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Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Fresh winds, mostly southerly, occasional rain on Monday.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably showers; somewhat colder Tuesday.

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Six Nazi Warships in Biscay

Cruising Off Bilbao Where Lies Captured Ship

Germany's Answer

France and England Wait a Reply to Notes on Volunteers

London, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Six German warships cruised off the Biscay coast today, said Berlin's anger against the capture by Spanish forces of the merchantman, Pa-

the German merchant vessel captured in Bilbao. The German warships thus far have made no attempt to enter the port.

The British representatives here said that the Paños carried 1,500 tons of war materials and food for the Spanish army. The materials, he said, were being field telephones intended for General Francisco Franco's army.

It complained of the presence of the German ships off the Biscay coast, contending the Germans were practicing espionage and preparing to the fleet of Franco's arrival of foreign shipping headed for Bilbao, Santander and Gijón.

Basque officials charged that a German destroyer appeared off Bilbao and saw a Russian ship enter. Half an hour later one of Franco's warships arrived and began to shell the port.

Paris, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—French and British officials tonight eagerly awaited word from Germany, Russia, Italy and Portugal as to whether those countries would pass necessary laws to prevent their nationals from going as volunteers to fight in Spain. Foreign office officials, trying to make France's position clear, vigorously denied reports that France had offered to hand back the Cameroons or any of Germany's former colonies if the

Rebels Enter Madrid Then Suffer Defeat

Counter-attack by Loyalists Recovers Lost Ground for the Defenders

Madrid, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Rebels entered Madrid today after a long battle, in which hundreds of men were slaughtered. They were thrown back by hurriedly mobilized loyalists.

The fascists stormed across the Manzanares river, on the western side, behind a deafening artillery barrage. The loyalist defenders, outnumbered and unprepared, fell back.

The rebels occupied the north

Weather Statistics

December 27, 1936	
TEMPERATURE:	
Average for December.....	44.70
Highest today.....	73.00
Lowest today.....	38.00
Average today.....	55.50
Excess today.....	plus 10.80
Average for the year.....	60.60
Sun. Sat.	
Barometer.....	30.46 30.50
PRECIPITATION (in inches)	
Average for December.....	3.90
Amount today.....	0.00
Total amt. this month.....	7.03
Total amt. since Jan 1st 61.00	
Average for the year.....	47.50
Excess since Jan. 1st.....	13.50
W. Direction.....	South West
Character of Day.....	Clear
W. H. SANDERS	

TIDES

Monday December 28	
High	Low
a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.	
7:21 7:41 0:52 1:42	
7:01 7:21 0:32 1:22	
Tuesday December, 29	
High	Low
a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.	
8:10 8:22 1:45 2:29	
7:50 8:12 1:25 2:09	

Townsend In the Toils



DR. FRANCIS E. TOWNSEND, old-age pension plan founder, is fingerprinted in the United States marshal's office in Los Angeles, after surrendering to an indictment for contempt of Congress. Dr. Townsend walked out of a committee hearing last spring. He posted a bond of \$1,000.

More Murdered Than Killed In Battle In Spanish War

Correspondent Estimates That for Every Soldier Who Dies in Battle, Three Persons, Men, Women and Children, Died Before Firing Squads

By LESTER ZIFFREN

Paris, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—For every soldier killed in battle in Spain's civil war three persons—men, women and children—have been murdered behind the lines.

Some have been lined up against walls and shot down by firing squads for no apparent reason. Others have been tortured. Day and night, in Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona and presumably in the Rebel-controlled areas, the click of rifle fire is heard as executions take place.

I saw thousands of photographs in Madrid's police headquarters showing the bodies of these victims—whose only crime was being suspected of having sympathies for the enemy—and I estimate that between 10,000 and 15,000 have been shot down in the capital alone.

In Catalonia, where communists are in control, 30,000 persons are estimated to have been executed.

I have no idea of the numbers killed in insurgent territory, but

the slaughter in Zaragoza and Seville must have been wholesale for these cities were strongholds of the anarchists and communists before the fascists seized them.

Rightists friends of mine were killed in Madrid and I am certain my leftist friends, caught in rebel territory, suffered the same fate. A Madrid militia commander, whom I had known for several years, offered to take me to a "bumping off party" and show me how it was done.

He was amazed when I told him I wasn't interested; that I was sickened by the killing I had witnessed already.

"You don't understand," he said. "We've got to do it, because they would do the same with us if they caught us."

He explained that his "technical" was to take his victims to a lonely road outside Madrid, or to the ruins around University City

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To Define Neutral Position

Vandenberg Wants a Course Charted In Advance For "Insulation"

Present Neutrality Act Expires May 1 and Many Have New Plans

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, R., Mich., tonight assailed legislation which would place vast neutrality powers in the hands of President Roosevelt and called for immediate congressional enactment of a "mind-our-own-business" code to keep America out of war.

He said in a statement to the press that he did not intend his observation as a "reflection on the president." However, he said, exercise of discretion after a war has started inevitably invites "an unneutral interpretation by any beligerent which is curtailed or offended by the decision."

Furthermore, the Michigan senator declared a president is not himself a free agent among his own people. As proof of this contention he cited the case of Woodrow Wilson who "discovered this to his own sorrow when once a large and profitable war trade had started to enrich large numbers of our own people."

The Safest

"The safest neutrality, if insulation be the aim, will be a specific 'mind-our-own-business' code established in advance of any necessity for its use," Vandenberg said.

Vandenberg is one of the most forceful members of the senate opposition party. He is a member of the foreign affairs committee and served on the Nye munitions investigating committee which sponsored neutrality legislation in the last congress. His observation

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Nanking Parades In Celebration of Chiang's Release

Generalissimo Is Safe at Home and Marshal's Fate Is Being Debated

Nanking, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Two hundred thousand Chinese held a celebration and parade tonight in honor of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's return from captivity. He had been the hostage of Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, who attempted to force him into a more aggressive anti-Japanese policy.

The Chinese gathered in the great airdrome, Chiang, although invited, did not attend. Rather he sent a message which was read to the gathering by General Ho Ying Chin, minister of war.

Chiang told his people that their behavior in the face of the crisis over the last few weeks had demonstrated that China was an organized, forceful state.

Mounted gendarmes and white-uniformed nurses headed the two-mile parade. All members of the government as well as representatives of military, civil, labor, students, women's and journalistic organizations took part in it, demonstrating their loyalty to the leader.

Meanwhile government officials were debating what discipline should be meted out to the "Young Marshal" who shocked all China by his sudden coup. He has now recanted his heresy and acknowledged the correctness of the political policies followed by Chiang.

General Chen Chang and Chiang Tso-pin, former Chinese Ambassador of Tokyo, who were taken prisoners by Chang along with the Generalissimo, returned to Nanking today.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

- A. M.
- 8:30 Mens Christian Federation.
- 10:00 Ministerial association. P. M.
- 1:00 Rotary Club.
- 3:30 W. M. S. Circles of First Methodist Church.
- 4:00 Jr. G. A. First Baptist.
- 7:30 Pocolanites; Kiwanis Jr. Glee Club; Boys Club.
- 8:00 American Legion.
- Library Hours: 10-12, 2-6.

Bodyguard



THOMAS E. Qualters, 32, of the Massachusetts State Police, selected from thousands of honor men throughout the nation to replace the late Gus Gennerich as personal bodyguard to President Roosevelt. A native of Charlestown, Mass., he is a former Notre Dame halfback, expert pistol shot, boxer and wrestler. He has a pleasant personality and a fine record for strict adherence to duty.

Pasquotank's ABC Store In Record Week

Sold Over \$8,000 Worth of Liquor In Five Sales Days

Elizabeth City and vicinity carried its celebration of Christmas thru the week end, judging from sales in the Pasquotank County ABC store on Saturday the day after Christmas.

Saturday's sales in the liquor store amounted to approximately \$1,500, which was about the fourth largest amount recorded in a single day since the store opened its doors on July 24, 1935.

The Saturday sales were the more remarkable in view of the record sales on Christmas Eve, two days before, when the store dispensed \$3,211.90 worth of alcoholic beverages. The general belief was that the reason so much liquor was sold here Christmas Eve was because would-be celebrants bought enough liquor that day to last over the week end. But a majority of them must have consumed their entire stock of spirit-

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Decorations Draw Praises From Visitors

Christmas Decorations On Streets and Homes Are Highly Praised

The beauty, variety and extent of Elizabeth City's Christmas decorations drew high praise from visitors to the city during the holidays.

"I didn't see anything to compare with Elizabeth City's decorations while driving from Charleston, S. C., to this city," said W. B. Winslow, who drove here from Charleston, on Christmas day. "I passed thru such places as Georgetown, Wilmington, New Bern, Washington, Williamston, and Edenton, and I saw nothing all along the 400-mile route that will surpass or even equal the Christmas decorations I have seen in Elizabeth City."

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pool, who drove here from Greenville, S. C., during the holidays, said virtually the same.

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Burglar Captured In Act Saturday Night

Charles Etheridge, local negro better known as Hawk Ferebee, was lodged in jail at an early hour yesterday morning after Night Officer Baum had found him in the store of A. Ray Sawyer Feed Co.

Nine 100 pound sacks of sugar, a cheese and a tin of lard were found stacked at the rear door of the establishment in a position to be easily carted away.

Other than a few simple drunks, the local police department had another of the quiet week-ends that have been the prevailing rule in this city for more than a month.

Strikers Fight In New York

Six Fights During the Day Enliven the Waterfront

Ryan and Curran

Meeting of Seamen, Longshoremen and Teamsters Occasion

New York, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Six fist fights between striking insurgent seamen and longshoremen broke out on the waterfront today and one man was reported to be seriously injured. The clash occurred during a meeting between Joseph P. Ryan, longshoremen's president, and Joseph Curran, strike leader.

Ryan and a dozen longshoremen arrived at Webster Hall where he planned to address a mass meeting of seamen, longshoremen and members of the international brotherhood of teamsters, chauffeurs and truck drivers union.

He was met at the door of the hall by Curran and half a dozen seamen. Ryan has led the longshoremen in opposition to the seamen's strike and recently discharged Harry Bridges as west coast organizer.

Witnesses said Ryan said to Curran:

"Well, now what do you say about who's hiring strong arms?"

An argument began and the fights followed. A riot call was turned in, but by the time four patrol cars and an emergency crew arrived, the men had scattered.

Inside the hall, a move to call out 8,000 members of the international brotherhood in support of

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Urges English Clerics To Forget Edward, Wally

London, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—The archbishop of Canterbury, in a broadcast tonight, to dignitaries of the church of England to cease their attacks on former king Edward.

The primate—one of the first to criticize Edward for his romance with Mrs. Warfield Simpson—said it was time that England and the empire stopped referring to the crisis on the monarch's abdication.

"In our national history the year that is going never can be forgotten, but its most recent vivid memories had better now be kept in silence," the archbishop said.

His appeal to churchmen and the people to forget Edward and Mrs. Simpson, who contemplated marriage he once called "un-Christian," was regarded as a polite rebuff to the archbishop of York.

Women Organize New Drive To Establish Their Rights

Counterfeiter Is Taken With Goods In Florida City

Find \$21,000 In Spurious \$20 Bills On New York Man

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Secret Service Agents tonight claimed to have blocked "the biggest counterfeiting coup ever attempted in Florida" as they arrested a New Yorker and confiscated thousands of dollars in allegedly spurious money.

Climaxing a six-week drive against counterfeiter, James H. Beary, secret service chief for

Father Dies As Daughter Misses In a Spelling Bee

New York, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Edith Fenyes, 11, with a chance to win \$5 as a finalist in a radio spelling bee, today stumbled over the word "silhouette" and her anxious father, Morris Fenyes, 34-year-old printer, collapsed in the studio audience. He died a few hours later, victim of heart disease.

Roper Reports All Well But Merchant Marine—More Ships

Would-be Auto Thief Comes From Nearby

Convicted and sentenced under the name of Franklin Wilson, of New Jersey, the man who Wednesday night attempted to steal the car of Fred Barr, has admitted to Police Chief R. C. Madrin that his real name is Fred Crockett and that he comes originally from Wallaceton, Va., where his parents live.

Crockett dispatched a telegram to his people Sunday, but so far has received no response.

This was the only ominous note sounded in the report, Roper pointing out that the tide of prosperity is rising steadily and that "the marked improvement which has characterized two preceding fiscal years continued to gain throughout the year 1935-36."

He said that recently enacted shipping legislation plus creation of a new federal maritime commission may help solve the merchant marine problem but that it is imperative the nation move quickly and in concert to regain its rapidly dwindling oceanic trade.

As regards the country as a whole, Roper pointed to a sharp rise in national income as reflecting the nation's strengthened economic position. Data was not available for the fiscal year, but for the calendar year 1935 the report estimates that national income reached \$53,000,000,000, an increase of almost \$5,000,000,000 over the preceding year and \$13,400,000,000 over the 1932 low.

Note Income

Indications are, according to Roper, that national income will reach at least \$60,000,000,000 for the calendar year 1936.

Economy recovery broadened, he said, with acceleration of activity in the durable goods and construction fields, continued rise in farm income, increase in employment and expansion in industrial payrolls.

Increase in manufacturing volume was estimated at 20 per cent;

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Pope Is Suffering Much From Illness

Vatican City, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XI murmured the prayers of his Rosary Beads over and over tonight to try to forget the pain of severe neuritis in his afflicted legs.

His personal physician, Prof. Amintore Milani, admitted after visiting his holiness during the evening that the neuritis pains continued unabated.

Although Vatican officials minimized the seriousness of the new complications, there was an atmosphere of tension about the Vatican household. Fears were expressed that the pains—preventing the Pontiff from obtaining sleep—might bring on a relapse.

Rush D. Holt Says They Have Got to Fire Him

Youthful West Virginian Refuses to Resign From Senate Committee

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Sen. Rush D. Holt, youthful West Virginia Democrat, tonight challenged Democratic party elders to prove that he "gave comfort if not aid" to the enemy in the election campaign—the grounds on which they have cut him off from all patronage.

"They've got to prove that charge," Holt told the United Press in telephone interview at his home at Weston, W. Va.

Unbowed by the punishment meted out to him, Holt pledged his defiance anew by promising to fight any attempt to pass the Guffey Coal Control Bill, and said he would not resign from any of the committees on which he now serves.

"They will have to fire me; I'll never resign," he said. "I understand they would have to get an order from the Senate to do that."

Holt has been in the bad graces of the administration ever since he attacked administration of the works progress program in West Virginia. WPA administrator Harry L. Hopkins replied with a denial that political favoritism was used in state WPA appointments, and made public a report indicating that Holt's enmity was due to the fact that his brother had been discharged from the WPA.

Later Holt alienated organized labor by fighting against the Guffey bill when a new measure was introduced after the Supreme Court invalidated the original act. "I will oppose that bill again," he said tonight. "It's a step toward Fascism." Holt's filibuster in the closing days of the last session was credited with defeat of the measure.

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