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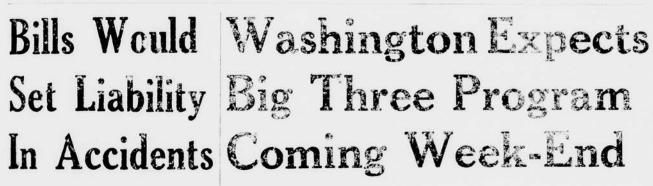
HENDERSON, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 8, 1945

Berlin In Panic As Reds Near Major Allied Drive In West Imminent, Germans Say

As Yank Paratrope rs Shut Manila Trap



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Affects Automobile Drivers; New Plan To Fix Teacher Pay

igh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—B d the motor "celucies 1 ovide a financial respon wering accidents n the levislature.

Death Knell Sounded For **Divorce Bill**

Isn't Enough Now,

Selling Halts

tion," and sufficient selling cropped

up to offset isolated spots of strength.

Gractional irregularity ruled near

the fourth hour Commodities slip-

ped and bonds were uneven.

Active American Participation Now Taken for Granted

Washington, Feb. $8 \rightarrow (AP)$ Big three plans for joint political action in Europe are CX-

Ruhr Dams Almost In Yank Grasp

Third Army Troops Pour Through Gaps Near Town of Prum

Paris, Feb. 8,---(AP)---The American first army drove clear through the last barriers of the double Siggfried line, 15 miles southeast of Aachen, today, captured bloody Schmidt and neared the Ruhr river dams and reservoirs which had been

a major factor in checkmating the western front offensive last November.

(The German co The largest of the dams. the

985-feot thick Schwammenauel, is just over two miles from Schmidt, A combat team of the 78th Division reached the northern bank of its vast reservoir.

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Third army soldiers poured through another breach in the west wall farther south to within a mile and a quarter of Prum. The attack of the American firs my in the Rhur headquarters area erican third army in th



Ageney has stated that Soch! neeting place of the big three. nistoric meeting at Constanta

Battle For Manila Rages Across River Which Divides City

Casualties

Rise 27,242

Jap Suicide Units **Resume Demolition** In South of Manila

Manila, Feb. 8. — (AP) — The broad Pasig river, its bridges biown up by a desperate foc, was the front line today in the heart of Manila-a heart tern by spor-

Last Capital **Defense** Line Is Crumbling

Roads From Berlin Choked By Traffic Of Fleeing People

London, Fe.b. $8 = (AP) \subseteq$ The Moscow radio said tonight the Oder line has been pierced and Berlin in panic is witnessing the crumbling of the last obstacle in its forefield.

A prior broadcast American chain commentator said Marshal Stalin's capital mashed across oreakdown of the Ode

The Moscow radio said Heintich Himmler had massed SS troops in the capital. Roads south and west of Berlin were reported iammed with the traffic of re

Officially Mosco blacked the progress of the figree b

ntative Eridger, of Bladen ntan of the House Roads Cont-

evers involved in accidents g in damages of at least \$25 before the Genera Astenibly to case thements, they will mark the vietnally cleaned it out by dayd be required to make proper the reductions of obtaining divorce is acceptable financial settlement, in Nemi Carolina, B use Committee beginning of a new period in United States foreign policy. The 310th regiment, commanded to energy casualties so far accounted for the mishap, or face on Judicizity today voted unanimous, attack the two measures un-cation of car and driver's lie- by to report the two measures un-s until such payment is made, favorably. The plans are being worked out d be required to make proper the restrictions on obtaining diverce themetis, they will mark the occeptable financial settlement, in North Carolina, B use Committee beginning of a new period in

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starting salary of \$1,125 a year 100 Class A teachers and \$1,800 a year Voluntary Work specience. Salaries in other classes ould correspond.

Senator O'Berry of Wayne introuced a bill to establish an institution to be known as the Negro school for feeble-minded children. It would tor feeble-minded children. It would be blaced under direction of the hospitals board of control and be supervised by a board of directors which could acquire property but make no financial commitments for active based bvision is made by the State. The "Under existing conditions war board would have authority to se- production already is suffering bad- ing out detailed share now worklect the site for the school-

Game Bill Is **Described** As Plain Politics

Raleigh, Feb 8.-(AP)-J. Wilbur Bunn, of Raleigh, member of the Board of Conservation and Development, said today a proposal to remove the division of game and inland fisheries from the department is "the smoothest political move ever started in North Carolina

He added that it was started by John Chalk, former commissioner of game and inland fisheries, who, he

mission is now conducting hearings to determine merits of the proposal. said about it and is making this de-said about it and is making this de-leveled at the witness by Clay Car-tor of determine merits of the proposal. "This political maneuver," said partment a political football "

pected here within the week. Raleigh, Feb. 8.-(AP)-Victually Calling for active American

A joint announcement late yesterday, evidently direct from the conference, was released in London and Moscow as well as at the White House. This finally put the open secret of the meeting officially on the record and confirmed the fact that political problems of Furope are a prime

concern of the meeting. Actually, the discussions have fall-en into two parts, the military and WPB Head Claims diplomatic, developing along these line 1. The military talks led off the

ly tor lack of labor, the WPB head ing out detailed plans, 2. As soon as the talk on fighting

 19 for lack of abor, the with reduction of the senate committee considering the work or jail bill.
2. As soon as the talk on fighting was completed, Roo-evelt, Stalin and Churchill took up "problems involved in establishing a secure peace." Without legislation we can be cer-tain that as week after week passes under these they listed plans for bale lower. more and more work will be lost. Under these they listed plans for Krug said.

.. .. 20.72 tablishment of a world organized to, October December 20.63'maintain world peace

Stock Market Meadows Lawyers Question Ability Of State Witness New York, Feb. 8.-(AP)-The stock market today suffered from what brokers like to call "conges-

Greenville, Feb. 8.-(AP)-At-seeking to show that Meadows did James Hutcheson. torneys for Dr. Leon R. Meadows, not properly account for items of former president of East Carolina special funds handled by him Teachers College, on trial charged amounting to more than \$18,000. with embezzlement and false pre- Taking items by item from an Bunn's statement was made before Bunn's statement was made before a five-man commission named at the request of Governor Cherry to con-sering is new conducting hearings in the good things he ever.

ifel mountains gained the pro ons of a major offensive. The 78th Division drave into the anchos basing the death much to two bills participation in European set- tion of Schmidt last night and had

In Upper Midwest; Won't Come Here

(By The Associated Press) The cold wave that chilled the upper midwest apparently was petering out today without moving east as scheduled.

The United States Weather Bureau at Chicago said temperatures were moderating all over the Mississippi valley, and that while the mercury would drop a little in the east no precipitous decline was in prospect.

Cotton Weak

Near Close

In One Week adic house to house fighting, exploding shells and great fires set by Japanese suicide squads-

The sprawled and blackened Total Now 764,584 Since War Started; Over 163,000 Killed

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Paratroopers

Washington, Feb. S .--- (AP)---

Speculation that Lt. Gen. Lewis

H. Brereton's Allied airborne

army may soon be called upon

again to leapfrog the Rhine de-

veloped today as Allied ground

forces drave closer to the river

in the Cologne sector. The task

of establishing bridgeheads a-

cross this mighty barrier, pre-

paratory to a sweep into the heart

of Germany, will be one of the

greatest confronting Allied com-

manders once their troops have

crashed through the Siegfried

line on a broad front-

American combat casualties since the beginning of the war have reached

Artillery daelled across the Pasig a river varying from 200 to 300 yard. in width. The screaning shellthe Nipponese tore holes in buildings at Santo Tomas University. They at Santo Tomas University. They had week follows: Kiled, 130,266 and woulded soldiers there and also some 121,676; pounded, 396,176 and 379,being reached Saturday night by the The first calvary and 37th infan-ing divisions have won all the city. first Yanks to enter the city-

colta business district, where the 4476. enemy devastated a square mile area of office buildings and other no military structures by firing gas line drums and touching off explosives.

outh of the river. Some Americ troops also were on the south b but the destruction of fourbridges delayed a crossing strength. The fate of these Japane sealed by the presence of the

21.34 Out in the bay, the guardian for 20.69 tress of Corregidor, which the Japa-20.61 nese are holding to deny American naval entry into the great harbor was pounded anew by 204 tons o explosives dropped by four-engined Liberators. It was the "heaviest blow so far dealt the rock." Across the bay at Bataan, a grim jungle fight at the peninsula base between U. S 38th division Yanks and well con-



32 in the interior and 32 to 36 on sition from which they can advance the coast. Friday fair and warmer, quickly to a junction with them.

on the west side of the stream and told only of the liquidation of additional German pockets on the east side of the river.

trin, 40 miles cust of Berlin and one of the chief fortified areas guarding the cupital, was about to fall, with Societ forminy gunners righting in the streets under cover from artillery batteries stationed on-Washington, Feb. 8, - (Ap) - by two miles from the northern out-

The Soviel computinues, telling 761,581, the army and navy dis-day on the central Oder front, said

Secretary of War Stimson placed the army's lasses at 676,796, while the may listed its total as 87,788. This represented an overall increase still Kestrin was under "concentrat-German military commentatores sold Kostrin was under "concentrat-1 27,242 since last week's report. A breakdown on the army's casu-

illies and corresponding figures for nonneine victories northwest of Kusthe low western bank of the Oder others the least obstacle to the storming of Germany's last intural defense line in the east, said

> Broadcued his north wing threat to Berlin across the Oder, Zhukov seized Zaeult, 21 miles northwest of Kastrin on the cost bank, and only five miles from where the river bends north toward Stettin,

Germans Say Behind Rhine Allied Drive In West Near

London, Feb. 8-(AP)-German radio warnings to cities all along the western front this morning indicated Allied planes were continuing the mass onslaughts launched last night by the EAF, perhaps a prelude to a big new ground offensive.

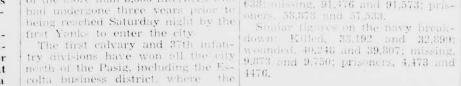
One bombing formation was reported swinging east over Holland today and the enemy radio said scores of Allied single motor planes were roaming the skies behind the Nazi lines.

A force of 700 British heavies last night in full moonlight swooped over Nazi troops and equipment concentrations at Cleve and Goch, between the Maas and Rhine rivers, while a large force of Mosquitoes attacked seven key industrial and communications centers.

The attack was staggered over two-and-a-half-hour period a and kept half of Germany on the alert until after midnight.

A logical solution to the problem iln the opinion of military observers. would be to throw the American-British-Polish air fighters over the river to seize crossings for infantry

cealed Nipponese was reported by Associated Press Correspondent



Japanese still operated in strengt

half miles south of the Pasig, were Pv Close. Open held up, however, by a stiff scrat

21.88 around Little's airfield at suburbat 21.72 Pasay, near Manila Bay,

Might Drop New York, Feb. 8 .- (AP)-Cotton United States airborne division be futures opened five to ten cents a low them. These Yanks, five and a