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FORECAST

For North Carolina: Cold today with some cloudiness. Gentle to moderate

Patton Breaks Back Of Nazis' Winter Drive; Red Spearhe Within 92 Miles Of Vienna; Ward's Head Refuses To Accept U. S. Seizure Soviet Units 1,200 Big U. S. Planes Foe Battered Awaits War's End

AirForceHeld FDR Orders Soldiers SeekingUseOf To Take Over Plants Davis Hospital Sewell Avery Remains At Office And Bitterly **Disputes President's Edict; Occupation**

AMERICA S PARLEY

Be Ignored By Mexico

City Meeting

ADMITS KILLING

venworth prison for forgery.

Local Camp Ordered To Remain Open Pending Investigation

The Army Air Forces have placed a formal request for use of Camp Davis, especially hospital facilities, it was learned from a reliable source STETTINIUS HEADS

in Washington yesterday. Representative .. Bayard Clark, n an interview with Allen J Green. Star-News Washington correspondent, announced yesterday that the War Department had ordered the big anti-aircraft artillery center to remain open pending a Pan American Union To further investigation.

It was revealed that the House Military Affairs Committee is considering a report, in which future use of the camp is urged by the committee's chief investigator and Col. Adam E. Potts, camp commander.

It was emphasized in the House report that Camp Davis was constructed in pre-priority days, when the supply of construction materials was not limited.

A report from Col. Potts averred can Union, it was disclosed tothat "c" all the station hospitals in the Fourth Service command, the station hospital at Camp Davis ran'.s first in health conditions. C. np Davis also has one

tive meeting of American foreign of the lowest maintenance cost rates in the command," the report added.

Potts Buenos Aires government idea of having such a splendid national relations." camp with such splendid facilities Neither Argentina nor el Salvaremain out of operation," the redor will be invited. Were the Pan port continued, "especially when American Union consulted and its such camps are needed and many procedural machinery used, an inothers with much inferior facilivitation would have to be extendties are being operated and the ed to both countries because they committee investigator concurs in are members of it. Groundwork for the conference At Camp Davis, Col. Potts an--the first ever planned without nounced that he would lower the flag, which has waved over the post since 1941. at retreat Sunday afternoon, and the installation will at a meeting here of State Deafternoon, and the installation will be turned over to Brig. Gen. R. L. Fowler, division engineer in At-lante lanta.

night.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28-(UP)-The Army took over plants and stores of Montgomery Ward and Co. in seven cities today, acting under orders from President Roosevelt, but Sewell Avery, board chairman of the mail order firm, refused to accept the Government seizure. The defiant Avery remained in his office in the Chicago

Completed Within 30 Minutes

headquarters until the 5 p.m. closing hour, leaving at that time without comment except for

an earlier formal statement in which he refused to give up management of the concern and bitterdisputed the legality of the Government action.

After his departure, Army officers also left the plant. A few minutes earlier, seven new Army officials had arrived, apparently intending to spend the night in Avery's office.

Occupation of the plant was completed this morning within 30 min-WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-(UP)utes, soldiers posting placards pro-Secretary of State Edward R. Stetclaiming that the facilities of the tinius, Jr., will head the United firm were the property of the U.

States delegation to the forthcom-S. Government ing meeting in Mexico City of The Government seizure, order-"delegates of the United and Ased by the President at 10:50 a. m., which, for the first time shce was equally swift in other Ward 1938, will ignore the Pan Ameri-ran Union, it was disclosed to Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Denver; San Rafael, Cal., and Portland, Ore.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a statement on The conference, to be held ap the seizure, said the confidence of proximately February 1 to Februits decisions by the head of one of ary 15, will replace the consulta-

its directives.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- Bratislava, Slovak capital, and S the greatest corporation of this country - Sewell Avery, chairman QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. miles from Vienna.

ministers which Argentina has re-quested through the Pan American Union to consider problems of the probably will be liquidated within in Hungary, elements of Marsial Great Britain have left Athens, Mindoro Island in the western 16 and tonight, Associated Press a year if "the present rate of at-Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Thrd echoing with the gunfire of civil Philippines encountered Avery and had rejected a War Labor Board trition is maintained,' Vice Adm. Ukraine Army drove 34 mies war, for London where they will

He Says

Munching a piece of stale bread

Charalambros M. Makris is seated

on the only remaining beam in the ruins of his home in the Pelopon-

MITSCHER SEES

Nearing Goal Luftwaffe Grounded By Heavy Clouds As 35-Mile Front **American Liberators And Forts Bomb Enemy: Four Bombers Lost Bloody Street Fighting**

In Budapest Hit 14 Nazi Railheads Back Along A

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 29- strong force of RAF Lancasters (UP)-Four powerful fleets of Al- smashed rail workshops at Oplalied heavy bombers, paced by 1, den, 12 miles north of Cologne 200 American Fortresses and Lib- The American fleet devastated its erators, attacked at least 14 rail targets by shortly after noon, and

LONDON, Dec. 28-(AP)-- centers along the Rhine yester- a second RAF force roared out Russian troops captured 12 day, raiding through thick clouds in the afternoon to hit Cologne. more eastern suburbs of that grounded the Luftwaffe for A third RAF force of Lancasters the first time in six successive and Halifaxes returned to the at- ning blow, was believed to-Budapest today, one of them days of Allied assaults.

tack last night with raids on rail night to have broken the back six miles from the heart of The main blow was struck by the targets at Bonn and Munchen- of the German winter offenthe city, as other units swept American bomber fleet, escorted Gladbach, both vital transportaon westward to within 58 by 700 fighters, which hit 10 trans- tion arteries west of the Rhine miles of the Austrian fron- port targets between the Germans Belgian battlefront and the Rhine. tier and 92 miles from Not a single German fighter was Vienna, Austrian capital.

The Russians were only two lost only four bombers to ground miles from the eastern city limits fire, with all fighters returning fly a single sortie, although some that German spearheads menacing safely.

END ATHENS TALK

Views On Regency

To Greek King

nesus area of Athens, Greece. Of-ficial OWI photo. (International) ful Red armies fought in the streets of the half of Budapest on the west bank of the river and through the eastern suburbs, the CHURCHILL, EDEN

others pushed on westward along both sides of the Danube where in **JAP NAVY'S END** curves westward between Hungary and Czechoslovakia toward Vienna.

Rages; Tovaros Is

Captured

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Pair Expected To Present Americans Destroy 20 Second Ukraine Army striking able Within a Year. north of the great river reached the Hron (Garam) river on a 30-mile front from Leva (Levice) down to the Danube, thus reach

of Budapest.

ATHENS, Dec. 28.- (UP) ing points within 65 miles east d

Prime Minister Churchill and For- Leyte, Philippines, Friday, Dec. - (UP) -The Japanese fleet Simultaneously, below the river eign Secretary Anthony Eden of 29.-(UP)-The Allied garrison on won Rundstedt struck December

which grounded the Luftwaffe on a 35-mile front in what also kept U. S. Ninth Air Force may be the war's decisive encountered and the raiding fleet tactical planes out of the air. Front battle. reports said the Ninth failed to (Berlin radio announced tonight few planes of the Second Tactical the Meuse river as well as that The day's heavy bomber as-saults opened at 6 a.m. when a (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) on the southern flank had been withdrawn "according to plan" as the U. S. First and Third Armies attacked fiercely from north, west ENEMY LANDINGS

More Jap Planes At

Clark Field

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,

and south.) Hammering gains up to 16 miles n six days through the wooded **AT MINDORO FAIL** hills of Belgium and northern Luxembourg, Patton's powerful mobile army, punching up from the south, rescued the heroic American garrison at Bastogne and to the east beat back the German wave after it had swept to within 13 miles of Luxembourg's capital. The hard-driving Patton, America's No. 1 tank general, was given the job of stemming the enemy's surprise offensive three days after neither Correspondent Hawkins declared,

Third Army Push May Be

Decisive Battle Of

German War

PARIS, Dec. 28-(AP)-Lt.

Gen. George S. Patton's Third

Army, with a typical light-

sive and was battering back

the enemy's southern flank

Informed later in the day of the order to keep the camp open, he said he would go through with the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

ceremony, adding that "the re-FORMER SAILOR opening will be a new chapter" the camp's life.

Dismantling of some of the utilies at the camp has been started but has not advanced to a stage that will affect the water and sewerage services to Holly Ridge residents. Although definite word as to future steps was not avail- FBI office here today and volun able in official quarters this after-

teered a confession that he killed War Department's new order halts Georgette Bauerdorf, 20, Holly further activity along this line. In a teleg. m to R. B. Page, last October, but police is publisher of the Star-News, Felix his story with skepticism.

Police Inspector Frank Ahern A. Grisette, Chapel Hill, of the State Planning Board, reported said the man, who gave the name that he had been advised that any of John Lehman Sumter told him (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) he had spent some time in a men tal hospital, that he was discharge

ed from the Navy in 1940 for men

SOLDIERS CALLED **TO UNLOAD SHIPS IN PHILADELPHIA**

ADELPHIA, Dec. 28. - money for coffee, and she ha days, voiced confidence today that predict what additional forces the had checked and verified PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28. tup) - Army troops have been taken him to Ocean Beach and the Allies are winning their crucial enemy can muster, he said, how story. help load vessels whose sailings later to her apartment, where he Western Front test and said "time ever, that "for the past two days to the fighting fronts with critical-

V-needed supplies were threatenwith delay oy holiday absentee-m among longshoremen, Col. Alex M. MacNabb, port commanannounced today.

arrive !:ere from New York about it in there." . tomorrow

owing a meeting with Paul Baker, thorities. ice president of the International Longshoremen Association, and represented a lasy resort to mainain ship sailing schedules. "During the holiday season, we have been able to obtain only 50 Ga., August 26, 1922. Pieper turn- 649 prisoners of war. cent of the required steve-ded him over to police. MacNabb said "holidays no holidays, the war continues and our ships must sail in order to set badly needed supplies to our

on the fighting fronts." The troops are trained in the ding and unloading of ships and Ourpose overseas, MacNabb said. strangled. directive ordering it to accept Marc A. Mitscher, veteran of fast northwest of Budapest along he recommend personally to King Wednesday in the wake of the maintenance of union membership carrier task force operations, said main railway to Vienna and capby the United Mail Order. Ware-house and Retail Employes Union Mitscher expressed h is opinion (CIO) and to grant ware increases (CIO) and to grant wage increases. that "by next summer the Japs from Vienna

retroactive in several cases by will be sitting on a decidedly un- A total of 3,494 German and nounced today. easy seat in their empire' as he Hungarian prisoners were taken more than two years. Wards had maintained that the predicted that the enemy's fleet during the day's bloody fighting archbishop of Athens and Greece, bardment of Clark Field in the port of Antwerp.

WLB only had the power to advise will be cleaned up in another year. in Hungary and Slovakia, the Mosand no legal authority to enforce Admitting that many things cow communique said. could happen to either shorten or

Avery, following a lengthy con-ference this afternoon with Maj. ibility of another fleet action with Five Yanks Are Shot Gen. Joseph W. Byron and other the Japanese, he said:

Army officers ordered to take ov-"They've reached the point er the Chicago plant, issued a where they'll throw in everything. sadors" is to arrange to by-pass statement asserting that Wards I think in another year we should "cannot in good citizenship accept have their navy cleaned up. If we

cannot in good entremining actery in a construction of the main into a sea fight, we will be in a position to get after them and who are seeking to de-them and who are seeking to de-them with Army and Navy bomb-will be in a position to get after them with Army and Navy bomb-them and who are seeking to de-them with Army and Navy bomb-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28-(P) dent no power to seize the non- tles.

-A young man appeared at the war business of Montgomery What job Mitscher has been giv- boots.

en still is a naval secret that the The story was told by a survivor. Shortly after the seizure became enemy probably would like to who crawled to American lines effective, Government attornyes know, but it is permissible to say severely wound d and described filed a petition in Federal Court that he has been reassigned to this the atrocity while a doctor treated was designed to overcome the Loss of the 145-ton submarine Sea his wounds.

ference of Greek leaders sum- three-day total of 144 enemy planes moned at Churchill's request wrecked or damaged by Lt. Gen. Tuesday, told them the conferees George C. Kenney's airmen. And Stomped In Face

lems before the conference," ac- said. **By Nazis At Bastogne**

British Ambassador Reginald Japanese might attempt a follow-WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON

ly with King George of Greece

when they reach London. It was believed the direct action WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.- (AP) King's reported coolness toward a wolf, which had taken a heavy toll

regency. A regency would replace of Japanese shipping was announc-There were six in the patrot the government of Premier George ed today by the Navy which pre In Bastogne, Dec. 28. — (UP) — Papandreou, which is opposed by sumed that the crew of at least Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor of which was forced to surrender, the survivor related. The Germans perfunctorily questioned the men the Greek ELAS, annea the National the Greek ELAS, armed forces of 62 men had perished. and then shot them. When they Liberation Front. The British have the 239th U. S. Naval vessel lost sion was trapped inside Bastogne, supported the Papandreou govern- from all causes in this war. flew the Atlantic Ocean, and slip-

ment, and their troops are fight. American submersibles, however, ped through enemy lines in a ing the ELAS. have sunk 934 Jap ships.

The survivor said he stifled a WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-(UP)- liminary to any further appreci temptation to cry out from pain dreou had sent the King his res- pered by Lt. Cmdr. Albert M. Bon- The fighting general C It was understood that Papanignation and 1 ged the appoint- tier of White Plains, N. Y., was

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) sank during salvage operations.

t appeared the Japanese air nor ground activity

man drive was broken. Simultaneously. the U. S. First to solving the problems of the strife-torn country, it was an-ed that 20 Japanese planes, addi-corner of the German salient pointtional to those previously announc- ed toward the fortress of Liege and Before they left, Damaskinos, ed, were destroyed in the bom- the Allied feeder highways to the

who presided over a two-day con- Manila area Tuesday, making a These twin developments, fraught with peril for the German plan to split the Allied armies and slash across their lifelines, presumably wanted a regency set up immedi-ately as an "essential prelude to Leyte Island, 912 more Japanese subsequent Provelopments shroudthe solution of many other prob- have been killed, the communique ed in a security blackout may have marked up 'nore gains.

cording to a communique from It was believed here that the One thing was clear. Today, the 13th since the Germans rolled out up on their first naval attack of the Reich and through the thin-

gains were reported. On the contrary, the three German armies committed to the

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Heavy Toll Of Foe GENERAL FLIES FROM U. S. TO **BE WITH UNIT**

> WITH U.S. 3RD ARMY TROOPS the 101st Air Borne Division, who

It was the 34th submarine and was in Washington when his divispeeding jeep to he with his men in The five-year-old Seawolf, skip- the final phase of the battle, it

The fighting general, commander of one of America's toughest

American authorities said they had checked and verified the the second submarine of that

pocket two days ago, after a wild dash through enemy territory in a jeep carrying him, his aide and one other officer.

By the time he got there, his men already had knocked out nearly 150 German tanks, 25 enemy halftracks and had fought off as many as four German divisions at one time in a desperate battle to keep the enemy from the vital

His division arrived at Bastogne Not all the Americans left in with other American troops alrea-

east. They fained out to the north on their Garands in the shadow of circlement of Bastogne. But they

a shelled building and told how it failed to break the iron ring which

On Christmas Eve the Bastogne snow and cold," Rochetto said. garrison was completely surround-

At 3 a.m. Christmas morning,

which he termed a necessary pre- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) | the most daring armored thrusts "It's all in knowing how, mister. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)



sequently had joined the Army and later served two years in Lea-Secretary of Wa Henry L. Stim- able Nazi advances westward-Al from the stomping and played son, reporting "some very impor- lied attacks have compressed it! dead, la.er crawling back to his He said he had accosted Miss tant" Allied gains in Belgium and width to 20 miles. own lines.

Bauerdori on the street, begging Luxembourg during the past two Warning that it is too early to

Ahern said there were discre consequences for him.' pancies in the story and that when On the darker side was disclohe asked the man to describe how sure that announced American war he killed the girl he repeatedly casualties have jumped 65,973 in

referred to the account in a detec the past two weeks. The increase prising a stevedore battalion of tive magazine he brought with does not take into account the ad-Army Transportation Corps, him, saying Ahern could "read all mittedly heavy casualties suffered in the fierce fighting since the

Sumter was booked on an open Germans launched their counter-of-He said the action was taken fol- charge, held for Los Angeles au- fensive December 16.

With Army figures running only Nat J. L. Pieper, Federal Bureau through December 14. the overall of Investigation chief here, said total of U.S. combat casualties for the man first appeared at his of- all services was listed as 628,441, fice with the voluntary confession including 134,143 killed, 355,877 He said he was born at Cuthbert. wounded, 75,772 missing and 63,-

Assessing the Western Front The nearly nude body of Miss fighting, Stimson said that Allied Bauerdorf was found last October gains in the past two days were 12 in the bathtub of her sister's registered in attacks on both the An autopsy disclosed she had said that instead of the Germans temptation to make violent citi. divertication to make violent citi. divertication to make violent citi. normally would be used for that been criminally attacked and being able to expand the base-

killed her when she resisted his advances. Ahern said there were discre lied side, gains, some very important, have been made along both flanks of the salient.

"Meanwhile, our attacking forces are increasing in strength and

zer divisions to the battle."

assault with a tremendous effort -"he has no choice; most of the cards are on the table."

Stimson lauded the valor of American fighting men and also et it.

praised the part played by the Air Forces. He also paid tribute to the Amer-

Horning In On Their Nazi Slaughter WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON of the war. They admitted they You just got to learn this fighting Belgian road center, organization. The enemy has com-mitted almost all of his crack Pan-(Correct) (UP) They said to were glad to see the tanks. (Correct) - (UP) - They said to- "Of course, we ain't talking ay they knew their business, about armor, mind you," said T-4 Bastogne were talking. There was dy there, and decided to stay and

While there still remains the pos- which is killing Germans, and Domonic J. Rochetto, 23, Spring a long line of ambulances filing fight it out to the last. siblitity of diversionary thrusts, he hey were not a little peeved at valley, N. D., after he and his away from the city along the open At the end of the first day, the buddies had talked of the private highway route, taking priority ov- German roops were blocked in an ine-day fight they had waged character of the fight. "We are al- er incoming supplies, which still attempt to storm the city from the gainst encircling German forces ways plenty glad to see armor and are arriving by air in part.

"Mostly we minded the rain, apartment where she was living northern and southern flanks of the and reporters for their "restraint the highway town of Bastogne, af- they are just kids. Yesterday, me while her family was in the east, base of the German wedge. He and freedom from yielding to the tr American armor broke into the and two other guys captured seven "God bless them C-47's and them ed

going when things got tough.

ho wanted Bastogne and didn't the Air Corps. But we don't need Rochetto and his friends leaned an ultimately completed the en-

business right."

no infantry help right onw."

When their ammunition ran low, "Those Germans were too young a shelled building and told how it failed to break the from ring with the Americans established around the distribution of the Americans established around the city."

That was what they said, the rosier, Hartford, Conn., who ad pocket.

ican press and radio commentators merican infantrymen who held mits being 24 years old. "Hell.

arelief dash which culminated one we even were near them.