

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL ARRIVES AT WHITE HOUSE ON SECRET, UNANNOUNCED TRIP TO DISCUSS ALLIED WAR COUNCIL WITH 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.—(AP)—The lines for a grim struggle for Singapore took shape tonight in the jungles of northern Malaya, but Britain's heart still was with the embattled defenders of Hong Kong, sticking defiantly by their guns in the face of a seemingly hopeless fate.

WELDERS QUIT BAY SHIPYARDS

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Soldiers, armored cars, police, and counter-picket lines confronted welders today as nearly 500 workers walked out of eight San Francisco Bay shipyards and a magnesium plant in an inter-union dispute.

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 toward men.

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

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

TANKER ATTACKED OFF WEST COAST

Clever Maneuvering Helps Vessel To Escape; Planes Drop Depth Charges

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 22.—(AP)—An enemy submarine launched three torpedoes at the Standard Oil tanker H. M. Storey today, but the merican ship escaped damage by clever maneuvering.

APPLICATION MADE FOR NEW BUILDING

Commissioners Place Ban On Shooting Fireworks In New Hanover County

A motion to apply for a federal grant for a new city-county board of health building was passed unanimously by the New Hanover county board of commissioners Monday afternoon.

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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 morning when the parking meters are put into action.

AMERICAN JAILED IN SABOTAGE ACT

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

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—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 construction was taking place.

General Smith Warns Davis Personnel To Obey Blackout Rules

The commanding general at Camp Davis, Maj. Gen. Frederick 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.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA and SOUTH CAROLINA—Rain and warmer Tuesday. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 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.

Dramatic Visit Hints Major Consolidation Of Anti-Axis Forces

British War Leader Guest Of President; 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 defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world."

DRAFT EXTENSION SIGNED INTO LAW

Selective Service Starts Big Job Of Classifying 23 Million More Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The draft expansion bill was signed into law by President Roosevelt today and Selective Service officials began a big job of registering the 23,500,000 men between 18 and 64, inclusive.

RED CROSS STARTS WAR RELIEF DRIVE

Chairman Marshall Expects 'Outstanding' Report On Funds Tonight

Alan A. Marshall, campaign director for the emergency Red Cross drive, which now is under way to raise \$15,000, said Monday night that the campaign had got off to a good start and it was expected that an "outstanding" report would be made Tuesday.

Wife Of Wealthy Camp Davis Private Given Reno Court Divorce

OFF ON LEAVE CAMP DAVIS, Dec. 22.—Pvt. Joseph Paterno, Jr., was out of the camp on overnight pass tonight and could not be reached for comment on his wife's divorce, nor on reports in New York papers that he would be married to Miss Joyce Malloy Compton of New Haven, Conn., shortly.

Marine's Fiancee Dies In Statesville Wreck

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

Bomb Shelters Planned For U. S. Congressmen

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

Star-News Boys Receive Praise For High Defense Stamp Sales

A message from the United States Treasury department, praising the Star-News carrier-boys for "their timely campaign to sell defense stamps and bonds," was read at the carriers' annual Christmas banquet Monday night at the Cape Fear hotel.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ANYONE? Buy Christmas Seals