

Skies To Be Partly Cloudy; Temperature Rising Slowly West And South Of The Slightly Warmer Weath-**North Central States** er Expected Tonight

The mercury, after holding a be-The New Year's first cold wave low-normal point for most of yesterday, started falling last night of 26 degrees early this morning. night and in its wake came slow-The temperature reached a low ly rising temperatures west and of 32 degrees yesterday and ad- south of the North Central states. tractors Saturday and the North Forecasters said warm air from vanced no further than 47 degrees. The mean was seven below the 47the south and west was overtakdegree normal mark.

This was the first time in sev-tral days that the mercury had fal-cloudiness and moisture, mostly DEFENSE HOUSING len to the freezing point. Today will be partly cloudy with and extending to the upper Mis-

temperatures abut the same. sissippi and lover Ohio. However, weather bureau officials Temperatures in the East were

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snow. There were snow flurries in CITY TO OBSERVE the New England states and in West Virginia, where the mountain highways were iced in places. Up-**EPIPHANY TONIGHT** state New York roads also were

Burning Of Christmas Trees At Pembroke Jones Park Marks Old Christmas

Wilmington will celebrate Old snow. Christmas with "The Burning of the Christmas Trees" - an observance which is being made into an annual snowfall of the season. custom-at Pembroke Jones park tonight at 8 o'clock.

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had a combination of cold rain and Yule trees, collected and piled on the snow flurries. A light snow covered most of Kansas. The temperature a program of Christmas carols at Kansas City was 12 above. Dayground for the past week, will

and the story of Epiphany, told by (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 4) Kanada Cher was in above. Yesterday's minima included eight below at Wausau, Wis., and five above at Omaha. Admiral Leahy Is Given

cated.

Warm Welcome At Vichy

VICHY, France, Jan. .- (AP)-U. S. | The villa already was prepared for Ambassador Admiral William D. him and servants were preparing a Leahy arrived on time in this capital late supper when he arrived.

Admiral Leahy ended his long of unoccupied France tonight despite one of the worst storms France has journey from the United States on seen in years and was greeted at a special salon car which brought the scene of his new post by a police him from Nimes. He sailed from Nor-Suard customarily turned out only folk, Va., Dec. 23 on the cruiser Tusfor Chief of State Marshall Philippe caloosa. Petain.

The ambassador, bearer of a per-Expecting to see Marshall Petain sonal note from President Roosevelt when he presents his credentials to Marshall Petain commending the Tuesday or Wednesday, Admiral admiral as an old friend of the U.S. Leahy went with his wife directly to chief executive, was met by Maurice a villa belonging to the wealthy. Loze, protocol officer of the French American, Frank J. Gould, which foreign office, and a group of Amerihas been set aside by the French can officers and officials. government as the embassy resi-

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(By The Associated Press)

tinued cold indicated, but little

milding houses, roads and streets. biggest seaport in continental Building materials continued to arrope. rive at the camp by both truck and

Three bombs crashed on the de train, as construction edged closer stroyer in the attack which took and closer to its peak. place at dusk. In a later attack dur-Visitors from all over the state ing the night a fourth bomb explod continued to swarm to Holly Ridge ed on the ship's stern, the dir minyesterday and four state highway istry news service declared. patrolmen were kept busy through-

out the day directing the heavy flow continued to move eastward last of traffic along U. S. highway 17 at after the British raid there, the comnunique said. In the first attack on

own in the west of England" where

ires were started and a number of

(The German high command iden-

ified the west England town as

Avonmouth, "an especially import-

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And Allegations'

ersons killed and injured.

that point. Brest, a British plane was lost while Additional calls for common labor-Nazi fighter was destroyed in the ers and carpenters went out by conair. Carolina State Employment Service The Germans began raiding Bri-

office was besieged by job-seekers. for the Brest attack. The ministries of air and home security said the Nazis struck at places in the south from

snow, to the Great Plains area PLANS ADVANCED

in the 10's and low 20's with con-tinued cold indicated but little F. R. Decides That 6,446 New Family Dwellings Will Be Constructed

> WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.- (AP) -President Roosevelt, with a ruling

Temperatures in the east were that housing shortages exist in cloudy south where rain was indi- eleven areas where important national defense work is in progress, The middle west, where temper- cleared the way today for govern-

The middle west, where temper-atures still ranged below the 20's, ment construction of 6,446 new World Oil Operator Wants western Rumania near the Yugo-slav frontier, caused nervousness was expected to shake off much family dwellings. of the cold with the prediction for, The defense commission reported

cloudy but warmer weather and that, acting on the recommendation of C. F. Palmer, defense housing co-Cold was still general in the ordinator, the President had decided west with Seattle getting its first housing needs would not be met by

private capital. am Rhodes Davis, international The President authorized federal In the southwest, New Mexico agencies involved to proceed at once

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continued cold Monday and Tuesday. (By U. S. Weather Burean) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday). Temperature 1:30 a. m. 42; 7:30 a. m. 33; 1:30 p. m. 42; 7:30 p. m. 39; maximum 47; min-imum 32; mean 40; normal 47. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 56; 7:30 a. m. 59; 1:30 p. m. 38; 7:30 p. m. 40. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p m. 0.00 inches; total since first of the month 0.77 inches. Tides for Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington ----- 4:00a 11:26a

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 Low

 Wilmington
 4:00a
 11:26a

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 11:47a

 Sunrise
 7:19a:
 sunset
 5:18p;

 12:33p;
 moonset
 12:57a.

Stage of Cape Fear river at Fay-etteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Jan. 4, 13 feet.

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communist wing" of the Ruman ian Iron Guard.

broadcast to the nation today that While interest centered in the recall of the four Russian ministers the fall of Bardia could be expected to Moscow for consultation over at any time and this will be a "sad the Nazi Balkan penetration, it piece of news for us."

"Four hours are enough to decide was reported in Soviet circles that the fate of Bardia," said Ansaldo the Kremlin already has warned who is editor of Foreign Minister Berlin against a "step which might Fires were observed in Hamburg seriously endanger good relations Count Galeazzo Ciano's newspaper, Il Telegrafo, of Leghorn. between the two countries."

The four ministers . . re the en-"While. we are speaking to you voys to Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Ru- are (General Annibale) Bergonzoli mania and Hungary. and his men still holding out against

Before the communications edict the English? It may be that they went into effect, diplomatic reports have given way before the prepontain about the time the RAF set off from Bucharest said strong N a z i derant masses of English mechanize

motorized columns had arrived at forces, their fleet and their artillery Giurgiu directly across the Danube **Insists Battle Raging** Ruse with considerable Ansaldo spoke at 6 p. m. (11 a. m. of Wales and mainly against "a bridge-building equipment and a FST), but before he gloomily sug-

large corps of engineers. gested that the town, now under May Use Line siege for 20 days, might be about to Rumanian railroad authorities were ordered by the Germans to (Continued on Page Ten: Col. 3)

keep the line from Bucharest to Constanta, Rumania's Black sea Constanta, Rumania's Black sea port, in perfect condition for pos-sible amergency use

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PROBE BY SOLONS the Rumanians and Russians. The presence of German troop at Arad and Timisoara, in south

Investigation Of 'Charges in nearby Belgrade.

Belgrade were said to admit open- ment of French marines, part of Genly that Yugoslavia would L - treat- eral Charles de Gaulle's "free" NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-(P)- Wil ed as "another Sweden if she be-haved."

to have cut the road from Bardia to With 40 troop-laden trains mov- Tobruk, Italian bases in Libya. This oil operator mentioned recently as ing daily through Hungary toward word of the first major action by

War Interpretive

BY EDWARD E. BOMAR The fall of Bardia, piles up more evidence that Italy may soon be counted out of the war almost to the same degree as prostrate

The contention in London that Marshal Graziani's army for invading Egypt "no longer exists" appears somewhat premature.

But certainly the remainder of the Fascist force of some 250,000

Controls Middle East The future course of events in

Busy on the document, Mr. the Mediterranean depends obarrangement calling for repayment Roosevelt kept to the White House viously on such possible developficers named to investigate the ac-

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in which the Australian offening for this action, fully lived Ansaldo, authoritative Fascist editor sive against Bardia has openup to the reputation of their ed."

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night.

tions.

shock troop fathers in the Australian soldiers were the World war, British officers spearhead of the empire forces said. which smashed into Bardia "The piercing of the western sector and the capture of at

GAINS IN ALBANIA

Hurl Back Italian Counter-

Attacks And Take New

Coastal Positions

ATHENS, Jan. 5- (P) -- Italian

counter - attacks in Albania were

hurled back by the Greeks today

ernment spokesman reported to-

He said about 250 men and offi

cers were seized in the day's ac

I watched the first Australleast 5,000 prisoners in itself ian units and tanks fight their constituted a fine feat of arms way into Bardia at sunset Satand is, I trust and believe, a prelude to even greater succesurday night. es," Churchill said.

From a cliff outside the (The number of prisoners port town I could see the now claimed officially is 25,minaret of Bardia's mosque and attacking units working **GREEKS CONTINUE**

toward it like a procession of toy soldiers. Thousands of Italians en-

Battle Way In

trenched in gulleys surrounding the town fired on them. and the explosions of Fascist

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with heavy Fascist losses and the Greeks have succeeded in captur-**Press Also Airs Belief That** ing new coastal positions, a gov-Nazis Fear British At-

tack In Balkans

ISTANBUL, Jan. 5.-A belief The Italians, whose "stiff resis- that Germany fears a British attance" was overcome by the tack through the Balkans was ex-Greeks, fell back toward the im- pressed today in the Turkish press portant seaport of Valona, toward which says it considers Italy as which the Greeks are driving, the good as out of the war.

The newspaper Vakit, commentspokesman added. "The Italians abandoned in our ing on the visit to Vienna of Bulhands about 100 prisoners, includ- garian Premier Bogdan Philoff,

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11 Naval Airmen Perish In Crash Of Large Plane

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 5 .- (R)- | Police were informed all bodies Eleven navy flers, including four were recovered and were enroute who parachuted from a storm toss- to San Diego.

ed navy bomber in Texas Thurs-Ground crews reached the transday, perished last night in a flamport wreckage today, but were deing naval transport which crashed layed removing the bodies while in a rain storm on Mother Grundy 50 CCC workers from Minnewawa Peak, 35 miles southeast of here. camp attempted to cut a path The transport, a Douglas R3D-1, through the brush that covered the two-motored craft, struck a huge mountain.

granite boulder atop the 3,068-foot W. T. Preston, caretaker at Barmountain about 6:30 p. m. Fire rett Dam, near the peak, said a and explosion followed. The ship rancher near his home reported had left Big Spring, Tex., several the underside of the plane appearhours earlier with the four fliers ed to be afire before the transport who had parachuted from the crashed, possibly while attempting bomber near Lamesa, three ofa landing.

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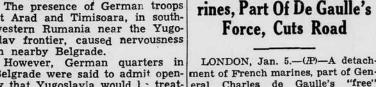
Roosevelt Will Outline Plans To Congress Today WASHINGTON, Jan. 5— (A) — Some legislators said they un-the said the said they un-derstood the President's plan was France. ly-delivered report on "the state of to set up a new government cor-

the union," will outline to congress poration, financed with treasury tomorrow his program for what funds, with authority to rent the many expect to be the most mo- British what they needed in planes, mentous session of the national tanks, guns and ships.

legislature since World war days. The British probably would be Congressional leaders predicted required to post security for what troops so carefully prepared for that the Chief Executive would they obtained, it was said. No an attempt to sever the British devote most of the message to the subject of arming the United States whether periodical "rental" pay- of offensive action for a long time 11:45p 8:02a and Britain, and that he would ex-8:02a plain in detail the proposal he ad-er the British would be required or wheth-to come, and it is threatened with er the British would be permitted complete debacle.

vanced at a recent press conference to defer all payments until the for providing Britain with war war ends. equipment under a "lease-lend" Busy on

in goods and raw materials rath-



French forces, was reported tonight

one-time bearer to the United Rumania, the summons to the So-

States of a Nazi offer to negotiate viet ministers was the first con-

