

Wilmington and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, probable rains during the day with clearing tonight and fair and mild Saturday. Lowest temperatures tonight 38 to 40 degrees.

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## BOMB KILLS 7 IN HOLY CITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Unofficial estimates tonight placed the death toll at seven and the wounded at 10 following today's explosions which damaged a three-block area in the heart of Jerusalem and partially destroyed the central police building. The explosions were believed to have been caused by bombs thrown from automobiles. Assistant Superintendent of Police Denis Flanagan was among those wounded in the sporadic shooting which accompanied the blasts. He was hit by machine gun bullets while inspecting a teller mine found near a movie house several blocks from the scene of the main blast. The heaviest blast was in the police building, housing the criminal investigation department, which borders on Jaffa road, the main thoroughfare in the modern part of the city. Police, hospital and military removed bodies on stretchers, and squads of men still were digging through high piles of debris around the headquarters. It was reported here that one Jewish constable was killed in a

# Foreign Ministers Draft Blueprint For Atomic Power Control; Unionists Threaten Electrical, Phone Walk-outs

## GM Agrees To Attend Conference

### HOPE FOR ACCORD

### Labor Conciliators To Meet Jan. 2 In Last Minute Effort to Avert Strike

By The Associated Press

The possibility of two big strikes increased the nation's industrial problems last night, while General Motors corporation, party to another dispute, announced its representative would attend President Truman's fact-finding hearing today to present a formal statement regarding the company's position "with respect to further proceedings."

### HERE IS AN HONEST MAN



Pat J. Sullivan (left) of Chattanooga, Tenn., is an honest man and has proved it in no uncertain manner. From time to time in the past, his landlord, R. Frank Smith, gave him money, telling him to save it for the education of Smith's son, Frank Joseph Smith (right). Smith died Dec. 1. No one knew about the money until Sullivan brought out the old tin can the other day. In the presence of the Smith family, he counted out \$15,590, mostly in small bills. The Smiths have filed a bill in Chancery court to legally make Sullivan trustee of the fund. (AP Photo).

## STORK ON STRIKE AT SEA HORSE TANK; SITUATION IN HAND

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—(AP)—No stork is hovering over the Sea Horse tank at the Charleston Museum, G. Robert Lunz, Jr., curator of Crustaceans and Sea Horse fan, decided today. Mr. Lunz reluctantly decided that no youngsters could be expected before next spring. Sea Horses have been known to have 700 offspring at one birth, and expectations of a blessed event in their tank had caused worry about the housing shortage, however, a recheck of the situation has been made, with the result that no additions to the family are contemplated before the vernal season.

## BOARD TO FIX JAP POLICIES

### Gen. MacArthur To Remain In Charge Of Far East Direction Under 11-Nation Unit; U. S.-Russia To Withdraw Troops

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
AP Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—As agreement on drafting the blueprint for machinery to control atomic power, and accord on other problems ranging the globe, was announced tonight by the Foreign Secretaries of the U. S., Russia and Britain. Russia concurred in the plan proposed by the U. S. and Britain, with Canada, that the United Nations should handle controls over atomic energy to "ensure its use only for peaceful purposes."

## British Throw Military Cordon Around Batavia

## COMMUNISTS LAY PLANS ON TABLE

## Leaders Place In Writing, Proposals For Peace In China

By VERN HAUGLAND  
AP Staff Correspondent

BATAVIA, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The British threw a military cordon around Batavia today as Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, notified Indonesian leaders he was taking more active measures to restore order in Java and appealed for their cooperation. (London dispatches said Prime Minister Attlee had begun talks this afternoon with Dutch officials including Premier Wilhelm Schermerhorn and Dr. H. J. Van Mook, acting Governor General in the Netherlands Indies, in an effort to settle the Indonesian crisis. The British government was said to be pressing the Dutch to recognize the self-proclaimed Indonesian republic.)

## CHUNGKING, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Chinese Communists, meeting government leaders to arrange for full-dress peace discussions, submitted in writing today their plan for a truce to end China's civil turmoil.

"All we can do is hope," declared Chou En-lai, head of the Communist delegation, on emerging from the preliminary conference at which the rival factions met formally for the first time since Nov. 17. Then he set off for a dinner honoring Gen. George C. Marshall at the home of Walter Robertson, U. S. Charge D'Affaires, also attended by representatives of the government and China's Democratic League.

## BRITISH DRAMATIST WANTS SIMPLE FORM OF ALPHABET SET UP

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw appealed today to the British government to appoint a committee to draft a new English alphabet "with which every sound in our speech can be written with the graphic and easily written symbol, without even crosses or dots."

Shaw, who has campaigned before for simplification of the alphabet, said in a letter to The Times that adoption of his proposals would soon pay the cost of the war in time saved.

Using the word "bomb" as an example, Shaw said the final "B" was "entirely senseless" and represented "an absurd mispronunciation, as if the word 'gum' were to be spelt 'gung'."

"I can scribble the word 'bomb' barely legibly 18 times in one minute," Shaw said, "and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 15 per cent."

The result, he argued, is staggering enough to justify a priority for a new alphabet, "no matter what it costs."

## Socony Plans 8,000,000 Gallon Oil Plant Here

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## ADDITION WILL BOOST LOCAL FACILITIES TO 92,000,000

The combined capacity of Wilmington's oil terminals will be increased to more than 90,000,000 gallons with the completion here of the Socony-Vacuum company's 8,000,000-gallon plant in late 1946, it was disclosed from a check of existing terminal facilities here.

Construction work on the Socony terminal has just been started here on the east bank of the Cape Fear river south of Wilmington. News of the construction of the plant was confirmed yesterday by officials of Socony's southeastern division. The Chicago Bridge and Iron Works are contractors in charge and it is expected that the terminal will be operating late in 1946.

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Truman ordered his big C-54 readied tonight for his return to Washington as his Christmas holiday came to an end with another round of visiting and handshaking.

The "Sacred Cow" in which he flew to Kansas City Christmas Day, was scheduled to take off at 9:30 a. m. EST tomorrow for the capital where he will begin work on a nationwide speech to the people.

## FATE OF VALMORE REMAINS MYSTERY

The fate of the Valmore, two-masted schooner cast adrift by her towboat, Dunworkin, near Frying Pan shoals about dawn Christmas morning, appeared early today to be another of the countless mysteries of the sea.

Coast Guard and Army planes at dusk last night had completed the third straight day of searching for the 65-foot yacht that had set out from Morehead City Monday morning in tow for southern waters. No trace of the yacht, its wreckage, or its four-man crew had been sighted.

## RESCUE WORKERS REDOUBLE EFFORT

## Hope However, Fades Hourly That Pineville Miners May Be Alive

By CLAY WADE BAILEY  
United Press Staff Correspondent

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Hope was gone but desperately weary men choking on smoke and gas fumes fought on against fire and rock slides in the dank depths of a coal mine tonight.

Not one believed any longer that he was battling to reach and save human lives; each one believed his goal was a collection of corpses, those of the 31 or more miners who were caught in the two-mile long tunnel of the Straight Creek Coal mine by an explosion at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday—the day after Christmas.

The 100 would-be rescuers were so near to dropping from physical exhaustion that mine inspector James Bryson sent out an appeal through all the Kentucky soft coal region for trained mine rescue workers. But the men themselves, who had no more than four hours rest in the last 30 hours, would not even listen to suggestions of giving up.

## SERVICE IN NEW ANNEX PLANNED

Garbage facilities for the newly annexed areas of the city of Wilmington will be ready Jan. 1, the day the actual work of acquiring the new areas is begun.

## COMMUNIST RIOTERS STORM POLICE BOOTH IN ATHENS, GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Police station in a suburb of Piraeus today, as Minister of the Interior Constantine Rentis warned that the release of between 8,000 and 10,000 left-wing political prisoners might result in a wave of vengeance killings throughout Greece.

The Communists sought the release of two members of the KKE, Communist organization, who had been arrested for allegedly disarming a police officer. The Communists fought their way to the cell where the men were held, but were dispersed after arrival of reinforcements from Piraeus, Port of Athens.

Rentis said that three members of the KKE, released recently from political imprisonment, were killed and one wounded in the Corinth district of Athens by relatives of victims slain in last winter's disturbances.

## GRAND JURY HITS LAX POLICE WORK

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Dade county grand jury today charged that law enforcement officers in the greater Miami area were failing to prosecute gamblers because they believed the public wants gambling. The jury urged the indictment of any state officials in derelict in their duty.

In a sweeping recommendation aimed at what it called "flourishing games of chance, the grand jury urged removal of city and county officials who fail to take action against gambling, and singled out the Bolita lottery as a "vicious" form of gambling.

Emphasizing that "the public official primarily responsible for enforcement of the gambling laws is the Sheriff of Dade county" the grand jury said:

"This grand jury is not impressed by the suggestion that the Sheriff cannot stop major gambling operations because of a lack of manpower or other technical difficulties."

## ACL Operating Income Drops Over \$5,000,000

The net railway operating income of the Atlantic Coast Line dropped more than \$5,000,000 for 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1945, from the same period in 1944, the company's statement of revenues and expenses showed today.

For the period in 1945 this income was \$6,809,685 as compared with \$11,984,783 in 1944. For the same period in 1943 the net income was \$14,164,029.

The income also showed a drop from \$933,279 for November, 1944, to \$820,825 in November, 1945.

The company's total operating revenues for November 1945 were \$10,702,662. For the same period in 1944 these were \$12,962,390, slightly higher than 1943's \$12,898,137. Total revenues for the first 11 months in 1945 were \$128,040,141 as compared with \$142,655,850 for the same period in 1944 and \$140,342,637 in 1943.

In November, 1945, operating expenses were \$9,143,645 and for the same month in 1944, \$7,946,045, and

## WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday

|   |            |             |       |            |    |
|---|------------|-------------|-------|------------|----|
| Maximum   | 58         | Minimum     | 36    | Mean       | 46 |
| Normal  | 48         |             |       |            |    |
| Humidity  |            |             |       |            |    |
| 1:30 a. m.  | 46         | 7:30 a. m.  | 38    | 1:30 p. m. | 37 |
| 7:30 p. m.  | 49         |             |       |            |    |
| Precipitation   |            |             |       |            |    |
| Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.                                | —Inches.   |             |       |            |    |
| Total since the first of the month.—Inches.                         | —Inches.   |             |       |            |    |
| Tides for Today   |            |             |       |            |    |
| (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) |            |             |       |            |    |
| Wilmington  | 5:08 a. m. | LOW         | a. m. |            |    |
|   | 5:23 p. m. | 12:16 p. m. |       |            |    |
| Masonboro Inlet   | 3:15 a. m. | 9:24 a. m.  |       |            |    |
|   | 3:22 p. m. | 9:42 p. m.  |       |            |    |
| Sunrise 7:17 a. m.; Sunset 5:11 p. m.;                              |            |             |       |            |    |
| Moonrise 1:53 a. m.; Moonset 1:32 p. m.;                            |            |             |       |            |    |
| River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m. Thursday — feet.     |            |             |       |            |    |

## Meat Ball Returns Home But Note Mystery Remains

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Five-year-old Patsy Duerling got her pet Dachshund, meat ball, back today but the mystery surrounding an anonymous "Kidnap" note, instead of being solved, grew even deeper.

The dog disappeared yesterday and in the afternoon mail Patsy received a penny postcard on which "scrawled in a childish hand: 'Just to let U know by the time U get this, me and the little dog will be a hundred miles from Tampa. He will have a good home. Thanks.'"

Patsy's father, war veteran John Duerling, who brought the dog

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from Germany in his Mussette bag, offered a \$50 reward for the dog's return and a Tampa newspaper carried the story.

The dog was found on the other side of the city when a reader called the newspaper saying he had seen a dog which answered Meat Ball's description.

The people who had the dog said they found him tied to their porch.

Meat Ball was mascot for the 274th Infantry in Zorn, Germany, and was known as "Bugs" by men in Duerling's outfit. Patsy and her playmates promptly changed that to Meat Ball when the dog arrived.

## Cop Knows An Honest Man But Can't Remember Faces

ROME, Ga., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Officer George Strayer can tell an honest man when he sees one but he can't remember what they look like very long.

With the holiday spirit in the air, a man approached Strayer and asked: "Do you remember me?"

"You look familiar," said the policeman, "but I don't remember ever having arrested you."

"You didn't," said the stranger. "You bought my dinner when I was hungry and gave me bus fare back to Michigan."

"Here's \$12 for the fare, and another \$5 for your trouble."

Strayer accepted the \$12 but refused any interest. He said the man did not give his name.

The man came through here in May last year, en route from Brunswick where he was a shipyard worker to his home in Michigan. His health had failed. From Michigan he went to Arizona. He told Strayer he was on his way back to Michigan to spend the holidays with his family and came by this way to repay the officer.

"It sort of revives your faith in human nature," Strayer said.