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Yanks Bite Into Gemans' Southern Flank As Air Force Pours Destruction On Enemy; Byrnes Forbids Racing In Manpower Drive

How Yanks May Stop Nazi Drive

Are Outlined

Materials And Fuel To Be Denied Defiant Businesses

materials, fuel and transportial annual tax saving also are uton will be denied industries expected.

Lewis B. Hershey has directed lo-cal draft boards to "review the sion, received Friday night after negotiations in Philadelphia last City Manager A. C. Nichols. classification of men known to be week, and that of the North Carobeen deferred because ed previously.

than \$1,126,308,645 was wagered approved today for issuance early ed with soap in the wee hours once

he whole American war effort to man counteroffensive has shown will be necessary for victory. In earlier moves, the government

Increased the draft rate for January and February from 60,

2. Raised its sights on war pro duction to plan on the basis that beavy fighting may continue in Europe for a year or more. 3. Frozen production of civilian

foods at current levels indefinitely. tutomobile tires for civilian use. s aimed at "squeezing" manpow- century, died of a heart ailment out of less-essential activities today. and into war production. Even be-

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POINT-FREE MEATS AND CANNED GOODS

(By the Associated Press) Virtually all point-free meats and he ration list by the start of the New Year, it was learned tonight. The OPA, reliable sources said, prepared to announce the drasmove next Wednesday. New point values, now being

tive December 31. The decision is understood to affect practically all cuts of beef, veal, lamb and pork as well as all major canned vegetables. The

discussed, probably will be effec-

effective foods have been rationfree since last May. Because of continued need for heezer space in warehouses for

serves are not expected to be returned to the list. Restoration of points to the wide

'ariety of meat cuts and vegeta-OPA over the War Food Adminis- right this reverse on the Western on. For the last five months

as to which commodities are ra-Pute was climaxed last month far less disposed to celebrate.

New Controls TWP Refinance Plan On Industry Approved By Board

Move Will Shift Control To Predominantly Local Group And Render Firm Independent Of General Gas And Electric Co.

vote of approval rendered shortly before midday.

In announcing the development, * WASHINGTON, Dec. 23— Warren W. Bell, president of the CITY PUBLISHES. power moves of the war, the noon that the change would result for draft boards to check on for draft boards to check on for draft boards at hetes not in a shift of control from the holding company possessed until now of a large share of the company's common stock to holders of the present preferred stock, a preprofessional athletes not in present preferred stock, a preservice and served notice that dominantly local group. Substan-

The recapitalization plan in-James Byrnes, war mobilization cludes a merger with Tide Water's director, with Roosevelt's approv- wholly-owned subsidiary, the Cape al asked all racing tracks to close Fear Power corporation. Stock-sorbed in wondering where their January 3 and remain closed until holders of both organizations, meet-money has gone—a not inconsidering separately at 11 a. m., added able group at this time of yeartheir sanction to that of the Se- may be able to find part of their quest, Selective Service Director curities and Exchange Commis- answer in a natty blue pamphlet

of failure to meet the physical Procedure in the refinancing will ualifications for service, or who include securing an interim bank by-fraction account of where the have been in one of the services loan of \$1,500.000, to be used with and have been discharged there- company funds to retire present outstanding bonds worth \$6,067,500. thousands of riders, handlers and principal amount of \$4,500,000 and murders fell away in the same pestable hands, contributed \$55,971,- sinking fund debentures in the riod from 24 to 11 and that the 232.87 in taxes this year and more principal amount of \$1,000.000 were

the greater pace which the Ger- mon stock to be issued, 95,432 will

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Charles Dana Gibson, Creator Of Gay 90's Fashions, Dies At 77

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.- (P) 4. Sharply cut the allotment of Charles Dana Gibson, 77, whose The racing ban, along with the girl, was the model of American about 46 degrees. Moderate northeast lightening of many along with the womanhood from 1904 into the point of many and the womanhood from 1904 into the point of many and the point steening of manpower regulations womanhood from 1894 into the 20th

girl, was the model of American womanhood from 1894 into the 20th century, died of a heart ailment today.

The artist, who had been in failing health for some time, succumbed at 9 a. m. in his New York apartment. Mrs. Gibson, the former I rene Langhorne of Virginia, sister of Lady Astor, was at his lore the German offensive raised ing health for some time, succumbhew production problems, it had ed at 9 a. m. in his New York teen estimated that war plants apartment. Mrs. Gibson, the formsister of Lady Astor, was at his

Gibson, a native of Roxbury, Mass., had built a solid reputation as an artist by the time he was 25, but with the publication of his SET FOR RATIONING sketches of alluring, lovely and fragile girls, the artist became an arbiter of fashion and manner for the whole "gay '90s" era. Women tanned vegeables will be back on consulted the latest Gibson girl Masonboro Inlet sketch before they dared plan their

Financial reorganization of the Tide Water Power Co. officially was set in motion yesterday by a stockholders'

From Azaleas To Murder Rate

Wilmingtonians currently ab

It is the first pringed edition of engaged in professional athletics lina Utilities Commission, accord- the annual municipal report, and among the enlightening items on its 35 pages is not only a fractiontaxpayer's dollar went, but vari-67,000 azaleas were raised this year New first mortgage bonds in the in Greenfield Park gardens, that

in January. Price and interest a week. rates on these are to be determinated by competitive bidding.

Handsomely made up a selection of the competitive assistant to Mr. Nichols and a product of the competitive bidding. the University of Chicago's up-tomon stock to be issued, 95,432 will be offered for exchange, in a ratio of four to one, for the 23,856 shares of present \$6-preferred stock, which of present \$6-preferred stock \$6-preferred s by city employes and interested

> In amplification of the last-page scale of income sources and expen-

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WEATHER

Humidity 1:30 am, 100; 7:30 am, 92; 1:30 pm, 94;

Total since the

Total since the

Tides For Today

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

High Low

5:03a

5:31p 12:18r

Christmas In Europe

Spirit To By-Pass Lands As People Long For Peace

that spotty distribution and short- challenge, there can be nothing aports of the Allied nations.

when OPA appealed to Stabiliza-be—nor are they encouraged to be (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 5) -morbidly gloomy. News of peace, (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 1) size.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(P)—For the delayed, and at tragic cost, but its \$300,000,000,000 and said its man-

Red Cross clubs are serving free

far less disposed to celebrate.

Yet the people do not want

Yet the people do not wan



As reports indicate that American forces have partially checked Lwow province. The report did not list the names military observers look for a greatly strengthened counterattack by of the Americans and Britons, nor nour armored and infantry units. Now that Gen. Von Runstedt has revealed the whereabouts of his reserves, it is believed that regrouped U. S. First Army forces will undoubtedly attack the flanks of Nazis moving forward in the Malmedy-St. Vith sector and, further details were said to include the work of the Malmedy-St. Vith sector and, further details were said to include the Walley of the Hron (Gran) river a dozen the German southern flank.

A front dispatch covering this forther wast on former to the lipity Sag area.

The German DNB agency in a late broadcast conceded that the late broadcast conceded that the late broadcast conceded the Hron (Gran) river a dozen of the Hron (Gran) river a dozen of the Hron (Gran) river a dozen both civilians and prisoners of war. south, in the Vianden sector. The hacking off of enemy forces in this salient may result in disaster for the Nazis who have gambled all on

a week. Handsomely made up by J. Fred NEWS BLACKOUT PROBE TO START

Into Lack Of Data To GI's

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-(AP)-Rep. Brooks (D-La.) said today the House Military committee will investigate what he called a "com-

can fighting men abroad.

ropean battlefront areas. American troops, he complained, Island.

they do get is old.

said, gives "very little news" to day, Philippine time. the troops and "what news is given It was the first daylight Lib- vance was the first mention of Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th Air is highly colored." Some of the erator operation against that main any gains south of Bologna in Force supported the Chinese news it publishes, he added in a Japanese air center in the Philip- weeks. The Americans have been ground action by bombing railroad statement, is "a month or two pines and an Army spokesman said in control of Monte Belmonte, a yards east of Hochih and enemy

grievances of the men in the service, and is satisfactory, but it fails completely to give news coverage were shot down by U. S. Thunder-sistance. Patrols maintained con- an American communique said from home," he declared, adding

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300 Billion Debt Faces U. S. Money Experts Next Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (P) Fiscal experts took a look today By RUSSELL LANDSTROM the finest Christmas story, will be at a prospective National debt of

Strike Japanese On Leyte

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, daylight air raid on Clark Field, plete blackout" of news to Ameri- near Manila, in which the majority of 100 grounded Japanese planes Brooks is a member of the com- were destroyed, and said also that

"The paper does have one column the Nipponee, who got only nine east of highway 65, for several In another raid at Hongkong

for 'gripes,' which is used to air of their fighters in the air to meet weeks. In their 24-hour advance, yesterday, U. S. P-51s destroyed the assault.

(Continued on Page Seven; Col. 2) | night.

HIT CLARK FIELD

mittee, which recently completed U. S. troops had completed the ing ahead against strong opposi- attack on the key railroad town 000 dead in the snows below Mala four-week inspection of Eu- destruction of Nipponese in the tion, have established a front more of Hochih in Kwangsi province medy, Gallagher said, and a hard bloody Ormoc corridor of Leyte than five miles wide along the from three sides tonight, the Chi-freeze setting in had the Yanks

are not getting enough news of the Liberator bombers, operating east of Faenza, while American rest of the world and most of what from an undisclosed field, possibly troops have made local gains near west of Liuchow, is being assaulted cross roads. Hundreds of Hitler's on Mindoro island, which is only Monte Belmonte, south of Balagna, by troops which routed Japanese youthful troops are snow-covered The French edition of the Army a half hour's flight from Manila. Allied headquarters in Italy an-columns from Kweichow province lumps, dead in the no-man' land publication, Stars and Stripes, he made the Clark Field raid Frinounced today.

it was a first class surprise to peak almost 2,000 feet high just road traffic west of Ishan.

From Don To Dawn:

Reds Gain 16 Miles Enemy Drive In Westward Thrust Is 23 Miles

Soviet Forces Within 100 Miles Of Vienna From Sedan And Heavy Fighting Around Budapest; **Drive Pushes On Bratislava**

LONDON, Dec. 23 —(A)— A hard-fighting Russian thrust westward above the Danube river in Hungary has gained as much as 16 miles and placed Red Army troops within 100 miles of Vienna and 72 of Bratislava, Moscow *disclosed tonight as action flamed

on the Southeastern front in IN NAZI CAMPS

tered the southern and eastern

The drive towards Bratislava

ed nine towns and reached the bar-

rier of the Ipoly river on a 10-

Czechoslovak territory.

grouping of troops.

Chinese Press Attack

during the past two weeks.

stroyed on the ground.

On Hochih With Help

cities Committed In Poland

MOSCOW, Dec. 23. - (P) - A and Vienna through mountainous, Soviet Extraordinary State Com- wooded country below Ipoly Sag ncluding an undetermined number mile front down to its confluence of citizens of the United States with the Danube, Moscow disclosand Britain, had been killed by ed. The Russians were virtually the Germans in three camps in on the river for another ten miles

both civilians and prisoners of war. Writers, artists and musicians were made to wash the stairways

of one seven-story building with their tongues, and then were compelled to pick up garbage with their ips, the report said. related, the commander of one of

the camps, the Yanov camp, threw two four-year-old children into the own nine-year-old daughter.

established that at the three camps (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4)

American Units Gain Near Monte Belmonte; Canadians Widen Front

ROME, Dec. 24.—(A)—Canadian

The report of the American ad- Mustang fighter planes of Maj. dispatch said. they moved up 500 yards in some two enemy fighters which inter tact with the enemy throughout the Four Japanese planes were de-

Allies Lift Time Lag On News: U. S. Regroups Its Forces

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 24-(AP) - American relief columns, swinging up through The Soviet communique ignored Luxembourg and southeast-German radio announcement ern Belgium in their first efthat Red Army forces had enfective counteraction, have suburbs of beleaguered Budapest bitten into the southern flank Russians Report New Atro- in a new frontal assault, but de- of the German penetration scribed heavy fighting at dis- which now has reached Libraand southwest of the Hungarian of historic Sedan, Allied headquarecapital. ters disclosed last night.

With clearing skies the world's mightiest air force also swung into mission investigating war crimes and north of the Danube, captur- the German invasion columns, cutting destructive swaths through their ranks and hammering their rear bases.

Allied headquarters, lifting a 48this report of the situation:

Striking north of the city of

miles farther west on former action through Friday morning Berlin, purposely obscure about said the Luxembourg counter-action was sprung north of Mersch. the exact location of this action, claimed a German counterattack eight miles above Luxembourg had cut off this Soviet wedge and City. Although this dispatch was encircled an isolated Russian censored it contained these per-

"It is obvious that in the eight The Moscow communique announced, without giving place days since the Germans threw the air and shot them to amuse his names, that "in the area north dice in what probably are their of Ipoly Sag (Sahy) our troops last big gamble, the Americans The committee said it was also successfully repulsed counterat- have had time to reforr, their

forces.' (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) Encouraging news also came from the northern flank where Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said that Field Marshal von Rundstedt had been forced to pull back one of his crack SS Of American Aircraft (elite) divisions because it was so badly mauled by hard-fighting CHUNGKING, Dec. 23.— (A) - Doughboys in the Malmedy sec-

Chinese troops supported by Amer-tor. troops of the Eighth Army, push- ican fighter planes pressed their The Germans left more than 1,east bank of the Senio river north- nese High Command announced. grouped around small bonfires Hochih, which is 95 miles north- across the battle-ridden fields and between the lines in that area, the

> The Americans, however, have (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 2)

VON RUNDSTEDT'S LINES ARE RAKED BY 1,400 PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 23.— (P) —The might of Allied air power was thrown in today over the snowcovered Western Front in an at tempt to check the German drive into Belgium and Luxembourg as more than 400 heavy bombers and more than 1,000 fighter-bombers pounded Marshall von Rundstedt's lines.

In some of the fiercest air battles of the war 106 German Messerschmitt and Loce Wulf fighters were shot down by American sixth straight year, the Christmas letter spirit will by-pass Europe, its belligerents locked now in perhaps the ligerents locked now in perhaps the ligerent locked now in perhaps the ligerent locked now in perhaps the ligerent locked now in perhaps the locked now

> Three hundred planes of the U. S. Ninth Air Force based in France shot down at least 29 of the German fighters which rose by the hundreds to protect the German supply lines. The Ninth's losses

Meanwhile, RAF Lancasters battered targets in the Rhineland

B-29 Pilot Dreams Of Christmas Day With Tiny Daughter He Longs To See

responding to the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes are not overested to be respondent to the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes are not overested to be respondent to the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes are not overested to be respondent to the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, American spirit will by-pass Europe, its believes a most of the past, therefore, and the past, theref

These experts aren't exactly wor- student, named his Superfortress the critique would make a hearten-Red Cross clubs are serving free turkey dinners and sponsoring par- ried yet. But they are working "Punchin' Judy" for his daughter, ing Christmas greeting for each Room' and keeps radio contact In the mud and snow of the bitties, concerts, movies and dances.

On a budget, which President Judy, who will be a year old Feband every Rosie-the-Riveter Boeing with the rest of the world while lies, concerts, movies and dances. Roosevelt will submit to Congress ruary 4 His B-29 has an amusing employe. the meats and vegetables be put marshal von Rundstedt cast his ing care of many merchant sail-in about ten days, which will hoist painting of a be-diapered young in about ten days, which will hoist painting of a be-diapered young out of his corner, about time that I started on a beautiful to both the debt upwards of \$300,000,000, both to complete the content of the painting of a be-diapered young in about ten days, which will hoist both the debt upwards of \$300,000,000, both to complete the content of the painting of a be-diapered young in about time that I started on a challenge, there can be nothing ap-

how, although I did some of the "You know that all the crew join (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) Front.

ors of the Allied nations.

Similar arrangements were made in several Belgian and French citated such a move.

Old Man Staller, our CFC gunder, and short of the allied nations.

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Apart from the frontline jolt, the able deficit—or even a size-to the form the frontline jolt, the able deficit—or even a ble deficit—or e

hearths desolate.

The German counteroffensive has pulled up the Allied armies tautly and made them determined to set and made

"Sarge Strong sits in his 'Dark in 'Dark Room No. 2' 'Burk' Burk- were not reported here. "Speaking of Christmas, it is hart works in secrecy with his nu-