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JAPAN BOMBS * BOY SCOUT PARADE * SHIP

SINKS U. S. GUNBOAT PANAY

Offers Usual Apology - U. * S. Sends Stern Demands-Eight Missing - Other * secured. Boats Sunk

Shanghai, Dec. 13 .- (Monday) -Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarn-ell, chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, today received a report from the United States gunboat Luzon that the gunboat Panay had been bombed and sunk near Nanking.

No further details were received immediately from the Luzon. Earlier reports reaching Shanghai said the Panay, with 15 Amerly near the American craft.

embassy officials. They included George Atcheson, Jr., and J. Hall Paxton, of Danville, Va., second secretaries; Capt. Frank Roberts, assistant military attache, and Emile Gassie, embassy clerk.

Nanking.

The gunboat Luzon, with two other gunboats, is stationed at Hankow.

Hankow, China, Dec. 13 .-States gunboat Panay late tonight for their cooperation. declared the bombing was unmistakably deliberate, precluding possibility of error.

Though the gunboat had American flags painted on her awnings beloved sponsor, Mrs. James Ma-and carried flags on every mast, lone. Miss Edith Dixon of Louisobservers said squadrons of Jap-anese planes bombed the Panay four successive times. four successive times.

The British gunboat Bee, which rushed under forced draft to the P. T. A. STUDY GROUP rated with holly. On a table in the ner consisting of tomato cocktail, scene of the incident, was in radio communication tonight with Hankow, present seat of the Chinese Government and the United States Department. embassy.

The Bee reported she had found cern to parent and teacher.

2 more survivors from the three Mrs. M. Stuart Davis read a 12 more survivors from the three

American. British and other diplomats expressed bitter indignation at the attack on the Panay.

Washington, Dec. 13. - The three stern demands today because of the "indiscriminate bombing" and sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and other American ships above Nanking. At the same time President Roosevelt sent expressions of shocked concern to the emperor of Japan.

While capitol hill reverberated to the sinking and a heated discussion rose on the floor of the senate, this government demand-

Full compensation to the government and victims. (Dispatches en, and plans for Christmas and to the navy department place them other business transacted. at one sailor killed, six missing and 15 persons wounded.) Apologies for the incident.

Guarantees against a repetition

of such an attack.

of such an attack.

The President's personal ex-Louis Wheless, Mrs. A. C. Hall, pression, handed to Japanese Am-Mrs. Clyde White and Mrs. James bassador Hirosi Saito by Secre- Malone. tary of State Hull for transmission tary of State Hull for transmission to the emperor, was a message from one head of state to another and therefore regarded as a greatand therefore regarded as a greater importance than the series of Louisburg Theatre brance, and a confectionary weak. The Epworth League was ably assisted by the Green Hill Bible the state department to the Jap-Sino-Japanese undeclared war be-

"Deeply Shocked." It informed the emperor that "The Painted Stellion." the President "was deeply shocked and concerned by the news of the indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese Tuesday—Robert Young, Jam-American and other non-Chinese

vessels on the Yangtze." Even before the President could in "Navy Blue and Gold." act, the Japanese government wednesday—Joe E. Brown and pressed every effort to allay the Helen Mack in "Fit For a King." called early on Secretary Hull to Adophe Menjou in "Stage Door," inform him that his government accepted full responsibility for the incident which he characterized Milland in "Ebb Tide." as "a great mistake, a great

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* . It is understood the * * Boy Scouts in Franklin * * County will present a * parade in Louisburg this afternoon, at about * 2 o'clock. A full pro- * gram of the afternoon * activities could not be *

SCOUT NIGHT OBSERVED

The weekly luncheon of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club was observed on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 in the Community building at

6:30 o'clock.

After Doc Elam gave a very ican civilian refugees aboard, had splendid report on the closing of steamed up the Yangtze 28 miles the tobacco market advertising to escape shells falling dangerous-program and Joseph Tonkel reported on the Santa Clause com-Aboard were four American mittee the meeting was turned abassy officials. They included over to Kiwanian Frank Wheless.

> A combined program was held at this meeting. The annual Ki-wanian night and annual Scout night.

A three minute talk by several The consulate general in Shang- of the Kiwanians on their profeshai said that two American news- sion was enjoyed by all-these reel cameramen who had been included a doctor, dry cleaner aboard the Panay had returned to warehouse man, lawyer, and preacher.

Kiwanian Mills presented six Boy Scouts of the Louisburg day evening after selling three Troup who gave the Scout Oath for the Kiwanians. Next Mr. Bush, who is helping to organize the according to information given Observers who witnessed the Jap-anese aerial attack on the United commended the club very highly

> Also the club was glad to have as their guest, Mr. Malcolm Mc-Kinne, who is the vice-councilor of the county committee.

Due to the absence of the club's

The program on Adolescents, carried a message of common con-

pressive article showing the Adolescent 'girls' attitude toward some maladjustments of home descent and cookies in the shape of J. Rochester and P. A. Bradley. life. Mrs. L. F. Kent read a strong wreathes. Washington. Dec. 13.—The paper, emphasizing parents possi-United States presented Japan ble reaction to suffering and need

to overcome weakness.

Mrs. R. F. Yarborough read a lovely Christmas selection, on present, numbering nineteen, rep-Christmas giving. A round discussion followed.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Miss Max Allen entertained the members and friends of the Junior Woman's League at her home Tuesday afternoon.

The president, Mrs. E. F. Griffin, presided over the meeting. An interesting program was giv-

Delicious refreshments were served the following: Mrs. F. H. Allen, Mrs. F. R. Rose, Mrs. Lew-is Word, Mrs. Weldon Egerton, Mrs. H. J. Lewis, Mrs. F. W. Whe-

The following is the program anese government, and Chinese at the Louisburg Theatre, begin-government as well, since the ning Saturday, Dec. 18th: Saturday - Edw. G. Robinson

and James Stewart in "Lost Gangster," and Hoot Gibson in

Tuesday-Robert Young, Jam-

es Stewart and Lionel Barrymore in the pretty and impressive ring

indignation that seemed rising in the capital. Ambassador Salto Hepburn, Ginger Rogers and corps of Franklin County for 9

Xmas Eve Midnit—Oscar Ho-lolka, Frances Farmer and Ray Itiliand in "Ebb Tide." made many friends who extend congratulations, e Mr. Smoak holds an important molka, Frances Farmer and Ray

Xmas Day-Ronald Colman, blunder." He expressed his "deep Madeline Carroll and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in "The Prisoner of Zenda."

* * * * * * Can Still Laugh



WASHINGTON . . . Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace doesn't seem troubled about rumors that the new 27,000-word Crop Control Bill is slated for a Roman holiday in the Congres-sional arena. Meanwhile, as Congress lays plans for an orgy of speechmaking, rapidly rocketing retail food prices threaten to bring on a virtual consumer's strike and Mr. Wallace's Depart-ment publishes figures that less than half of food-buyer's dollar actually goes to producers.

SELLS 3 ½

The Louisburg Tobacco Market closed for the season on Wedneswho is helping to organize the according to information given troops throughout the counties, the TIMES yesterday. This is a good record and tobacco growers good record and tobacco growers involved to remember this for next season.

THE SCHOOL MASTERS CLUB MEETS

On Wednesday evening Decemwas held, was beautifully deco-The P. T. A. study group met mas scene, which included Santa Dec. 9th in the Home Economic and his prancing reinder on stuffed celery middle. fluffy snow, was laid.

-A delicious meal was served by several Home Economics girls, who wore dainty flowered aprons. Standard Oil company boats, bombed when the Panay was attacked, who were on the Yangtze river's south bank opposite Hohsien.

Mrs. M. Stuart Davis read a splendid paper, stressing the factorial training in Colleges, and in public schools, watchfulness as to talents of pupils with some direction of them.

Mrs. Earl Murphy read a min who were dainly nowered aprons. The first course, cream of pea soup was followed by a plate containing in ling ham, dressing and stuffed oranges. Hot biscuits were served and a delicious and colorful cran-Mrs. Earl Murphy read an im- berry salad followed. Also, the Shearon, Lucille Johnson, Beryl

> This was followed by the business meeting.

present, numbering nineteen, rep- school,

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COUNTY HOME

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church conducted a very enjoyable Christmas entertainment and party this week for the inmates of the Franklin Coun-

ty Home. This program was carried out through the able leadership of Mrs. William "Andrews. Several musical numbers were given by the League: Mrs. Claude Collins assisted, with several highly en-

tertaining readings and musical selections. Mrs. F. M. Fuller and Mrs. Ben T. Holden were present and help-ed to make the evening a success.

Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner spoke words of appreciation on behalf of the

Class in providing this Christmas cheer for these friends at the County Home.

SMOAK-BAZEMORE

Miss Marion Bazemore and Mr. H. L. Smoak were happily marceremony in the presence of on ly a few friends.

Mrs. Smoak is a popular teacher at the Justice School, having years, during which time she has

position with the Marine Railway at Norfolk, as Deisel Engineer.
They will make their home in
Norfolk after the school term in Franklin is completed.

TO PUBLISH EARLY NEXT WEEK

The FRANKLIN TIMES will be published and mailed on Wednesday of next week, Dec. 22, in order that Christmas announcements may be given circulation before the shopping days are over. We are asking our advertisers to bear this in mind and let us have their changes of advertisements not later than early Tuesday morning. Also those of our correspondents or who have news items for publication are invited to send them in earlier than

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. EDITOR.

Miss Allen Appointed

Miss Hazel Allen has recently been appointed representative of the Hospital Saving Association for Franklin County. The infororganization sponsored and con- Monday. trolled by the Hospital Associaalong the line of the operation of the burial associations. This organization is maintained by its members with a set monthly fee. which provides hospital services for definite periods.

ENTERTAINED

Bunn .-- Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nash delightfully entertained the Bunn school faculty at a dinner and to postal employees and en-Wednesday evening. Dec. 1. The able them to spend the Christmas home was attractively decorated in the holiday spirit. At 6 o'clock the guests-were ushered into the dining room and each found his ber the 8th, the School Masters' place by means of dainty mint club was entertained at Mills cup place cards, Covers were laid High School. The Home Economics room, in which the meeting Nash assisted by Mrs. Mary Woodward served a three course din-

Following the dinner a social

Sims, Mildred Manning, Foustina

The coaches and principals an enthusiastic supporter of the

ENTERTAINS AMICITIA CLUB

Mrs. C. K. Cooke entertained the members and friends of the Amicitia club Thursday afternoon. Boston Rook was played at several tables, with Mrs. M. C. Pleasants receiving top score.

A salad course with coffee was served to the following: Mrs. W. Strowd, Mrs. Ben Holden, Mrs. W. R. Mills, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. Alston, Mrs. S. A. Newell, Mrs. Mac Furgerson, Mrs. F. M. Fuller, Mrs. George Davis and Miss Virginia Foster.

war, when you win you lose.

Early Mailing

During the holiday time the pon with intent to kill against volume of mail increases approximately 200 per cent. It is a physical impossibility to handle this assault with deadly weapon and great mass of mail matter efficiently and promptly within a few Russell Wilder was found guilty iently and promptly within a few mation states this is a non-profit days stated Postmaster Harris, trolled by the Hospital Association of North Carolina, to render hospital service to its members along the line of the overation of and letters by Christmas Day the

and letters by Christmas Day the . George Medlin was found not public should SHOP AND MAIL guilty of transporting, guilty of EARLY. Do your Christmas shop- unlawful possession of ping so that you can mail your and given 4 months on roads, susgifts, greetings, and letters, to pended upon paying a fine of \$50 relatives, friends, and loved ones, and costs, at least a week or 10 days before Christmas, according to the distance. This will not only make its certain that they are received becertain that they are received be-fore Christmas Day but will be of assault on a female and given a great aid to your postal service 4 months on roads. holidays with their families.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The FRANKLIN TIMES last week carried a splendid editorial on the Christmas seal, which article was read with appreciation-by those interested in the Seal campaign

In the campaign against tuber-culosis, the seals with the doublebarred cross, symbol of the fight, have girdled the globe, From Denmark, where they originated, easthour was enjoyed in the living ward through Sweden. Russia, room. Korea and Japan, across the Pa-Guests present were: Mr. M. T. cific through Hawaii to the Unit-Lamm, principal; Misses Nellie ed States and then across the At-McGirt, Mary Beale Parker, Hellantic to England and back thru en Edwards, Ruth Taylor, Irvine the Netherlands, Belgium, they have made their journey, returning to Denmark.

All kinds of people buy the anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals. the white, the negro, the yellow J. Rochester and P. A. Bradley. queens and presidents and boys guilfy of assault with deadly wea-Mrs. Nash is president of the and girls from many lands... pon.

The Seals have financed the National, State and local Tuber-5,000 hospital beds are provided. as against 10,000 thirty years ago.
The sale of Seals closes the night of Dec. 24th. Don't fail to

buy and use the Seals on Christmay packages, cards and letters.

FLOOD-JOYNER

Miss Mozelle Joyner of Louisburg and Mr. Donald Flood of Bunn were united in marriage at Bunn Tuesday night, December 7,

Mr. Flood holds a position, at the Standard Service Station, in Arguing with a woman is like Bunn where they are making their home.

YOU CAN'T BLAME THE PUBLIC

Information received at the local postoffice Wednesday showed that \$6,093.50 had been sent from Louisburg since cember 1st, most of which went to mail order hous

On this basis it would seem that above \$100,000 is sent away from here annually besides at least an equal or larger amount taken away on individual purchases. The business interests of no community can survive these

conditions very long.

However, you can't blame the public. The mail order houses are no "Cheap Johns" when it comes to advertising. They furnish all who want them with large nicely and attractively illustrated catalogues carrying the prices of each article and go so far as to sell on the budget plan. Our neighboring cities carry large and attractive advertisements in their local papers, which they see is widely circulated, giving full description of all articles and prices.

What are the business institutions in Louisburg doing. Most of them are sitting down expecting the public to come to see them without as much as an invitation.

One business man informed the TIMES man recently

that the big stores that advertised reduced rates were getting all the business in many lines. Another business man who does not advertise said business had been worse with him this fall than he has experienced in twenty years, In contrast a reg-ular advertiser in the FRANKLIN TIMES said recently his business has increased 20 per cent over last year. People like to plan their purchases at home, and before making them. It pays to advertise. Otherwise the \$6,093.50 would not

have left Louisburg by mail since the first of December. Louisburg business men had better take a lesson from

Recorder's Court

Following a four week's vaca ion because of the two terms of Franklin Superior Court. Franklin County's Recorder Court had one of the largest accumulated dockets before it Tuesday in its history. As a result the court held Tuesday and Wednesday, disposing of the following cases:

R. R. Denton was found guilty of operating automobile intoxica-

guilty of larceny.

James Odis Hamilton was found guilty of receiving stolen goods and given 60 days on roads. ty of manufacturing whiskey and given 90 days on roads, suspend-

statutory fees.

Jack Dale found guilty of manufacturing whiskey given 90 days on roads, suspended upon paying costs including statutory fees

of reckless driving and violating prohibition law, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon

Levi Cannady was found not

unlawful possession of whiskey and was discharged upon paying

\$50 and costs, not to operate a car for 12 months. Thomas King was found not

distilling outfit and manufactur-

guilty of larceny. and was given 60 days on roads. suspended upon paying \$5 fine

ty of operating an automobile intoxicated.

Thad Williams was found not guilty of violating automobile

license, 4 months on roads, not to operate car for 12 months. Ap-

Alex Bailey, old case, upon payment of \$5 given till 1st Tuesday in January to pay balance.

The following cases were con-

tinued S. P. Holding, Jr., bad check,

ficer. Alex Williams, non-support.

Sidney Davis, disposing mortgaged property. Earl Hockady, careless

W. N. Fuller, violating gas law. Duck Pearce, assault with deadweapon. Vester Ross, John Chappell, as-

ating automobile intoxicated. Tommie Stevenson, operating automobile intoxicated.

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ted and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost and not to operate

car for 12 months. Emil Merritt was found not

Celmons Harris was found guiled upon paying costs including

A nolle pros was taken in the case of assault with deadly wea-

Haywood Alston plead guilty to

Russell Bobbitt plead guilty to

Roy Jones was found guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey, and discharged upon paying costs. Robert Davis was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon paying fine of

guilty of parking on highway. A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case of possession of

ing whiskey.

Erastus Clifton was found not Troy Blackman plead guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey

and costs. Alex Bailey was found not guil-

Alex Branch was found not

culosis Associations for thirty tom, and he was given 18 months years—until today in the U.S. on roads, suspended upon condion roads, suspended upon condi-tion that defendant enter a training school and remain there 18 months.

Otis Hunt plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, not to operate car for 12 months

Athleen Davis was found not guilty of larceny. Felix Parrish was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, driving car without drivers

Erastus Clifton, found guilty of larceny, prayer for judgment continued

four cases. W. A. Watkins, fraud. W. H. Radford, resisting an of-

Clarence Harrison, larceny and receiving.

reckless driving.
Alex Williams, non-support.

sault with deadly weapon. Charlie Allen Solomon,

A card or letter to the Agricultural Editor at State College will bring, free of charge, Extension Circular No. 217, "Feeding Cattle For Market," by L. I. Case.



Washington, Dec. 15. Congress looking forward impatiently to the Christmas holdays, and no real prospect of getting any important legislation out of the way before the regular session begins in January, the President's hurry-call to enact "must" legislation seems to have fallen on ears already deafened by an

incessant din of speechmaking. Some serious efforts to get something done, but no real progress in the line of lifting Government restrictions on business in order to break the present depression is the special session's record so far.

A NEW N.R.A.?

Everybody is talking about the better feeling between the Administration and business, but many are wondering how long it will There is a rumor going around that one group of Administration advisers rather welcome the business recession, believing that it will lead to a demand from business for a revival of the N. R. A.

Some suspicious politicians in Congress are wondering whether the President, in saying that he is for changing the corporation tax system whenever Congress is ready for it, was not "passing the buck" to Congress, so that. the blame for any failure of business to respond to whatever it is that Congress finally decides to do. will be placed on Congress and not on the White House.

Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and regarded as about as levelheaded as any man in Washington, is one of the pungent critics of the tax on undistributed corporate earnings. The Government lends money to corporations through the R.F.C., he pointed out, but if the corporation saves enough of its profits to pay back the loan, it has to pay a tax for the privilege of clearing off its

debt to the Government. MR. OLIPHANT STEPS DOWN Quietly and "unofficially" the word has gone out from the Treasury Department that hereafter Mr. Herman Oliphant, legal adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury, will function only in a legal capacity. Mr. Oliphant is the gentleman who "sold" the President on Prof. Tugwell's scheme for taxing undistributed reserves of corporations. When a member of the Senate Finance Committee remarked the other day that Mr. Oliphant had told the committee that corporations did not need profits, anyway, and that statement was published, the announcement speedily followed that Mr. Oliphant no longer had

any official standing as an economic advisor. UNEMPLOYMENT CENSUS FLOPS

The "voluntary census" of the unemployed has ben a considerable disappointment to its promoters, because so few of the unemployed filled in all of the answers on the lengthy questionnaire. Thus no real light has been thrown on the basis problem of unemployment. The Government has rented two floors of a private garage, nearly an acre of floor space, to provide accommodations for the 1,000 men and women employed to tabulate the unemployment census returns.

The tremendous increase in the use of counting machines, tabulating devices, mechanical bookkeeping equipment and other office machinery by the new Federal bureaus has made Uncle Sam the largest customer for that sort of equipment Gossip has it that Thomas J. Watson, president of the International Business Machine Company, and also head of the International Chamber of Commerce, is slated for an important Ambassadorial post in the near future. Meantime, the number of un-

employed, not all counted by Mr. Watson's machines, is increasing. In October it was estimated at 6,000,000; the prediction is that it will reach 9,000,000 by Febr-

UNCLE SAM, DOUGHBOY Many observers have the feel-

ing that the present business recession and the pressure for balancing the budget may force the abandonment of W. P. A.,

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