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PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL ARRIVES AT WHITE HOUSE ON SECRECY COUDED TRIP TO DISCUSS ALLIED WAR COUNCIL TH FDR; JAPS STALLED IN PHILIPPINES

MacArthur Declares Americans 'Have Situation Well In Hand'

BRAVE HONG KONG GARRISON HOLDS

Tokyo Admits Embattled Troops Still Sticking By Guns

LONDON, Dec. 22. -(A)- The ines for a grim struggle for Singapore took shape tonight in the ingles of northern Malaya, but Keng, sticking defiantly by their nuns in the face of a seemingly

(A Central Chinese news service dispatch from Chungking said the British embassy had been informed that the Japanese had "made no substantial gain in the last 24 hours" at Hong Kong, and that Chinese troops still were attacking near Shumchun on the Canton-Kowloon mainland railway in an effort to relieve the island garrison.

(The dispatch said the Japanese suffered 15,000 casualties (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Illman Brands Walkout 'Shocking Disloyalty' To U. S. Government

AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.-UP ed welders today as nearly 500 workers walked out of eight San nagnesium plant in an inter-un-

Picket-lines here were the only response to a call for a nationwide strike by the United Welders, Cuters and Helpers, to force recomition of their independent or-

h Washington, Sidney Hillman, the when American ships are being sunk and enemy subs lurk off our shores, the strike of some welders in West coast shipyards is a shocking act of disloyalty to

The 495 strikers represented about a fifth of the 2,578 employed in the nine plants, reported Dean Jennings of the Office of mergency management's division information.

Three hundred failed to report (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

U. S. MINISTER DIES WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.— (AP) -

Tanks and Heavy Artillery Already Engaged In Stopping Invaders In Lingayen Area; **Coastal Guns Rout Troop Transports**

MANILA, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—(P)—A heavy force of Japanese sea-borne troops, supported by airplanes, landed yesterday at Santo Tomas on the Gulf of Lingayen northwest of here, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that American defenders had the situation "well in hand."

Britain's heart still was with the tween Santo Tomas and Damorof the landing place. (Wasnington already had an-

nounced that the lighting centered in the 20-mile coastal stretch along the guif northward to Agoo, which is just north of Santo Tomas.) The Army communique said:

"The engagement vesterday oc-Tomas, La Union province. Latest holding a position north of Damortis. The enemy was very active places were bombed and the vering. ground attack was supported by

It still was not known whether the Japanese had been able to face craft off the California coast bring any considerable amount of equipment ashore

Although American tanks already had gone into action, it also nese intended to unload all of the 80 transports in Lingayen gulf, or the 10,200-ton tanker, southbound

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Francisco Bay shipyards and a Commissioners Place Ban On Shooting Fireworks In New Hanover County

A motion to apply for a federa grant for a new city-county board of health building was passed aninimously by the New Hanover county sociate director of OPM, said board of commissioners Monday afternoon.

> The grant of some \$50,000 will be used to construct a two-story building with a large basement. No loca tion has been decided upon, but the lot just back of the courthouse and a place near James Walker Memorial hospital are under consideration.

Placing of the building near the hospital, still was under discussion Monday and a committee to be composed of members of the board of health, the county commissioners and hospital authorities was ap pointed to study the question-

The commissioners, at the request United States minister to Ru- of Chairman Addison Hewlett, sr., mia, Franklin Mott Gunther, 56. voted to refuse permission to anyed at Bucharest this morning af one to sell or shoot firecrackers in an illness of some weeks, the New Hanover county. An ordinance ate department was informed to- now is on the county statutes where-

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War Must Not Destroy Our Children's Joy!

The White Banners of the Christ, who cherished all men, are enfolding this nation in love and kindness as a new Christmas draws upon us.

True, we are at war; at war to protect those very precepts for which the Son of God so gladly gave His life that there might be peace on earth and good-will

But, the war has not yet sruck at our very roots, Our armed services are on watch; some of our soldiers and sailors in far-flung outposts have died in line of duty to their country.

Still, America and Wilmington have not yet felt

the full horror of modern warfare. Christmas still comes to us, robed in shining raiment of love and faith, of charity and kindness. We shall not cower in our arms to shelter them as best We may from the death that rains down from the skies over less fortunate peoples.

God grant that it may never be so, but we cannot foretell what another Christmas will bring to our

So, let us not falter in our determination to make this Christmas of 1941 the happiest, brightest and merriest ever for our unfortunate children.

We have many of them here in Wilmington, to whom the birthday of the Christ Child will be empty and meaningless, unless we who have been favored (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

American tanks and artillery TANKER ATTACKED eart still was with the tween Santo Tomas and Damordefenders of Hong tis, a town several miles south OFF WEST COAST

> Clever Maneuvering Helps Vessel To Escape; Planes Drop Depth Charges

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. curred in the vicinity of Santo 22. -(P)- An enemy submarine launched three torpedoes at the reports indicate our troops are Standard Oil tanker H. M. Storey today, but the merican ship esin the air yesterday. Numerous caped damage by clever maneu-

> The Coast Guard said this attack, the fifth by Axis sub-sursince Dec. 11, cok place about two miles out from Point Arguello,

of Santa Barbara. With field glasses, several perwas not clear whether the Japa- sons were able to watch the attempt of the submarine to scuttle on its normal rut..

When the sub rleashed its first torpedo and missed its mark, the tanker sent up a heavy smoke screen and started a zig-zag course behind the dense curtain. Navy planes soon appeared in response to an SOS and dropped depth charges that rocked the coast for miles. A seaplane alighted within a short time at the side of the tanker. Later, with her aerial escoris, she proceeded

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AMERICAN JAILED IN SABOTAGE ACT

Boston Navy Ward Worker Arrested For Trying To 'Blow Up' Building

BOSTON, Dec. 22 .- (A)-A 42-year old American - born Navy yard worker was arrested today by Federal agents on charges of sabotage including the cutting of a power cable by means of which, a U. S. attorney said, he hoped to "blow up" a shop in which naval construc-

tion was taking place. The prisoner, William Patrick Collins, who said he was a native of Cleveland, O., and had been working in the Navy yard here for 16 years, first pleaded guilty to a charge of 'injuring, interfering with and obstructing the national defense by cutting a cable used in connection utes parking for a nickle. with the operation of an acetylene

Charging that the alleged cutting of the cable had taken place on Dec. 8-the day the United States de clared war on Japan-U. S. Attorney Edmund J. Brandon urged the court to set the highest possible bail on Collins, who was arrested today while he was at work.

WEATHER

FORECAST:
NORTH CAROLINA and SOUTH
CAROLINA — Rain and warmer

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

Temperature:

1:30 a. m., 39; 7:30 a. m. 38; 1:30 p. m.
54; 7:30 p. m. 52; maximum 55; minimum 37; mean 46; normal 48.

Humidity:

1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m.
63; 7:30 p. m. 83.

1:30 a. m. 12,
63; 7:30 p. m. 83.

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 Survey):

High Low
1:20a. 8:34a

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville at 8 a. m., Dec. 22, 9.90 feet. (Continued on Pare Four: Col. 5)



DARNED CLEVER, THESE AMERICANS

U. S. Army ingenuity makes most of a bad situation. Jap attack which wrecked part of Army air base at Hickam Field, Oahu island, provided the main part of this anti-aircraft machine-gun nest from which American soldiers fight back. It's made of the engines of a plane wrecked by Japs and table from damaged barracks. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photo from NEA.)

British Force Invade Tripolitania In Pursuit Of Fleeing Axis Armies

METERS TO BEGIN **OPERATION TODAY**

Instructions On Parking Under New System Released By Wallace

Wilmington motorists, for the first time, will pay cash to park in the downtown district Tuesday Italian rear-guards tried to check morning when the parking meters are put into action.

were ready to go Monday after- the British said.

noon and a number of drivers slipped coins into the slots. Meters will be put into oper- tier and almost half way to Tripation on other streets as they are

set up, City Manager James G. Wallace said Monday. In an effort to clear up misap- tered empire, and would place Alprehensions, the city manager is- lied forces in contact with French dock at Brest, France, in an RAF sued a comprenensive statement North Africa.

covering their use. Streets on wnich the meters will be in use Tuesday morning are: Front st., from Dock to Wal-

Second st., from Market to

Third st., from Princess to Grace. Market from Water to Third.

Princess st., from Front to Chestnut st., from Front to

Grace st., from Front to Third

Meter rents are 12 minutes parking for one cert or 60 min-On all streets except Market, cutting machine being used in the the legal way to park is parallel to the curb, inside the white line, and with the neadlights of the

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) General Smith Warns

Davis Personnel To Obey Blackout Rules

The commanding general at Camp Davis, Maj. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, has ordered all personnel to obey faithfully blackout instructions in Wilmington, and has reprimanded personnel who failed to comply in last week's test.

An order Monday indicated that individuals from Camp Davis ignored directions of guards and, in one case, flatly refused to obey. General Smith ordered as follows: "Reprehensible in a civilian

inhabitant, such conduct by a member of the military indicates a lack of judgment and discipline which merits corrective action. Such action will be taken in any case reported. "Wardens and mards are being requested to report to Camp Davis headquarters the

names of any officers, warrant

officers or enlisted men failing

to comply promptly with black-

out regulations or guard or-

Steadily Gaining Red Troops Push Nazis **Out Of Countless Towns On Vast Front**

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 22.—(P)—A British desert-patrol, plunging 150 miles westward into Tripolitania, was reported officially tonight to have wiped out an Axis garrison and air base in a brilliant move to trap the main German and sations to be held during the next

Gen. Erwin von Rommel's main* panzer troops were reported beatpanzer troops were reported beating a hasty retreat toward Agedabia, south of Bengasi, with British troops at their heels, while the British only 25 miles east of Bengasi at El Alia. These rear-

This action put the British 450 miles beyond the Egyptian fronoli, the main Axis Libyan base, whose capture would be a deathblow to Premier Mussolini's shat-

Tripoli coastal highway. This advance force apparently

The British have not mentioned t for weeks. The dispatches indicated that the Italians in Cirenzica were doing nearly all the reat-guard fighting. with the German: desperately trying to salvage their mechanized the stern of the Gneisenau and the

equipment in a retreat into Tripol-side of the drydock and another Northeast of Bengasi, British units swept into Cirene and Ap-

Derna on the coast. Axis troops (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

Roosevelt, Jr., Unaware

Of Stork's Second Visit WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. - (A) -

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., an ensign on duty somewhere at sea, has not yet learned that he is the father f a second son, born yesterday in Philadelphia. The ensign's mother disclosed

this today. She said she planned to go see her latest grandchild within a few days.

Italian forces in flight near Bengasi, far to the East.

However, some of the meters guards were being pressed back, RAF Reports Direct Bomb Hits On Drydock Gates

> LONDON, Dec. 22 .- (AP)-A direct bomb-hit on the gates of the dry- Wife Of Wealthy Camp daylight raid Dec. 18 is believed to The British did not name the have trapped the 26,000-ton German site of the demorshed base, but battleships Scharnhorst and Gnelsethe distance suggested that it was nau in the docks and damaged them

At Harbor Of Brest

at Sirte or nearoy on the Bengasi- anew, the air ministry news service reported tonight. It said aerial photographs also was the one wn.ch early in this gave leason to believe, "although beir now at Camp Davis. She of the Tide Water Power co. Monoffensive cut straight across the the confusion of smoke precludes a Libyan desert to de Gulf of Sirte. certainty, that a heavy bomb has

> deck of the Scharnhorst." In addition, the service announced. it is "quite certain that a heavy armor-piercing bomb" fell between

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polonia, about 50 miles west of Bomb Shelters Planned For U. S. Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-(P) Senator Thomas (D-Okla) proposed to the Senate today that surveys be made immediately for possible construction of air raid shelters on Capitol grounds.

He introduced a resolution directing the capital architect to make the survey for shelters accommodating Senators and Senate employes with "all possible safeguards."

Drámatic Visit Hints Major Consolidation Of Anti-Axis Forces

British War Leader Guest Of Presidents Lord Beaverbrook, Technical Staff Also Join In Conversations

ALL ALLIED NATIONS INCLUDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- (AP)-Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after a secret and history-making journey, arrived in Washington today, and tonight was closeted with President Roosevelt in the White House, discussing unified war plans to encompass "the deafeat of Hitlerism through-

minister of supply, and a technical staff accompanted him.

Just how he made the journey was revealed that the last leg, at least, was by air. He was met "at a nearby airport' by President Roosevelt, and in full wartime secrecy was conducted to the White House by the chief executive, himself, there to be the guest of Mr.

Roosevelt. There was widespread speculaion that the conferences would cover such questions as:

Establishment of a supreme command for the fighting forces of all of Hitler's oppon-

Establishment of a joint ministry of supply for all the

objective. the defeat of Hitlerism few days between President and Hershey, national draft director, prime Minister and the respective

The statement said these conferences should be regarded as preliminary to further parleys

ed an over-all unity in the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of

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Davis Private Given

fallen amidship and penetrated the of-court settlement had been reach- three-day campaign to raise this \$25,000 cash and \$25,000 in stocks Cross war relief funds. and bonds.

> OFF ON LEAVE CAMP DAVIS, Dec. 22.-Pvt. Joseph Paterno, jr., was out of the call here," Mr. Poisson said. and could not be reached for comment on his wife's divorce, nor on reports in New York papers that

Marine's Fiancee Dies In Statesville Wreck United Auto Workers, today pledg-

Conn., shortly.

Miss Neal and Corp. McConnell 21, of near Mooresville, were to

out the world."

The daring trip by Britain's rotund little fighting premier was announced by the White House, which said that Lord Beaverbrook, SIGNED INTO LAW

clusive.

tary service.

They said the reen may be reg-

istered on severa dates, by age

groups, rather than en masse. It

was believed the first registration

might be next month. Registrants

between the ag s of 20 and 44,

inclusive. will be liable to mili-

Already, local coards have been advised by Brig Gen Lewis B.

RED CROSS STARTS

WAR RELIEF DRIVE

Chairman Marshall Expects

'Outstanding' Report

On Funds Tonight

Alan A. Marshall, campaign di-

rector for the emergency Red

Cross drive, which now is under

way to raise \$15,000, said Monday

off to a good start and it was ex-

A large number of volunteer

day to receive final instructions

"We want to emphasize once

more that this three day cam-

raign is entirely separate and dis-

tinct from the annual chapter rell

"This campaign is for the na-

To Replace 'Arizona'

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. - (P) -

R. J. Thomas, president of the

ed his 700,000 members in auto and

aircraft industries to buy \$50,000,-

000 worth of Defense Bonds to re-

place the Battleship Arizona, sunk

in the Japanese attack on Pearl

A telegram from Thomas, made

public by Secretary of the Treasury

Morgenthau, jr., said that the son

of one of the UAW members went

down on the Arizona and explained

that the union was "answering that

SHOPPING

was a military secret although it Selective Service Starts Big Job Of Classifying 23 Million More Men WASHINGTON, Dec The draft expinsion

signed into law by Roosevelt today and Service officials began a ving plans for registering the 23,500,-000 men between 18 and 64, in-

In a statement, President Roosevelt said there was one primary throughout the world in conver-

staffs of the two countries.

which officially will relude Russia, China, The Netherlands and the British Dominicas.

"It is expected," the President said, "that there will thus be evolved.

Reno Court Divorce way to raise \$15,000, said Monday

RENO, Nev., Dec. 22.-(P)-Mrs. pected that an "outstanding" re-Beverly Paterno was granted a di- port would be made Tuesday. vorce here today from Pvt. Joseph Paterno, jr., New York real estate workers met in the assembly room charged extreme cruelty.

She told reporters that an out- from leaders before beginning the ec, whereby she was to receive city's quota of the National Red

he would be married to Miss Joyce UAW Pledges Bonds Malloy Compton of New Haven,

STATESVILLE, Dec. 22. - (A) Miss Dorothy Neal, 24, of West Jefferson, was killed tonight when the car in which she was riding with her fiance, Corp. George McCon-nell, U S.. Marine, turned over 10 niles north of here.

dastardly attack."

Harbor.



Star-News Boys Receive Praise For High Defense Stamp Sales A message from the United States the Star-News." The Star-News Olin White, Star carrier, who sold

Star-News carrier-boys for "their other newspaper in the nation in timely campaign to sell defense per capita sales of defense stamps, stamps and bonds," was read at the carriers' annual Christmas banquet PICTURE ON PAGE 3. Monday night at the Cape Fear hoincluding the Philadelphia Bulletin

Bruce B. Cameron, a guest at the originator of the carrier boy-defense

banquet, read the congratulatory salesman idea. The carriers winning shiny new R. B. Page, publisher of the news- bicycles for the largest individual papers, described the message as sales of stamps were Hardy Wessell, "the biggest compliment ever paid sews carrier, who sold 37,567; and

Freasury department, praising the carrier organization surpassed every 27,706 stamps.

numbers of stamps.

John L. Morris, another guest and speaker of the evening, praised the ooys highly for their work. The Rev. Harvey W. Glazier, rec-

or of the Church of the Good Shepherd, said grace and pronounc ed the benediction. Many other carriers were awarded honor shields for sales of large

The text of the message from the (Continued on Page Three: Col. 2)