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TWP Official, Dies At Home

Roard Chairman And Former President Was Civic Leader

Fred A.Matthes, 74, chairof the Tide Water Power Co., and one of the owners of Spofford Cotton mills, died at 5:40 p. m. yesterday at his home, 128 Forest Hills drive, following a short illness.

He was stricken with a heart attack at noon Saturday and suffered another Sunday night from which he never rallied.

Mr. Matthes had been in declining health, which had forced semiretirement from business and civic activities for the past several years. Previous to that time, he was president of the utilities company having been associated with since May, 1922, when he came Wilmington from Laredo, Tex-

Formerly active in many phases of the community's civic life, he was a past president of the Rotary club, had served in past years as an officer of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and was immediate past president of the Surf Club. He also was affiliated with the Cape Fear club, the Cape Fear Country club, the Frying Pan Boat club and Carolina Yacht club. During the Feast of Pirates observance, he was one of the leaders of the organization and was vice esident of the Wilmington Baseall Association when the city was represented in professional base-

The development of Greenfield take into one of the South's outganding beauty spots was another Mr. Matthes' interests. During he height of the depression, he was a leader in establishing and mintaining a work-relief program at resulted in the construction the scenic driveway around the

he Masonic Order, having been a nember of the Blue lodge and Royal Arch organizations, in addiion to the 32nd degree, Scottish Rite Consistory, and a member of Sudan temple of the Shrine. He was a member of the Firs

resbyterian church. Born on a farm near Illinois hove, Marshall county, Iowa, on february 8, 1871, he attended thool in Iowa and New Mexico lto, California.

anta Fe Pacific, at Albuquerque, see Tombigbee project. M. After serving with a number Western railroads, he entered ne public utility field in August,

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COUNTY HEADS REAPPOINT ALL OFFICE HOLDERS

All officers under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Comissioners were reappointed for 12 months term at the annual torganization meeting of the Cecil B. De Mille, movie and radio mat and statesman. board yesterday.

Woody, clerk; Marsden Bellamy, tribute which acknowledges that tribute which acknowledges that banks.

I am no longer a free man."

Although Chinese govern-

S. G. Long, superintendent of the athrie and H. C. Garrison, was described on the ballot as

A resolution was passed by the mard asking that tax listers be lelieved of taking a farm census. mmissioners Hewlett and Har-Gardner said that census infleres with the tax lister's work. thould handle the census.

Mr. Moody added that the re-brt is inaccurate when filled out

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A. Matthes, Joseph C. Grew Named State Undersecretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(P)—Direction of the Nation's foreign affairs, already under a new Secretary of State, was put almost entirely in new hands today by sweeping top-level shakeup.

The resignation of three old-line officials were accepte with regret but without explanation, and President Roose-

Joseph C. Grew

Adolph Berle

BILL PASSAGE IS

By ALLEN J. GREEN

Star-News Washington Bureau

DeMille To Quit Air

to a labor organization."

Before Paying Union

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4.- (P) -

producer, said in a statement to-

BELIEVED LIKELY

RIVER AND PORT

wevelt appointed the following men to aid Secretary Edward R. Stet-

Under Secretary - Joseph C. Grew, blue - blooded Bostonian, career diplomat and first-hand student of Japan, where he was ambashador for nine years prior to Pearl Harbor.

an \$8 a week stenographer's job to the world's largest cotton mer-

and once headed the Office of tria. Facts and Figures, forerunner of

and now coordinator of inter-Am- of besieged Budapest. erican affairs

phasis on economic affairs in for-flight, Moscow declared. eign policy. The only experienced Senate for confirmation is Grew. dor I. Tolbukhin's racing columns derson, Clayton and Co., Texas on the previous day. until recently was surplus war property administrator, but served notice he would not take charge miles from the waters of the lake. of the job of disposing of such They reached Sagvar in a 17-mile property under a newly-enacted law, which he considered inadequate. In his State Department post

sent office into the State Depar- Budapest. ment while terminaing its strictly wartime activities "as war conditions permit".

are Adolf A. Berle, Jr., 49, Breck-

SOONG IS NAMED CHINESE PREMIER

Assumes Duties Of

eign Minister T. V. Soong, brother railway. An eight mile advance pects for the \$498,000.000 rivers and of Mrs. Chinag Kai-Shek, assumed along that railroad enlarged the and completed his education at the harbors bill, which contains \$1,- the duties of Premier of China to line which connects German dediversity of New Mexico and Le- 500,000 for Wilmington harbor im- day in a popular move apparently and Stanford University at Palo provements, brightened today as paving the way for a working the Senate deleted, 37 to 31, the agreement between the Central Italy. He began his career with the once-rejected \$66,000,000 Tennes- Government and the Communists of North China.

Soong's attitude toward the Com-Sponsors of the bill, however, heard a threat by Sen. George D. munists is known to be moderate, miles in the same direction to Bal-Aiken (R. Vt.) to filibuster the and his accession to greater influrivers and harbors bill into oblivence comes coincidentally with ters of Lake Balaton. ion unless he is allowed to attach unconfirmed reports of an agree-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) | Ment in principle between the two parties to wage a common war JAPANESE CROSS

Soong, who stepped into his new post with his appointment as acting president of the Executive Yuan in succession to his brother-in-

finance minister and had been suc- miles southeast of Kweiyang, Bur- marines, they do not include others Californian of the board; James M. ly radio program "rather than ceeded by O. K. Yui, former mayor high command said tonight wice-chairman; Thomas K. pay one single dollar in political of Shanghai. Kung retains his post high command said tonight.

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Step of oak Grove \$1 to oppose proposition 12 on the country's premier, it was felt that captured. aker of courthouse clock; J. W. proposition, which was defeated, the appointment of Soong as his "right-hand man" would enable was described on the band as the commander in chief to concening heavily reinforced, smashed bor, 52 have been in the cruiser or

employe does or does not belong tasks. The director has another week country, and his appointment will gress. -the deadline is one hour before strengthen the Central government this coast-to-coast show goes on immeasurably in the present critithe air-to pay the assessment. | cal military situation.

the thought the farm agent Navy To Honor Drydock Builders At Rite Today

Four Navy captains and a com- The eighth and last drydock to mander will arrive here by plane be built here, the ARDC-12, will be at 11 a. m. today to participate in ceremonies at which the Tidewater christened by Mrs. L. U. Noland, Construction Co. of Norfolk, will Jr., of Baltimore, daughter-in-iaw U. S. Continues Attack To receive a Navy certificate of com- of Tidewater Board Chairman L. mendation from Vice Admiral Ben U. Noland. Her matron of honor Morrell, (CEC), U. S. Navy chief will be Mrs. Jessie Stocker, daughof the Bureau of Yards and Docks, ter of Tidewater President H. D. Navy Department, Washington, in Hinnan, of Newport News, Va.

Smith (CEC) U. S. N. R., acting for Admiral Morrell.

recognition of outstanding work in Attending from Washington will Pacific from which Japanese bomthe construction of drydocks here. be Captain Smith, director of con- bers take off to bumb American The ceremonies will be held at struction department, Bureau of Superfortress fields in the Marinoon at the construction site on the Northeast Cape Fear river.

Lemler and Captain Bernard E.

A Pacific fleet communique to day reported Seventh Army Air John S. Gregory, executive viceManseau, Bureau of Ships; Capday reported Seventh Army Air

Force bombers and Navy planes

The British radio in a broadday reported by OWI said the the Acropolis with machineguns

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(Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) Saturday.

Standing At Yank Artillery Pounds Standing At York A City

her Forces Are Only 37 Miles From Besieged City Of Budapest

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 5. _(AP)—Storming over smashed strongpoints littered with Assistant Secretary-William L. enemy dead, the Red Army in Clayton, of Texas, who rose from gains ranging up to 17 miles Another Enemy Vessel Bedrew up last night on a 42mile front in western Hunga-Assistant Secretary - Archibald ry before the flat, south shore MacLeish, poet, soldier, and editor of Lake Balaton, guarding the who now is librarian of Congress approaches to nearby Aus-

Early today a supplementary Soviet bulletin said Russian forces Rockefeller, grandson of "John D." Danube were only 37 miles south

In some sectors the Germans and The appointments put heavy em- Hungarians were in disorganized

diplomatist in the list sent to the end of the lake front. Marshal Fee-Clayton, who formerly headed were only 60 miles from the Austhe cotton brokerage firm of An- trian frontier-12 miles closer than At Sagvar, the northeastern end

advance from Tamasi. From Sagvar, Tolbukhin's line

runs back east through Eloszallas. ne will be in charge of economic taken in a six-mile stab northwest of captured Dunafoldvar. on the MacLeish will have charge of Danube's west bank below Budcultural and public relations. Rock- pest. Eloszlis is about 30 miles feller will oversee Latin-American southest of the big city of Szekesrelations, with an assignment also fehervar, which lies 15 miles above to integrate the work of his pre- the lake and 32 miles southwest of

The midnight communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the Soviet monitor said more than The three assistant secretaries 100 towns and villages in southwest whose resignations were accepted Hungary fell before Tolbukhin's onslaught. They were northeast, west inridge Long, 63, and G. Howland and south of the communications hub of Kaposvar, captured Satur-

arms and military equipment," Moscow said of the fighting in this craft fire in the operation.

An additional 3,000 prisoners Brother Of Madame Chiang fighting ending Sunday, the communique declared. Incomplete reports said 2,000 enemy soldiers

Nagybajom is about 25 miles east of the rail junction of Nagykanizsa CHUNGKING, Dec. 4.—(A)—For, on the Budapest - Zagreb - Tireste fenders of Budapest with Nazi

From Nagybajom, Tolbuhkin's fleet. front extended 12 1-2 miles northvanyos, 5 1-2 miles from the wa-

CHIALAO RIVER **NEAR KWEIYANG**

CHUNGKING, Dec. 4.- (A) river, about seven miles south of riers. Kung previuosly had resigned is the railroad town of Tushan, 75 These are sinkings only by sub- Army-Navy Football

forces repulsed two enemy col- nine Japanese cruisers were sunk umns Saturday morning at a pass and six others so badly damaged

Sunday morning, the communitrate more fully on his military through the Chinese defenses and destroyer categories. across the Chialao river where Japan entered the war with about Soong is popular throughout the heavy fighting still was in pro- 45 cruisers and 125 destroyers. She intestinal fortitude" to handle the

irvaded Kweichow province as far cruisers. as the Tushan area. Capture of Kweiyang would place the Japanese in a position to strike either toward Chungking, 200 miles northwest, or toward Kunming, 300 miles southwest, and would be a serious blow to the supplying of China via the Ledo-Burma road.

JAP BASES BOMBED

Stop Raids On B-29 Ports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. - (AP) United States planes are continuing to attack enemy bases in the

and Volcano islands on Friday and Wing EAM party had spread to

Vital Saar Basin City; U.S., Jap Warships Sunk TWO DESTROYERS 4,000 Allied Planes Hit

lieved Damaged In Engagement

LOST IN BATTLE

GENERAL M'ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIP-PINES, Tuesday, Dec. 5.—(AP) -American and Japanese Assistant Secretary - Nelson advancing up the west bank of the naval forces each lost a destroyer in a sea and air clash in Ormoc gulf off Leyte Saturday night, headquarters reported today. In addition, At Nagybajom, the southwestern another enemy destroyer was believed damaged.

The majority of the American crew members were rescued in a daring action by far-roaming Catalina patrol planes with fighter protection. The engagement marked a major action in the expanding battle for the Ormoc corridor.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said the American destroyer probably was sunk by floating mine. Seamen voiced the belief the vessel was hit amidships by an aerial torpedo.

The American naval force steamed into the gulf in the face of air attacks and shore fire. American destroyers daringly penetrated Ormoc bay for the first time last week, shelling the enemy supply and reinforcement port of Ormoc.

the enemy-held shorelines and slicing through narrow passages and daring mine-sown waters. The enemy force engaged Satur-

"The Germans are abandoning day night was believed to consist employment of Italian Fascist Eaker, Mediterranean Air Force of most of the Saar's second city their military technique, their of three destroyers. Six Japanese planes were downed by anti-air- dismal failure.

Allied air attacks, in which Royal Australian Air Force planes parwere captured in three days of ticipated, were stepped up in con-

YANK SUBMARINES SINK JAP CRUISER AND A DESTROYER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. - (AP)

tanker and transport vessels - them.

Political Assessment law, H. H. Kung, is regarded in Japane. : forces driving westward ed by the Nipponese navy to keeping a sufficient force south of Washington and London as post-through Kweichow province have screen and support the movement Bologna to prevent an American sibly China's most capable dirio-forced a crossing of the Chialao of its bathteships and aircraft car- breakthrough to the Po valley.

The communique said Chinese second battle of the Philippines,

Of 82 Japanese warships que said, the Japanese, after be- by submarines since Pearl Har-

has lost to Allied submarine, sur- ribboned minatures. The high command acknowledg- face and air action about 200 de-

German Railway System

most concentrated attack of the war on Germany's railway system feeding the Western Front, more than 4,000 Allied planes today blasted eight rail arteries with nearly 12,-000 tons of bombs in 12 hours.

In a follow-up to blows by some 2,200 American planes and about 800 British aircraft in daylight assaults on six rail centers situated in a great semi-circle around the Rhine industrial capital of Cologne, a force of nearly 1,000 RAF heavy bombers tonight rained explosives on the key communications hubs of Karlsruhe and Heilbrownn.

The paralyzing aerial assault

nounced today by the aid ministry to isolate Nazi front line troops by cutting their supply lines stretching out from the Reich's main industrial cen-The industrial city of Karl-

followed a systematic plan an-

sruhe is on the No. 1 transportation line between Strasbourg and Frankfurt. Heilbrownn is another rail hub 40 miles farther east. Thus in 12 hours, the huge

fleets of Allied planes have ripped some of the most important communication and. rail centers supplying the Western Front along its entire

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GERMAN AVIATION IN BOLOGNA AREA

With Heavy Losses To Germans

ROME, Dec. 4.—(P)—Fog-shrouded German counterattacks against suffering such a drastic fuel short- river bridgehead at Saarlautern To reach Ormoc, the vessels had American positions south of Bolog- age as a result of Allied bombing fried line. to skirt Leyte island stealing along na have been knocked back with attacks on her refineries that some troops on this front had proved a commander, declared today.

in the Bombina and Monte Bel- mies press across the enemy's to another week, the Germans were (Continued on Page Thre: Col. 5] Despite the fact that fog and rain except for a few in outlying dis- riers farther north. grounded Allied aircraft and tricts of the German capital, were The U.S. Ninth Army drove to corolled the Germans to press given no fuel allowance in August, the Roer river at Julith as all orenabled the Germans to press home their attacks, they were in each case hurled back before they

reached the Yank lines. that Italian fascists who were tak- before, Eaker said that "German across the Maas river opposite en to Germany for training and targets are due for the greatest Japan, on the losing end of a war then thrown into combat in Italy weight of bombardment they have of attrition, has lost another light a month ago had been surrenderforces in Yugoslavia and northern cruiser and a destroyer to the ing by the hundreds. Additional weather will not protect them." far-ranging United Sales submarine hundreds were said to have deserted to Italian patriot forces operat-A Navy communique, reporting ing in northern Italy, while others ever before, he said he thought it east to Osztopan, thence 22 1-2 this today also announced that 18 simply went home, taking their would be possible to maintain a enemy merchant type ships-cargo, German - made equipment with

by submarines operating in the dis- has increased the already grave prepared to wage a long and re- war workers who stay at their manpower problem of the Ger-To date 12 enemy cruisers and mans in this theater. They are the bottom by American subma-bolstering their depleted divisions German student pilot was offered ed this month. 40 destroyers have been sent to confronted with the necessity of rine action. Japan has suffered facing the British Eighth Army heavily in losses of cruisers and around Faenza and Ravenna near destroyers types critically need- the Adriatic and at the same time

Game Souvenirs Held Product Of Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. - (AP) wanty nome and farm; Geo. I. dio Artists assessed its members mains president of the Executive more than 400 Japanese were kill-nine sunk, three were sent down my-Navy game last Saturday, the country's premier it was fell that Souvenir footballs sold at the Ar-'Made in Japan.'

The disclosure was made by Re presentative Anderson (R-Calif), who wanted to know 'how come?' What organization or individual,

"Let's start another scrap drive,"

SCHOOLS CLOSING

Counterattacks Repelled Gen. Eaker Says Bombing ed Diebling, five and a half miles Has Destroyed Nazi Oil Supply

haeavy losses to the enemy, it was Nazi pilot training centers have at Saarlautern and tried in vain announced to day simultaneously been closed down and the enemy's to knock out its captured Saar rivwith the disclosure that the Nazis' bomber force has been "practical- er bridge. But Lt. Gen. George ly abandoned," Lt. Gen. Ira C. S. Patton's troops seized control

An increasing number of German tended their grip on the west The enemy's latest counter-thrusts were launched yesterday in the Rounding and Monte Belmonte areas in the central sector, western border. Berlin physicians, driven across two other river bar-Eaker said.

Disclosing that he now had more hold west of the river collapsed. big bombers at his disposal in the Allied headquarters disclosed 15th U. S. Air Force than ever crushed the last German salient ever received, and the winter

While conceding that opposition over Germany was stronger than loss rate of less than two per cent on bombing runs to the Reich. Eakindustries and morale.

of daily flights was restricted to the future." 10. At the end of August training was suspended.

AIR STRIP SEIZED

Chinese Complete Canture Despite Enemy At Bhamo

WITH CHINESE TROOPS AT MOMAUK. North Burma, Dec. 3.—(Delayed)—(P)—Chinese infantry, inching forward with heavy supporting artillery fire, has comthe Californian asked, had "the side Bhamo, 170 miles northeast of Federation of Labor and the Conpleted c: pture of the air strip out-Mandalay.

Despite six-foot ditches and glider blockades, the First American

PATTON DRIVES DEEP IN REICH

Siegfried Line's Big Guns Fail To Shake American Grip

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The U. S. Third Army lashing out along a 21-mile front drove forward today more than two miles to within six and a half miles of the Saar basin's greatest industrial city of Saarbrucken, and hammered

it with eight-inch artillery. The French cities of Forbach and Saureguemines, screening this German city of 135,000 population five miles to the southwest and eighty miles southeast, also were shelled as the lines tightened inside and around the vital basin and its war factories.

The 80th Infantry Division was driving on Saarbrucken from the southwest, the Fifth Division was little more than four miles from the Saar river eight miles to the wast, and the Sixth Armored enter-

from Saareguemines. Beating off counterattacks by an enemy alarmed at the rising menace to his coal mines and factories, the Third hurled more tanks and ROME, Dec. 4.—(A)—Germany is infantry into its expanding Saar

The line's big guns blazed away against stiffer resistance and ex-

ganized resistance in that strong-The British in eastern Holland

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SOMERVELL FAVORS POSTWAR BONUS TO LOYAL WAR WORKERS

WASHINGTON Dec. 4. - (P) er made it plain that his force was Endorsing a postwar bonus for lentless battle to smash German posts, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell warned Congress today that the The experience of one captured manpower problem "must be lick-

as typical of the enemy's fuel short- The Army's chief of Service Forces told the Senate War Inves-"At his training school of 600 tigating Committee there has been students. 30 aircraft were avail- no suffering yet by boys on the able," Eaker said. "Because of front because of the production lack of fuel, however, the number lag, "but we are apprehensive for

Conceding that there have been instances when troops have suffered from lack of ammunition, he said these were due to transportation and other difficulties.

"But, unless manpower is found to meet deficiencies in critical items like tires, ammunition, heavy artillery, radar, batteries and bombs, textiles and assault wire, we have every reason to expect a shortage at the front," the grayhaired general declared.

the agreement of the American gress of Industrial Organizations to aid the Army in recruiting workers on a Nation-wide basis would provide the answer.

Somervell expressed hope that

By this means, coupled with prohibitions against increased civilian production in critical labor areas, and the scaling down of civilian production in some factories, he declared, "I anticipate we can lick this thing.



"Boy! You should see the secrewith a STAR-NEWS

Greek Crisis Mounts With Violence; Elas Ordered To Leave Athens Area ATHENS, Dec. 4.- (P) -An ulti- (A Leopoldville broadcast re- EAM cut off all electricity, gas, matum to quit the Athens area ported by CBS said the Greek un- and communications, and stopped

tuated Greek crisis mounted with Sunday.) general strike and open battle n one section of the capital.

Violence spread after the bloody persons were killed and 140 injured. Martial law and a curfew government.

government employes.

were imposed by Premier Georg simultanously and charged it had then would be "treated as ene-Papandreou's British - supported right-wing tendencies." (The British radio in a broad-

was served on armed men of the der-secretary of war, General Sar-Leftist Eam (National Liberation igiannis, had resigned as a result Front) today as the bullet punc- of EAM demonstrations in Athens plies. The crisis was precipitated by

EAM refusal to disarm and disband its militia, the Elas. The brigade formed in exile under Pa-

Royalist and Elas troops battlthe certificate from Capt. Kirby Yards and Docks; and Command-raided enemy bases in the Bonins strike in Athens called by the Left and rifles. Elas seized two police our own government." Outside the Athens. The strike called by the ed "Long live Roosevelt."

even the unloading of relieft sup-Gen. Catsotas. acting military

governor of Atnens, gave Elas formations until midnight Wednesday to leave the Athens area of At-Sunday demonstration in which 21 EAM insisted that the mountain tical province and immediate surroundings. Any Elas attempting to pandreou's regime be demobilizd enter the Athens city zone after

Greeks paraded before the Brited in the Thesseum district near ish embassy with signs reading: "British soldiers: Let us choose barracks in Praeus. the port of American embassy, crowds shout-