

# YAMASHITA DIES FOR ATROCITIES

MANILA, Feb. 23.—(P)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, whose swift conquest of Singapore burned his name into military history, died on the gallows death of a criminal today and went to an obscure grave.

Executed for condoning countless Japanese atrocities during his futile fight to hold the Philippines in 1944-45, he was buried in a prisoners' cemetery among soldiers whose misdeeds sealed his doom. No medals glittered on his chest; his burial garb was a patched and slouchy American Army fatigue suit.

A white post, waist-high, bearing his Japanese Army identification tags, marked his resting place among 5,000 of his men who died of dysentery and malaria after their capture.

Behind him Yamashita left farewell words strangely mild against the background of horror and barbarity that characterized his sway in the islands. On the scaffold in a cane-field near Los Banos his last spoken words were "for the emperor's long life."

In a farewell statement issued through an interpreter he thanked his American defense counsel and said: "I don't blame my executioners. I will pray God bless them."

Also executed today were two convicted torturers: Lieutenant-Colonel Seichi Ohta, who once headed the dreaded Japanese secret police in the Philippines, and a civilian interpreter, Takuma Hiasahi. They were hanged on the cane-field gallows after Yamashita.

## MAYBE YOU CAN TELL THEM



Mrs. Jesse F. Pridgen, center, was digging holes in which to plant roses in her front yard recently when suddenly her arm went through an opening in the ground. Curious, she started to dig the hole wider and uncovered a well of fresh water which had been covered by a cement top. The Pridgen's moved into the residence at 402 N. Fourth street, seven years ago and until the covering gave way yesterday they did not know the well existed. The home is 65 years old, and according to nearby residents, the well was covered over about 50 years ago. Mrs. W. K. King, same address, is looking over Mrs. Pridgen's shoulder as she shows the well to her daughter. What they would like to know—how old is the well?

## NHHS Holding First Aid Classes As Part Of Red Cross Project

A class in standard first aid is being conducted in New Hanover High school each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:15 o'clock as a Junior Red Cross project.

Mrs. George L. Mitchell, JRC chairman, said Mrs. Bishop will teach the class.

New members will be able to join at the meeting Tuesday.

## Boettingers Purchase Phoenix Shopping News

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 23.—(P)—John Boettiger and his wife, Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, announced today they had purchased the Phoenix Shopping News as "the first step in the establishment of a new daily newspaper" in Phoenix.

They have been in Phoenix for six weeks surveying market potentialities of the state and city.

Boettiger formerly was publisher of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

In a formal statement announcing purchase of the weekly advertising publication, the Boettigers said they planned to buy a home here and "spend a major portion of our time in Phoenix."

## Cruiser Commissioned At Philadelphia Yard

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—(P)—The USS Huntington, second 10,000-ton light cruiser to be built with a single stack, was commissioned today at the Philadelphia Naval base.

The Huntington is one of the most modernly equipped warships to join the U. S. fleet. She is designed to attain a speed of 35 knots and measures over 611 feet in length.

She is a sister ship of the USS Fargo which departed last month from the Naval base on a shake-down cruise to the Caribbean.

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## CABBIES TO PRESS LICENSE CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Cab-driving veterans who invaded the capitol this week from Chicago were planning a two-front war tonight to get the licenses which

their home city thus far has denied them.

The taxicab army will carry on here indefinitely, their leaders said, but in the meanwhile a task force will try to get to Mayor Edward J. Kelly in Chicago for a conference.

The invaders, some 300 strong, drove here to put pressure on Chicago to grant them licenses. They will hold a mass meeting

Monday night at which Illinois Congressmen, church leaders, and various veterans representatives will be present.

Meanwhile Arthur Dickholtz, vice president of the American Cab Drivers Association for Discharged Veterans to which they belong, sent a telegram to Kelly asking an audience.

Kelly told Washington newspaper men during a visit here this week

that he would see the drivers in Chicago at any time.

The veterans contend that big companies have a monopoly of cab licenses in Chicago which the Justice department should break to permit an additional 1,000 taxis to operate there.

### AGREE

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 23.—(P)—A three-man federal councilation

panel announced agreement today on all issues in the three-week strike of 17,500 workers at the Caterpillar Tractor company here. A spokesman for local 105 of the striking CIO Farm Equipment and Metal Workers union said the agreement in the wage dispute between bargaining officers of the union and Caterpillar representatives would be voted on by union members at a meeting tomorrow.

## Violinist Trained Here Flies To Aid Stokowski

A young woman whose career as a violinist began here in Wilmington several years ago was one of 21 string players personally requested by Leopold Stokowski to fly to Havana, Cuba, to augment an orchestra for his performance of the Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, according to information received yesterday by relatives of the young artist.

News of the honor accorded the former Wilmington musician—Miss Jeanne Mitchell—was forwarded to her uncle, George L. Mitchell, 17 Colonial drive, Forest Hills.

Miss Mitchell, who is a violinist with Stokowski's orchestra in New York City, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Mitchell, native Wilmingtonians, who moved to New York some years ago.

Recipient of a scholarship at Barnard college in New York, the young woman was graduated from there with honors. Her career as a violinist was

started in Wilmington and her mother, also a talented violinist, played in local churches and for other organizations before moving to New York.

The Havana performance took place on Valentine's Day, after a mix-up between Stokowski and Havana Philharmonic officials, which resulted in no Philharmonic musicians being allowed to play for the famed conductor, according to the Feb. 18 issue of Time magazine.

By looking through Havana military bands, Stokowski found 55 men to blow horns, and a Cuban chorus of 150. The 21 string players and a tenor then were flown from New York by chartered plane.

The musicians arrived on Friday morning, in time for their first rehearsal with Dr. Stokowski and were expected to return by plane to New York several days later.

## Women Voters Favor Loan To Great Britain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—The national league of women voters today urged congress to promptly approve the U. S. loan to Britain.

Miss Anna Lord Strauss, president of the league, said in a letter to each member of congress:

"We urge your support because we believe the Anglo-American financial agreement, including the credit to Britain, a practical investment which will contribute to more jobs and fewer wars for Americans."

Keep a jar at the sink for all scraps and slivers of soap which become too small to handle. Add warm water so pieces will dissolve into a jelly which can be used for dishes.

## Pepper Wants Pauley To Withdraw Name

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(P)—Senator Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) today told a press conference that in his opinion, Edwin W. Pauley, nominated for undersecretary of Navy, should ask President Truman for permission to withdraw his name.

"If Mr. Pauley is so misguided by his friends that he declines to follow this course, then the decision will be for the president to make, as to whether he does not consider it in the public interest and distinctly towards the harmony of the nation to withdraw Mr. Pauley's name," Pepper said.

## B. & O. Net Income Shows Big Decrease

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—(P)—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad announced today that net income for 1945, after providing for all interest and fixed charges, was \$15,901,401, a decrease of \$5,013,037 compared with 1944.

Operating revenues for December, 1945, were reported as \$25,367,152, a decrease of \$4,435,050 compared with the corresponding month of 1944.

Net income for the month of December, 1945, showed a deficit of \$4,089,641, the company said.

## Hudson Turning Out 400 Automobiles Daily

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—(P)—Hudson Motor Co. announced today that it is currently producing 400 passenger cars daily, despite supplier difficulties and material shortages.

The announcement said the company had opened a second assembly line on February 19 and that it plans to increase daily production as rapidly as material supplies will permit.

Hudson's January output totaled 5,738 units.

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