!" he cried with exaggerated heartiness. "Welcome, my friend!" Meanwhile his glittering eyes were fastened on Lee's face, trying to discover how much he had overheard.

Lee from long habit was able to smile blandly in the presence of the man who had just sworn to kill him, but he was sweating gently. "I'm afraid I'm intruding," he said.

"Intruding!" shouted Lenkoran. "Nonsense! You're the guest of honor tonight! This is my friend, Nick Tasha. Mr. Amos Lee Mappin."

They shook hands.

"I didn't hear you ring," said Lenkoran.

"I didn't ring. The waiter was coming out so I walked in." Lee wiped his face.

"You find it too warm in here?" Lenkoran asked with terrible quietness.

"Not at all. I walked across town." Lenkoran burst out again: "You must have a drink!"

Lenkoran led the way out through the little passage into the foyer, thence to the bar, Lee and Tasha at his heels.

While Lenkoran was mixing the drinks he was studying Lee's face with stabbing glances. "You caught me in a vile temper," he said with a deprecating laugh.

"I didn't notice anything," said Lee.

"You are too polite. When you came in I was roaring like the bull of Bashan!"

"Well, I did hear a noise," said Lee carelessly.

"Just before that," Lenkoran went on, "Tasha had told me that a little owl of a Bolshevik had been caught spying on us. Those jackals won't even let us perform a

work of mercy without interfering!"

It was impossible to tell from Lenkoran's face whether or not he was deceived by Lee's casual air. Probably not, for this man was always on guard.

They were presently joined by Mr. Scharipov of San Francisco. He looked like a gill-eared bunter. He and Lee had met before in Lenkoran's rooms. After him came the tall Goroshovel, gaunt and gray, with a disarmingly awkward air. Of Lenkoran's three aides, he was the best actor.

The bell rang again. The door in- to the foyer stood open, and Vassily answered the bell. They could all see the black-haired vision in silver who entered. She was wearing a close-fitting lame evening coat that made her look taller and slenderer. Lenkoran went out to greet her. Lenkoran swung her into the bar within his arm.

"Miss Jocelyn D'Arcy, gentlemen. Mr. Goroshovel, Mr. Scharipov, Mr. Tasha."

"Hi-ya fellows," said Jocelyn. "I'll never be able to remember your funny names."

"And this," said Lenkoran, coming to the last stool, "is Mr. Amos Lee Mappin, the celebrated author and criminologist."

"Hello!" said Jocelyn with her friendly air, so like a boy's. "We've met before."

"Have we?" said Lee. "Surely I couldn't forget that."

"Yes, we have and I'll tell you where it was. Now I remember! It was a few years ago when I came East to see the World's Fair. It was at a dinner in the French pavilion."

She climbed on a stool in the middle of the bar and Lenkoran went behind to mix a fresh cocktail for her. Lee no longer had to chatter. Jocelyn took care of that with Messrs. Goroshovel, Scharipov and Tasha hanking on every word, all ready to laugh. Not only was she an extremely attractive woman, but she was the Big Boss's girl of the moment and it was up to them to make good with her. When Lenkoran suggested that they go in to dinner, Tasha said he'd like to brush up a little. Goroshovel and Scharipov expressed a similar desire.

Later Jocelyn sat enthroned like a

queen at the foot of the dinner table with the faces of all five men turned toward her. The food was so good Lee couldn't help enjoying it in spite of all he had on his mind. The talk mostly revolved about the ever fascinating subject of men and women.

When they had eaten dessert, which consisted of a delicious confection of pastry, they rose from the table. Coffee and liqueurs were to be served on small stands alongside the comfortable chairs and sofas. In the general movement which was taking place, Lee and Jocelyn came together again. The other four were grouped around Lenko-

ran's cigar humidor at the moment. Lee and Jocelyn smiled at each other. Jocelyn said: "I caught you looking at me so strangely. What's on your mind?"

"I am anxious about you," said Lee. "I know you can handle anything civilized, but can you cope with a savage?"

"Don't worry," she said. "These are ways of taming them. You're the one I'm bothered about. Alexis hasn't said anything, but I can feel that he hates you terribly. You are in danger."

When she had drunk her coffee, Jocelyn rose to go. All the men protested but she stuck to it. "I made

this date before Alexis planned his party," she explained.

Lenkoran went to see her out. When he returned, a supply of Scotch, soda and glasses was brought in and the servants were dismissed for the night. The five men grouped themselves in easy chairs within the open windows.

"Now we can talk freely," said the stiffly smiling Lenkoran.

He started a conversation about old Russia in which his three followers joined in a fond and reminiscent vein. To an attentive ear it had the effect of something rehearsed.

It was about ten when Lee rose

and expressed polite regret. About an hour later, as he opened the door of his own apartment the telephone rang. When he picked up the receiver he heard Jocelyn's terrified voice:

"Oh, Lee, something terrible happened! Alexis has been shot. 'My God! Is he dead?'"

"He has just died in my arms. 'They beat it at the sound of shot.'" "Is anybody with you?"

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New York Cotton New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Cot-ton futures opened 5 to 15 cents a bale higher.

Table with columns: Open, Close, Prev. Cl. for various commodities like Mch., May, July, Oct., Dec.

Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Wheat and rye futures backed down more than a cent below previous closing levels.

N. Y. Stock Market New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Finan-cial markets today generally shifted bears into reverse.

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Dies of Injuries. Raleigh, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Bernice Powell, 33, of Raleigh, Route 2, was struck by an automobile Sunday night as he walked along a highway about 10 miles east of here and died yesterday.

Convicts Escape. Carthage, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Seven white convicts serving terms of from two to six years escaped from the state prison camp here about 1:30 a. m. today after overpowering the guards.

To Investigate Wreck. Lumberton, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Atlantic Coast Line Railway man-agement plans to conduct an in-quiry at Rocky Mount December 27 into the collision of two trains near here Thursday in which 73 persons died and many more were injured.

Fatal Sleigh Ride. Suffolk, Va., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Six-teen-year-old Thomas L. Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Franklin, of Corapeake, N. C., died in a Suffolk hospital yesterday of head injuries suffered when he was thrown from a sleigh.

Reaches Chile. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Gen Enrique Penaranda, deposed president of Bolivia, arrived at Arica, northern Chile, at 4:17 a. m. to-day. He was accompanied by his brother, Capt. Eliso Penaranda, and the Chilean military attache to Bolivia, Capt. Victor Pimstein.

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It was believed that the enemy was moving to Buka, his air and supply base on the northern tip of the island and nearest point to New Britain and New Ireland.

Allied fliers visited both Buka and Buin, the former center being hit especially hard with more than 100 planes dropping 185 tons of bombs.

One Allied plane was lost. Gasmata, on the south-central coast of New Britain, was blasted by Australian-manned dive bombers and fighters.

Allied planes and P-T boats took a toll of 25 Japanese barges sunk or damaged.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having this day qualified as Ad-ministrator of the Estate of Dr. W. I. Wooten, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said Estate to file the same with the undersigned on or before the

22nd day of December, 1943, or the Notice will be placed in bar of the recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate pay-ment. This the 20th day of Dec., 1943. THE GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Greenville, North Carolina. Dec. 21-28-Jan. 4-11-18-25.

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