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# BRITISH STAGE 'GREAT RAID' ON ITALIANS IN EGYPT

Entire Italian Right Wing Behind Porto Edda Flees Capture 1,000



Here's the 40 by 40 feet railroad station, unused for years, that is in the center of Holly Ridge, a village of 28 perons that will soon become a city of more than 20,000 when the Army's anti-aircraft training base moves in. Work of preparing the camp to house the first arrivals is expected to start soon. Meanwhile, this sleepy little Onslow county illage dozes by the fire and dreams of when it will be two-thirds as large as Wilmington. (Additional photos by Staff Photographer Hugh Humphrey on page three).

### COURT MAY CLEAR STATUS OF ASCAP

#### Tribunal Agrees To Review Litigation Between Society And Nebraska

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The preme court today promised a de sion which may clarify the legal tatus of the American Society of omposers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), whose current dispute with the broadcasting companies threatens to bar all its music from

The tribunal agreed to review litigation betkeen ASCAP and the state of Nebraska in which this issue

the copyright law and to provide a tire population of 28. Practical collection agency for royal-

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#### War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON The fact that British forces in present scope of the operation.

Despite the disposition in Lonthought front" and of the capture as far as the eye can see on all ed for by the Empty Stocking Royal Insurance Co., Lt., and the

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## Tiny Holly Ridge Ready For Role As Boom Town

Construction Of Fort

Bragg Center Started

FORT BRAGG, Dec. 9.—(A)—

Construction began here today on

the field artillery replacement

center which will house 16,500

soldiers. It will cost approxi-

mately \$9,000,000. The 470 build-

ing project is expected to be com-

**DONATIONS SLOW** 

But Total Is Far Behind

1939 Figure

**EMPTY STOCKING** 

pleted in March.

Mrs. R. R. Stone.

**AWAITS 20,000 MEN** 

Army Will Transform Community Into City Larger Than Goldsboro

BY SAM RAGAN

HOLLY RIDGE, Dec. 9.-How would you like to see a city of more than 20,000-that's about twothirds the size of Wilmington and larger than Goldsboro-before it ever came into being.

That's what I did here today. There wasn't much to see-two as ASCAP a legitimate organization of song-writers and composers seven houses in which live the Christmas Only 15 Days Off that the administration had not formed to protect their rights under town's seven families and the en-Not much to look at, you might

say, and Alladin and his Magic Lamp in the form of Uncle Sam's Army were not on the scene to-000,000 anti-aircraft training base date being only \$293.43. will move in and a city that right now is almost beyond imagination yesterday was \$25 by Mr. and will be under way.

Real Enough the stalled Italian invading army scene of a gold rush that will so that no child in Wilmington and department during the day but this s of greater consequence than the start tomorrow and knowing that New Hanover county will be appointment was cancelled in favor it will happen and wondering just overlooked when Santa Claus of the night session at Morgenthau's what it will be like. For you have makes his annual rounds. on to class it as a "local" action, to stretch your imagination mighty official British reports from Egypt hard to see a large city growing thousands of unfortunate children Holt (D-WVa) said Phillips was "anell of contact between advancing up out of the straggly pines, water who will know not the joys of other Cornwallis." The English-

# **MORGENTHAU AND**

The Facts Of Britain's **Financial Condition** 

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- (AP)-Sir rederick Phillips, undersecretary of he British treasury, was invited to Secretary Morgenthau's home tonight to present in private the facts Britain's financial position.

But Morgenthau said in advance that he had "not been authorized to make any commitments" on extension of credits or other aid to England and that no statement would be available after the conference. The American treasury chief said

tion of British assistance and that Sir Frederick was merely presenting the "facts" of his country's resources and war expenses.

Only 15 days remain until Christ- Morgenthau added that the British day. But in about three months mas and the Empty Stocking fund had made no "formal or informal" the vanguard of the 20,000 men is again lagging behind former request for financial help. He would that will make up the Army's \$9,- years, with total contributions to not comment on recent statements of British needs by Lord Lothian, British ambassador. The largest contribution made

Sir Frederick had been scheduled to present a "balance sheet" of Br The sponsors of the fund have ish resources and the cost of upplies It was just like sitting on the renewed their appeal for donations in the United States at the treasury

In the senate meanwhile, Senator Within this section there are British forces and the enemy 'on grass and loose sands that stretch Christmas unless they are provid-

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#### **GERMANY'S** RAID BRITISH BOMBERS IMPORTANT SUB BASE

LONDON, Dec. 9-(P)-British combers dropped tons of high explosive bombs on the Bordeaux lair of German U-boats which raid Atlantic shipping and possibly scored direct hits on some submarines moored at the main work dock, it was

reported tonight. "The pilots are certain that many heavy high explosive hombs fell close to if not on submarines at the dock," the air ministry news service said in its report of last night's raids by the Royal Air Force then Germany's war machine.

Other RAF bombers caused "great destruction" at Duesseldorf, Germany's second most important steel center, it declared, and raided the submarine base at the German-occupied French Port of Lorient, the harbors of Brest, Flushing, Dunkerque and Gravelines, "several enemy air-

The news service said the Germans were using Bordeaux as a base for submarine attacks in the Atlantic in "their much advertised 'new phase

(This was taken to mean Germany's declaration of a stringent blockade of Britain by air and sea.)

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Describing the attack by a "strong force" of RAF bombers, the news service said they tackled "this new phase of the attempted blockade as they did the phase of projected invas-

(The British have said the RAF broke up Hitler's invasion armada by concentrated and prolonged attacks on the continental ports.)

Many bombers found the main work dock where German submarines were moored along. the dock wall, the service's bulletin declared. It added the returning pilots believed that lock gates were hit when a large number of bursts was followed by a "shattering explosion" at the entrance to the

One explosion lit the interior of a plane flying well over 11,-000 feet, it was said, and a fire "burning very fiercely and

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# Vital Peaks Athens' Men Now Hold Ap-

proximately Fifth Of Albania's Territory

PUSHING TWIN DRIVE

Greeks Organize Double Campaign Against Key City Of Valona

ATHENS, Dec. 9 .- (R)-The enire Italian right wing behind the Greek-occupied port of Porto Edda has been put to flight and a whole series of strategically important peaks in the northern sector of the front has been captured by the Greeks, a government spokesman declared tonight.

The spokesman said that the Italian right wing had been put to light since yesterday noon.

The Greek warriors with a fifth of Albania's territory behind them, were making a vast twin drive against the Italian armies between them and the port of Valona, the city they expect to be their next big prize.

Congratulated By King

King George addressed his congratulations to Greek commanders and soldiers, declaring he was 'full of joy for the occupation of Argirocastro and proud of the new brilliant victories of my army.' Occupation of Argirocastro was "victory both of great military

and moral importance," he said. The government spokesman said in the north the enemy has been strategic positions and withdraw in full flight after fierce attacks PHILLIPS CONFER by our troops. If the enemy was able to avoid annihilation it was

due to bad weather." The flight of Italians was gen-Are Expected To Discuss eral along the entire front he de-

Passing Argirocastro, last of Italy's Southern Albanian bases

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#### FIVE OF TWELVE **ESCAPEES CAUGHT**

#### Four Who Fled From Prison Camp Near Taylorsville **Nabbed Near Newton**

RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Four of 2 convicts who escaped yesterday from a state prison camp near Taytonight by Sheriff Ray Pitts of Catawba county, a brother of Penal

lorsville were captured near Newton Superintendent Oscar Pitts. The men were taken without a

fight at a filling station on the outskirts of the town, after Penal Superintendent Pitts informed his brother, the sheriff, that he had information the fugitives were hiding somewhere in Catawba county. Two deputies aided Sheriff Pitts in making the

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#### WEATHER

North Carolina: Fair, warmer Tues-Cay; partly cloudy, cooler northwest portion.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 42; 7:30 a. m. 38; 1:30 p. m

52; 7:30 p. m. 46; maximum 54; minimum 37; mean 46; normal 50. 1:30 a. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m 000 inches. Total since first of the month 0.29 inches.

nonth 0.29 inches.

Tides For Today

(From Tide Tables published by U. S.

Coast and Geodetic Survey).

High Low 1:07a 1:41p Masonboro Inlet \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6:41p 4:23a 4:42p Sunrise 7:07a; sunset 5:03p; moon-rise 2:34p; moonset 3:07a.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8:00 a. m., Dec. 6, 9.6 feet. Washington today that enough rifles

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# Greeks Also Protest Against Boost In Prices Of Clothing, Food Sounded In Italy

ROME, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A sharp protest against steeply rising prices of necessities in Italy was published today in the Italian monthly magazine Lavita while on the military front the high command confirmed the fall-back of Fascist troops from Argirocastro, Albania.

Meanwhile, the day passed without new resignations or replacements in the military command or government, although some observers expect further changes. Whether a major battle was

under way in Egypt as indicated by Cairo dispatches could not be confirmed in authoritative quar-

Also, a British report that Marshal Rodolfo Graziani had asked to be relieved of his command in Africa could not be confirmed. That report was said to appear doubtful, however, in view of a telegram Marshal Graziani sent Fascist headquarters thanking them for greetings sent two days ago and saying his troops joined him in "raising" their thoughts to Mussolini "in

Roberto Farinacci, secretary of the Fascist party and member of the Fascist Grand Council, said it costs "more than double" to dress this year compared with last year's prices before Italy entered the war.

publication said.

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# School Building Program Closed Down Temporarily

SKILLED LABOR SCARCE

#### High School Gym, Vocational And Other Units Affected By Decision

Confronted with an emergency created by a scarcity of skilled labor and increased cost of materials, the New Hanover county board of education yesterday voted "to close down temporarily" all construction work in the county school system until further funds

are available. The action followed a joint session with the county commissioncompelled to abandon important to insure the speedy completion of strategic positions and withdraw current school improvement pro-

No Action

The county commissioners took no action in the matter on the grounds that additional funds could not be borrowed at this ime un less by vote of the citizens. Decision to "shut do n tempo-

rarily" all construction work in the county school system H. M. Roland county school superintendent said would affect the High school gymnasium and vocational building projects the most.

Wrightsboro building is will be made to rrove into the

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## **DRIVE ON 'SLOTS'** IS UNSUCCESSFUL

Parker Orders Fayetteville Raid During Trial Of Joe Calcutt

court Judge R. Hunt Parker in-many has delivered smashing terrupted a slot machine trial here blows in past months against today long enough to order state London's war industries without bureau of investigation agents to receiving in return any approxi-rush to Fayetteville and confiscate mation of similar bombardment. blocks of houses and grain elevators illegal gambling devices.

the judge stationed deputies at every door of the Wake county superior courtroom. However, when agents arrived at Fayette-when agents arrived at Fayette-wh

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certainty of victory." Lavita Italiana, published by

"The crescendo continues," the

"With things increasing at this rate are wages and salaries to remain unaltered? Is there anyone

Wade Submits Brief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. -(AP) -Captain C. E. Rosendahl, the Navy's expert on lighter-thanair craft, conferred today with J. E. L. Wade, Wilmington public works commissioner on sites in the vicinity of that city for a naval airship patrol base,

On Navy Base Sites

Rosendahl said Wade submitted additional information on sites in the Wilmington and Southport areas, following up an inspection the Navy officer made in that section last week.

Rosendahl inspected possible ocations all along the North Carolina coast.

## HITLER SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TODAY haps was the best tent of the combat.

#### Talk Comes Close On Heels have been probing Italy's defenses, Of Heaviest Air Attack Against Britain

BERLIN, Dec. 10-(Tuesday)-(P) Exactly a month after an- body c: troops at coastal Sidi Barpractically ready for use at this nouncing Germany was strong rani—a strike made while Premier me Roland said and provisions enough to meet any combination Mussolini juggled his high command. of nations in the world, Adolf Hitler will speak today to the workers bania at the hands of the Greeks

of the reich. The fuehrer's speech will come close on the heels of the heaviest attack yet launched against London-Sunday's night raid on Lon-

DNB, official German news agency, announced that Hitler would speak at noon (5 a. m., E. S. T.) in a war industry factory to the workers.

It said the speech would be carried over all broadcasting stations. It was expected Hitler would devote at least part of the address RALEIGH, Dec. 9—(P)—Superior to reminding workers that Ger-

# States' Home Guards May Receive World War Guns

RALEIGH, Dec. 9 .- (A)-North | organizations half as large as the Carolina's home guard units, which National Guard's enlisted personnel are to be established soon to take over duties formerly performed by the National Guard, probably will be equipped with 2,000 World war guns and bayonets, Governor Hoey department cannot furnish necessary said today. The rifles are the .30 calibre En-

field make.

equipment free of charge, the state may buy the equipment at reduced prices through government con-Hoey said the state had applied to tracts.

the war department for 2,000 guns Regulations covering the organiza-"or more if they are available." The tion of home guard units probably war department announced from will be received shortly from the

were available to equip home guard (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

# Men And Kill Their Leader

Action Possibly Heralds Full-Fledged Offensive Against Fascists

IN SIDI BARRANI AREA

#### British Armored Units Have Been Probing Italy's Defenses For Weeks

BY EDWARD KENNEDY

WITH BRITISH FORCES IN Egypt, Dec. 9.—(P)—Britain's armored desert fighters, striking at dawn with new and sudden fury against Italy's invaders in Egypt, captured ,000 prisoners by nightfall, killed heir commanding officer and seized his assistant, the British command announced tonight as the fighting

This "great raid" against Marshal Graziani's legions in the Sidi Barrani region, 70 miles from Libya's frontiers, possibly heralded the fullfledged offensive against Italy because of its gearing with Italian reverses at the hands of the Greeks in

Fighting Still Rages

Fighting still swirled south of Sidi Barrani late tonight, and more Italian prisoners were being rounded up, the British said.

An Italian camp at Mabeya, a few

niles south of Sidi Barrani, the coast-

al base the Italians occupied three months ago, yielded 500 prisoners, the British said. That many more were reported captured about 80 miles from the coast. This attack, on the Italian right flank, apparently was the main

thrust and other British units surged around it and pressed on westward behind the Italian advance lines. The staff of Lt.-Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander of Britindication as to how extensive the operation would become, but showed high pleasure at the first day's results. The number of prsioners taken in a single day's fighting per-

haps was the best gauge of the ex-

Probe Defenses For weeks British armored units even employing camels in one extended operation deep into Italian

Libvan sands. Many observers believed today's blow was the beginning of operations designed to trap the main Italian "Following Italy's debacle in Alit's evident that the moment has

been well chosen to make Marshal (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

# NAZIS SAY FIRES **RAGING IN LONDON**

Claim Flames Engulf Blocks Of Houses, Grain Elevators, Warehouses

BERLIN, Dec. 9.-(P)-"A great In the last speech, made in Mu- and warehouses was left by German To prevent news of the raid from reaching the military boom town the judge stationed deputies at every door of the Wake county.

In the last speech, made in Muland warehouses was let by and warehouse was let by and wa

ville, no machines were found.

SBI Director Fred C. Handy said to carry on in the face of the adbuildings, oil storage tanks, grain to carry on the face of the adbuildings, oil storage tanks, grain to carry on the same always and warehouses the comthat slot machine operators in lude to widening the war was not munique said. The news agency, DNB, quoted re-

turning pilots as having counted at least 40 major fires started within two hours after beginning the raid which other informed sources said shattered the defenses of London. As these claims were made, the

andid admission that the steel pro-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

