

she had been without sleep for Sandusky Arms Explosion Unexplained By Army;

**Officer Recent Visitor Here** 

announcement today that his plane

had not been hcard from since

**COUPLE KILLED** 

**REALLY JAP MAJOR** 

Soda-Pop Salesman On Isle

Of Vigan Turns Out To

Be Disguised Officer

MANILA, Dec. 18 - (P)-An "Ex-

tary Governor on the Province of

CAR INJURIES FATAL

wops tonight were in full occuation of Timor, meving into the ortuguese half of the mountainis islands and thus forecasting panese seizure of a potential

Last Indies. The occupation, practically blodess, was made over the "objection" of the Portuguese, which

had only a tiny defense force on he island. It was announced in he following communique from he Netherlands government: "In view of the Japanese sub-

vity off Portuguese the first round of his fight against mor, has become an unavoid- charges by a group of petitioners the naces in to take steps in or- from his state that he is unfit to to safeguard th s territory be a senator.

By a 13 to 3 vote, the Senate gainst Japanese aggression and forestall its being used as a Privileges and Elections commitise from which attacks could be nade on Allied territory and com- ting him to retain the seat he won in the 1940 general election.

"Accordingly a force of Allied

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Social Service League At Hut To Accept Gifts For Boys At Camp Davis

Mrs. T. D. Love, president of he Social Service league, anounced Thursday night that epresentatives of the league will be in the Woodrow Wilson hut all day Friday and Saturday to receive gifts from local citito the soldiers.

The Service club especially would like to have homemade andies and cookies and cigartts donated, although any gift will be appreciated. Representatives will be on and from 9:30 o'clock to 5

'clock in the afternoon.

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Dec. 18.-47 Netherlands and Australian SENATE PROBERS **REJECT LANGER** in and at the tip of the Dutch Ex-North Dakota Governor Monday and Tuesday of next week,

Loses First Round Of **Battle For Seat** 

Langer immediately began a bat-

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vey to determine the number of WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- (A) children in the age limit. Follow-William Langer, colorful former ing this survey, presents were purgovernor and stormy petrel of North Dakota politics, today lost et, and the committee in charge

of this program, headed by Mrs. Frederic H. Smith wife of the commanding general and president of the Camr Davis Welfare

Association, has reported that evtee recommended against permit- ery boy and girl v/ll tind a present. With Santa Claus in person presnight expressed disappointment at ents will be distributed to the white children Monday, Dec. 22, at 4

when presents will be distributed

from two large Christmas trees

several weeks, starting with a sur-

profusely lighted and decorated.

He was seated last January "without prejudice," pending an inquiry (Continued on Page Sixteen; Col. 3) into accusations of moral turpi-

Only 13 attended the session in With the vote, the 55-year-old Coast Artillery Chief the city council rooms at city hall, Mr. Maffitt said To Visit Davis Today The conference was called for the purpose of organizing a 24-

tle to get the Senate to reject the committee's recommendation. Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, chief Leaders indicated that Senate consideration would be deferred of Coast Artillery, will arrive from town business establishments to Washington Friday morning for a guard against fires which might intil January. Chairman Hatch (D.-N. M.) said one-day inspection of the Barrage Balloon Training center and school

(Continued on Page Eleven; Col. 1) at Camp Davis. General Green is a frequent visi-

Extended New British spend the day with Col. Robert Conscription Signed Arthur, commanding the Balloon

LONDON, Dec. 18.- (P) -The H. Smith, commanding general.

national conscription bill providing **RANGOON REINFORCED** for compulsory national service by RANGOON, British Burma, Dec. women and extending the conscription ages for men to 181/2 to 50 18.-(P)-Another large convoy of 1516 Princess st. at 3 p. m. Friday. der way. years became law today with the British Indian troops arrived here wirs. Ida B. Speiden, executive see today with full equipment. signature of King George VI.



business district.

36 hours.

Plans have beer under way for ONLY 13 ATTEND

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director,

**RAID CONFERENCE** 

**Against Saboteurs And** 

**Bomb-Set Fires** 

McKean Maffitt, chief Wilming-

hour watcher service in all down-

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Corps of the Wilmington chapter of been identified, and seven persons the American Red Cross should at- are missing. An investigation by tend the organization meeting at a military board of inquiry is un-

retary of the chapter, said Thursday night.

Women who successfully complete the course of training will become members of the Motor Corps.

## Axis Forces Claimed In Full Flight On Both Russian And Libyan Fronts

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- (AP)-The British radio said tonight hat reports from Helsinki this (Friday) morning say that "all erman troops have been withdrawn from Finland in a great urry." The broadcast was heard here by CBS.

MOSCOW, Dec 18.-(P)-A new east of Mozhaisk. he of the Red army's December A fierce drive was pressed tensive was developing tonight, against the Finns and Germans Germans directly west of Mos- south of Leningrad after rolling after oreaking off Nazi sali- the Germans back 45 miles from

ents on the flanks north and south Tikhvin and freeing Leningrad from the threat of complete en of the capital. Military dispatches said the circlement. (British reports said that army of General Govorov, operat-

the Finnish line between Lakes ing in the heart of the Moscow Onega and Ladoga was front, had recaptured 200 settlesmashed and that Leninments and that his vanguard was grad's million defenders had approaching Ruza, about 60 miles joined in the attack on the west of Moscow and just north-Finns.)

Only on the extreme southern front, in the Crimea, itself, were the Russians throwing back <sup>the</sup> Germans directly west of More

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#### Camp Davis will celebrate said that the ar est climaxed sev-Second In Week

Christmas with traditional parties for the children of the camp's per-which she "received a specified sonnel. There will be a Santa Claus salary from an agent of the Ger-SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 13 .- (AP)for all children who have man Reich for her efforts in An explosion was heard at the not reached their 13th birthday, spreading the propaganda which \$40,000,000 Plum Brook ordnance plant near here tonight and two

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) injured men were brought to Providence hospital. It was the second ordnance plant there was no officia' confirmation,

accident in the nation within a of this in the War department's week State Highway patrolmen report-

late Friday, when it was about ed one unit of a TNT production two miles south of Palmdale, Calif chased according to the age brack. Maffitt Explains Measures line was wrecked, and were told It was learned, however, that that five men were hurt. orders already had been issued At Providence hospital, one man at that time to strengthen the

was reported to have received a high command in Hawaii. fractured leg and another was said Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons. to have been burned. Not seriously. commander of the Air Combat cuse, please" murmuring little Force, who has replaced Lieut. Japanese shopkeepe, named Hara, An Army spokesman, who deon air raid warden, Thursday clined the use of his name, said Gen. Walter C. Short as chief of who for the past few years sold

there had been an accident which the turnout of building owners and was "not serious," but did not superintendents called to organize specify whether it was an exploa raid-watcher service for the sion. Residents in the plant area change was not made until yes- perial Japanese Army. reported hearing an explosion,

terday. On Friday, Dargue left Mitchel from a town near Jaranese-occu-

Field, N. Y., bound for Hamilton pied Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Cap. Jermain Rodenhauser, commanding officer of the plant, said the takeoff points for flights to Hara was arrested at the outbreak he would make no statement. Ambulances and physicians were summoned from Sandusky and him were two General Staff of-Japanese troops landed on Dec Mr.

ing treated by the physicians at flying office. The time of General Dargue's Ilocos Sir." the plant. flight and the fact that the War

Last Friday, a TNT melt unit at the Iowa ordance plant near Bur- department announced last night

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# WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA — Partly cloudy and continued mild Friday. SOUTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy Friday, slightly warmer in coastal

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 42; 7:30 a. m. 36; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 52; maximum 64; min-imum 36; mean 50; normal 49. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 95; 1:30 p. m. 45; 7:30 p. m. 70. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 1.88 inches. Tides For Today: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Surrey): (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Surrey): Misonboro Inlet ----- 8:18a. 1:51a. 8:32p. 2:33p. Sunrise 7:13a; sunset 5:06p; moonrise 8:08a; moonset 6:51p. Cane Fear river stage at Favette-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-(AP)-Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Dargue and seven other Army officers and men have been Parents Of Three Small missing for six days on a transcontinental flight which, it is believed, was the first leg of a flying trip to reinforce Hawaiian defenses. Dargue may have been under orders to take command of the air forces in Hawaii, although

#### Children Hit By Drill Hanging Over Truck

ELIZABETHTOWN, Dec. 18 .- Mr. nd Mrs. L. M. Chinnis, 35-year-old parents of three small children, were killed instantly Thursday night near their home at Dublin as they walked along Highway 87 on their way to the local schoolhouse to at-

tend a Christmas program. They were killed when the tongue of a grain drill, which was sticking out over the bed of the truck in which it was being hauled, struck them in the head.

Ed McKinnon, negro, who was driving the truck, was held pending further investigation.

the Hawaiian department. then loaves of bread and soda pop to He stated that he did not see Mr. was on his way to Honolulu, al- residents of Vigan, was unmasked and Mrs. McKinnon due to the fact though announcement of this today as Major Hara of the Im- that several cars were approaching and did not dim their lights.

Children of the McKinnon's, who A Filipino physician. arriving were walking with them, narrowly escaped injury when the tongue of Field near San F ancisco, one of Manila, told the story He said the drill swept over their heads, knocking the hat from one child's

Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon are sur

WET SMACKSI

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- (49) -Many Japanese soldiers drowned DUNN, Dec. 18 -- (P) -George Elin Malaya when the dikes of lis Avery, 21, of Coats, died in a canals were cut by British denospital today from injuries suffenders and the water inundated fered late Tuesday night when a the jungles, the London radio truck failed to turn a curve near said today in a broadcast heard by NBC.

### There's 6 Big Days Left To Fill Empty Stockings!

The Empty Stocking Fund drove closer to the mark Thursday as donations from Christmas-minded Wilmingtonians pushed the total to \$1,038.90.

It took a lot of gifts from a lot of people to bring the fund to its present mark, nickels and dimes in some cases, substantial checks in others, but each gift to the fund was backed with the givers' awareness that they, too, were sharing in the spirit of Christmas by making happiness possible for some little child who otherwise might have lost faith.

And, it's people like that who make this nation worth fighting for.

The Empty Stocking Fund needs more people like that: People whose Christmas couldn't be complete as

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SHOPPING

however.

DAYS LEFT THAT SURPRISE

childish scrawl to:

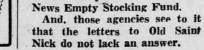
The batches of mail pushed

Santa Claus Letters **Really Go Somewhere** 

into the letter-drops of the Wilmington postoffice each Christmas, which eventually end up in the dead-letter office because of insufficient address, do not

NOBTH POLE.

which the postoffice estimates there are between 100 and 150 a year, are not sent to the deadletter off. 3 because the postoffice delivers them-to the Salvation Army and to the Star-



include letters addressed in a SANTA CLAUS, The Santa Claus letters, of

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Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville at 8 a. m. Dec. 18, 9.69 feet.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours (By U. S. Weather Bureau)