



"ANG POWER ON EARTH can prevent the destruction of the German Armies . . . and their war plants from the air," read the proclamation of the Big Three at the Cairo conference. Thus every industrial area in the Reich becomes an automatic target for the Allied bombers as a prelude to the vast invasion program blueprinted at Teheran. "The RAF will bomb every city in Germany by night and we will by day," adds Gen. Henry H. Arnold, U. S. Army Air forces chief. This map indicates the doomed cities.—(International).

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Returning fliers said heavy damage was inflicted on Kalamaki, Tatoi and Eleusis airfields and on merchant shipping in Piraeus harbor. All four targets are within 10 miles of Athens and within the vital area from which the Germans must support their tenacious grip on the Aegean islands.

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Moscow Declares Drive South Of Cherkassy Is Successful BOTH IN WHITE RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(P)—Moscow announced tonight that Red Army troops continued their successful offensive today south and southeast of recaptured Cherkassy and a Reuters dispatch declared Soviet forces in this sector had established contact with those from the Kremenchug zone.

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12 Foe Ships Downed

One Of 300 American Ships Felled; Damage Airdromes, Harbor

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Wilmington Snowbound In Worst Cold Of Winter; All Schools Closed Today

MAFFITT POSTAL SERVICE NEARS

Office Of Classified Type Will Be Ready For Business Soon

The new post office which will be opened in Maffitt Village some time in January will be a classified type instead of a contract station as formerly announced and planned, according to information received late Wednesday by Wilbur Dasher, postmaster.

City Covered By 5 Inches Before 8 O'Clock; Temperature Down To 18

Wilmington felt the impact of the coldest weather of the season as wintry blasts struck the city early Wednesday afternoon. The temperature was expected to drop to 18 degrees before Thursday morning.

TREASURY WANTS VICTORY TAX HELD

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Two Drives

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WEATHER

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and continued cold tomorrow.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Metological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm. yesterday.

Temperature
1:30 am, 37; 7:30 am, 37; 1:30 pm, 27; 7:30 pm, 21.

Humidity
1:30 am, 65; 7:30 am, 92; 1:30 pm, 94; 7:30 pm, 95.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 1.5 inches.

Since the first of the month, 1.22 inches.

From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey

High	Low
12:44	7:48
1:03p	8:30p
10:22a	4:22a
11:01p	4:39p

Sunrise 7:11 am, Sunset 5:05 pm.
Moonrise 9:42 pm, Moonset, 10:48 am.
Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Dec. 15, at 8 am, 9.47 feet.

JAPANESE REFUSE GAUGE OF BATTLE

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