

# WEATHER

North Carolina — Partly cloudy with light snow north portion tonight, colder today, tonight with temperatures near 20 to 30. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer.

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# YANKS PUSH TOWARD MANILA

## Governor Cherry Urges State Not To Depart From Balanced Budget

# ALLIES WIN BIGGEST TANK BATTLE OF CAMPAIGN

### PATTON'S MEN GAIN ON SOUTH SIDE OF BULGE

Nazis Advance In Alsace, Withdrawing From Tip Of Salient

#### NECK 9 MILES WIDE

PARIS, Jan. 10.—(P)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army won the biggest tank battle of the Belgian bulge campaign today, capturing the secondary road center of Samree after 30 hours of violent fighting in deep snow which included an all night artillery barrage.

On the south of the salient, now less than nine miles wide at its neck, the seasoned American Third Army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., gained up to a mile and a half in an advance along a 20-mile front above Bastogne.

His 101st screaming Eagle Airborne division moved to within four and a half miles of Houffalize, key road center near the center of the bulge.

The Germans were withdrawing from the western tip of the salient, and their peril was increased appreciably by the loss of stoutly defended Samree, whence a spiderweb of secondary roads lead into the salient.

The British took five towns in the west and moved to within a half mile of Laroche which seemed doomed by the fall of Samree, three miles to the northeast.

Laroche itself was bypassed. The Germans left only a small holding force in that town of about 2,000.

All along a 16-mile front on the north side of the bulge, the First Army drove ahead in snow for gains ranging from a half mile to more than a mile. Vandegraves were less than three miles from the last German escape route from Houffalize.

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### U. S. HEAVIES RESUME BLOWS

17th Operation By Eighth Airforce In 19 Days, 1-Day Layoff

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(P)—Hundreds of U. S. heavy bombers took off from treacherously icy runways against targets in western Germany today after a one-day layoff.

It was the 17th operation by the U. S. Eighth Air force's big bombers in 19 days.

A small force of U. S. Ninth Air force B-26 Marauders bombed a railroad bridge at Rinnthal, eight miles from Landau, yesterday, on the route supplying Germans attacking U. S. Seventh army positions above Strasbourg. A few fighterbombers hit at a bridge over the Rhine-Rhone canal, and others bombed railyards at Neustadt and Rastatt.

Five German planes were shot down Tuesday, and one American fighter was lost.

Enemy Combat Patrol In Italy Repulsed

ROME, Jan. 10.—(P)—British troops have driven a 30-man Nazi combat patrol back from the south bank of the Reno river, along which the Germans have dug in for a stand at the extreme eastern end of the Italian battlefield. Allied headquarters said today.



CPL. ARTHUR F. PRICE



PFC. GEORGE E. HOLLAND

Two servicemen from this community have recently been reported killed in action while fighting in the European theatre of operations. Cpl. Arthur F. Price, 20, husband of Mrs. Nellie G. Price and son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Price of route 1, Mooresboro, has been reported killed in action in Germany December 28, while serving in the First Army in a combat engineers company. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holland of route 1, Gaffney, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. George E. Holland, has been reported killed in action in Germany December 13, while fighting with an infantry division.

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### PLEAS ENTERED IN TIRE CASE

Five of the eight defendants originally charged with breaking and entering the Wilson and Coburn Service station on North Lafayette street and stealing 16 tires, Louis Hamrick, Jr., Ben Dixon, Jr., William Franklin Shull, Billie Dwight Wellmon, and Tom Cabiness, Jr., entered pleas of guilty to larceny of goods valued at more than \$50 in an appearance made just before noon today before Judge William H. Bobbitt, presiding over Cleveland Superior court. Charles Williams, a negro pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods. Ben Dover, filling station operator, pleaded not guilty to all

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### Nazis Have Made Two Major Breaks Through Allied Lines

By HAL BOYLE  
IN BELGIUM, Jan. 7.—(Delayed)—German armies have made only two major breaks through American lines in this war—Rommel's smash from Faid Pass in Tunisia Feb. 14, 1942, and Von Rundstedt's great winter drive beginning last December 16.

It is interesting to note the similarities between these two offensives, launched with teutonic thoroughness in each case, and how close each came to its ambitious goal—to divide and destroy the opposing American and British forces. In each case only desperate last

minute fighting and the timely arrival of reserves after long forced marches saved American troops from being engulfed and cut to pieces.

Both times brilliant German commanders slashed through the weakest point in the long Yank lines.

In February, 1942, Rommel foresaw that all German troops left in Africa would be bottled up between the British First army and American Second corps to the west and Montgomery's pursuing Eighth

### Fighting In Budapest Increases In Violence

MOSCOW, Jan. 10.—(P)—Red army assaults within Budapest were reported increasing in fury today while German relief columns, now menaced by a vast outflanking drive north of the Danube bend, had failed in attempts to break through to the besieged garrison.

In the 13th day of street fighting, the Russians claimed control of more than half of the once beautiful Hungarian capital.

Northwest beyond the Danube Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's armor and infantry were making rapid strides toward Komarom, northbank communications hub which was one of the springboards for the German rescue offensive.

In advances of three miles or more, his troops yesterday captured the river bank town of Iza, east of Komarom, and half a dozen other communities to the northeast in a wheeling movement that could carry around the big German base and on toward Bratislava, the Austrian border and eventually to Vienna.

The Russian communique said the Germans were throwing in strong reinforcements to stem this westward Soviet tide, but it declared the Red army still was advancing.

Fresh troops also were brought up by the Germans west and north-west of Budapest. New German tank and infantry attacks failed, the official announcement said.

The German counterattack, which began Jan. 2—four days after the start of the Russian annihilation offensive against the Budapest garrison—still was being maintained with desperate vigor, front advisers said.

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### Flat Ceiling Put On Live Cattle

Action Widely Opposed By Stockmen; OPA Seeks To Prevent Price Increases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—The government today slapped a flat price ceiling on live cattle.

The action, widely opposed by stockmen, carried with it a move to soothe opposition.

The original ceiling was set at \$17.50 as originally proposed.

Announced by Stabilization Director Vinson, the measure becomes effective Jan. 29.

The new overall ceiling, covering calves as well as cattle, will be lowered to \$17.50 on July 2.

Vinson also directed: 1. The Defense Supplies Corporation to increase subsidy payments on choice beef from \$1 to \$2 a hundred weight, and on good beef from \$1.45 to \$1.95 a hundred weight, Chicago basis. The subsidy payment on choice cattle will be cut by 50 cents July 2.

2. OPA and the War Food Administration to increase the price of the present stabilization range for choice cattle by \$1 and for good cattle by 50 cents a hundred pounds, live weight, over the entire country. On July 2 the maximum and minimum of the stabilization range for choice cattle will be reduced by 50 cents a hundred pounds.

REGULATION 3. OPA and WFA to issue a regulation "making it an OPA violation for a slaughterer to pay more, on the average—grade and yield considered—than the maximum prices of the stabilization range for cattle purchased and slaughtered following.

Both proposals are in line with President Roosevelt's request for legislation to use manpower more effectively and to fill the ranks of the Army and Navy nursing services.

And both were generally looked upon as clubs which may never have to be wielded.

Should neither prove effective, a bigger one, general national service legislation, can be pulled off the shelf to

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STAFF SGT. G. D. TOLBERT



PFC. HOWARD NEWTON

### TWO CLEVELAND MEN MISSING

Staff Sgt. Garnet D. Tolbert, Pfc. Howard L. Newton Missing

Casualties from Cleveland county are mounting as three more are reported from the European theatre of operations. In a message received this week two were reported missing and one wounded.

The missing are Staff Sgt. Garnet D. Tolbert and Pfc. Howard L. Newton. Pfc. James G. Crowe was reported slightly wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tolbert have received a telegram from the war department, stating that their son, Staff Sgt. Garnet D. Tolbert, has been reported missing in France since December 19. Sgt. Tolbert had just been awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge while fighting with the 100th division in France.

Pfc. Howard L. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Newton of route 1, Belwood, has been reported missing in action since December 20, in Belgium, according to word received by his parents, today, from the war department. Pfc. Newton was wounded in France July 11, but had recovered completely and returned to active duty.

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### Winter's Return Not Cold As Has Been Predicted

Winter's return, after several days of quite pleasant weather, came last night but not nearly so cold as had been proclaimed, the thermometer sagging only to 25 degrees as compared with the weather man's dire predictions of 5-10 degree temperatures for this morning. It was a pleasant disappointment.

Prospects for snow seemed to be lurking in the vicinity with the forecast of partly cloudy weather and possibly snow to night amid slightly colder weather.

### SAYS POSTWAR REVENUES WILL SHOW DECLINE

Gives Budget And Appropriation Bills To Legislature

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—(P)—Sounding a note of caution that post war revenues may reasonably be expected to decline from those being collected now, Governor Cherry in his budget message to the state legislature today urged "that we do not depart from the sound principles of a balanced budget."

In connection with this message the Governor transmitted to the assembly the appropriation bill and the budget revenue bill, containing proposals of the budget commission.

In his recommendations, based on those of the director of the budget and the advisory budget commission, Governor Cherry followed very closely the pattern of appropriations and revenues outlined in his inaugural address.

The appropriations recommended by the budget commission are approximately \$64,000,000 for each year of the biennium of 1945-1947, and the estimated revenue for that period, the Governor said, will meet the recommended appropriations.

Governor Cherry reiterated his recommendation for the retirement of the general fund indebtedness from the state's surplus, a point he stressed in his inaugural message, as well as in his campaign last summer.

RETIREMENT "I x x x recommend that the general assembly appropriate an amount of the surplus of the general fund sufficient to provide for the retirement of all general fund bonds and interest as they mature from time to time," said the Governor. "I propose that this amount shall be set aside in the general fund bond sinking fund of 1945 and that these funds, together

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### BIRTHS LEAD DEATHS 7-1

Births in Cleveland county during 1944 outnumbered deaths more than seven to one, it was revealed this morning in an annual report from the office of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland health officer. There were 1,679 births against 237 deaths.

In the list of communicable diseases reported during the year, syphilis led the list with 74 cases. Gonorrhoea came second with 64 cases.

Other cases reported were: chicken pox, 12; diphtheria, 13; meningitis, 2; polio, 24; scarlet fever, 32; syphilis, 74; tuberculosis, 10; typhus fever, 4; whooping cough, 43.

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#### OPPOSITION LIGHT:

### Climactic Fight For Philippines Gets Underway

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS ON LUZON, Philippines—Tens of thousands of American troops, landing with Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday in Lingayen Gulf on Western Luzon Island, drove tank-led spearheads south across flatlands toward Manila today in the climactic showdown fight for the Philippines.

Manila was less than 120 miles away through low, dry country excellently suited for the enormous quantities of mechanized equipment landed with the veteran fighting men from an 800-ship convoy which stretched out for 70 miles.

Twenty-four hours after the initial landings, made against amazingly light opposition at 9:30 a. m., the Sixth Army Yanks still were pouring ashore and over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese invaders used three years ago.

Landing losses were officially reported as very light. General MacArthur, wading ashore with an assault wave, established headquarters on the island where his outnumbered men fought valiantly in defeat at Bataan and Corregidor.

With the support of a blistering dawn naval and air barrage of shells, bombs and rockets, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth army veterans landed along 15 miles of

Lingayen Gulf, found the beaches virtually cleared of defenders and quickly pushed inland.

The beachhead extended from near Lingayen city on the southern shore eastward to San Fabian. The low American casualties refused enemy warnings that

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### 24 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(P)—Twenty-one passengers, all members of the armed services, and a crew of three died today in the crash of an American Airlines plane near Burbank, Calif., the company offices here announced.

The plane crashed about 4:10 a. m. (PWT) today about five miles from the Lockheed Air Terminal at Burbank, Charles A. Rheinstrom, vice president in charge of traffic, said.

Names of passengers are being withheld by the Army and Navy until next of kin are notified.

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### HOMMA PLEDGES JAP NAVY WILL GO INTO ACTION

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(P)—A Tokyo dispatch relayed by Berlin today quoted Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, former Japanese commander-in-chief in the Philippines, as saying that with the American landing on Luzon "it may be taken for granted that the Japanese Navy now will go into action and deal blows in this theater of operations."

The dispatch, reported by the German news agency DNB, said Homma declared: "Immediate countermeasures are essential, particularly as the enemy may make further landings which would expose Manila to fresh dangers.

"The moment for determined action is at hand."

### OIL TREATY IS RETURNED

President Asks For Return To Clear Up Misunderstandings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—President Roosevelt asked the Senate today to send back to him an Anglo-American petroleum treaty so that revisions may be made to remove misunderstandings.

Mr. Roosevelt sent the oil agreement to the Senate last August 24, requesting its ratification. But it ran into difficulties, not only in the Senate but also in the domestic oil industry.

In the message asking its return, Mr. Roosevelt said he had not changed his view that "the agreement constituted an important step forward in removing possible causes of friction in international trade in petroleum and promoting cooperation among the nations in the development of that trade."

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### FR Pledges To Keep Free Of Europe's Tangled Politics

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—President Roosevelt has assured congressional leaders he will go into the forthcoming "Big-3" conference free of prior commitments on Europe's tangled political problems.

With senatorial critics complaining of this part of his handling of foreign affairs, the President told his legislative lieutenants nothing promised at Quebec or Teheran will tie his hand in attempts to reach an agreement on such questions as Poland's future borders.

The President was reported determined to carry a closed hand into the big three conference. He would not expand now, it was said, on the exposition of foreign policy laid down in his state of the union message last week.

In that he admitted concern about the Greek and Polish situations. He said he had obligations to exiled governments, to underground leaders and to "our major Allies who came much nearer the shadows than we did."

His attitude was reflected in the