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NO FOWER ON EARTH can prevent the destruction of the German Armies . . from the air," read the proclamation of the Big Three at the Cairo conferences. 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

# 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

ned, according to information received late Wednesday by Wilbur

A representative from the Post these cities. Cifice department, Washington, visited Wilmington several months ago and recommended that a conwere received and sent to Wash- ries were still falling.

to take care of the growing Maffit Village community and insisted by federal post office officials and the second representative agreed with those in authority here that adequate service couldn't be ren-

The contract type post office

#### WEATHER

FORECAST

NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and continued cold tomorrow.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm. yesterday.

Temperature
1:39 am. 37, 7:30 am, 37, 1:36 pm, 27, Mayin.

Maximum 46, Minimum 21, Mean 34,

Humidity 1:30 am, 65, 7:30 am, 92, 1:30 pm, 94,

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm,

since the first of the month,

City Covered By 5 Inches TREASURY WANTS perature Down To 18

Wilmington felt the impact of the coldest weather of the season as Says It Would Be Better wintry blasts struck the city early Wednesday afternoon.

The temperature was expected to drop to 18 degrees before Thursday morning.

fied instead of a contract station store disrupted service between eigh.

fected all side connections out of income brackets.

ice uninterrupted.

While the city remains in the wouldn't be of sufficient service to lake care of the growing Mar. acute" taxpayers throughout the income now under the long Rusmittee put off until tomorrow a denittee p by local dealers. Many citizens scale." are said to posses empty oil tanks; His argument was that the vic-

occured before 10 o'clock Wednes- the house; that the victory tax day night. Police Chief Casteen returns will have to be made next Blame For Brewster said that the unusual weather had March anyway for 1943 income caused a sharp increase in minor and that introduction of a new he recommended the classified traffic accidents. He warned cititype. This was accepted and it zens to drive as little as possible vance declarations would lead to will be opened soon, perhaps early in January.

and when driving proceed with extreme caution.

"confusion and misunderstanding" among the taxpayers.

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 8) afternoon, with no material dam- jeopardize the whole income tax age resulting.

Highway patrolmen reported several highway accidents in the coun- of a tax law affecting over 50,000, ty, none serious, but many ve- 000 people that the law be made hicles created hazards,

Patrolmen have asked the public (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

## JAPANESE REFUSE GAUGE OF BATTLE

Carrier Saratoga Skipper Tells Of Challenge Issued At Truk

Show: 5 inches at 7:10 pm.

Tides For Today

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

Minington

12:41a 7:48a

1:03p 8:30p
10:32a 4:22a
11:01p 4:59p
Sunrise 7:11 am. Sunsets 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.

(Cont. 10)

Issued At Iruk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(P)—

Literally daring the Japanese fleet to come out of its great bastion at Truk, and American carrier task force sailed close to that south Pacific island, but the Japs south Pacific island, but the Japs refused to fight, it was revealed today.

Capt. John N. Cassady, skipper

Capt. John N. Cassady, skipper of the aircraft carrier Saratoga, told a press conference:

"We were sent up on 'Guinea pig' runs on Truk trying to get the Japs to poke their nose out but they stayed securely behind their nets in the harbor."

biggest Japanese base in the south in doubt. Pacific but said "we went into searches, but I don't believe we reached its high water mark, Rus-represented a new dent in the So-

On Low Income Bracket Than Substitute

The interruption in its service af- minimum tax" on persons in low delayed.

Western Union declared its serv- fin ance committee had over- bulletin was the capture of Byel- and the present milk subsidy, but dcor" advance on Rome whelmingly rejected an alternate ozere, a rail station five miles retain most other price controls. By 8 o'clock more than five plan advanced by the treasury, northeast of Smela, an important The Taft amendment, proposing to have been engaged in the Italtract station be opened here. Bids inches of snow had fallen and flur- Randolph Paul, treasury general counsel declared:

"The minimum tax endangers cpinion that a contract station wouldn't be of sufficient service grip of the co'dest, iciest winds the collection of more than \$17,felt this winter the fuel oil sit
000,000,000 from over 50,000,000

that a classified station be opened instead. Another survey was made are said to posses empty on talks, tory tax is less complicated than there is not enough oil to go around. The minimum tax system voted by Police reported 13 wrecks had the minimum tax system voted by

> The fire department reported Declaring that "the minimum one alarm in the middle of the tax in its proper perspective may system," Paul added:

"It is necessary to the survival understandable to those people.'

The House solution of the problem of integrating the victory tax with the regular income tax levy was to provide that no taxpayer should pay less than 3 per cent on his net income in excess of a special exemption. The exemption would be \$500 for a single person.

\$700 for a married person, and a \$100 credit for each dependent. The treasury plan was to lower the married exemption from \$1,200 to \$1,100, cut the credit for dependents from \$350 to \$300, leave the \$500 single person's exemption untouched, and let the regular in-

come tax rates prevail. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) the future."

#### Model Kills Self

BLONDE Catherine Gunold, 39, a

Nazi soldiers, come out alive .-

Senate Deadlock With

Cut In Allowances

cisive vote on pending legislation

Taft expressed belief his pro-

posal might be accepted by a ma-

jority of the members of the bank-

ing committee, even though con-

ceding it was unacceptable either

to administration price control of-

ficials or farm bloc spokesmen.

Under the taft plan the govern-

ment would guarantee support

prices to farmers on selected com-

nodities to encourage production,

and pay subsidies to processors

and distributors where otherwise

it would be necessary for them to

raise retail prices. The guaran-

eed prices would be supported by

direct government purchases

eliminate the present \$20,000,000

year subsidy on beef and the

\$200,000,000 milk subsidy in the

form of a dairy feed payment to producers," Taft said. "The but-

ter rollback also would be elimi-

nated but the same purpose could

be accomplished through a sup-

"Milk might go up a cent a

quart, and beef might go up but

generally speaking other prices

could be held stable and the ef-

fect on the cost of living would

Existing subsidies which Taft

said would be retained under his

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From Charleston To D.C.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 15 .- (A)-Lt.

Franklin Junior On Way

be negligible," Taft added.

"The net effect would be to

where necessary.

ported price.

TAFT ATTEMPTS

(International).

Declares Drive South Of Cherkesy Is Successful

**BOTH IN WHITE RUSSIA** 

Great Winter Thrust Is Forecast By Soviet Directed Radio

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

Two Drives

LONDON, Dec. 15. - (AP) - The Germans announced today two powerful Russian drives launched in White Russia-possible harbingers of a thunderous winter offensive toward the Baltic and a link with the Allies in the west-while Moscow told of 16 more towns captured in the Ukraine, where the York City apartment after brood-Soviet tide rolled from captured ing over the war. She wished to

The Russians also reported that German forces counter-attacking toward Kiev were rolled back from several populated places south of Malin while a Russian drive toward Kirovograd in the South Ukraine gained improved positions.

A Reuters report that the Rus ans had succeeded in linking their Kremenchug and Cherkasy bridge- Offers Proposal To Break heads across the middle Dnieper was not specifically confirmed by the Moscow communique broadcas recorded by the Soviet monitor. The new post office which will opened in Maffitt Village some- Telegraph company reported at The Treasury advised senators to- Value 15 miles southeast of Cher time in January will be a classi-fied instead of a contract station store disrupted service between the day to retain the 3 per cent victory advised senators to-day to retain the 3 per cent victory watoe, 15 miles southeast of Cher-day to retain the 3 per cent victory watoe, 20 miles east of Smelt as formerly announced and planwilmington, Goldsboro and Raltax in its present form rather than was captured, indicating that a undertake to substitute a new junction, if not made would not be

> The most important advance of eliminate government payments Ortona must be taken before In a statement issued after the the day recorded by the Soviet to roll back beef and butter prices gomery can proceed with his "back HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, Dec. ing his 200th mission, called "a From Berlin came reports of year level to \$600,000,000 in 1944, guards. two Soviet drives which may prove was offered formally in the Senthe most significant operations ate after the Senate banking com-

> > sian front. For the second day the Rus- to repeal the entire subsidy pro (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) gram.

### Failure Is Placed On 3 Interests Involved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(P)-A House naval sub committee today blamed union chieftains, management and the Navy for production failures at Brewster Aeronautical Corporation and recommended criminal prosecution of Tom de Lorenzo, whom it described as a 'power drunk labor leader."

It said it had evidence that De Lorenzo, president of local 365, United Automotive Workers (CIO), had made false statements under oath.

The committee's report gave the Brewster firm another chance to correct production failures and end labor troubles by recommending continuance its multi-billion dollar contract for naval planes. However, it flatly declared that the contract should be cancelled if production schedules are unmet or "at the first outbreak of labor difficulties in

# Battle Of Kiev Bulge Has Strategic Impact

tegic impact upon the war in Eur- ening. ope by any conflict in Russia | Earlier Moscow intimations that

ago the Nazi attack on Russia the west bank of the Teterev river reached its night water that, the represented a new dent in the So-but was moved recently to Wash-sian and German official reports viet defensive line. It did not, but was moved recently to Wash-word ingreduced to the railway conductors and which would even them raise C. Cashen of the switchmen. Tall, lean, tanned and a veteran flier, Cassady predicted that if the dense for even significant battle trends.

American campaign of pushing the Japanese back from the south Pacific should be carried to Truk

Truk

Tall, lean, tanned and a veteran flow the Kiev burge from the Kiev bur

since Stalingrad, the battle of the the massive German counter of noon. Kiev bulge is raging through its fensive west of Kiev had been close the Saratega sailed to the fifth week with its outcome still stalled prove premature. Russian surrender of the important high-As at Stalingrad, where a year way junction town of Radomysl on

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., USNR, Associated Press War Analyst
Unequaled in its potential straof decision in Russian-Allied reckline franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., USNR, has arrived here en route to Wash-

tions office announced this after-

U. S. FLIERS BOMB NAZI BASES IN GREECE;

WINS NEW ITALIAN BRIDGEHEAD;

ANNOUNCE 2 NEW RED OFFENSIVES

Germans Complain Of Having To Fight Tough Men From Texas

200 PRISONERS TAKEN

Clark's Forces Relatively Quiet; Battle On Adriatic Front Heavy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Al--Indian and Canadian troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army have carved out a firm five-milewide bridgehead north of the Moro river on the Italian Adriatic coast, it was announced today, while the Fifth Army front, relatively quiet militarily, was marked by complaints by Nazi prisoners that they were forced to fight against "tough wild men from Texas.'

Caldari Captured

Veteran Indian troops, fighting forward a few miles inland from the Adriatic, captured the village of Caldari, six miles from Ortona, against fierce German resistance former photographer's model, committed suicide in her New and seized 200 prisoners. This merged the Moro bridgehead forced by the Indians several days Cherkasy to within five miles of see America win the war and yet ago with that won by the Canadibe able to see her two brothers, ans along the coast, making a solid

> gressive Canadians, who have been locked in desperate fighting around the town of San Leonardo, 2 1-2 miles north of the Moro, for six days, staged a night raid or the village of Berrati in which they captured nearly 150 German prismers, including the commanding officer of the 361st armored area adier division. The Canadians retired after the raid, taking all

equipment of value with them. Berrati is about two miles south WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- (A)-Senator Taft (R-Ohio) sought to of Ortona, coastal anchor of the break the Senate deadlock on food Nazis' present defense line, upon subsidies today through a com-promise bill which he said would slowly but steadily encroaching.

northeast of Smela, an important communications hub on the north-south railway in the Dnieper bend.

The Taft amendment, proposing to have been engaged in the Ital-brought the new American airlant from their current \$1,000,000,000 a Fourth Princess Louise dragoon

From Rerlin came reports of very level to \$600,000,000 in 1944 cuards.

front, but activity along the Fifth land. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

#### Federal Grand Jury's Liquor Investigation Is At Subpoena Stage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- (P) -A federal grand jury investigation was projected today into practices in the nation's billion dollar liquor industry, already under the scrutiny of Justice department agents and a special Senate committee.

Subpoenas were issued for records of the "big four" distilleries, Hiram Walker & Sons, Inc., Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., National Distillers Products Corporation and Schenley Distillers Corporation, returnable Jan. 6 to the regular District of Columbia grand jury.

Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division, disclosed a month ago that the department had an inquiry under way.
The distilleries named in the

subpoenas were singled out recently by Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind) during hearings by his special Senate committee set up to inquire into the

#### Honors Hero Kin

'42.—(International).

**BOUGAINVILLE AIR** 

BASE IS IN ACTION

Allies Enabled To Apply

Pincers On Both Ends

Of New Britain

Ailied airfield on Empress Augus-

cast, Liberator hombers of the 7th

Army Air Free went into their

second month of sustained pound-

ing of the Marshall islands. The

latest attack, on Monday, was on

Wotje atoll, site of one of several

Japanese air cases in those is-

lands. Pacific fleet headquarters

announced the raid last night. It

said that one of the bombers was

damaged by anti-aircraft fire but

Jaluit, another Japanese air base

in the Marshalls, was nit by two

Liberators of the Pacific fleet air-

wing on Sunday. Both planes were

damaged and one pilot wounded.

Army Liberators had assailed Ja-

The Gasmata area, an enemy

supply center on the south cost

of New Britain, was the target of

the heaviest raid of the many re-

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

uit earlier in the day.

one of the crew was injured.

eral days.

Heavy Planes Open Offensive Foretold By Gen. Henry H. Arnold

**BIG OBJECTIVES HIT** 

12 FOE SHIPS DOWNED

One Of 300 American Ships Felled; Damage Airdromes, Harbor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Aliers, Dec. 15 .- (A) -More than 300 Flying Fortresses, Liberators and escorting Lightnings of the powerful new American 15th strategic air force opened the winter bombing offensive from Mediterranean bases yesterday with smashing attacks on three big Nazi military airdromes in the outskirts of Athens and the harbor of Firaeus, gateway to the Greed

It was the greatest aerial blow vet struck at Hitler's Balkan holdings and marked fulfillment of last Sunday's promise by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of U. S. An Forces, that "terrible blows" would be launched from this area at Germany and her satellites.

Damage Heavy

ago with that won by the Canada are along the coast, making a solid escort Garfield Thomas at the are along the coast, making a solid escort Garfield Thomas at the escort Garfield Thomas at the state of the breach in the enemy's defenses, Federal Shipyards in Newark, N. raid took off from their out form five miles wide and from one to J., is Lt. Betty K. Thomas of the ly prepared for them in southern was named for her brother, Lt. Italy.) (Dispatches did not disclose was named for her brother, Lt. William Garfield Thomas, who lost his life in the Solomons in

Returning fliers said heavy damage was inflicted on Kalamaki, Tatoi and Elevsis 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. The big bombers directed their heaviest smash at Kalamaki airfield, where they destroyed hangers, wiped out an anti-aircraft battery and pitted the runways. Smaller Fortress formations hit the other two zirfields and Piraeus harbor in what Col. K. K. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED 16.-(P)-Lifting of adverse weath- perfectly co-ordinated blitz. Among Canadian units revealed er in the Solomons islands has Compton led the famous raid on

of heavy air attacks on both ends ed up to challenge the raiders and The weather improved across the of Japanese-held New Britain is- 12 were destroyed by bomber gunners and the Lightnings One For-The importance of this pincers tress was lost on thee mission. attack was brought out by Gen. Several Yugosiav pilots were Douglas MacArthur's communique among the Lightning escort, but yesterday which reported assaults they failed to get into a fight.

on all sides of New Britain, key. Elevsis, Kalamaki and Tatoi stone of Japan's hold on the South fields have been the Nazis' princi-Pacific. The raids were the heav- pal mainland air bases in the Aeiest and most widespread since gean area, while Piraeus has been nnouncement last week that the their chief port for supplying the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

#### ta bay, on the west coast of Bougainville, was in operation. Stormy weather had put a damper on air Political Fires Break operations in the Solomons for sev Out Anew Over Soldier Some 1,400 miles to the north-Vote Bill In Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(\*)

—The bitter political dispute over the service vote bill flared in the Senate again today, with a Republican inviting southern Democrats to Join the G. O. P. in fighting a fourth term and a western Democrat replying that the opposition is "afraid" of President Roosevelt as a candidate.

Seventy-two-year-old Senator Moore of Oklahoma, a life long Democrat until he ran in 1942 as a Republican to defeat former Senator Josh Lee, a New Dealer, touched a match to the powder keg by calling unconstitutional the administration's rejected plan for federal supervision of absentee voting

# Railroad Brotherhoods Set Dec. 30 For Three-Day Progressive Strike

ington, the Navy Yard public rela-

CLEVELAND Dec. 15.— (A) — The brotherhoods asked pay ate effects' the brotherhood pressering a joint nation-wide walk-raises of 30 per cent in proceed-idents contended "in the long run" ington, the May suppose the property of the bridge stablished Dec. 30 award of increases of four cents and the three succeeding days for an hour under the "little steel anation."

The presidents are A. F. White of the property of the trainmen D. B. Roberty of the trainment property of the trainment of a warship off Italy several weeks The board invited railroad offi-unions also have taken a strike men Alvanley Johnston of the lo-

out date for the third time in his- ings which began last January and such action "will redound both to tory the operating railroad broth- object to an emergency boards the military success of the war erhoods today established Dec. 30 award of increases of four cents fare of the common people of this

ago. The man had been under cials and leaders of the 350000 ballot but are awaiting final Con- comotive engineers H. F. Fraser treatment at the naval hospital unionists-97.7 per cent of whom gressional action on a resolution of the railway conductors and T.

