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North Carolina: Cloudy and cool with rain Thursday and Friday.

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Athens Waits For All-Out Elas Assault

British And Greek Troops Battle With Armed EAM Group

ATHENS, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Police Chief Evert of Athens said tonight that according to "more or less reliable information" forces of the Elas and Communists may attempt an "all-out assault" on the city during the night.

"Measures are being taken to meet the situation," he declared.

The police chief's report followed a day of clashes between British and Greek regular army troops and armed members of the Elas. Before he made his announcement of preparations to meet an assault.

Greek government authorities had said they believed the near-civil war which has rocked the city since Sunday would be ended by tomorrow.

There were intermittent bursts of gunfire throughout the day in Athens as the regular Greek and British troops battled the Elas forces. British Spitfire planes were brought into the fray to combat rooftop snipers, bursts of grenades and the crackle of machineguns from British tanks.

The authorities reported that the clashed in Piareus, the port of Athens had subsided.

British casualties have been very few thus far, while those of the Elas have been consderably higher. It is not possible to obtain any definite figures as yet.

However, fresh bands of Elas, armed units of the Eam, the National Liberation front party, were reported streaming from the rural districts toward Athens.

British troops were establishing

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CITY FIRE LOSS FOR PAST MONTH SETS NEW MARK

The lowest November record of alarms and fire loss in the history of the Wilmington Fire Department was reported for last month, with only 16 alarms answered and a fire loss of $741.60, according to the monthly report submitted to City Manager A. C. Nichols by Fire Chief J. L. Croom.

The Department answered two fire alarms outside the city limits during the month, both of which were successfully controlled and extinguished in the buildings in which the fires originated.

New orders governing calls for out-of-city fires were received from the city manager and posted in all stations. Also posted was a letter from the city manager stating that members of the Fire Department would be fully covered by the laws of the North Carolina Industrial Commission in the event they were injured or killed while fighting a fire beyond the city limits, not exceeding 12 miles beyond the limits.

Fire loss last month was reported $15,061.72 less than that for November 1943, with 77 less calls answered than in 1943.

No false alarms were reported during the month.

Building and contents values where fires occurred were reported at $18,200.

Public Urged To Place Scrap Paper At Curbs For Jaycee Collection

Leaders in the Junior Chamber of Commerce scrap paper salvage campaign, which will open here Sunday with a city-wide collection, last night stressed the importance of all home owners placing the scrap paper at their curbs in time for an early morning collection.

"Paper is one of the war effort's top essentials," W. E. O'Neal, Jaycee president, said, "and we cannot underestimate its importance. The war still is on and paper is needed for shell boxes, blood plasma containers and thousands of other articles of war. The paper collected here Sunday might make the difference between victory and defeat in some action on the war front."

The Jaycees will announce further details of the campaign soon.

Saved By Filipinos

Submarine Comdr. John D. Crowley, whose craft blew up under him while patrolling Jap-controlled waters last Summer, is shown at a press conference in Washington. He told how Filipino fighters led him and seven of his crew to safety and later helped them reach the American lines. (International).

LAND COMMENDS LOCAL SHIPYARD

Clark Also Praises Firm On Third Launching Anniversary

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company yesterday was commended for its outstanding record of production by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission, who extended his good wishes to company employes at the third anniversary of the yard's first launching when the 190th vessel, the U. S. S. Prentis, was launched.

"The magnificent contribution of the yard to the war effort" was praised by Representative J. Bayard Clark, of the Seventh North Carolina Congressional district.

In two telegrams to Captain Roger Williams, president, Admiral Land said:

"Please extend my good wishes to all workers at North Carolina on the occasion of the third anniversary of their first launching. Tell them to keep up the good work. Our fighting forces must have the ships they are building."

"As a result of the splendid effort by which your yard and several other shipyards exceeded their quotas for ship deliveries during November, the national output exceeded expectations. The additional ships delivered last month will help greatly toward hastening victory. My heartiest congratulations. Your December quota is six AKA's, and that for the East Coast region is 55 ships. This is the last chance to put the 1944 program over the top. The Maritime com-

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Bomber Pilot Goes Amok And Imperils Many Before Crash

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—(Canadian Press)—A pilot under training ran amok in a twin-engine bomber today and for four and a half hours endangered lives of civilians and servicemen as he dived and performed seemingly impossible maneuvers before finally plunging to his death.

An attempt was made to drive him down to an airfield by using fighter planes. Pilots were instructed not to fire on him, but to try to maneuver him down, but he paid no attention to their efforts and continued his wild acrobatics. Time after time he put his big craft into dives, pulling up below hangar height.

The bomber missed persons, buildings and parked aircraft by scant inches.

Finally, from a height of about 1 000 feet, he went into a roll and dived straight into the ground at Tilsbury Island, six miles south of Vancouver. He was instantly killed and the aircraft wrecked. His name was not immediately announced.

SILVER SERVICE GIFT

County Presents Set To Captain Of S. S. New Hanover

New Hanover county officials yesterday presented a silver service to the captain of the recently launched U. S. S. New Hanover in ceremonies held at the office of W. S. MacMahon, assistant to the general manager of the N. C. Shipbuilding Co.

The silver service, bought with county funds, was presented by county commissioners for the vessel named in honor of New Hanover county and built at the yard.

Ceremonies were witnessed by shipyard, Navy and county officials.

ENGLAND INSISTS ON INTERVENTION

Split Develops Over American Attitude On Liberated Areas

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A wide-open British-American split in policy over liberated Europe's political quarrels developed today, with Britain insistent upon her right to intervene when necessary and the United States equally firm on a hands-off attitude.

Watching the continent's political strife with mounting concern, the House of Commons heard Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—his usual suavity sacrificed for edged words of determination—serve notice that Britain intends to stick to her position regardless of American reaction.

The British government's position — one of transcendent importance in its potential impact upon the ideological struggles gripping many of Europe's restive countries —was outlined just 24 hours after the United States formally declared those problems should be settled "without influence from outside."

The immediate issue revolved around Britain's intervention in Italy's affairs, specifically on its

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CITY ATTORNEY SEEKS ACTION ON WATER TANK

By ALLEN J. GREEN
(Star-News Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—W. B. Campbell, Wilmington city attorney, conferred with WPB officials here today in an effort to obtain recognition of a contract for overhead water tanks for Wilmington and to change the original application from two 750,000 gallon tanks to a single 1,000,000 gallon tank.

Mr. Campbell received WPB assurance that his plea would be reviewed and he expressed hope that early action would be forthcoming.

When the city's extensive waterworks program was begun several years ago, plans were made for the construction of two 750,000-gallon tanks: one at Princess street road and 18th street, and the other at Ninth and Dawson streets.

Although the contract was let for the construction of these two tanks to the R. O. Cole Co., of Newnam, Ga., a WPB decision prevened Wilmington from obtaining both tanks, and an allowance for one 1,000,000-gallon tank was made. However, materials for this type of construction were unavailable.

If the WPB recognizes the original contract and agrees to reassign the 1,000,000-gallon tank to Wilmington, it was erected at Ninth and Dawson streets, where the city already has purchased propery. The amount of the contract was not mentioned.

Plans for the change-over from two 750,000-gallon tanks to the larger tank are being processed. The over-head tank would provide an immediate source of fresh water in case of emergency and increase pressure in the event of serious fires or other emergencies of this type. The tank also would serve to more evenly distribute pressure on city water lines.

Tokyo Reports Enemy Planes Over Capital; U. S. Silent On Story

NEW YORK, DEc. 6—A Tokyo radio broadcast recorded tonight by NBC claimed that "a small number of enemy planes flew over the Tokyo area at a little past 1:30 a. m. today. Japanese aircraft units went into action The enemy planes took flight to the east without dropping any bombs."

There has been no report from American sources that any United States planes were over Tokyo today, NBC said

NAM TO SHELVE POSTWAR PLANS

More Guns Now, Butter Later, Is Theme Of Industry

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—American industry shoved its reconversion plans back on the shelf today.

War goods, which at the end of three years of fighting had begun to lose the spotlight to peacetime products, again moved to the center of the stage.

"More guns now—butter later," said John M. Hancock, co-author with Bernard Baruch of the Nation's master reconversion plan.

"Victory first—then reconversion" was the theme of Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corp. which is one of the country's largest war or peace producers.

Those were the keynotes of the 49th annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers which began with pleas from Army supply chief Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell and War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug for more weapons.

"We pledge management's unceasing and uninterrupted continuation of its effort to produce an even greater volume until victory is finally won," was the answer of nearly 3,000 top industrial executives in a resolution at the opening session.

While the urgency of stepped up war needs overshadowed every-

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City Officials Confer With SFA On Shortage Of Coal In This Area

(Star-News Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Henry R. Emory, executive director of the Housing Authority of Wilmington, and City Attorney W. B. Campbell, will meet with official of the Solid Fuels Administration tomorrow in an effort to secure additional coal for the Wilmington area.

Although the coal shortage in Wilmington has not been reported acute, it was said to have become serious.

Emory is in Washington for a meeting of the National Housing Administration, of which he is chairman of the Government Relations committee. He said today that although the population has decreased in Wilmington since the war, there has actually been an increase in the number of families in war housing projects.

Emory and Campbell conferred at the office of Representative J. Bayard Clark today in relation to the coal shortage.

SIEGE TIGHTENS ON SAARBRUCKEN

Nazis Thrown Back With Losses In Drive On First Army

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, PARIS, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third Army, having forced four new crossings, poured across the Saar river at six points today, captured two-thirds of the border city of Saareguemines and tightened their siege of shell-blasted Saarbrucken, capital of the rich Saarland.

The latest crossings in the American threat to the Saar industrial area were made approximately two miles north of Saarlautern, where infantrymen of the 90th Division fought their way into Dillingen on the river's east bank.

The 95th Division, meanwhile, battled to extend the two original bridgeheads, one in Saarlautern itself and the other south of the city, in the face of continuous artillery fire.

Field dispatches tonight said the 35th Infantry had overrun all of Sarrreguemines on the west bank of the Saar after house-to-house fighting and were raking fleeing Nazis on the east bank with artillery fire.

Sarreguemines, largest French city in the Saar, with a population of 14,000 normally, is situated nine miles southeast of Saarbrucken. German troops blew up all five bridges across the Saar before retreating to the east bank. Other Yank troops reached the Saar above and below the city.

Patrols of the 10th Armored Division also thrust acros sthe Saar north of Merzig as the pressure steadily increased on the border of the rich industrial region whose

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FAYETTEVILLE MEN HELD IN ILLEGAL GAS COUPON DEAL

Special To The Star

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 6 — (AP) — Charlie Gaynor and Bernard Cole, both of Fayetteville, were arrested by county and State officers at the New Columbus hotel here this morning and are being held by Federal officers in Columbus county jail on charges of possessing, handling and selling counterfeit gasolina and sugar ration coupons, it was announced by Sgt. J. R. Pridgen, State highway patrolman.

Found in their possession were counterfeit gas coupons representing 11.200 gallons of gasoline and coupons representing 9,130 pounds of sugar, Sgt. Pridgen said.

Closely connected with the arrest of Gaynor and Cole was the arrest Monday of Neal Lewis of Loris, S. C., on charges of larceny and the subsequent discovery in a smoke house in his yard of counterfeit coupons representing 790 gallons of gasoline and 2,495 pounds of sugar.

Sgt. Pridgen conducted the arrest of Lewis at his home near Loris, and had returned the following day to search for stolen goods when

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Reds Take 50 Villages; 35 Miles From Austria

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 7. —(AP)—The Red army scored gains ranging up to 16 miles yesterday on the southern approaches to Budapest west of the Danube river, as Russian front dispatches placed Soviet vanguards within 35 miles of the Austrian frontier.

The Russian war bulletin said the Third Ukraine Army captured 50 places in the drive on Budapest, including Racalmas, 28 miles south of the Hungarian capital. The Germans said they had abandoned Ercsi,, only 13 miles south, and asserted the Russians had crossed to the Danube's west bank from Csepel island below the capital.

Units of the Second Ukraine Army are entrenched solidly on the 30-mile island in positions only six miles from Budapest's outskirts. Racalmas is only four miles from the southern tip of the island and a junction of these forces was imminent, if not already accomplished.

German radio broadcasts declared the Red Army was striking at Budapest in a new offensive from the south, northeast and east, but there was no confirmation from Moscow. The communique made no mention of fighting directly south or on the north and east of the capital.

At the lower end of Lake Balaton the Russians reported the capture of Balaton-Bereny, 42 miles from the nearest point on the Austrian frontier. Moscow dispatches based on advices from the front said earlier that bold Red Army vanguards had reached within 35 miles of the Austrian border.

AMERICANS GAIN ON LEYTE FRONT

Japanese Tank Attack Fails To Break Invaders' Grip

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Berlin radio today broadcast a Tokyo dispatch declaring Japanese bombers yesterday sank a battleship or cruiser, five transports and another unidentified warship in the Gulf of Leyte in the Philippines.

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Thursday, Dec. 7—(AP)—Fighting on Leyte island in the Philippines is increasing, with the Americans making substantial gains on all fronts, General Douglas MacArthur reported today.

A Japanese tank attack, launched in the Ormoc corridor sector where the 10th U. S. Army Corps is applying its pressure, failed to break the Americans' grip.

To the south of Ormoc, Nipponese supply port on the island's west coast, the Americans of the 24th Corps breached the enemy's line on the Palanas river and pierced

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Hitler's Activities Publicized Widely In German Press, Radio

LONDON, Dec. 6—(AP)—The German press and radio tonight were filled with accounts—including pictures—of the doings of Adolf Hitler in what appeared to be a staged prelude for the long-silent and secluded Fuehrer's re-emergence into the limelight.

All printed and broadcast accounts of Hitler's activities stressed that he performed these acts "personally." This was a new departure.

And the activities reported were manifold—both political and military, ranging from consulting with foreign government representatives to awarding war decorations—with the obvious intention of conveying the impression that the Fuehrer had recovered from injuries suffered in the July 20 attempt on his life.

ALLIES ESTABLISH LAMONE CROSSING

British And Polish Units Pose New Threat To Nazis

ROME, Dec. 6 —(AP)— Smashing stubborn German resistance, British and Polish troops have firmly established a bridgehead across the Lamone river, four miles southeast of Faenza, posing a new flanking threat to Nazi troops in a bulge southwest of Bologna, the Allied high cmmand announced today.

Evidence that the Germans were well aware of their precarious position in the area and are withdrawing from the bulge, came in an announcement that the Fifth Army, now under Lt. Gen. Lucian K Truscott, Jr., had captured Penzola, a mountain town south of Imola, junction point on the Bolgna-Faenza highway.

Northeast of Faenza, Eighth Army troops cleared the Ravenna-Godo road and, aided by Italian partisans, were clearing out pockets of Germans east of Ravenna along the six mile canal leading to the Adriatic. Due west of Ravenna, Allied troops advanced beyond the village of Pangipane and were within

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LARGE SCALE JAP DRIVE SWINGING TOWARD KUNMING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 6—(AP)—A Japanese drive was in full swing today toward Kunming, loss of which would hamstring the prospective India-China supply route and deliver the U. S. 14th Air Force a crippling blow.

This was indirectly indicated in a communique from American headquarters which reported 14th Air Force reconnaissance in the Poseh area in western Kwangsi province near the Yunnan province border.

Meanwhile, dispatches from Kweichow province reported that Chinese reinforcements hurred there from northwest China already were in action against the Japanese and claimed the situation had improved slightly.

The announced recovery of Pachai, 65 miles east, southeast of Kweiyand, was taken as evidence of the strengthening of Chinese resistance.

(A Chinese Communist broadcast from Yenan province recorded by the FCC said troops of the Eighth Route Army accompanied by guerrilla forces had blown up a Japanese consulate at Tangshan, 60 miles northeast of Tientsin in Hopeh province November 15, killing five Japanese.)

Fighting still is in progress south of Tushan, 75 miles from Kweiyang, a Chinese communique said.

CHILD CRUSHED

Man Admits Walking On Baby Who Cried At Home

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Police are holding Robert Schlimmer, 20, who, Chief of Police Reed Phillips said, admitted killing Jean Joyce Lastrieter, 2, today in his home by walking on her.

Phillips declared Schlimmer told officers that the child was crying and would not go to sleep so he placed her on the floor and walked on her.

No charge had been filed.

NEW DEAL GROUP JOINS IN MOVE

Connally Plainly Shows Anger At Vote Of Rejection

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Several New Dealers joined in a Senate revolt against President Roosevelt's nominations to high State Department posts — and the names were sent back to committee for study.

This startling upset came on a 37 to 27 vote which turned Senator Connally (D-Tex) pink with anger. Connally as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee was in charge of the nominations on the floor.

Senator Guffey (D-Pa), usually an Administration supporter, was a leader in the fight against immediate confirmation of the appointments of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary of State and Nelson A. Rockefeller, W. L. Clayton and Archibald Macleish to be assistant secretaries. Only praise was voiced for Grew but his nomination went back with the others.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky), occassionally at odds with the Administration, said he had heard a slogan, "clear everything with Sidney" in the recent campaign. Now, he said, in obvious reference to the financial background of some of the nominees, the idea seems to be "clear everything with Wall street."

Guffey, expressing strong disappointment over some of the nominations, said:

"The morning after election I thought the liberals had won."

Senator White (R-Me) acting minority leader, joined Connally in pleading in vain for prompt confirmation.

Men like Democrats Kilgore of West Virginia, Murray of Montana, Mead and Wagner of New York and McFarland of Arizona were among those voting for a full inquiry into the appointments.

Strong Roosevelt men all—they

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COUNTY WAR BOND SALES REACH 83 PER CENT OF GOAL

Bond sales in New Hanover county's Sixth War Loan Drive last night had reached a total of $3,865,291.50, an estimated 83 per cent of the overall quota, with $889,991.50 of the figure in "E" bonds, 44 per cent of the county's "E" bond goal.

A Pearl Harbor Day war bond parade will be held at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. today, with all departments, led by the High school R. O. T. C. band, carrying bond buying slogans through the yard.

The sale of bonds to employes yesterday had swept past the $250,000 goal with a total of $297,000 reported through Tuesday.

The parade will be the largest of its type ever held at the yard. The war bond slogans, submitted by each department, will be judged by a committee comprised of J. G. Thornton E. A. Laney and Postmaster Wilbur R. Dosher. Appropriate recognition of the three best will be made.

Employes will march from the Administration building throughout the yard.

The rally today will be the second held at the yard. Col. George W. McHenry, veteran Marine Corps officer stationed at Camp Lejeune, spoke at the opening of the drive on November 20 to thousands of shipyard workers at two gatherings.

Several departments surpassed their quotas in the opening days

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Catholic Chaplains Don Khaki At Front To Set A Precedent

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. — (AP) — Roman Catholic chaplains in combat areas are wearing khaki for the first time in the history of that church, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James H. Griffiths, chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, announced today.

Permission to substitute khaki for the brilliant-colored vestments, Msgr. Griffiths said, was obtained personally from the Holy See by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, military vigar of the country's armed forces, who he said sought the change to eliminate the bright robes as targets for the enemy.

3 Years Of War Finds America Confident Of Victory But Uncertain Of Lasting Peace

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The United States finished off three costly years of war today with full confidence in military victory but shaken faith in winning the peace.

The eve of the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor is marked by political disputes with Britain, the latest of which is just developing over Italy and Greece, and lack of certainty about Russia's future course in Europe. Thus the American people and government face a critical question: Can the Allies remain unified in peace as in war?

A decisive answer may be had within three months, after President Roosevelt meets with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill. The main objective of the meeting will be to work out common policies on just such issues as political freedom in Europe and the exact role of the great powers in the proposed security organization.

All leaders here agree, in looking back over the past 36 months, that it was common purpose—to batter the enemy into unconditional surrender—which made possible the advances toward victory already achieved in Europe and the Pacific.

There are but two dark spots on military maps now. One is the grave weakness of war-weary China and the other the lack of a major offensive by Russia on Germany's Eastern Front to match the Anglo-American-Allied assault in the west. But a Russian winter offensive is expected shortly, and there are signs of improvement in China, though little can be done about one basic trouble, lack of supplies.

Everywhere the war has moved a long way from the days when the Japanese navy menaced Alaska and the Pacific Northwest and the Afrika Corps of Marshal Erwin Rommel threatened to cut the British Empire at Spez and to link the Axis through India.

In the Pacific, the war now is many months ahead of the schedules then laid down. Victory over Japan by mid-1946 seems probable to military authorities here, who once talked of 1947-48. The Japanese fleet is crippled; only the Japanese army remains to be met in mass. Unprecedented production in the United States has put the greatest amphibious forces in history into the Pacific.

The war in Europe now is obviously behind the long-range schedules. For at least two years, military men here have talked of a possible German collapse at the opening of this winter. It has not come because Nazi leaders decided to force the fight to the limit. At the moment they rule Germany at pistol point and resistance will continue until that rule is broken.

Hopes for a fairly early victory—earlier than Churchill's prediction for sometime next summer — are based on the expectation that the Russians will soon spring the other side of the Allied trap and drive toward Berlin from Warsaw.

But the nearer victory comes on the battleline the more complex appears the world of the Atlantic Charter which Churchill and Roosevelt projected in Britain's dark months before Pearl Harbor. Half a dozen political situations in Europe hold the seeds of future wars.

The Churchill-Stalin agreement on a common policy in Yugoslavia technically cleared the way for a working agreement between the resistance leader, Marshal Tito, and King Peter's government in exile without making specific provision

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