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## War Labor Board Set Up By Roosevelt With All Sides Represented

W. H. Davis, Chief Of National Mediation Board, Named Head Of Unit TO ADJUST DISPUTES Purpose Is To Enforce Peaceful Settlement Of All Troubles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight created by executive order a National War Labor Board with William H. Davis, chairman of the National Mediation Board, as its head.

The new board has 12 members, four each representing the public, industry and employees. It was set up to adjust labor disputes and avoid strikes and lockouts so that there might be no interruption of a vast flow of war machines and equipment from America's industrial plants.

The executive order said that the national interest demands that there shall be no interruption of any work which contributes to the effective prosecution of the war.

This procedure for settling disputes threatening to interrupt war work was provided:

1. The parties to issue shall resort first to "direct negotiations or to the procedures provided in a collective bargaining agreement."

2. Failing to achieve settlement through such a negotiation, the labor department's conciliation commission must be notified, if they have not intervened already.

3. Should conciliation fail, the secretary of Labor must certify the dispute to the War Labor Board. However, the board, in its discretion, after consultation with the secretary, may take jurisdiction over the dispute on its own motion.

Thereafter, the board may use mediation, voluntary arbitration or arbitration under rules established by it, to effect a settlement.

In addition to Davis, these other public members were named:

Vice-Chairman George W. Taylor, professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, and impartial chairman for various industries; Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Industry members named were: Charles E. Bell, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; and John J. White, president of the American Lumber Co.

Employees members named were: Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers; and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

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U. S. EAGLE Former newspaperman and now a member of the American Eagle Squadron flying for the RAF, Eugene Melvin Potter, of Chicago, is credited with downing two German planes over the English channel. He has been with the RAF for a year.

## RALEIGH CHOSEN FOR OPM OFFICE

Contract Distribution Job To Be Handled There, Says Anderson

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Raleigh will be the state headquarters for the Office of Production Management's contract distribution, it was announced today by James T. Anderson of Raleigh, state director of the office.

Anderson said that the office space for the state headquarters would be secured by the Office of Emergency Management in Washington. Meanwhile the Raleigh office will not be open for business.

Charlotte has had an office of OPM contract distribution, and the Charlotte branch will serve as the clearing house for the state on OPM matters until the Raleigh headquarters can be opened.

Anderson said that the Charlotte office personnel would be bolstered immediately to take care of its additional responsibilities. Additional OPM branch offices may be opened in the state, if conditions should warrant, he added.

Anderson's first official act was the announcement of the appointment of Cecil E. Bell of Raleigh as assistant to the state director of OPM contract distribution division. Bell has served as assistant industrial engineer to Anderson in the state department of conservation and development.

## Identification Bureau Reports Active Month

More than 650 persons were fingerprinted and photographed during December by the New Hanover bureau of identification, according to its report made Monday afternoon to the board of county commissioners.

Of the persons whose identities were taken, 100 were of city policemen, deputies, and other officials for the purpose of civil identification, 250 of persons working on defense jobs, ten of applicants for the civilian air patrol, and 250 of persons arrested for crime.

The bureau during the month also took pictures of scenes following automobile accidents in which a fatality occurred and in two homicide cases.

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## Germans Hit By Disease And Plague

Winter Adds To Struggle Against Adolf Hitler In Europe

## "BATTLE WITH LICE" Unrest Reported Spreading In Germany As Well As Conquered Lands

By the Associated Press Disease, disunity and military disaster stalked the once conquering legions of Adolf Hitler today and, barring surprises, seem to be hastening the day of Hitlerism's ultimate defeat.

Hundreds of additional doctors and nurses were reported by the Berlin correspondent of a Swiss newspaper to have been rushed recently to the eastern front to combat a wave of vermin-spread typhus, both among the wavering troops in Russia and behind the lines in conquered countries.

German troops were reported engaged in a "battle against lice."

Reliable sources in London declared that dissension in the Nazi high command—primarily a split over the reverses in Russia—now had spread to the navy with a sharp disagreement between Grand Admiral Erich Raeder and his submarine chief, Vice Admiral Karl Doenitz, over the way the Battle of the Atlantic is going.

The London Star also quoted a Moscow broadcast that Field Marshal General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the Nazi high command, suddenly had been taken ill. The Keitel report has not been verified.

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## Sumner Welles Lands At Pan American Meet

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, United States undersecretary of state, and other Pan American delegates arrived here by airplane today for the conference called to settle the western hemisphere's stand in the world war. The talks begin Thursday.

Delegates of Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and Paraguay were here, and Argentina's foreign minister, Enrique Ruiz Guinazu, planned to fly here tomorrow aboard a special plane. Representatives of the other countries were expected also tomorrow.

Hundreds of Brazilians applauded when Welles stepped out of the airplane and was met by U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and Brazilian Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha.

## New Hanover County Has Big Cash Balance

New Hanover county has a handsome cash balance to its credit, the sum of \$662,563, as of December 31, according to the report made by J. A. Orrell, county auditor, to the board of commissioners at its meeting Monday morning.

Mr. Orrell reported that the balance on November 30, 1941 was \$523,276, that during December \$131,110 was received into the county treasury and \$91,822 paid, a net increase of \$39,288.

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# JAPANESE BOMBARDMENTS PAVE WAY FOR BIG PHILIPPINE THRUST; 3 ENEMY SHIPS SUNK OFF INDIES

American And Australian Fliers Wreak Havoc On Jap Warcraft

DUTCH HOLDING OUT Authorized Spokesmen Say Oil Fields Will Be Fired If Necessary

BATAVIA, N.E.I., Jan. 12. (AP)—Flying Dutchmen and their allies (apparently American and Australian pilots) were declared officially tonight to have struck two Japanese cruisers and two transports, and shot down four planes in trying to smash Japanese footholds on Borneo and Celebes south of the Philippines.

The situation was obscure in the bitter ground fighting at Tarakan, island off center of northeastern Borneo, and at Minahassa, the northeastern part of Celebes where Japanese sea-borne troops and paratroopers landed early yesterday.

"Operations in the Minahassa area are being continued," the communiqué said. "No further particulars can yet be given at the present about the attack on Tarakan nor about the strong resistance with our troops continue to offer."

Tokyo claimed the surrender of Tarakan and the capture of Menado, main city of Minahassa.

An informed Dutch source in London asserted that the loss of all Borneo and Celebes was probable "unless heavy Allied sea and air reinforcements arrive quickly."

The garrison at Tarakan was said to be "only a demolition party which had been ordered to destroy oil facilities."

The importance to the Allies of retaining Balikpapan, another oil center and Dutch naval base 300 miles south of Tarakan, was emphasized by this Dutch source. He said Allied bombers operating from that point could interfere effectively with Japanese attempts to utilize Tarakan's oil deposits, and stem the Japanese sea and air push south and west toward Java and Sumatra.

## AIR RAID TEST UNSATISFACTORY

State's Observation Posts Not All On Job; Breaks In Service Noted

Officials at the Wilmington District Warning Center area headquarters here Monday night were none too well satisfied with the results of the emergency test of air raid observation posts over the entire Wilmington information region from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Monday.

"Under the circumstances, the reports from the observation posts that were heard from were satisfactory. Immediate steps will be taken to learn why all posts did not report and a report of the test will be made to the proper civilian authorities," one of the officers said.

Fifty-eight of the "spotter" posts, manned by civilians and established to detect the presence of enemy aircraft, failed to report to the Wilmington center.

If the test had been a real air raid it would have meant that there would have been large "blanks" in the air defenses of the state through which the planes might well have slipped.

According to the instructions issued before the test, the observers in the Wilmington information region, which includes both the Raleigh and Charlotte filter areas, were to have manned their posts at a signal from the center here to the chief observers, transmitted by the chief telephone operator in each town.

During the course of the test, the posts were to report to the center here by telephone.

## Auto Tax Stamps Go On Sale This Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Internal Revenue bureau said today that the federal auto tax stamps would go on sale at post-offices and revenue collectors' offices beginning the week of January 12, instead of January 26 as originally announced.

This, said Internal Revenue Commissioner Guy T. Helvering, was for the convenience of motorists and to avoid congestion at the sales points. The initial \$2.09 tax is payable not later than February 1. The stickers for the first tax are good until July 1, when new ones will be sold at the rate of \$5 a year for motor vehicles.



U. S. SHIP SUNK IN DUTCH INDIES WATERS The 8,000-ton United States liner Ruth Alexander, operating in the Far East, was attacked by an enemy bombing plane in Netherlands, East Indies waters and sunk with loss of one life, according to a Navy communique. Survivors reached port safely, carrying four injured.—C.P. Photo.



EXPLAINS NEW DRAFT Director of Selective Service, Eric. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, speaks before the National Press club in Washington. He said the nation's manpower for present military needs would probably come from men in the 21 to 37 group. He also declared he had warned local draft boards not to indiscriminately classify men because of the emergency.

## BRITISH FALLING BACK IN MALAYA

Japanese Advance To Within 150 Miles Of Singapore Defenses

SINGAPORE, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Air raid warnings were in force almost continuously this afternoon north of the downtown area only British fighter planes were seen in the sky. Some bombs were dropped in outlying areas after midday.

The Japanese, striking with remorseless land and air power, were acknowledged by the British today to have pressed the defenders of Singapore back to a line only about 150 miles north of that Far Eastern defense bulwark.

Kuala Lumpur, the bitterly defended rubber center in Selangor State and capital of the Federated Malay States, apparently had been lost but the communique did not specifically announce it.

The British said severe fighting continued in the Selangor area, however, although "our troops have been withdrawn to positions north of Seremban."

On the north-south railroad to Singapore and a connecting line of 24 miles to Port Dickson, the nearest harbor, Seremban is 35 miles southeast of Kuala Lumpur which is second only to Singapore itself as Malaya's biggest city.

## NEW OCD OFFICIAL

Partial reorganization of the Office of Civilian Defense to expedite its work, while leaving Mayor LaGuardia in charge, is seen in the appointment of Dean James M. Landis of the Harvard Law school as executive officer. Landis has resigned his Harvard job to devote full time to the OCD.

## COLD WAVE BREAK PREDICTED TODAY

Low Of Only 36 Degrees Forecasted For Early Morning Hours

Gradual moderation of the cold wave is expected in Wilmington by Paul Hess, local weather bureau forecaster, who said late Monday night he did not expect the thermometer to drop below 36 degrees in the following 24 hours.

Wilmingtonians, after buffering the unusual cold for more than two days, were cheered Monday morning as the temperature rose rapidly from a 26 degree minimum shortly before daylight to a 52 high shortly after noon. The bright sunlight made the weather seem warmer than it was.

Fair skies are predicted again for today.

Although the temperature last Sunday fell to 17 degrees it was not as cold as a similar period in January, 1940, Mr. Hess recalled. The temperature fell to 14 degrees on the 28th of January, that year.

The recent cold siege, which was ushered in by nearly an inch of snow and some sleet, was remarkable in that no major auto accidents or other calamities occurred during the period. The snow which still remained in shady places Monday morning disappeared during the day.

## Roosevelt, Farm Leaders Set For Price Showdown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, balked thus far by an adamant Senate farm bloc in his efforts to obtain one-man control over price-fixing, outdocked personally today to forestall House acceptance of some agricultural provisions of the Senate-approved price regulation bill.

Reported to be standing firm in his opposition to dual control over ceilings on farm commodities, the President arranged to confer tomorrow morning with a five-member bi-partisan House committee which will meet with a similar Senate group later in an attempt to compromise differences in the price measures passed by the two chambers.

The President was said to have reiterated to his legislative lieutenants at the weekly White House conference this morning his desire that a single administrator



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## U. S. Army Transport Is Sunk In Alaskan Seas; All Are Saved

FOE USING RESERVES

MacArthur Hits Back With Heavy Artillery Fire

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Destruction by fire of the Army transport Cliveden in Alaskan waters was reported today by the War department.

The ship, a combination passenger and freight vessel of 7,314 tons, was said to be a total loss, but all personnel were saved.

The cause of the fire is being investigated, the War department said, without indicating whether it was believed to have resulted from enemy action.

## ALL-OUT THRUST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Japanese heavily shelled and bombed American-Filipino positions today in what may be the initial phase of an all-out attempt to crush general Douglas MacArthur's army and free the bulk of their Philippine forces to support the Dutch Indies invasion.

The Americans were hitting back, the war department reporting in a communique that "a heavy artillery battle is in progress along the entire front."

For some days, the Japanese have been bringing fresh troops to this front north and west of Manila in apparent preparation for an offensive.

That this was beginning was indicated not only by the artillery action but also by a report from MacArthur that "ground activity is increasing."

Enemy bombing raids also were made on the American fortifications in Manila bay but were lacking as to their success. MacArthur advised only that "air attacks are being renewed."

The Philippine commander also reported that the Japanese were attempting to suppress the use of radio receiving sets by civilians in Manila in order to keep them from hearing American and British broadcasts.

In that connection, it was disclosed here that former Senator Harry B. Haves of Missouri made a short wave broadcast to the Philippines this week-end at the request of Colonel William J. Donovan, coordinator of information.

Haves, a champion of Philippine independence when a member of the senate, told the Filipinos to

## CHINESE SCORE ON FOUR FRONTS

Chungking Dispatch Tells Of 100,000 Jap Army Completely Crushed

(By The Associated Press) CHUNGKING, Jan. 12.—The offensive of China's far-spread armies has scored new successes on four widely scattered fronts against a Japanese foe who is preoccupied with other wars in the Philippines, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies it was announced today.

At the same time strong Chinese forces were reported moving into Burma where they will be in position to join with their British Allies in a flank attack on Japan in Thailand and Indo-China. Christopher Sharrman, of an ambulance unit who had just made a trip over the Burma road, said the highway was clogged with crack Chinese troops moving westward with tanks, motorized artillery, Bren guns and light weapons.

Indicating a disastrous finish to Japan's third Changsha campaign, the Chinese said they had utterly smashed the force of 100,000 which had set out to capture and keep that Hunan provincial capital. In the final 24-hour battle of entrapment, 8,000 Japanese were killed or wounded and 1,000 captured, the Chinese said.

With 2,000 miles of front from which to choose for harassing attacks and counter-offensives, the Chinese also reported a new thrust in Honan province, 350 miles to the north, where the entire Japanese position along the long-contested Lunghai railway south of the Yellow river apparently was menaced.

## WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA.—Fair and warmer Tuesday.

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. (by radio):

Temperature:	High 43; low 37.
Wind:	4 to 10, variable.
Humidity:	75 to 85.
Clouds:	Partly cloudy.
Visibility:	5 to 10 miles.
Barometer:	30.1 to 30.2.
Precipitation:	None.

For more weather information, see the weather section on page 2.