

### HARD COLD WAVE APPEARS BROKEN

**By The Associated Press**

A severe cold snap which struck the Eastern States late last week had moderated yesterday and temperatures in most of the Nation had settled down to "about normal" for the season by Saturday night.

Weather Bureau forecasts Christmas indicated old or fresh snow would cover most parts of the United States, excepting the Southern States and the Pacific Coast region.

Saturday one to two inches of snow fell in a narrow belt extending from northeast Colorado across Nebraska, Iowa, northern Illinois, and Michigan, after having lightly covered southern Wisconsin and Minnesota Friday.

In the Great Lakes region, temperatures Saturday were comparatively mild, with a minimum of 11 at Houghton, Mich., 9 at Marquette, Mich.; 13 at Green Bay, Wis., 20 at Chicago and 20 at Lansing, Mich.

Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota and northern Iowa shivered in sub-zero weather. Iowa's minimum temperature was 9 below zero at Carroll, and most of the northern half of the State had three inches of snow. It was 26 below at Helena, and 36 below at Butte, Mont.; 10 below at Duluth, Minn., 14 below at Bemidji, Minn., and 18 below at Sheridan, Wyo.

Pennsylvania was recovering slowly from its Friday cold spell. Low for the State was 10 below at Piney, and -6 was recorded at Parkers Landing. The state had

### First Army Men Move Through Heavy Snow



Heavy snows and winds that blew the snow into drifts slow the steps of these men of the American First Army as they make their way through the Krinkelter Woods in Belgium. These are the men who carry the fighting burden of the terrific Nazi counter-offensive and the natural obstacles they face as they plod ahead to make contact with the enemy. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

### Wounded Yanks Want Mail For Yule Gifts

**By MORRIE LANDSBERG**

AN ARMY BASE HOSPITAL, Hawaii, Dec. 23.—(P)—What the wounded in Ward 24 want most for Christmas is mail from home.

They have a Christmas tree in the long room for orthopedic cases. It's barren of gifts.

Many patients are from Leyte. Their mail, which must be forwarded from their former Philippine addresses, hasn't caught up with them.

They can't get over the idea they had been brought 5,000 miles by hospital planes, away from the heat and dampness and danger of the Philippines.

But they're glad they were moved so fast, even if it is the reason why they—men from General MacArthur's Seventh, 77th and 96th Infantry Divisions—will have to go without their mail and Christmas packages from home.

Pfc. Raymond Rychlinski, 20, of Detroit, Mich., of the Seventh Division, looked up from his bed.

"I asked my folks not to send me anything," he said. Rychlinski has been twice wounded. He was shot through the shoulder at Kwajalein and through the left hand at Leyte.

Pfc. Jack Adams, 19, Tuscaloosa, Ala., figures he was lucky. In the fighting on Guam last July, he received a minor nick. At Leyte, Japanese machine gunners cut down men in front and behind him December 1. He escaped with a shoulder injury.

Two patients from the 96th Division were wounded by their own rifles. Pfc. Holden Quebedeaux, 22, Arnaudville, La., lost his finger when his rifle accidentally discharged while he was cleaning it. He wanted a wrist watch for Christmas but would settle for a few letters.

Second Lt. Anne Dougherty, Army nurse from Waterbury, Conn., assured the men they all would have a real Christmas dinner. The menu will include iced celery, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, roast turkey, dressing, whipped potatoes, fresh peas, corn, lettuce, tomato salad, ice cream, fruit cake, rolls and coffee.

But the soldiers still asked: "What about the mail?"

The Army's basic photography course costs \$550 per student.

### War Ballot Work Gave State A Full Schedule

**By THAD EURE, SECRETARY OF STATE**

(Written for the Associated Press)

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—(P)—The Federal Absentee War Ballot Act occasioned the greatest volume of work in the secretary of state's office for the year 1944. The secretary of state is charged with the responsibility of administering the Federal War Ballot law in North Carolina and in this connection the office handled more than 130,000 pieces of mail. We communicated with more than 60,000 North Carolinians in service stationed in all parts of the world, advising them of their rights and privileges with reference to voting under both Federal and State laws.

It is believed that no member of the armed services from North Carolina, possessing voting qualifications, can truthfully say that he or she did not have full and ample opportunity and privilege to participate in elections in this state during 1944. The department is especially pleased with the part it played in making this picture possible.

During the year, the department has checked the legal requirements for filing and has accepted, recorded and issued certificates to more than 1,000 corporations in connection with their being organized, amended or dissolved. Innumerable record certificates have been issued to these and other cor-

porations for the purpose of meeting various requirements imposed by wartime regulations.

Foreign corporations have domesticated during the year with an aggregate capital stock structure of more than \$240,000,000, while withdrawals have been negligible.

During the year, trademark registrations, land grants and genealogical work as well as publications activity all have maintained their status quo, notwithstanding the shortage of labor and materials, the department is proceeding with the issuance of the most comprehensive state manual in its entire history. It may be referred to as an encyclopedia for the state. The demand for current manuals is greater than that for any other publication of the state government, completely justifying its gradual general enlargement.

In administering the state securities law during the year, an aggregate of \$12,000,000 in securities has met the requirements of law and rules of the department and been registered for sale in North Carolina. The total sales of registered and exempt securities made during the year by dealers and salesmen registered by the department exceeds \$100,000,000. Stringent rules and regulations have been promulgated to safeguard and check the ever-present nefarious and fraudulent plans in the minds of unscrupulous promoters, and full cooperation on the part of the state's dealers and salesmen is evidenced.

Fewer violations are recorded and it is believed that less fraud is perpetrated upon the investing public in North Carolina than in any other state in the nation.

### SOFT COAL MEN SET RECORD FOR VOLUME IN 1944

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(P)—American soft coal miners produced an all-time record volume in 1944, the Solid Fuels Administration reported today, but still were unable to meet war demands.

Anthracite miners dug upwards of ten million tons more than in peacetime, SFA Administrator Harold L. Ickes disclosed.

"The producers and miners are doing an outstandingly fine job, but we are still short from 16,000,000 to 22,000,000 tons of our full fuel needs," he added.

The biggest problem in the fuel situation is the lack of labor and equipment, the administrator said. Coal mines have lost one out of every five men employed in peacetime, while the average age of coal miners now is 45 years, 13 years older than before the war.

The Solid Fuels Administration said output for the week was estimated at only 10,000,000 tons compared with 11,930,000 tons in the week ended December 9. Much of the loss occurred in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

no precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday, for the first time in two weeks.

Low humidity and an accompanying cold spell revived a forest fire hazard in western Washington, the U. S. Weather Bureau said. More than 1,200 acres of timber, including 1,000,000 feet which had been felled, were burned in December.

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Loretta Young in  
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Abbott and Costello in  
"LOST IN A HAREM"  
Xmas Day and Tuesday  
Anne Shirley in  
"MUSIC IN MANHATTAN"

**ROYAL** Today Only  
Youths Left to Run Wild  
Neglected by Mothers  
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"FACES IN THE FOG"  
With Jane Withers  
Starts Xmas Day  
"BOVERY CHAMP"

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



May the teachings of Him whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, prevail at this time when the world looks to the enjoyment of peace and contentment.

And as the Star of Bethlehem lighted the way to the manger, so today the faith in our hearts will lead us to the fruits of our hard-won Victory.

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### A MESSAGE WE WANT YOU TO READ

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