

North Carolina: Partly cloudy and colder Friday. Continued cold Friday night. Saturday partly cloudy and cold with higher afternoon temperatures.

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## Churchill Says U.S. Will Assist Britain In Regaining Trade

### LEND LEASE TO DROP German Fall Will Reduce Requirements Half, He Declares

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—American aid for Britain bid to recover her farflung, war-sacrificed export trade was disclosed by Prime Minister Churchill today together with the announcement that Lend-Lease aid to this island-empire will be cut in half when Germany falls.

Jubilantly announcing an Anglo-American economic arrangement on the future of lend-lease apparently designed to help Britain pull out of its financial slump, the Prime Minister made these points: 1.—A new program will be inaugurated next year to permit Britain to export articles made from American-imported raw materials. 2.—Britain will pay cash for that material.

3.—Defeat of Germany would permit Britain—along with the United States—to release some of its manpower for production of civilian goods. 4.—Britain anticipates American aid on its rehousing program, not only in raw material but in finished goods.

Winning the plaudits of the house with his detailed statement on this joint Anglo-American agreement, just two days after Britain issued a white paper to tell the world of its vast, war-necessitated financial sacrifices, the premier said: "The end of the war with Germany will make possible large reductions in some of our requirements. We expect our needs will be met by a program at a rate not

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## INSURANCE FIRM ALLOTS \$100,000 IN LOCAL BONDS

An allocation of \$100,000 in bond purchases to Wilmington for the War Loan Drive has been made by the Pilot Life Insurance Co. of Greensboro, according to information received yesterday by W. A. McGirt of the Wilmington branch of the company.

In notifying Mr. McGirt of the allocation, J. M. Waddell, vice-president and agency manager of the company, said that it was not necessary for the local Bond Purchase committee to take any further action in the matter as all details will be handled by the bank in Greensboro, and the committee should have official notification of the allocation between December 1 and 15.

New Hanover county bond sales Wednesday had reached a total of \$1,490,748, after the announcement of a \$20,000 assignment by the North Carolina division of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The new purchase by the Pilot company raises this to \$1,580,748. The Board of County Commissioners Monday authorized the purchase of \$50,000 in two per cent U. S. Treasury bonds.

National Airlines allocated \$20,000 in bond purchases for the county.

## Temperature Expected To Range From 24-30 Degrees In City Today

Fair and cold weather, with low temperatures of 24 to 30 degrees, was forecast for Wilmington for tonight and this morning by the Weather Bureau.

A probable temperature of 29 degrees was expected and Wilmington residents were advised to take precautions against the freezing of pipes and plumbing systems and portable radiators during the day.

The low temperatures of Wilmington's first cold wave of the season are expected to continue through today with a possibility of rain on Saturday.

## Biddle's Accuser With Family



Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littell, dismissed by President Roosevelt yesterday, looks over papers pertaining to the Justice Department case in which he accused Attorney General Francis Biddle of intervening in behalf of Thomas E. Corcoran, one-time New Deal brain-truster. His family, left to right, front: daughter Katherine, 8; Littell, son Norman, Jr., 5; and Mrs. Littell in the rear.

## Roosevelt Fires Littell; Congress Seeking Probe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt fired Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell today for "insubordination" but that didn't close out the Justice Department feud—it only moved over into Congress.

Rep. Voorhis (D-Cal) introduced a resolution for an investigation of the whole matter by the House Judiciary Committee, taking issue with the grounds on which the President dismissed Littell.

"The reason given is 'insubordination' which is based upon the issuance of Littell's statement giving his reasons for refusal to resign," Voorhis said in a statement.

"However, Littell issued no statement himself but on the contrary the statement was requested of him by the Senate War Investigating Committee and released by the committee."

The public row started when Attorney General Biddle demanded Littell's resignation after a series of differences. Littell, refusing to resign, accused Biddle of "conduct contrary to basic principles of good government."

Littell asserted that Biddle intervened in a Justice Department case in behalf of Thomas G. Corcoran, one time presidential intimate now in private law practice. Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) today called this "a very serious charge," which should be "aired."

Littell left office claiming he had won "a complete victory for good government."

Mr. Roosevelt minced no language in firing the 45-year-old Seattle, Wash., attorney who has been in charge of the Justice Department's lands division since April, 1939.

"When statements made by Norman Littell first appeared in the majorities."

The speaker, Philippe Picard of Bellechasse, Quebec, declared there was complete harmony in Canada on the general purpose of doing all necessary to win the war.

"Tory pressure" had created a crisis over conscription, he declared.

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## U. S. Red Cross Official Forces Prisoner Barter

NEAR ST. NAZAIRE, Nov. 29.—(Delayed)—A strange journey by jeep and torpedo boat during which an American Red Cross official from Birmingham, Ala., sat blindfolded for more than two hours was the opening move in exchange of 53 Allied prisoners of war today.

Andrew Geron Hodges, senior field director for the U. S. 94th Infantry Division, hoisted a Red Cross flag above his jeep, and drove into German lines west of the little town of Chauve. He was stopped by a German lieutenant who blindfolded him, drove the jeep himself to a point near the coast. There a torpedo boat took them to St. Nazaire. After a 10-minute walk through the streets, they entered a house. The blindfold was removed, and Hodges found himself looking at four German officers.

The parley for prisoners began. They handed Hodges what was supposed to be a list of all Allied prisoners in that sector. But Hodges, examining it, shook his head. "They're not all here. Two Americans and an Englishman are missing."

"Are you sure?" "Yes, I'm sure," Hodges said. "I know who they are, and they aren't on this list."

"One German said: 'Well, you won't have to worry about the Americans. They escaped last night.'"

"If they did escape I will know about it when I get back." The Germans agreed that was right, and then Hodges asked about the Englishman.

"What do you care about just

# Ninth Army Captures Three Nazi Towns To Reach Banks Of Roer

## 3,000 BOMBERS POUND GERMAN OIL REFINERIES

### U. S. Loses 56 Heavy Planes And 30 Fighters In Huge Raid

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators, spear-heading an attack by nearly 2,000 Allied warplanes on oil refineries and rail yards in Germany, drove into tremendous concentrations of anti-aircraft fire today and suffered their heaviest loss of any recent operation.

Fifty-six U. S. heavy bombers and 30 fighters failed to return to their British bases from the raid, an Eighth Air Force communique announced, but the majority of the fighters were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

The German air force refused to come up in strength and only four enemy interceptors were shot down.

The round-the-clock offensive apparently was continuing tonight, with the German radio reporting that the RAF had raided the Duisburg area.

The American phase of the day's big aerial assault was divided into two parts, with Fortresses striking four synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area and Liberators hitting

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## CANADIAN CRISIS APPARENTLY OVER; DISORDERS WANING

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Canada grew calmer in her conscription crisis today as Prime Minister W. L. McKenzie King rode out the parliamentary storm and reports of disorders in Pacific coast draftee camps tapered off.

With the administration now almost definitely assured by victory in a vote of confidence to be taken tomorrow or early next week, Parliament's resumption of debate on the government's confidence motion was relatively perfunctory.

The first French Canadian member of King's Liberal party to speak on the issue declared he would vote against the government.

From one-third to one-half of King's 60-odd anti-conscriptionist French-speaking supporters are expected to do this without endangering a comfortable government majority.

The speaker, Philippe Picard of Bellechasse, Quebec, declared there was complete harmony in Canada on the general purpose of doing all necessary to win the war.

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## Six More Jap Vessels Sunk With 5,000 Lost

### GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES, Friday, Dec. 1.—(AP)—

Five thousand more Japanese soldiers were killed or drowned at sea—that makes 26,000 who tried but never got to Leyte—as American planes for the second straight day accounted for an Ormoc-bound enemy convoy Thursday.

Although the convoy was cautiously scattered over a wide area, the Yank fighters tracked down all of it, sinking a 9,000-ton transport and three small freighters and engulfing a 5,000-ton freighter and destroyer in flames.

In contrast with Wednesday's erasure of a 13-ship convoy, two of which got reinforcements to Ormoc, this one didn't even get close to that port.

One freighter was bagged as far west as Mindoro by a night patrol plane. Others, including one heavily loaded transport, were blasted off Masbate and off Cebu.

The P47s and P46s went down to headhead height as they raised the enemy's reinforcement losses in attacks on seven convoys to 29 transports, aggregating 103,750 tons, and 18 escorting warships sunk.

Richard Bergholz, Associated Press war correspondent at Leyte air force headquarters, was told by returning fliers that they hit Japanese headquarters at Palompon, west Leyte, on the way back.

In attacks on shipping in Carmen bay at Cebu, near misses—which often are damaging—were scored on a destroyer, a destroyer escort and one of two large transports.

## NAZIS RECAPTURE ITALIAN SECTORS

### Yanks Lose Monte Castello But Hold Monte Grande Nearby

ROME, Nov. 30.—(AP)—German troops, lashing out in vicious counterattacks against Americans pressing on Bologna, have recaptured two important heights overlooking Nazi defense positions. The Allied command disclosed today.

One blow behind strong artillery and mortar fire drove doughboys of the Fifth Army from Monte Castello, 9 1/2 miles southeast of Bologna, but the Americans held at nearby Monte Grande, a higher peak.

The strongest German blow was driven in farther west, 28 miles southwest of Bologna, and forced the Americans from recently won Monte Belvedere and the village of Corona.

An initial Nazi surge there with about one infantry battalion was smashed, but the enemy struck again with two battalions supported by tanks, self-propelled guns, mortars, and rocket launchers. The U. S. troops fell back to other

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## ALL B-29's RETURN Tokyo Radio Again Splutters Threats Against Fliers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The third raid on Tokyo by American B-29's was carried out through night, and clouds without losses due to enemy action, the Army announced today.

It brought from the Tokyo radio renewed hysterical threats that any American flyer who parachuted after "blindly" bombing the capital would be "killed on the spot by the angry Japanese people."

The 20th Air Force communique on the pre-dawn attack reported industrial targets in Tokyo were bombed by use of precision instruments. Results were not observed because of cloud cover and the darkness. Anti-aircraft fire was "meager and inaccurate."

## Yank Swore He'd Eat In Lindern----He Did

IMMENDORF, Germany, Nov. 30.—(AP)—SS troops and big 40-man pillboxes were in the way but young Lt. Col. Robert E. Wallace of Huntington, W. V., swore he would have breakfast in Lindern.

At 6:30 a. m., jump-off time yesterday, he told his commanding general he was going to arrive in Lindern, just a mile and a half away, in time for breakfast.

One hour and 15 minutes later he was in the town with one company of men. Breakfast was not comfortable, however, as the Germans held a large part of the town which overlooks the Roer city of Linnich. They were loath to give it up. In addition they threw counterattacks behind him and other companies could not break through until late afternoon and last night.

But the result is that Lindern now is held firmly by American troops. The former SS occupants are on the way to prisoner cages. The SS troops in Lindern were more lucky than those in Beek,

which had been a nest of dug-in Tiger tanks. American troops entering that town found more dead on the streets than any town thus far encountered on the front.

Most German soldiers were out of their dug-in tanks and cellars and on the streets when a sudden serenade of American shells fell before dawn, with deadly effect.

Then white phosphorus shells rained down on the houses. The few Germans left in the town after that tried to get out on the road to Wurm, only to be caught by another artillery barrage. Then they were bombed and strafed by Thunderbolts all the way to Wurm.

Last night and this morning the Germans made repeated attempts to regain high ground dominating the Roer river in the Linnich area, but most of the attacks were broken up by artillery fire, particularly from eight-inch guns which smashed Tiger tanks.

The Germans retaliated heavily with artillery. The shells, however, did not halt the doughboy attack.

## GERMANS REEL BACK IN FACE OF YANK FIRE

### U. S. First Wins Lamersdorf And Grotshau; Leaves Hurtgen

PARIS, Nov. 30.—(AP)—American Ninth Army troops striking behind barrages of high-explosive and phosphorous shells which did terrible execution, swept through three more German towns today in their new smash at the left end of the blazing Aachen front and tonight had reached the flooded Roer river along a 20-mile stretch above and below Julich.

The Roer is the last important natural barrier standing between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's attacking forces and the Rhine, some 25 miles to the east.

Captured in the surge of Lt. Gen. William Simpson's Ninth Army forces east and northeast of Gellenkirchen were the blackened villages of Lindern, Flossdorf and Roerdorf, all on or near the west bank of the Roer. In another village, Beeck, a mile southwest of Lindern, American troops found more Nazi dead piled in the streets than in any German town yet entered.

As the Germans reeled back under the rain of American shells and before the bayonets of Simpson's doughboys they came under withering attack by Thunderbolt fighter bombers.

Lindern is 14 1/2 miles from the Prussian arsenal and rail city of Munchen Gladbach and stands on high ground overlooking the enemy stronghold of Linnich to the southeast. Flossdorf and Roerdorf are Roer river towns between Linnich and Julich.

While the shattering attack by three divisions of the Ninth army beat back the dug-in Germans and threatened to develop into a fierce drive on Dusseldorf, 28 miles away Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' U. S. First Army doughboys on the right won the fortified towns of Lamersdorf and Grotshau in savage fighting and virtually put the bloody Hurtgen forest behind them.

In almost every sector from Hol-

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## ARMY CASUALTIES SET AT 437,356 THROUGH OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—The War Department today revealed that the total number of Army casualties from the start of the war through the end of October is 437,356. Of this number, 84,811 were killed, 55,011 are missing, 243,054 have been wounded and 54,480 are prisoners.

In the Asiatic theatre 1,122 have been killed, 921 are missing, 1,103 have been wounded and 159 are prisoners, making a total of 3,805 casualties.

In the Central Pacific, 2,344 killed, 622 missing, 5,273 wounded, and 29 prisoners, making a total of 8,249 casualties.

The largest number of casualties for any one theater, 235,735, have been in the European area with 45,316 killed, 28,500 missing, 136,642 wounded, and 25,277 prisoners.

The next highest number, 124,032, was in North Africa, with 25,876

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## 1,400 Men Rescued From Carriers Lost To Japanese Fleet

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Fourteen hundred men were rescued from two escort carriers sunk in the Battle of the Philippines. The Navy reported tonight.

The carriers sunk were the St. Lo and the Gambier Bay. "The losses on the St. Lo were low—we picked up 800 men." Rear Admiral C. A. F. Sprague said in a first person report on the engagement. Losses on the Gambier Bay were low, too, considering that she dropped back into the middle of the Jap fleet. Approximately 600 of her crew were saved. The complement of such ships has never been disclosed.

Sprague's report identified for the first time the other four carriers in his force. They were the Kaimin Bay, the Fanshaw Bay, the White Plains and the Kitkun Bay. All were damaged.

## Much Of Nation Hit By Severe Cold Wave

By the Associated Press A cold mass of air pushed south from Canada to cover most of the United States as far south as Arkansas and Tennessee last night and looped over the Appalachians to make the East Coast miserable with a gale.

The Chicago Weather Bureau spotted warmer air from the West, and said it should reach the Midwest by tonight and start a slow rise that would continue into Sunday.

New Englanders were harassed by a "force eight" wind-gale proportions. Heavy rains turned to snow as the cold air moved in. Gale-driven waves practically submerged Boston's Atlantic avenue "T" wharf, and at Biddeford Pool, Me., surged over eight-foot concrete bulkheads.

Traffic in upstate New York was snarled by snow and sleet, nine inches falling at Syracuse. Snow of varying depth fell in states north of a line extending from

Pennsylvania through the Ohio Valley and southern Nebraska to the Rocky Mountains. A 14 1/2-inch snowfall blocked roads near Gaylord, Mich., in the northern part of the lower peninsula, and temperatures of 5-10 degrees above zero were forecast for Friday.

The Chicago Weather Bureau also forecast below zero mercerics for western Iowa, and 10-15 degrees above for most of the remaining Midwestern states. The lowest temperature reported to the Chicago Bureau was 10 below at Williston, N. D. Freezing weather extended down to Birmingham, Ala., which reported 31. Vicksburg, Miss., had 25, Kansas City 13, Chicago 19. The west coast had what the weather bureau termed normal weather. Succeeded by the Rockies from the cold air mass, rain was reported from most stations in Washington, Oregon, and northern California.