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Partly cloudy and colder tonight, with lowest temperature 19 to 24 west and north portions, 24 to 32 south portion; Thursday partly cloudy and continued cold.

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Three Nazi Destroyers Sunk By British Fleet Off The Coast Of France

Axis Blockade Runner Also Sunk; Other Warships Believed Damaged In Bay Of Biscay Engagement

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A brilliant new victory in the British navy's campaign to destroy the last effective strength of the German fleet—the sinking by continued warship and air action of three German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and crippling of others—was announced today.

A joint admiralty and air ministry communique telling of these blows in southern waters off the coast of France followed by only a few hours publication of the full story of the sinking of the German battleship Scharnhorst in the cold Arctic.

Full details of the Biscay action are yet to be told but it plainly was a large scale enterprise and one which permits is still continuing. "Other details are awaited," the communique said.

In the same area an Axis blockade runner was sent to the bottom by coastal command planes. Nothing was said of any British loss.

This new spurt of British naval fire—fire which already has dealt a crippling if not a mortal wound to German capital ship power—brought to at least 42 the number of German destroyers and torpedo boats known sunk since the start of the war. This total is exclusive of ships known to have been hit and probably lost.

The first announcement did not say when the action had taken place but was assumed from the wording of the communique that the German naval vessels may have been escorting an enemy convoy through the Bay of Biscay, which lies west of France and due north of Spain.

The new blows against Hitler's fast dwindling navy came on the heels of the death of the 26,000-ton Nazi battleship Scharnhorst late Sunday in the Arctic after she and other German surface units had ventured forth to attack a Russian-bound convoy.

The admiralty disclosed yesterday that the Scharnhorst had fallen before the guns and torpedo of the mighty battleship Duke of York and a force of cruisers and destroyers.

The authoritative Soviet publication Red Fleet, in an article made available through the Soviet Monitor, summed up the naval actions in this manner:

"With the sinking of the Scharnhorst, the German battle fleet has virtually ceased to exist. X X X the Scharnhorst did not risk putting to sea (officially). Other German surface craft also remained idle in their base in the North of Norway, but the hour came when Hitler had to play his last card. That was when the (Continued on Page Three)

Mosquitos Attack Western Germany

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—RAF speedy Mosquito bombers attacked objectives in western Germany last night with great results, the Air Ministry announced today, on the heels of Typhoon bomber assaults on targets in northern France in daylight.

Announcing yesterday's two operations in separate communique today, the Air Ministry added that RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters were out over northern France on offensive patrol, shooting down one enemy aircraft or the loss of one Allied fighter.

The western Germany objectives of the light Mosquitos were not identified in the communique nor were the specific northern France targets.

Jap Activity Indicates Airforce Difficulties

By HAROLD STREETER Associated Press Staff Writer The Japanese airforce has paid the price of more than 230 planes shot down over New Britain during the first two weeks of that island's invasion. Announced Allied losses were 30, but even more important than these comparative totals, other developments seem to indicate something decidedly amiss from the enemy standpoint.

PLANS MAPPED FOR INVASION

Appointments Of Allied High Command About Complete

By E. D. Ball London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The overall Allied high command for the approaching western invasion of Europe was virtually completed today with the appointment of two Britons to command the naval and air forces which will operate under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander.

Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, who planned the naval phase of the Allied North African and Mediterranean invasion operations, was named naval commander-in-chief. Air marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, head of the RAF's fighter command, was chosen to lead the aerial forces.

These appointments, following the naming of air chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder to be Eisenhower's deputy commander-in-chief gave Britain three top positions in the supreme command.

Still to be appointed is a commander for American ground forces. There is a possibility that an overall commander for British and American ground forces also will be named, and other key positions may yet be filled. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery has been designated commander of British ground forces.

The selection of Ramsay and Leigh-Mallory to head the naval and air arms, which of necessity will play two of the most vital parts in the Allied lunge across the channel, was announced at 10 Downing Street.

Leigh-Mallory, 51, a brilliant aerial tactician, will direct the Allied 'Air Force' tactical operations in support of ground forces. He is a specialist in air-land cooperation and has been head of Britain's school of army cooperation. He took command of one of the RAF's busiest fighter groups near the end of the battle of Britain and commanded the air forces participating in the Dieppe 'invasion rehearsal' in August, 1942. Three months after he became chief of the fighter command.

A heavy-set, full-faced man with a black moustache, who looks like a typical London 'City' (Wall Street) man, Leigh-Mallory is a world war veteran and has been in the RAF ever since.

Ramsay, who brought the British army back from Dunkerque, was (Continued On Page Four)

Would Give Vote To 18-Year-Olds

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Joseph P. Guffey (D-Pa.) declared today he is hopeful "something can be worked out to give everyone over 18 years of age in the armed services a vote."

"I shall continue to fight for the soldier vote," asserted the Senator in an interview while here to participate in Democratic conferences designed to crystallize sentiment on a slate of Pennsylvania candidates for next year's elections.

Asked if his proposal to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 years would require a constitutional amendment, Guffey replied:

"I think it will but that would take too long. It didn't require a constitutional amendment to induct boys 18 years old or over and it won't be left to the 48 states to confirm it either. If they have enough ability to go out and fight they ought to have the right to vote."

harbor and network of airfields at Rabaul. Japan has said so in alarmed tones over Tokyo radio and has expressed determination to hold on to the island.

Allied Bombs Leave Wreckage In Berlin



This picture, radioed to the U. S. from a neutral European city, is described as showing damage in the center of Berlin after Allied bombers blasted the German capital in one of their numerous raids. (AP Wirephoto).

RAIL STRIKE CALLED OFF Continued Progress By Marines On New Britain

Three Operating Unions Cancel Strike Order Advances Made Toward Cape Gloucester Airfield; Japs Lose Ships And Planes Over Wide Area

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson announced today that heads of the three remaining operating unions had agreed to call off a strike which had been set for tomorrow.

The three union chiefs issued a joint statement with Lt. Gen. Breton Somervell after a conference in the latter's office. They were David B. Robertson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, H. W. Fraser of the Order of Railway Conductors, and T. C. Cashen of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The three unions represent approximately 230,000 railway employees whose decision to strike at 6 a. m. tomorrow caused President Roosevelt to order the nation's railroads taken over by the army Monday night.

Secretary Stimson broadcast last night an assurance to the public that "there will be no alteration in schedules in service or in personnel because of the change."

"The same men will operate the trains, the yards, the shops, the stations, and all other installations in precisely the same way as before," he said.

Today's brief announcement, read by Maj. Gen. Alexander Squires, head of the War Department public relations bureau, follows:

"The Secretary of War announced today that there will be no railroad strike. Representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America (Continued On Page Four)

Little Change In Meat Point Value

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The new January meat chart lists only one small point value boost—on fresh hams but Price Administrator Chester Bowles sees the nation's cost of meat beginning to climb more noticeably in February.

The OPA Chief, in a radio address last night said he wouldn't be a bit surprised to find higher values on some meat products the month after next, and added "it seems most likely that points may be higher in March and April" and during the summer.

The change in fresh ham values, effective Sunday, hikes the ration cost one point a pound, eliminating the differential between fresh and smoked types in effect the last three weeks. The reason: considerably increased movement of the fresh cut since validation recently of a special stamp for five points of pork.

Canadians Pushing Ahead Toward Port Of Pescara

NEW ADVANCE BY RUSSIANS

Offensive Rolls Swiftly Forward West Of Kiev

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Six days after his troops regained the offensive, Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces today were storming the outer defenses of Zhitomir and Korosten, strategic junction points on the Leningrad-Odessa railway, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

Front dispatches placed one spearhead of Vatutin's first Ukraine army within 10 miles of Zhitomir after sweeping through Korosten and Smolovka. Heavy Soviet field guns, planted less than 20 miles away, were softening the city's defenses.

Other advance units smashed weakening enemy lines and captured Zlobich, five miles southeast of Korosten, and Bekhi, an equal distance to the northeast.

In the first week of his new winter offensive, Vatutin has recaptured approximately half the territory which Marshal Fritz von Manstein took during his abortive five-week tank drive in the Kiev bulge. Important towns retaken include Radomysl and Brusilov.

Reoccupation of Zhitomir and Korosten, apparently just a matter of days, would nullify almost all the enemy's gains achieved during his costly counter-offensive.

The Red army scored on two other important sectors. In northern White Russia Gen. Ivan Bagramin's Siberian shock troops dispersed 16 German counter-attacks on the approaches to Vitebsk, killed more than 1,200 Nazis and liberated several villages. Dispatches said Bagramin's vanguards were within five miles of that heavily fortified enemy stronghold.

South of the Kiev bulge in the Dnieper bend, the Germans were also falling back. In the drive on Kirovograd, the Russians destroyed 33 Nazi tanks and killed 1,000 enemy troops after shattering a fierce tank and infantry counter-attack with deadly artillery barrage. The Germans were forced back to their original positions in this area, Moscow said.

Greatest gains were recorded in the Kiev bulge fighting, however. The Germans were falling back so rapidly in this area that they were forced to abandon 16 big guns, 10,000 mines, 30,000 shells, nearly 1,000,000 cartridges and 100 trucks. Russian prison cages rapidly filled. (Continued On Page Four)

Jap Ship Losses Reach Huge Total

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Guns, bombs and torpedoes of American men of war, planes and submarines have sunk, probably sunk or damaged 1,538 Japanese ships in battering the enemy's supply lines and fleet.

This figure was reached with addition of 12 vessels, sent to the bottom by far-ranging submarines to unofficial tabulations of Japanese shipping losses inflicted by all types of weapons. The navy announced the latest submarine successes yesterday.

Submarines now have accounted for 536 Japanese craft, including many freighters, tankers and transports.

So damaging has been the toll of the submarines and planes that in most parts of the south Pacific the Japanese have abandoned hopes of carrying supplies and men in larger ships. Instead, they have resorted to use of small barges, which in turn are being battered by torpedo boats darting in and out of the narrow straits and bays of the area.

Nazis Report Many Ships At Gibraltar

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The heaviest shipping movements at Gibraltar since the Italian invasion were reported by Axis radios today along with fresh boasts about the "impregnable" of German defenses on the French invasion coast.

Officer Drafted



Kenneth Burke, (above), 35, a White House police officer who since Pearl Harbor has stood watch on the only gate opening on the presidential home grounds because he excelled at remembering names and faces, is the first pre-Pearl Harbor father on the force to be drafted. Burke, a native of Porellville, Va., has a seven-year-old daughter. He was ordered to report for army service January 3. (AP Wirephoto)

NEW RAIDS OFF FRENCH COAST

Reports Of British Commando Assaults On Sark

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Germans said today that two British Commando assaults had been carried out within three days on Sark in the English Channel islands which lie athwart the possible path of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forthcoming invasion of the continent from the west.

The German account broadcast by the news agency DNB followed a report by the German fifth command Sunday of a combined British Commando raid on Christmas Eve in an apparent pre-invasion probing of defenses on the Nazi-held French coast.

None of the reports was confirmed. (Continued On Page Four)

Asks Merchants To Aid In Bond Drive

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Secretary Morantau asked the nation's store owners, managers and clerks today to lend their help again during the \$14,000,000 fourth war loan asserting that America's fighting men and women want assurance "that we on the home front are fighting war too."

Addressing a nation-wide NBC audience arranged by the retailers' War Campaigns committee, the treasury secretary said success of the war loan, which opens January 18, "will help give them this assurance."

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Both Eighth and Fifth Armies Smash Way To New Positions Airmen Blast Nazi Positions Near Rome

By WES GALLAGHER Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Canadian troops captured Ortona in the most vicious house-to-house battle of the Mediterranean campaign, smashed north along the coast in snow and sleet today toward Rome's Adriatic port of Pescara.

The Allied communique announced that the eight-day "bitter struggle for Ortona is over."

Medium bombers bombed "the continuing declared, pounding hangars, buildings and dispersal areas at Ciampino, south of Rome, and "scattered" blasting Centocelle, east of the Italian capital.

(A German broadcast recorded London said that Rome was bombed at noon yesterday, and the Nazi-controlled Paris radio asserted that "Allied bombs fell near St. Peter's Basilica. There was no Allied confirmation that the capital, Rome, was attacked.)

On the Fifth army front, the Germans launched a full-scale attack down the eastern coast on the town of Ponte Di Garigliano, near the mouth of the Garigliano, the winter battle was still in progress.

Further inland, French Moroccan troops captured a 900-foot mountain in heavy fighting and American troops closed in on San Vito on the vital Rome road.

The violent battle for the port town in ruins. The Germans are treating north along the coast with the Canadians in pursuit, although rain, snow and sleet, combined with high winds, is hampering the progress.

On the Eighth army front, Indian and New Zealand troops occupied two ridges near Villa Grande, a cut the Canosari road in several places. In the mountains west of Ortona, the Eighth army has advanced nine miles from the important city of Chieti.

Although half of Italy was seized by storm, the American 15th Air Force struck heavily in the north resulting in widespread air raids during which 20 German planes were shot down for a loss of 11 killed.

The medium bombers, which attacked Rome's airfields, also bombed Guidonia, while heavy Liberators pounded railway yards in the north Adriatic port of Diano and at Vicenza, 40 miles west of Venice.

The force that attacked Vicenza encountered 50 German planes in a resultant fray which saw the destruction of at least 19 German planes and perhaps an additional 10. (Continued On Page Three)

Wants Agreement On Foreign Policy

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Chairman Bloom D-NY of House Foreign Affairs Committee proposed today that "all potential presidential candidates get together and agree on a single foreign policy plank for 1944" to eliminate the issue from next year's election campaign.

"It would be a service to the nation and to the world," said the veteran New York legislator in an interview. "It would remove the lingering doubts of this nation's willingness to cooperate with other countries."

He offered no specific declaration of what that plank should say, but asserted that it should be flexible enough to provide for a "give and take policy in general terms," policy recognizing that this nation must take a part in world affairs.

President Terms Fourth Term Talk As 'Picayune'

By D. HAROLD OLIVER Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt having brushed aside as "picayune" a direct question whether he would run for a fourth term, has been reported as favoring an expanded economy and as against economic and military isolationism after the war.

In alekoralic and alliterative terms, he told his news conference yesterday he favored scrapping the term "New Deal" because he said "Old Doctor New Deal" has cured the country's internal ills.

The patient is all right internally now, he said, but Old Doctor New Deal had to call on his partner, an orthopedic surgeon known as "Doctor Win the War" to heal the external wounds of a bad accident suffered at Pearl Harbor.

The President thought it rather puerile and political to bring the matter up at all, but he enumerated about 30 New Deal laws and policies and challenged his critics to say which of them they would ignore if the patient got the internal sickness again. The New York Herald-Tribune's Washington Bureau chief, Bert Andrews, thereupon asked:

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By WILLIAM FRYE (Associated Press War Analyst) The announcement that Air Marshal Leigh-Mallory will be General Eisenhower's air commander in chief fills one of the major gaps which has existed in the invasion command structure.

This selection of the chief of Britain's RAF fighter command answers the question about leadership of the tactical air force which will give close support to the amphibious assault on Hitler's Atlantic wall.

The simultaneous designation of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, formerly second in command to Admiral Cunningham in the Mediterranean, as Eisenhower's naval commander in chief virtually completes the roster of invasion leaders.

Some of the shifts accompanying establishment of the invasion command, however, particularly among top-flight American generals, pose some questions about the coming assaults on Europe, and the relationship between Eisenhower's operations and the Mediterranean theater which he is leaving to Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

Mussolini (?)

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A Madrid dispatch to the London Daily Mail quoted a diplomatic source today as saying that Benito Mussolini died 10 days ago in a German hospital "from long-standing stomach trouble complicated by acute mental depression."

RATION DEADLINES Foods: DEF, Jan. 20. Meats: LAMPQ, Jan. 1. Sugar: "Sugar" 29; 5 lbs. Gasoline: No. 6-A coupons, Jan. 1.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? In the end, a man's life always is the result of his thoughts. As we think in our hearts, so do we become.

Many people allow their minds to decay because they continually cherish hateful thoughts. The minds of others grovel in the imagination of mean and degrading vices. It is amazing how long some people can continue to hold a sullen grudge or nourish in their hearts the memory of a fancied slight. Still others keep their thoughts dwelling upon themselves and their own poor achievements, puffing themselves up until in their own eyes they have an importance which would cause anyone who knows them well to laugh in derision.

St. Paul said, "If there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things." He also counseled men to be humble. If with reference to ourselves we will always think in terms of humility, and if with reference to others we will think in terms of generosity, we will do much to make our own hearts happy and the world in which we live a more pleasant place for the sons of men.

Heaven and hell both begin here on earth, and the kind of thoughts we cherish determine to a great extent which of these two spheres we live.

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WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—People who keep track of such things are speculating on the startling possibility that the Republicans could take over majority control of the House of Representatives even before the next general election.

They can get better any time that the GOP will sweep into firmly established power in the election, but two factors may combine to give the Republicans an unsatisfying sort of piecemeal House victory beforehand.

Those two factors are death and resignation. The Democrats battled their way out of last year's elections with 222 House seats—a slim majority but one regarded at that time as wide enough to carry them through this Congress.

Now there's at least some likelihood that it won't see them through. Latest Republican pickup was the election of one of their number to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Edward W. Greal in Kentucky's normally Democratic fourth district. Still vacant are the seats belonging to Pennsylvania and Oklahoma's second districts, left empty by the resignations of Democrat, and Colorado's first district, vacant because of the death of Democratic Representative Lawrence Lewis.

Still another vacancy may occur if Rep. Albert Gore, Tennessee Democrat, is inducted into the armed forces. He has said he will waive the exemption to which he is entitled because of being a member of Congress when his number comes up, which he expects to happen soon.

Not that any Republican would wish it to happen so—but if death does claim enough Democrats and if a Republican president is elected next year, the situation will be a parallel in reverse of what happened a dozen years ago when President Roosevelt came in on the great Democratic landslide.

It was the GOP which came out of the 1930 off-year congressional election with a scant majority. It held its majority with Republican President Hoover in the White House, through that last "Lame Duck" Congress which adjourned March 4, 1931.

Set by December, 1931, when the new Congress assembled, death had wiped out the Republican margin, and special elections had given control to the Democrats. The Demo-

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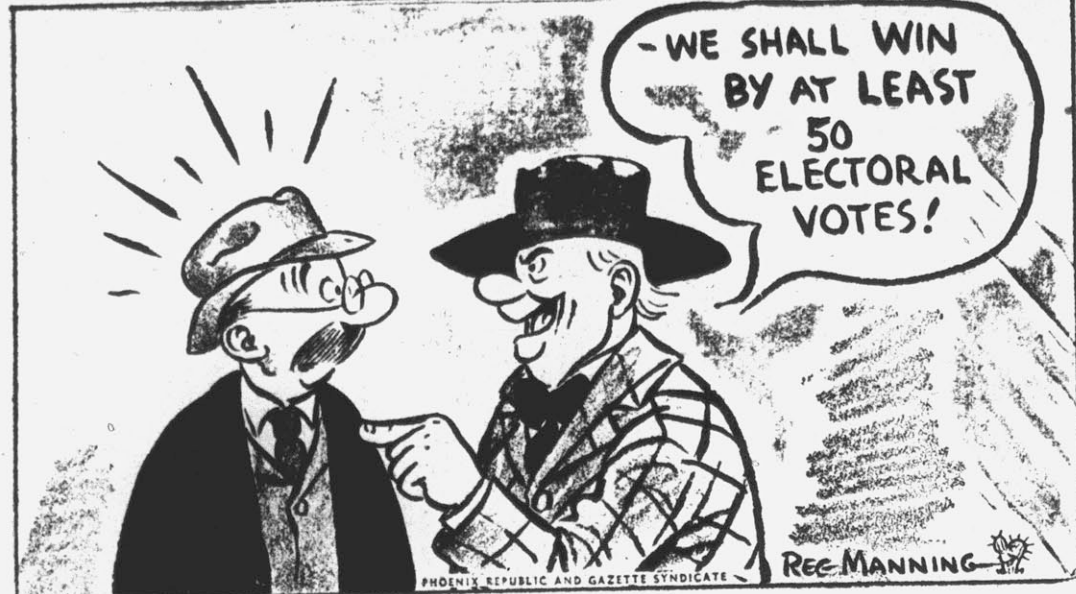


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crates retained their shaky foothold right up until the November, 1932, election and after that their worries were over for some time to come. A party in control of the House, without controlling the Administration, is normally in a good position politically.

In wartime, however, no party wants to let itself in for the slightest chance of being criticized as obstructing the administration's war policy—especially when that policy is successful. So there is a not inconsiderable body of opinion here that believes the GOP is in no hurry to get control of the House—that it would rather wait until next year's general election, when it will have at least a fighting chance (depending on developments before then) of putting its own man into the White House.

President Terms... (Continued From Page One) zion, which went on at such length that the White House did the unusual thing of furnishing newsmen with a stenographic transcript for their guidance.

One question and answer at the end of the discussion, which was left out of the transcript, left reporters a little puzzled because it differed a bit from something the President had said previously—to the effect that when victory comes the program of the past has got to be carried on, in the light of what is going on in other countries.

Left out was the reply to a question whether he meant the "New Deal" was scrapped only temporarily and was to be picked up again after the war.

He replied by recalling that a ten-year program of repression and punishment for the south was adopted after the Civil War under the leadership of Thaddeus Stevens, House Republican leader, but that this program was finally thrown out. He then questioned whether

old policy should have been re-adopted, in say, 1890, and added: "The nation will have to have a program to meet the needs of the time. The New Deal was to meet the problems of 1932-33. In time the nation will have to have a new program, regardless of who is running the government."

Elaborating on his earlier statement that the past program will have to be carried on after the war in the light of what is happening in other nations, the President said it will not pay to go into economic isolationism any more than it would pay to go into military isolationism. This is not just a question of dollars and cents, he added, although he said some people think it is.

It is a question of long range policy, he continued, which ties in human beings with dollars, to the benefit of capital and of human beings.

He said it seems pretty clear that the nation must now plan for, and help to bring about, an expanded economy which will result in more security, employment, recreation, education, health and housing for all its citizens so that the conditions of 1933 and the start of 1933 won't come back again.

He said the post-war program hasn't been settled on at all—except in generalities. As for now, he repeated that the remedies "Old Doctor New Deal" used were for internal troubles and that with "Doctor Win the War" now in attendance the principal emphasis, the overwhelming emphasis, should be on winning the war.

Kavieng, Rabaul, Cape Gloucester and Arawe suggest all is not well with Japan's air arm.

Gen. Ira C. Eaker to command all Allied air forces in that zone. Eaker is largely responsible for the growth and development of the 8th air force in Britain to its present formidable strength. Obviously, such a man is not being "kicked upstairs." It seems much more likely that, while the 8th's striking power is more important than ever, its relative importance as an independent command has shrunk in the vastly increased scope of all operations against Germany.

So Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle, whose Northwest African strategic airforce obliterated the supply sources of the Axis African armies, moves to command of the 8th, while Eaker takes over command of three U. S. air forces, the 9th, 12th and 15th plus RAF units in the Mediterranean. Another portent of increasing Mediterranean air operations is the assignment of Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, veteran chief of the 13th air force's operations in the Solomon, to succeed Doolittle in command of the 15th.

Seventh army air force heavy bombers dropped more than 50 tons of bombs on Wotje islet in the Marshall Islands Sunday, in one of the heaviest raids yet made on Japanese bases in the archipelago. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said two of the bombers were lost.

Jaluit atoll in the Marshalls also was attacked on Sunday by Navy Ventura bombers and Hellcat fighters which went in low to bomb and strafe shipping there. All planes returned from this foray.

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DEATH of a Saboteur

By Hulbert Footner

Chapter 15

The Winstanley house occupying a fifty-foot frontage a few doors east of the Avenue, was one of the grand establishments that are being close d up one by one during these difficult times. A manservant in plum-colored livery ushered Lee up a noble staircase. He was a brawny, ill-favored fellow with a furtive, watchful expression. Lee was conducted into an immense salon.

Three men were waiting in the room. The Count was a small man dressed as if for a wedding in a braided cutaway and striped trousers. He had a face like a mummy. "Ah!" said the Count in a tired, high-pitched voice. "How good of Mr. Mappin to come so quickly."

There was not much of the natural man to be seen. He wore a beautiful made tuxedo and a double-breasted suit. His little shoulders were padded, his chest built out, his waist pinched in with a corset. Yet he was far from being the foot that all this nonsense suggested. The sharp little eyes in his parchment face missed nothing.

Lee and the Count discussed what a noble fellow the late Prince Lenkoran had been, and how foul the crime that had cut him down. The Count's eyes passed back and forth. Lee had heard so much about the Count's beautiful place on the Main Line. The Count expressed gratification that the famous Amos Lee Mappin had interested himself in the tragic death of his cousin.

Said the Count: "It appears as if this unhappy business will necessitate my spending some time in New York. I have therefore taken my friend Mr. Winstanley's house for the time being. Winstanley, as Mr. Mappin undoubtedly knows, is president of the Beaver National Bank. The Winstanleys are at their summer place in Bar Harbor."

"It's a fine house," put in Lee. "When all this had been duly registered, the Count said to the lawyer and the secretary: 'Now, if you will be so good, gentlemen, I should like to have a little private conversation with Mr. Mappin.'"

The Count then dropped a part of his tophi manner and addressed Lee with a kind of royal graciousness that was supposed to afford Lee intense gratification. The plum-colored servant brought the makings of highballs and a box of expensive cigars.

When he saw his opportunity, Lee said: "Prince Lenkoran was a true aristocrat! That's why I admired him so much. His bold and fearless manner of addressing inferior beings delighted me. One longs for a return to the regime where the superior few will rule." At the point Lee looked around him feigningly. "I suppose it is treason to voice such sentiments now?"

The Count grinned with pleasure. "You are safe with me, Mappin." He now dropped his grand manner altogether and spoke to the point. "Mappin, what is the nature of your arrangement with the New York police?"

"Naturally," said the Count. "That's why I came to you. Absolute secrecy is necessary. If the fact of the existence of this money were to get out, the needy Russians would never see a penny of it."

"My whole life has been spent in keeping secrets," said Lee. "What difficulties do you foresee?" "When these men are arrested for the murder, how can we keep the secret of the money?"

"As you find each man," said the Count, showing his perfectly fitting teeth, "you must give me an hour alone with him, before turning him over to the police."

"But I have no authority to make arrests. I have to take a policeman along with me for that purpose."

"Well, any common policeman can be bribed, can't he? Or better still, fooled. No policeman would dare question your orders."

"Perhaps you're right," said Lee. "But suppose we run down our men in distant towns. How could I convey them to you without the knowledge of the police?"

"I will come to you," said the Count. "Whenever the chase grows warm, I will be at your side."

"How can I provide a proper place for you to interview the men secretly?" "In every large town there are furnished houses to be had when expense is no object."

"I get you," said Lee dryly. "That's all for now," said the Count. "From Russian sources I'll see what information I can get about the men that help you."

"I'll be expecting to hear from you," said Lee.

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"Well, any common policeman can be bribed, can't he? Or better still, fooled. No policeman would dare question your orders."

"Perhaps you're right," said Lee. "But suppose we run down our men in distant towns. How could I convey them to you without the knowledge of the police?"

"I will come to you," said the Count. "Whenever the chase grows warm, I will be at your side."

"How can I provide a proper place for you to interview the men secretly?" "In every large town there are furnished houses to be had when expense is no object."

"I get you," said Lee dryly. "That's all for now," said the Count. "From Russian sources I'll see what information I can get about the men that help you."

"I'll be expecting to hear from you," said Lee.

Out of Danger. London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A statement from No. 10 Downing street last night that Prime Minister Churchill "continues to make very satisfactory progress" and that "it is not expected any further bulletins will be issued" was viewed as indicating he now is definitely out of danger from the attack of pneumonia suffered somewhere in the Middle East.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Turf 4. Township 8. Complement of ham 12. Point, President's nickname 14. Beginner 15. Name for office 17. Sandalwood tree 18. Make clear 20. Affirmative 21. Sweat up 23. Cereal grass 24. Paid out 25. Transform 29. Bitter vetch 31. Thinly 33. Alternative 34. Bait

DOWN 26. Addition to a building 27. Garment 28. Plural ending 29. Trader 30. Metal fastener 40. Rumors 42. Correct 43. Type squares 44. Mohammedan name 45. Cynic's mother 46. Painstaking 47. Grass plot 48. Lift 49. Silkworm 50. Bottom of the foot 51. Early English money 52. Scattered 53. Municipality 54. Ovale 55. Thing; law

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-55.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle 1. Rational 2. Ancient Greek coin 3. Escape artfully 4. Those who believe there is but one substance or reality 5. Escapist 6. Brittle 7. Illness 8. Greek letter 9. Revolve 10. Mixture of black and white 11. Sensitive 12. Sacred image 13. Enraptured 14. State positively 15. Disunite 16. Nonmetrical language 17. Short wits 18. Wreath bearing a knight's crest 19. Singing bird 20. Inclination 21. Kind of fuel 22. Biblical country 23. Telephone girl 24. Took away 25. Lapwing 26. Variable star 27. White poplar 28. Fish sauce 29. Hindu woman's garment 30. Not so much 31. Medicinal plant 32. Pulled apart 33. Ages 34. Negative

Social and Personal

Cpl. James Ray Moye has returned to his base in New Mexico after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moye.

Pharmacist third class John M. Daly, Jr., and Mrs. Daly have returned to Weaukegan, Ill., after spending the holidays with their parents, Mrs. T. C. Swindell of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, Sr., of Kingston.

Friends of Mr. Allen Moye will regret to know that he is ill with influenza at his home on Route 1.

Miss Rosalyn Swindell has returned to Fayetteville after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. C. Swindell.

Misses Kathleen Smith and Carrie Dall Edwards of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with their parents in Greenville.

Lt. and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald have returned to Phoenixville, Pa., after spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald.

Miss Arleta Cox, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cox, has returned to Washington, D. C.

Miss Myrtle Walters and Raymond Walters who have been spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. G. Walters, returned to their work in Portsmouth, Va., yesterday.

Mrs. Hazel G. Rives has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Garris.

Mrs. L. B. McCormick, Miss Ann McCormick, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor and Mrs. Charles Gaskins left today for Richmond to spend several days.

Miss Agnes Fullmer, who has been ill in Pitt General Hospital, is recuperating at the home of Mrs. G. B. W. Hadley.

Dr. J. Louis Wilkerson is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilkerson.

Evans-Mooring. The marriage of Miss LaRue Mooring, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Mooring of Stokes and the late Mr. Mooring, to James Alexander Evans of Winterville, was solemnized December 22 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, with the Rev. Colgate Daughtry of Greenville, officiating.

The bride wore a three-piece suit of lisle wool with green hat and black accessories. Her corsage was yellow roses.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Evans left for points in Western North Carolina and on their return will be at home in Winterville.

The bride is a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College and for the past two years has been a member of the Winterville High School faculty.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Annie Evans and the late Mr. Evans of Winterville. He also attended East Carolina Teachers College and is at present in business with his brother in Winterville.

Oglesby-Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jasper R. Jones of Farmville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Doney Gray, to Cadet William C. Oglesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Oglesby of Kingston, on Friday, December twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-three.

Christmas Party At County Home. On Wednesday afternoon, December 22, the American Home Department of the Woman's Club carried a Christmas party to the Pitt County Home. Christmas carols were sung by the group around a beautifully lighted tree in the living room of the home. Each inmate was presented a gift from some member of the American Home Department and a bag of confections from the county home staff.

This is an annual custom of this department and is always enjoyed by those who participate.

County School Reopening. Some of the Pitt county schools resumed classes today after the Christmas holidays. Others will reopen next Monday.

Methodist Prayer Service. Prayer service will be held at 7:30 tonight at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Christian Church Choir To Meet. The choir of the Eighth Street Christian Church will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the church.

Promoted. An Advanced Base in the Southwest Pacific, Dec. 29.—Sgt. Howard T. Waldrop, who is stationed with a C-47 (Sky Train) Troop Carrier unit at an advanced flying base in New Guinea, has been promoted to staff sergeant. Sgt. Waldrop resided with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Waldrop, 506 West Fourth street, Greenville, N. C. He was inducted into the service July 23, 1942. He has been overseas for six months.

President Has Cold. Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has a head cold and his physician, Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, suggested today that he remain in his White House quarters. No appointments were scheduled for the chief executive during the day, even though McIntyre reported that he was not running a temperature.

Social Calendar

FRIDAY 8:30 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Ligon-Tyson wedding in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

SATURDAY 6:00 p. m.—The marriage of Miss Betty Tyson and Lieut. Robert Stark Ligon will be solemnized in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR December 29, 1903

An election was held in Farmville Monday on the question of dispensary against saloons. The saloons won by a majority of twenty odd.

Norfolk, Dec. 29.—The British steamship Knight Errant arrived here today and will begin tomorrow to take on 11,500 tons of Pocahontas coal for the Japanese government, to be used by Japanese warships in event of war with Russia.

Durwood Wilson left this morning for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to begin his preparation for the West Point examination.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Taft returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Henderson.

Bo Farley Honored Farewell Banquet

By CHESTER WALSH

Fine tribute was paid to Coach "Bo" Farley, director of physical education and coach at the Greenville High School at a banquet at the school last night during which City Supt. of Schools June H. Rose, Mayor Bruce Sugg, County School Superintendent Don H. Conley, City School Trustee Will E. Hooker, Arthur B. Corey, representing the University of North Carolina Alumni Association, Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw and others praised Farley's work as coach and teacher and his character building among the young people of the community.

Supt. Rose was toastmaster. The banquet was a farewell testimonial to Coach Farley, who left today for Fort Bragg to be inducted into the army. He had been connected with the city schools eight years.

Charles White Jr., president of the Monogram Club, presented a wrist watch to the retiring coach for the club. Members of the local chapter of Duke University alumni, the football squad and others enjoyed the fellowship affair. It was pointed out that during Farley's eight years here he had turned out four Eastern Conference basketball championship teams, a number of high ranking football teams and developed some of the State's best athletes.

Local Man's Brother Dies In Goldsboro

Goldsboro.—Lawrence Eugene Bradsher, superintendent of the Goldsboro branch of the J. P. Taylor Co., died at his home here Tuesday afternoon following a sudden heart attack. He was a native of Roxboro.

Mrs. Parmelia Smith Funeral Held Today

Mrs. Parmelia Smith, 69, died at the home of her son, Daniel Smith, near Grimesland, at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning after three weeks' illness.

Funeral services were held at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. C. Griffin, Free Will Baptist minister of New Bern, officiated. Burial was in Trinity cemetery near Chocowinity.

Mrs. Smith was born reared and spent her entire life in the Grimesland community. Her husband was John J. Smith, who died in 1935. She was a member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel and Luther Smith of Grimesland; four daughters, Mrs. Dentry Boyd, Mrs. Titus Jefferson and Mrs. Stencil McLawhorn of Grimesland, and Mrs. Elbert Stokes of near Cox's Mill; 18 grandchildren; a brother, A. M. Paramore of Washington; and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. Frank Moore of Washington.



MARINE PARTY GUEST—Sgt. Bob Koupal, 22, USMC, of West Arcadia, Calif., Pearl Harbor and South Pacific veteran, entertains Dawn, Doris and Dorothy Clawson, triplet singers with Phil Spitalny's band, at holiday party for service men given by the girls.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD

Ed Batchelor, Jr., Receives Rank Of Eagle Scout

At a Court of Honor for the Boy Scouts of America at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church Monday night, Ed Batchelor, Jr., who achieved the rank last summer, was awarded the Eagle Scout badge. Other scouts were awarded honors for creditable scouting. Batchelor, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Batchelor of this city, has been exceptionally active in scouting. He has served as assistant junior scoutmaster, assistant at the camporee, was counselor at Camp Pinnacle, troop leader and den chief. Scout Executive James T. Uzzle complimented the new Eagle Scout for his untiring work. The Eagle Scout badge was awarded to his mother for him. Batchelor is now a cadet at Oak Ridge Military Institute.

Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, new pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, is chairman of the Boy Scout Court of Honor. Norman Wilkerson substituted for W. F. Young, Boy Scout commissioner, who was absent on account of illness. Sherman Parks is chairman of the Board of Review.

John G. Fleming, chairman of the Greenville District of Boy Scouts of America, introduced Mayor Bruce Sugg, who paid tribute to Boy Scouts. He rejoiced that boy scouting is working wonders in developing upright citizens for the future.

Scout Executive James T. Uzzle gave a message of encouragement and praise to the Boy Scouts and expressed a hope that they will continue to carry on. Uzzle left today for Fort Bragg to be inducted into the army.

W. A. Darden, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 36, presented second class awards to Clarence Tugwell, Elvin Ray Jones, Bryce Sigmon and Alfred Sauer.

Guy Evans, scoutmaster of Troop 33, presented first class awards to Louis Evans, Wallace Gurganus, Junius Rose and R. W. Tyson.

Sherman Parks, chairman of the Board of Review, presented merit badges to Joe Ross Jr., Carlton Taylor, Billy Mac Batchelor, Frank Diener, Jimmy Ward, Jimmy Cox and Howard Proctor.

The Court of Honor exercises were impressive. Participating were Chairman Bradshaw, Acting District Commissioner Wilkerson, Scouts Jack Whichard, Billy Mac Batchelor, Howard Proctor, Field Executive Uzzle, Scoutmasters W. A. Darden and Guy Evans and District Chairman Fleming.

The plans for the U. S. Capitol were submitted in 1793 by William Thornton, a physician of Tortola, West Indies.

JINX—Jinx Falkenburg of the movies climbs aboard a farm wagon to model her latest acquisition in outdoor costumes.

Nazi Attack On Russia A Failure

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Germany's war against Russia has been a dismal failure from the economic point of view, aside from the military disasters suffered, an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare said today.

He gave a press conference this picture. Although the Germans drove deep into Russia they had not been able to stay there long enough to exploit their gains and were frustrated by the Russians' earth-scorching tactics.

They squeezed some food out of the territory they conquered, but got only a trickle of the oil and metals they need so badly. The fury with which the Germans are defending the Nikolopol bulge indicates how desperately they need its manganese.

The Germans have lost 135,000 square miles of Russian territory in the past six months.

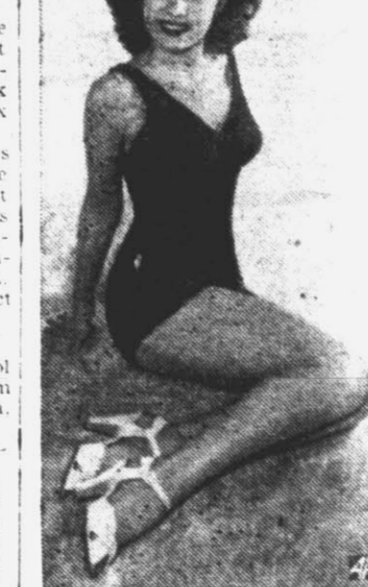
The precision bombing of the United States air force and the area bombing of the RAF has been a severe blow to Germany's production in the past year.

The end of 1943 finds Germany's supply problem eased somewhat, but this is the result of reduced commitments rather than any increase in raw materials available. For instance, she no longer has to supply the African front.

Canadians . . .

(Continued from Page One) five. Air force headquarters meanwhile announced that the Atlantic had been virtually closed to German shipping as had the waters between France and northern Italy as the result of Allied air patrols.

The announcement added on the other hand that since November 8, 1942, 22,526,485 tons of Allied shipping had been escorted in the Mediterranean with a loss of only one and one-half per cent.



TITLED—Various service units have bestowed 68 titles during a three-month period on Actress Gloria DeHaven (above).

Ten Per Cent Cut In Gas Next Month

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Governor Broughton says North Carolina will get its full allotment of gasoline this month but that a 10 per cent reduction in the quota will be made January 1.

He made the statement yesterday after telephone conversations with officials of the Office of Defense Transportation and the Petroleum Administration for War in Washington.

He said he had been informed by the PAW that no freezing of gasoline had been made nor was on contemplated.

The Governor called Washington officials after widespread reports by distributors and commercial users of gasoline that many were out and that others' supplies were short. This was attributed by the PAW to holiday demands and a buying spree that followed rumors of freezing stocks.

WGTC 1490 KILOCYCLES GREENVILLE, N. C.

- TONIGHT 7:00—News 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS 7:30—Movie in Airs. 7:45—Waltz Time. 8:00—Music Just For You. 8:15—Mid-Week Prayer Service. 8:30—Musical Interlude. 8:35—Aviation Cadet Show, TN 8:55—You and Uncle Sam. 9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS. 9:15—Grace Fields, MBS. 9:30—Soldiers With Wings, MBS. 10:00—News. 10:15—1100 Club. 10:30—To Be Announced. 10:45—To Be Announced. 11:00—News. 11:05—Sign Off.

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30 6:59—Sign On. 7:00—Early Risers' Club. 7:15—Yacht Patrol. 7:30—Melody Mustangs. 7:45—News, TN. 8:00—Musical Clock. 8:15—Cote Glee Club. 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—Milday's Music Box. 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, MBS. 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—News. 12:15—Tune Time. 12:55—News and Markets. 1:00—Western Melodies. 1:15—News Value. 1:30—Let's Be Charming, MBS. 2:00—Cedric Foster, MBS. 2:15—To Be Announced. 2:30—Carolina Farm Features. 2:45—To Be Announced. 3:00—Today's War Commentary. 3:05—Musical Interlude. 3:10—In the Woman's World. 3:15—Soldiers of the Press. 3:30—Yankee House Party, MBS. 4:00—Walter Compton, MBS. 4:15—Pitt County Ramblers. 4:30—To Be Announced. 5:00—Ian Ross Macfarlane, MBS. 5:15—The Black Hood, MBS. 5:30—Chuck Carter, MBS. 5:45—Manning Brothers. 6:00—Sports Cast. 6:15—Lanny and Ginger, MBS. 6:30—World's Front Page, MBS. 6:45—Melodic Moods. 7:00—News. 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.

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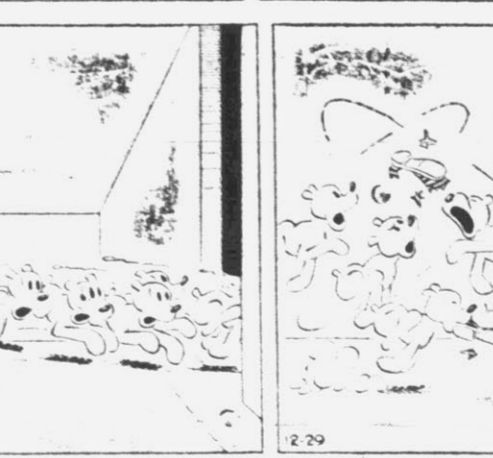
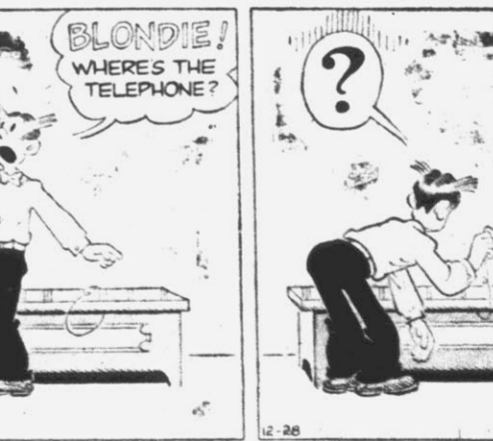
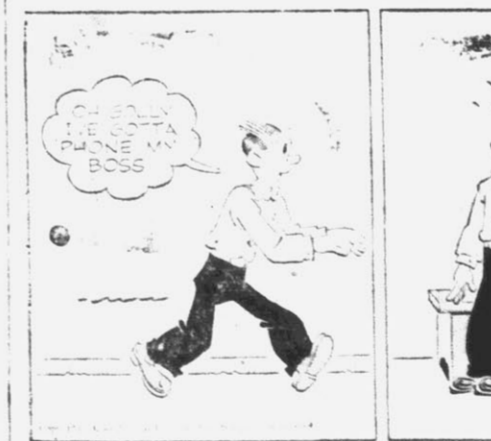
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Grain Market
Chicago, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Buying support which came from milling interests and a house with export connections gave the wheat market a firm undertone today, but other grains worked lower. Oats were under pressure, dropping more than a cent at one time, on fears permanent ceilings will be below present temporary maximums. Wheat closed 1/4-3/4 higher. May \$1.67 1/4-1/2, oats were down 1/4-1/2 cent, May 77 1/2-1/2, rye was unchanged to 1/4 lower. May \$1.26-1/2-25, and barley was 1/4 lower. May \$1.21 1/2.

Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 13.85 at Richmond and 13.55 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Egg and poultry markets steady to weak.
Raleigh—U. S. grade A large (clean white) 42; hens, all weights, 23 to 25.
Washington—U. S. grade A extra large 48; broilers and fryers 28 1/2 to 30.

New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 20 cents a bale lower.
Noon values were 10 to 20 cents a bale higher. March 19.57, May 19.30 and July 19.06.
Futures closed 5 to 30 cents a bale higher.
March Open 19.52 Last 19.59 Prv. Cl. 19.53
May 19.28 19.32 19.28
July 19.02 19.06 19.04
Oct. (new) 18.78 18.83 18.82
Dec. (new) 18.67 18.73 18.72
Midling spot 20.45, up 9

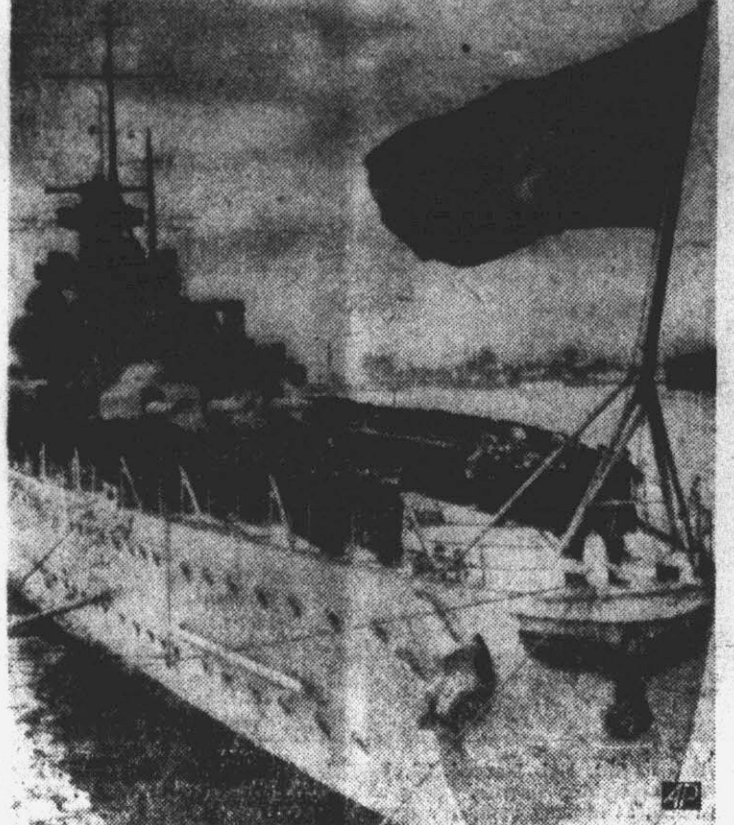
N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Many industrial stocks continued to move in lower territory today.
Transactions amounted to around a million shares.
In the final hour such issues as N. Y. Central, Southern Railway, American Telephone, Boeing and Philip Morris were moderately ahead. Down fractions to around a point were Dupont, Johns-Manville, Bethlehem Steel, Douglas and Allied Chemical.
Wider declines were recorded by American Distilling shares.

FINAL STOCKS

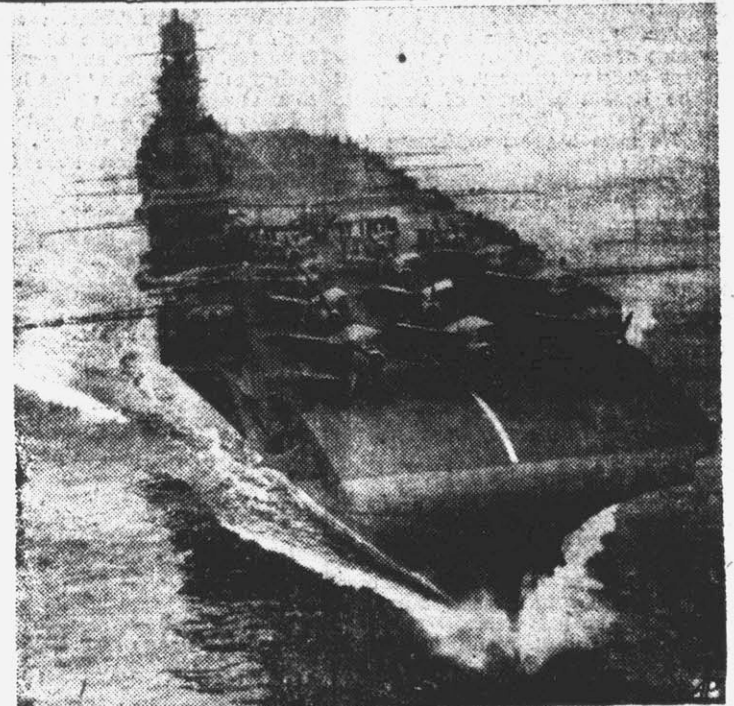
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Alleghany	2
Allis Chal Mfg	37 1/2
Am Can	83 1/2
Am Car Fdy	33 1/2
Am Roll Mill	12 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	36
A. T. and T.	153 1/2
Am Tob B	58 1/2
Anaconda	24 1/2
A. C. L.	25 1/2
Atl Ref	25 1/2
Aviat Corp	3
Baldwin	19 1/2
B and O	5 1/2
Bendix Aviat	33
Beth Stl	55 1/2
Boeing Airpl	135 1/2
Borden	29
Budd Mfg	5 1/2
Burl Mill	28
Bur Add Mach	12 1/2
Cannon Mills	43
Chrysler	80 1/2
Coca Cola	112
Coml Credit	37 1/2
Coml Solv	14 1/2
Cont Can	32 1/2
Currys Wright	5 1/2
Dupont	48 1/2
Dupont	137 1/2
Eastman Kod	160
Firestone	39 1/2
Gen Elec	35 1/2
Gen Foods	41 1/2

Gen Mot	31 1/2
Goodrich	42
Goodyear	37 1/2
Int Harvest	71 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	11 1/2
Johns Man	36 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	60 1/2
Loews	57 1/2
Lorillard	17 1/2
Mont Ward	44 1/2
Nash Kelly	20 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	28 1/2
N. Y. Cent	53 1/2
No Am Aviat	8 1/2
Packard	31 1/2
Param Pix	22 1/2
Penny J C	96
Penn R R	25 1/2
Pepsi ola	49 1/2
Pullman	37 1/2
Pure Oil	37 1/2
Radio	9 1/2
Rem Rand	14 1/2
Rep Stl	16 1/2
Reynolds B	27 1/2
Sou Ry	20 1/2
Std Brands	29 1/2
Std Oil N J	33 1/2
Stewart Warner	11 1/2
Swift	27 1/2
Tex Co	48
Un Carb	79
Unit Airp	26 1/2
Unit Corp	1
Unit Drug	3 1/2
US Rub	42 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	32 1/2
US Steel	50 1/2
Vanadium	17 1/2
Vick Chem	40 1/2
Va Caro Chem	17 1/2
Warner Pic	40 1/2
Western Un A	42 1/2
West E and Mig	93
Woolworth	36

German Battleship Sunk By British



The 26,000-ton German battleship Scharnhorst, shown here during commissioning ceremonies at Wilhelmshaven in January, 1939, was sunk by the British home fleet the night of December 26 off North Cape, the extreme tip of northern Norway. The British navy vessels were protecting a Russian convoy on the Murmansk route. There was a possibility that all members of the crew of about 1,400 went down with the Scharnhorst. (AP Wirephoto).



FLOATING STRONGHOLD—One of Britain's aircraft carriers, spearheads of attack in mid-ocean battles, steams along somewhere at sea. Carriers were credited with an important role in suppressing the U-boat menace.

New Raids Off ...

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ed by any Allied source.

The broadcast said that the Sark assaults "failed like all similar attempts of this kind." The Germans claimed Sunday to have wiped out the Commando force raiding the channel coast.

"As the enemy approached the beaches several heavy detonations could be heard and the glow of fires observed, presumably due to the explosion of mines," DNB declared.

"It could be assumed from this that the mines had done their work. A later checkup confirmed this. One British soldier was found dead. On the German side there was no need for the defenses to go into action."

The Germans occupied Sark and the other channel islands at the end of June, 1940. The islands lie 15 to 30 miles from the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula and are valuable stepping stones for any Allied invasion of the French coast.

From their first-class fighter bases, planes could give tactical support to Allied landings.

Sark is the wildest and most picturesque of the channel islands. It lies six miles west of Guernsey, is three miles long, and a mile and a half wide and is almost entirely rockbound.

Rail Strike ...

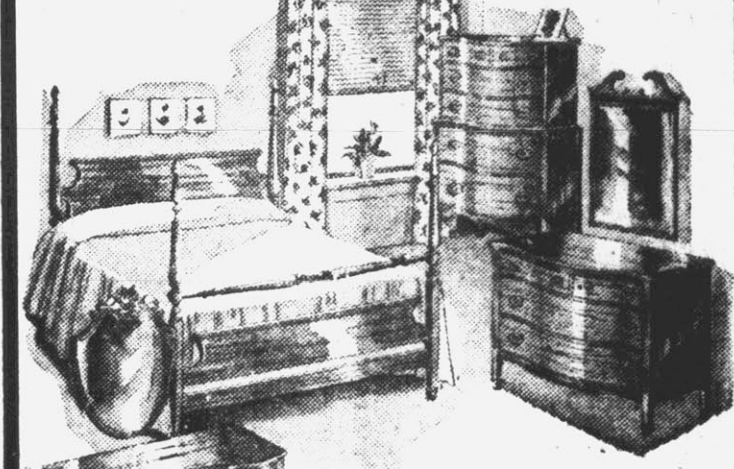
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men's Union of North America today assured General Somervell that they and the organizations they represent will take no action which might imperil the successful prosecution of the war, and that they will immediately cancel the strike order.

Hog For Punishment.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—(AP)—W. Rush Burroughs, 65, who will retire Friday after carrying the mail for 41 years, figures he has plodded a distance equal to four trips around the world.

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Suggests New Plan For Declaration Of Peace

By FLORA LEWIS

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A plan to scrap the idea of ever signing a peace treaty with Germany has been laid before all the United Nations. It was disclosed today. A simple declaration of peace would be issued instead.

The sweeping departure from international practice was advanced in a document which also suggested a United Nations court to try Hitler, Mussolini and other Axis leaders.

The ideas were put forward by General Marcel De Baer, Belgian member of the London Allied Commission to investigate war crimes, and chairman of the War Criminal Commission of the London International Assembly, an unofficial Allied research group.

"Since we can declare war, why not declare peace?" De Baer said in an interview.

The State Department is now studying the proposal.

He said that before a treaty could possibly be signed with the Axis powers, there would have to be a long transitional period. Other high American authorities have previously expressed the same conviction.

During this period, if the Allies remain in a technical state of war with Germany, as they would under an armistice, they would be hamstrung by the Hague convention and other rules of international law which govern the actions of occupying forces in wartime, De Baer said.

Thus, he went on, unless the United Nations want to denounce the principles of law for which they have been fighting, they will be unable to junk Germany's legal system, even though they clean out Nazi personnel.

German courts alone could try war criminals not under the jurisdiction of other countries.

De Baer suggests that when Germany surrenders unconditionally, the Allies proclaim that the state of war with her has ended. Then they would have unlimited rights in the occupied territory and could proceed to reorganize Germany under the sign of peace.

When Germany finally has developed into a country acceptable to the family of "peace-loving states," described in the Moscow declaration, De Baer went on, a general treaty setting forth the world organization to maintain peace could be signed.

Settlements between allies could be made as the need arose, instead of in the tense atmosphere of a peace conference.

De Baer proposed an international court of 35 judges, a United Nations prosecuting attorney and an international constabulary to carry out the attorney's orders.

The draft convention drawn up by his commission provides for defense counsel, and the rule is stated that no one shall be tried in absentia. The Moscow declaration that war criminals "shall be pursued to the ends of the earth" is implemented by a provision that

ing it.

Provision is made for sessions to be held in London, with the proceedings in English.



CHIEF—Brigadier R. E. La Cock, D.S.O. (above) has been appointed new chief of Britain's Commandos to succeed Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, now commander in southeast Asia.

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