

ALLIED COMMAND SHAKEUP HINTED

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The supreme Allied commander... The great, the near-great and the man in the street expressed cautious optimism today in predicting events to some in 1945—a year sure to see bloody fighting, but one which might bring victory and peace.

CLASSIC STAGE LOVERS



The lead parts in America's number one long-run stage comedy, "Abie's Irish Rose," are portrayed here as they will be played Saturday night, Jan. 6, at Thalian Hall, by Louise Snyder and Clarence Geiger.

Obituaries

WILLIAM L. FORMYDUVAL... William L. Formyduval, 89, farmer and lifelong resident of Columbus county, died early Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Sasser, of Nakina. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Prossie Formyduval.

MRS. FRANKIE M. POWERS... Mrs. Frankie Morris Powers, 2318 Market street, died at 7 a. m. Friday at her home. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at the Yopp funeral home by the Rev. C. D. Barclift and the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Lewis. Burial was in Oakdale cemetery.

WADE J. EVERETT... Funeral services for Wade J. Everett, of Wilmington, who died Thursday at 12:30 p. m. at James Walker Memorial hospital, were held at the home, 11 North Jackson street, Sunset Park, at 3 p. m. today. The Rev. C. E. Baker, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, was in charge. Burial was in the family cemetery in Onslow county.

Mrs. Marie Louise Westbrook... Mrs. Marie Louise Westbrook, 40 of Nesbitt Courts, died at 1:45 a. m. yesterday at James Walker Memorial hospital after a short illness. She is survived by her husband, Victor H. Westbrook; a daughter, Mrs. S. E. Long; a son, Victor H. Westbrook, Jr.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Watters; a sister, Mrs. Effie Huffman; and a brother, J. L. Watters, all of Wilmington.

JOE A. SANFORD... Joe A. Sanford of Richmond, Va., brother of R. L. Sanford of Rocky Point, died Thursday. Funeral services were scheduled in Richmond.

SIR CHARLES SWAN... STOCKFIELD-ON-TYNE, England, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Sir Charles Sheriton Swan, 74, chairman of Swan, hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., shipbuilders, died today. His son, Sheriton Clements, 35, is a director of the company.

GERMANS PROMISE TRIUMPH IN 1945... Von Rundstedt, provided he can withdraw his forces sufficiently intact so that they could be used for the defense of other sectors, already has won a considerable victory in disruption of the Allies' own winter plans.

WEATHER... WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Table with columns: Station, High, Low, Prec. Rows include Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Minn.-St. Paul, Mobile, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Richmond, St. Louis, San Francisco, Savannah, Washington, and Wilmington.

TEBE D. SANFORD DIES IN HOSPITAL

Tebe Dewitt Sanford, 52, who previous to his retirement in 1938 had served Wilmington for 15 years as a patrolman, sergeant and lieutenant of the city police, died shortly before noon yesterday in the Fayetteville Veterans' hospital. He had been ill 15 weeks.

A native of Rockingham, he came to Wilmington in 1919 after his return from France, where he had served—and been wounded in action—as a master sergeant in a Fifth division Army medical unit. He enlisted in the Coast Guard and served there two years, seeing duty on the U. S. S. Yamacaw and the U. S. S. Modoc.

Upon the termination of his enlistment he joined the Wilmington Police department as a patrolman on January 16, 1924. He served on the night relief and on downtown traffic duty under Chief C. C. Cahwell. He received his sergeantcy from Chief Joseph H. Lane, in November, 1926, less than three years after he had first assumed his badge.

A year and a half before his retirement, while serving at the headquarters switchboard, he received his promotion to the grade of lieutenant and became desk officer. Increasingly ill health forced his retirement late in 1938.

Chief Charles Casteen, who served with him as patrolman, sergeant and lieutenant, summed up the opinion of his associates and acquaintances yesterday in calling him a fearless and faithful officer and a good friend. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Sanford is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Sanford, of 605 S. Third street; a daughter, Miss Menola Sanford, and one son, Tebe D. Sanford, Jr., a prisoner-of-war in the hands of the Japanese. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Anderson of Maxter, Laurinburg; and five brothers, Oston and Mrs. Lizzie Fields, of car G. Sanford, of Wilmington, L. T. Sanford and W. W. Sanford, of Laurinburg, B. F. Sanford, of Asheboro, and Ralph N. Sanford, of Raleigh.

Funeral services, of which details are not yet complete, will be held Tuesday at 4 p. m. at the Yopp funeral home, and interment will follow in Bellevue cemetery.

4th Division Praised For Saving Luxemburg... WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 30.—(AP)—High praise for the Fourth Infantry division for saving Luxemburg was expressed by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in a letter today to the division's commander, Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton of Ada, Okla.

LAW TO BACK WAR LABOR CODE ASKED... President Roosevelt appealed personally to Petrillo for compliance in the recording case. When Petrillo refused, the government took no further action.

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WOUGHT TO STOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP) Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) complained today that people are picking on the Senate.

It ought to stop, he said. In a statement the senator asserted that "in these days of momentous foreign relations 'baiting the senate' has become a favorite indoor sport in certain quarters."

Then he propounded a list of 16 questions—no answers—about what's behind it all, and why the senate is being abused and vilified he said, on such things as isolationism, the League of Nations and foreign policy in general. "Let's stop baiting the senate," he urged. "Let's show some confidence in it and in America. Let's maintain our national legislative branch strong and independent."

INSURANCE RATING BUREAU PLANNED

RALEIGH, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A bill to amend the state's general statutes to create a state fire insurance rating bureau and to provide for the regulation of casualty and miscellaneous insurance rates has been prepared for presentation to the 1945 general assembly.

The measure follows closely the recommendations made by a commission appointed by Governor Broughton in mid-summer to make an intensive study and recommendations of changes in the state's insurance laws. The rating bureau would determine the price policyholders would pay for insurance covering losses by fire, lightning, windstorm, explosion, direct damage motor vehicle insurance, and "all other kinds of insurance which fire insurance companies are authorized to write in this state."

Exemptions from the rating bureau would be those companies writing inland marine insurance only, commercial aircraft risks, and insurance covering rolling stock of railroad corporations and property of interstate common carriers carrying freight, passengers or merchandise, and reinsurance.

Under the suggested bill, casualty and miscellaneous insurance companies operating in this state would have to be members of a rating bureau licensed by the state; it provides for the licensing of qualified rating bureaus for casualty and other insurance, and force rating bureaus and insurance companies which make their own rates file rate manuals with the State Insurance Commissioner.

TVA Reports Net Income Of \$14,116,000 In Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Tennessee Valley Authority reported today a net of \$14,116,000 on power operations in the 1944 fiscal year, and an increased war effort.

In its annual report to Congress and President Roosevelt, covering the 12 months ended last June 30, the agency gave its gross revenues from power as \$35,429,000. It said the number of TVA employees dropped from 28,400 to 21,000 with nearly 3,000 departing for military service.

PUBLIC CAUTIOUS ABOUT NEW YEAR

By The Associated Press... The great, the near-great and the man in the street expressed cautious optimism today in predicting events to some in 1945—a year sure to see bloody fighting, but one which might bring victory and peace.

In London, Prime Minister Churchill said the new year "should bring victory in Europe," and added: "before many months have passed the evil gang that has long dominated that unhappy continent will be wiped out."

Russia's top-flight foreign commentator, Ilya Ehrenburg, said in a broadcast: "We will finish off the Germans this year x x x we have suffered too much to stop short of Berlin."

Concerning the war in the Pacific, Robert T. Patterson, under-secretary of war, declared: "I have found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Japan in short order once Germany is finally beaten. We will have to defeat them the hard way."

However, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, who helped whip the Japanese in two battles of the Philippines sea, predicted from Pearl Harbor that "in another year we should have their navy pretty well cleaned up; x x x by next summer, they will be sitting on a decidedly uneasy seat in the empire."

A representative "man in the street," Jim Goodman, 70-year-old cigar counterpane, declared: "Once Germany is through, Russia is going to help us go after Japan... There'll be more cigarettes sold than ever before."

New Order May Close Tar Heel Mica Mines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A stiffly-contested government order on mica purchases will go into effect Monday—a move which may close nearly all North Carolina's mica mines.

Rolla P. Stovall, acting chief of war production board's mica section, told a reporter today that after considering possible changes in the order WPB had decided to enforce it as originally drawn.

North Carolina's Governor J. M. Broughton at conferences here with congressmen and industry representatives declared recently the action would close 90 per cent of the state's mines and leave 3,000 workers jobless.

ARRESTED

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Arrested after a five-mile auto chase, William Groesbeck, 45, executive of Guggenheimer & Co., San Francisco, was arrested today on a San Francisco warrant charging forgery of a company check for \$5,000.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

No Confirmation... WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A press report in London that a shake-up in the Allied command is impending found no indication of confirmation here.

A spokesman recalled Secretary of War Stimson's statement Thursday that it was too early to attempt to place any individual blame or the German breakthrough in Belgium. The spokesman indicated that is still the department's view.

SILENT SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, Paris, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Supreme Allied headquarters was silent tonight on published reports that the winter setback at the front would result in a number of changes in command and organization.

There seems to be no question but that Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt took the Allied high command by surprise as he threw in his great attack, especially as regards to its size and scope. He was aided by a period of heavy fog which permitted him to conceal big-scale movements from aerial observation—and perhaps was aided also by Allied complacency.

JAPS LEYTE LOSSES BOOSTED TO 116,770

(Continued from Page One) off Panay island the night of December 28-29. (Tokyo radio yesterday broadcast a claim that Japanese planes in three days of attacks on a 50 ship convoy headed for Mindoro had sunk ten transports and a PT boat and had damaged two transports, a cruiser and one destroyer.

MacArthur's communique said that eight of the attacking planes had been shot down. No mention was made of convoy losses. Patrol planes from newly established American fields in the central Philippines continued harassing raids on enemy fields on Luzon island, the communique said.

It added that a Japanese air raid on Mindoro was ineffective. American units which handed the Japanese the defeat on Leyte—which MacArthur has declared one of the worst in the Japanese army's history—were the First Cavalry division, Eleventh Airborne division, and the Seventh, 24th, 32nd, 77th and 96th Infantry divisions. They were opposed, the communique said, by the enemy's First, 16th, 26th and 102nd divisions and major elements of the Eighth and 30th divisions, most of which had seen service in China and earlier in the Philippines.

What Is Wrong When Prayer Fails?

Thirty years ago, in Forbidden Tibet, behind the highest mountains in the world, a young Englishman named Edwin J. Dingle found the answer to this question. A great mystic opened his eyes. He realized the strange Power that Knowledge gives. That Power, he says, can transform the life of anyone. Questions, whatever they are, can be answered. The problems of health, death, poverty and wrong, can be solved. In his own case, he was brought back to splendid health. He acquired wealth, too, as well as worldwide professional recognition. Thirty years ago, he was sick as a man could be and live. Once his coffin was bought. Years of almost continuous tropical fevers, broken bones, near blindness, privation and danger had made a human wreck of him, physically and mentally. He was about to be sent back to England to die, when a strange message came—"They are waiting for you in Tibet." He wants to tell whole world what he learned there, under the guidance of

DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATRE PLANNED

The opening on or about March 1 of a drive-in theater with a capacity for 600 cars was announced yesterday by Pete Balakoff, Wilmington restaurant owner, one of the proprietors of the new entertainment project. It will be located on Market street road, approximately five miles beyond the city limits.

In pointing out that he and the theater's other backers felt that there existed a growing demand in the vicinity for such an establishment, Mr. Balakoff explained that whole families could view motion pictures together from cars in the spacious parking field. A high-visibility screen and scientifically placed loudspeakers will insure satisfaction at what Mr. Balakoff promised will be very reasonable rates.

The announcement was accompanied by an offer of a prize of \$50 in war bonds to the person suggesting the most acceptable name for the theater before Feb. 1. Contributions, limited to 50 words each, should be sent to Drive-In Theater Management, 22 S. Second street.

2,000 BOMBERS POUND GERMANY

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Eight bombers and three fighters were missing from these forces, a U. S. communique said. Going as far east as Kassel, more than 150 miles from the fighting fronts, American bombers made one of their deepest blows to date against the supply lines feeding Field Marshal Gen. Karl von Rundstedt's German armies. They also attacked railroad bridges some 30 miles east of the Siegfried line.

Dispatches from the 9th Air Force, based on the continent, said that westerly and low-hanging clouds which the heavy bombers defied were too thick to permit more than limited operations by American—and German—fighters over the Belgian battlefields. Several German strafing attacks were reported against American truck columns.

Cryolite was discovered by the Danes in 1794.

NAZIS LAUNCH DRIVE ON BASTOGNE ROUTE

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seven of armor, have been "badly mauled, the broadcasts added. Using six divisions, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army still was hammering relentlessly against the southern side of the salient, widening its front from 35 to 40 miles and sending one spearhead to a point five miles north-west of relieved Bastogne, front dispatches said.

This advance according to United Press correspondent Robert Richards narrowed to 12 miles the gap between the Third Army and First Army troops attacking the Germans' northern flank. Allied headquarters, however, stated that the gap was "now" presumably Saturday—16 miles wide and said that reports of a 12-mile width which it ascribed to the BBC were "erroneous."

Widened Strip... Before the Germans struck back against the Bastogne corridor, Patton's men had widened the strip to nearly eight miles near its top with the capture of Lutrebois, three miles southeast of the city, and a salient to the vicinity of Harlange and five miles southeast of Bastogne just over the border in Luxembourg.

A furious battle was raging meanwhile at the edge of Rochefort, to where Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's Panzers had been pushed back 11 miles from the high-water mark of their push. Loss of the key crossroads might force the Germans into headlong retirement from Belgium and they were fighting savagely, supported by tanks, self propelled guns and multi-barreled mortars, to hold the city.

Authorized quarters said the time has come when von Rundstedt must decide whether to renew his main drive or attempt to pull out his 20-odd divisions before they become cut off or invite substantial losses in the course of their retreat.

The situation had created considerable suspense here and a spokesman remarked that "it's somebody's move."

Von Rundstedt, provided he can withdraw his forces sufficiently intact so that they could be used for the defense of other sectors, already has won a considerable victory in disruption of the Allies' own winter plans. The Germans meanwhile had launched a series of intense probing actions along other sectors of the meandering 450 mile front and in one fairly strong assault at the northern end of the Roer line in the Rhineland had driven back into Tripsrath, 13 miles due north of Aachen. They had been dislodged from all except the north corner of the village at last reports.

Higgins Claims Unions Have Rained Shipyards

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans shipbuilder, told the War Labor Board shipbuilding commission today he wants to cancel his contract with 33 American Federation of Labor unions January 1 because "organized labor had made a madhouse" out of his shipyard. The commission directed him however to continue the present agreement in effect pending final settlement of the dispute with the 19,500 employees represented by the AFL to prevent a serious interruption of war production next Tuesday. The commission said its order was effective immediately and could not be suspended or stayed by a petition for review.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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