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NEW COMMANDERS OF HAWAIIAN DEFENSE

A sweeping shakeup of the Pacific High Command following Secretary Knox's report on the Pearl Harbor disaster resulted in changing commands of the Navy. Army and Air Force. Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons (left) was given command of the Hawaiian Department, relieving Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short. Rear Adm. Chester V. Nimitz (center) became head of the Pacific Fleet, replacing Adm. Husband E. Kimmel. Brig. Gen. C. L. Tinker (right) was given command of the Army air forces at Hawaii, replacing Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Martin.—Central Press Photos.

Reds Smash Nazi-Finn Line; Axis Routed In Libya Zone

POLICEMAN SHOT BY ABC OFFICER

Henderson Sergeant Killed By Friend In Cafe Argument Over Politics

HENDERSON, Dec. 19.-(P)-Poand fatelly wounded here tonight fare on this frozen front. while eating a bird supper at a

Police Chief J. H. Langston said Enforcement Officer J. C. Champin who was taken away to an

Langston said Reid and Champ-

Reid, police Sergeant here for the last four years, is survived by

Champion, a former police chief here and a former deputy sheriff,

as been an ABC enforcement offor here for the last five years.

ZI-SERVICE MEN **TO AID DEFENSE**

Former Soldiers Listen To Judge Burney's Plea For Preparedness

"With God on our side, we can- no strikes during the war. not lose this war," Judge John d Wilmington and New Hanover ouse Firday night.

ollowing Judge Burney's speech. they flocked to the table where ful. they signed cards offering to serve Mr. Roosevelt had told the con-

open streets during an air raid that negotiations continue. and that the ex-service men should assume this work.

We have been through it all and we know what it is like," the commander said. Judge Burney took to task those

ho refuse to enter into defense

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) Rumania and Bulgaria.

Russians Claim Tremendous German Losses; Tank Units Hard After Fleeing Troops

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 20.—(P)—The Russians have it substantially was in Japanese hands. opened a major offensive along the entire Finnish front, taking advantage of weakened opposition caused by the king, China, which has been re-German army's withdrawal of three-fifths of the troops it ceiving regular reports from Hong originally deployed there, British reports said today.

"Dense waves" of Russian cav-* alry and ski-troops were reported thrown into the assault with the Support of guns and tanks especially designed for rigorous war-

A Stockholm dispatch to the News-Chronicle said Finnish lines Police Chief J. H. Langston said buckling under the impact of the shocing was done by ABC buckling under the initial thrusts had been with drawn to the north bank of the Svir river at some points between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega.

Other dispatches said the Geron were seated in the cafe and mans lett the Finns ill-prepared to that a policical argument brought heated words and the shooting folmaining there are feeling the new defense setup met in the court-Reid, shot near the heart, died anger which has reinforced Finnat a hospital a short time after ish contempt as the Finns realize the shooting, which occurred about to what extent the German high

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his widow, six children, his mother, and several brothers and sis-**UNABLE TO AGREE**

'No-Strike' Discussion Recesses Until Monday In Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.-(P)-President Roosevelt did not get the thrill tonight that he had asked nis war labor conference to give him, for the industry and worker representatives broke off their discussions temporarily without working out a formula insuring

And, as it has been in numerous J. Burney told 250 ex-service men recent labor disputes, the unionshop issue was said to be the County at a meeting in the court- chief stumbling-block to reaching an agreement. The negotiations The veterans had gathered to will be resumed Monday, howoffer their services in the defense ever, and William H. Davis, conof Wilmington and America and, ference moderator, expressed hope that they would be success-

as air raid wardens, rescue men ferees waen they opened their disatd other agencies of the defense cussions three days ago that they must reach an agreement, and Post Commander Robert added that it would be a "thrill-Mange, who introduced Judge ing thing" if a uranimous agree-Burney, urged the veterans to offer ment could be worked out by Fritheir services for defense work in day night. Davis informed the ngton, saying that although President of the conference's failthe Boy Scouts were brave, they ure to agree by the deadline, and There too young to work on the told reporters the President asked

Davis gave official credence to

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100 PER CENT! MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 19 (R)—Nicaragua, already at war with Germany, Japan and Italy, de-

Work saying," I sincerely believe clared war today against Hungary,

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

of the month, 1.88 inches,

Tides For Today:
(From Tide Tables published by U. S
Coast and Geodetic Survey):

Wilmington High Low
11:20a 6:30a
11:36p. 6:33p
Masonboro Inlet 9:09a. 2:41a
Sunrise 7:13a; sunset 5:06p; moonrise
9:04a; moonset 7:55p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville at 8 a. m., Dec. 19, 9.69 feet. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

CONGRESS PASSES 18 TO 64 DRAFT ACT; 20 TO 44 SUBJECT TO ACTIVE SERVICE; HONG KONG FEARED LOST TO JAPANESE

Last-Stand Garrison Reported In Bitter Clash With Invaders

British Officials Silent On Probable Fate Of Ancient Crown Colony;

· Communications Broken

NO HOPE FOR REINFORCEMENTS

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(Andi Agency To AP)—A Domei dispatch from Tokyo said tonight that the Japanese flag was flying over Hong Kong harbor and that Japanese forces were breaking the last British resistance on the island, Final occupation is only a matter of a short time, it was stated.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A last-stand garrison of British, Canadian and native troops was believed tonight to be fighting on at separate strongpoints on Hong Kong island against an overpowering force of Japanese invaders.

ON CAVITE BOMBED

IN SHARP ATTACK

In Raid; No Reports

Of Damage Made

MANILA, Dec. 19.-(P)-Twenty-

four Japanese planes made a

brief, sharp attack on the big U. S.

naval base of Cavite on Manila

bay this afternoon, while Ameri-

can fighter - planes remained on

A second wave of nine raiders

two hours later, but a communique

WE'RE MARCHING

AGAIN

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., Dec.

(P)-George Washington's Conti-

nental army marched into Val-

ley Forge 164 years ago today.

ported after that lfight.

EST) Thursday.

the ground.

There had been no word from★ the defenders of the century-old Crown colony since early morning, and officials refused to con-

The British embassy at Chung-Kong, said communications had today. Contact between 24 Jap Planes Participate Hong Kong and the Chinese headquarters in Kwangtung also was

The garrison fought without hope

BERLIN, Dec. 19. - (Official Radio Recorded by (AP)—Japa-nese troops have occupied the city of Victoria, the chief settlement of Hong Kong, a German broadcast declared tonight. Since Japan's two proposals for surrender of the colony have been rejected, the broadcast said, she will make no other offers. It quoted the Japanese commander on the Hong Kong front as as-"The place will be serting:

of reinforcement or retreat. Its A big column of smoke was seen A British officer, who has just force had been split and dispersed rising from the Cavite area after arrived in the United States from in several areas to cover separate the high-flying attack, but all Message To Parents Says day evening. England, spoke briefly on blackouts landings of Japanese assault- fires were extinguished by suntroops, and the battle, apparently, down. was going on over a considerable 5:30 in the afternoon no lights were terrain.

"Heavy fighting is going on and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Killed By Car While Asleep On Highway

was killed instantly Friday night about three miles east of Bladenporo when a car driven by Thomas Vance Finger of Valdese ran over

bethtown, who investigated the accident said Finger stated that McKee

accident occurred said he was in an advanced state of intoxication.

Friday night, but was not to be

County Defense Unit Moves Into C. Of C. Chairman R. B. Page of the

nounced Friday night that temporary offices will open Monday morning on the mezzanine of the Chamber of Commerce bldg. at Market and Front sts. All persons desiring to register for de-fense work are asked to call at the new address. Permanent quarters will be obtained later. The present move, Mr. Page said, is occasioned by the Army's taking over all available space in the post office, former headquar-

WAR DEAD

Herbert Franklin Melton, formerly of Masonboro Sound, Friday was reported killed in the Dec. 7 attack on Hawaii. He was sta-tioned aboard a U. S. battleship at Pearl Harbor. He is shown above with his wife, a native of Long Beach, Calif. He is New Hanover county's first known war casualty.

also flew across the bay less than **MASONBORO BOY** said there were no bombings re-DIEC IN ACTION There was no announcement of DIES IN ACTION

Herbert Melton Killed In Manila had only a brief alarm Hawaii Attack beginning at 1:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m.

"Military objectives" near Tar-According to a message received lac, 60 miles northwest of Mafrom his wife, Mrs. Violet Melton, of nila, also were officially reported Long Beach, Calif., Herbert Frankattacked Thursday afternoon by a lin Melton, 25 year-old former small force of Japanese raiders. Masonboro Sound resident, died at his post aboard a U. S. vessel in the attack on Pearl Harbor. He is believed to be the first

New Hanover man killed in action since the outbreak of hostilities with Japan, Dec. 7. The message was received Thurs-

day by Melton's mother, Mrs. George Melton, of Masonboro sound. Melton was 25 on December 7, the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. He enlisted in the Navy on May Response To Soldiers 19, 1936, after graduating from New

Hanover High school, and held the rating of boatswain's mate at the time of his death. Melton has a younger brother, L

A., who is now training in a Naval Air school.

Surviving are his wife and young of Long Beach, his parents, ton and Betty Lou Melton.

U. S., Mexican Airmen Patrol Pacific Coast

Mexican Army aviators, cooperating with United States airmen, already have begun to patrol the by the Duchess of Windsor, air-Pacific coast, it was announced



4 Million-Man Army Seen; Registration Will Begin Shortly

2,215,000 Expected To Be Made Available For Armed Duty In Next Few Months **Under Compromise Measure**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Congress cleared the way today for a 4,000,000-man army by approving and sending to President Roosevelt legislation requiring the registration of all men from 18 to 64 years old, inclusive, and making those from 20 to 44 inclusive, subject to military service. Officials at Selective Service*

headquarters said the registration probably would not begin before GALLANT MARINES draft bill makes possible an army of at least 4,000,000, there is no way of telling whether that many men will ever be called to the colors. Secretary of War Stimson has said increases in the army would be ordered "in the light of the strategic stiuation as it devel-

Both Houses agreed speedily on compromise amendments to the Selective Service act which War department officials said would make a total of 2,215,000 men available in the next few months.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

\$26.50 From Affair For Employes

management in the assembly room of the Tide Water building Fri-

ing Fund and for the members of the accounting staff managers of the sales department and members of the commercial department. Miss Gertude Bell was in charge of the party and introduced N. E. Drexler, general manager, who spoke briefly. A program of Christmas Carols, dances and readings

was given. A collection for the Empty Stocking Fund was made with the re-Those on the program included

sult that \$26.50 was donated. Vera Atkinson, who gave a recitation, Martha Williamson and Jane Croom, who danced

Kit Campaign Lauded

drive sponsored by the various USO clubs has been good, it was reported Friday, but many more donations are needed. All of the boys who remain

in camp over the holidays will receive the kits, which will contain useful articles. Mrs. Kraft at Belk-Williams has made up more than 50 of

the kits and Kress store also has contributed many. All persons are asked to have

them ready before noon Tuesday, Dec. 23. BAHAMAS AND U. S.

The Bahamas Red Cross, headed said today.

EXEMPTIONS LEFT TO LOCAL BOARDS

AT WAKE REPULSE **2 MORE ATTACKS**

American Forces Reported In Full Command On All Major Fronts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.- (A) Wake island's indomitable little garrison of United States Marines still clung tenaciously to their scarred and battered atoll tonight after beating off two more Japanese onslaughts

This good news, with word of an intensified enemy air attack upon the Philippines summarized the day's operations in American-Empty Stocking Fund Gets held territory, as revealed in the communiques of the Army and

It was supplemented, however, by an announcement in Manila that defending forces were in Employes in the general office there, except for three small of the Tide water Power co. were areas on which the Japs estabgiven a Christmas party by the lished landing parties very early (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

The party was held for the benefit of the Star-News Empty Stock-**DURING HOLIDAYS**

Many Relatives Of Soldiers Unable To Be Home For Christmas Expected

Wilmingtonians Friday night were requested by the USO clubs of the city to extend the hospitality of their homes to the relatives of soldiers at Camp Davis and other military centers in this area during the Christmas holidays.

The announcement that leaves at Camp Davis for the Christmas holidays are limited to three days means that many soldiers will not be able to travel to their homes elsewhere and are expecting their parents and relatives to visit them

No estimate was made by USO officials of the number expected to be in town for the holidays. The housing plan, which the USO clubs are sponsoring, was drawn

Jap Bombs Set Swedish Ship Afire At Hong Kong

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-(A)-The new 6,079-ton Swedish motorship freighter Ningpo was hit by bombs from Japanese planes and is aflame in Hong Kong harbor, the NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 19.-(2) Americar Swedish news exchange

The agency said the vessel had mailed \$1,000 to the American Red gone into Hong Kong for repairs Cross today for relief work in the after suffering damage from strik-

Poisson Stresses Need For Red Cross Campaign

At a meeting Friday morning Wilmington and New Hanover with a group of the workers in the county not only reach its goal, paign, Louis J. Poisson, general said Mr. Poisson, "because this for subscriptions that this is not a board." continuation of the annual Red Cross roll call, but an independent crusade to raise of a minimum of served by denying this possibility. \$50,000,000 with which the start the We must not hide our heads, as organization's work of relief and ostriches are said to do, at the mercy, now that war has come to the Nazis, always on the offensive,

"It is particularly important that | (Continued on Page Two; Col.

American Red Cross chest cam- fixed at \$15,000, but exceed it, director of the drive, urged that area might be one of the first everybody who will have a part to require Red Cross aid, if the make it clear to all persons asked war reaches the Atlantic sea-"There is no good purpose to be

Remember Pearl Harbor, Knox Urges Naval Grads ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 19.—(P)— Mobile Bay, Gettysburg and Character Mobile B

A new name—Pearl Harbor—was added to the United States' "Ros-"Today we ary of Memory" today by Secre-add to the Rosary of Memory: tary of the Navy Knox. Speaking before the 574 graduating midshipmen at the U. S. Naval class to be graduated this year academy. Knox said, "There are under the Academy's new accelnames which are fragrant in our erated course: memories whenever we think of

fighting spirit. Valley Forge and

"Today we have a new pearl to

Pearl Harbor."

"You are going out into active merican courage and American service at a time when all that you Belleau Wood, Bunker Hill and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

DISCUSS FIRES

Monday Night For Women Of City

More than 200 block captains and

district supervisors of Wilmington's house Friday night to discuss means to study methods of fighting fires. in England, stating that from about

allowed except on necessary auto-M'Kean Maffitt, chief air raid warden for Wilmington, announced Bladenboro Man, 63, following the meeting that a special meeting of ladies of the city would be held at the Superior courtroom Monday night to discuss what they could do in case of an air raid, or

to help combat fires. Fifth Columnists Signal **Bomb Objective By Mirror**

MANILA, Saturday, Dec. 20. cian, the Japanese fifth columnists are trying to do it with mirrors.

Army men returning from central Luzon said a sentry at a command headquarters spied a bright object in a tree. Investigation disclosed that the carefully camouflaged post was encircled with tree-top mirrors which made it a bulls-

eye for bombers. GOEBBELS ON AIR BERLIN, Saturday, Dec. 20. (Official Broadcast Recorded By (P)) - Propaganda Minister Goebbels will broadcast to the German people at 8 o'clock tonight (1 p. m.

WEATHER

FORECAST:
NORTH CAROLINA and SOUTH
CAROLINA — Partly cloudy and
continued mild Saturday, probably
a few degrees cooler in the moun-

The Commonwealth government said the Philippine defense forces held complete dominion over all provinces except for three widely W. M. McKee, 63, of Bladenboro sparated beachheads on Luzon island held by the Japanese landing |

forces. Patrolman W. E. Ebert, of Eliza-

was lying in the road when he hit

Witnesses who saw him before the A coroner's inquest was begun

REDS SINK DESTROYER LONDON, Dec. 19.-(AP)-The German radio tonight reported that concluded until Saturday morning. the 1,900-ton Rumanian destroyer Finger was not being held by police. King Ferdinand had been torpe-Mr. and Mrs. George W. Melton; doed by Russian naval forces.

Only Five Days Remain

To Make A Child Happy More generous Wilmingtonians Friday joined hands with the hundreds of others who have aided the Empty Stocking Fund and, as a result, the fund was

nearly a hundred dollars nearer the goal last night. With only five more days left in which to make sure that unfortunate children, are insured against disappointment Christmas day, our citizens seem de-

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Parents of children who have applied for aid from the Empty Stocking Fund are warned that TODAY is the last day to return to the Star-News office the identification cards certified by school teachers, Sunday school directors or ministers. It is absolutely necessary these cards be returned to this office TODAY if your children are to receive their gifts from Santa Claus.

termined to see to it that the fund is sufficient to reach Won't it be a grand feeling as you watch your chil-

dren open their presents Christmas morn to know that there isn't a child in the city who isn't doing the same The Star-News Empty Stocking Fund was created just for the purpose of making that feeling universal

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two brothers. G. W. Melton, Jr., and L. A. Melton; and five sisters, Mrs. D. T. Southerland, Mrs. Earl Brock, Kathleen Melton, Bessie Mel-

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.-(A)-

Government sources said the parols were created to safeguard Mexican waters from exploration by Japanese "fishermen".

SHOPPING

