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## Briton Here Aided U. S. Citizens' Return Home

### Clarence Graff of London Served as American Committee Chairman Before Present War Was Declared

Noted Englishman and Wife Guests at Carolina with Sir Cusroco and Lady Wadia

#### HOOVER AIDE IN 1914

Two noted Englishmen arrived at the Carolina Hotel last night. They are Sir Cusroco Wadia and Clarence Graff of London. These gentlemen are accompanied by their wives, Lady Wadia and Mrs. Graff. They arrived at the Carolina yesterday from White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. Graff served as chairman of the American committee in London during the period before war was declared, and until provision had been completed to return about 4,000 citizens of the United States to this country.

He served as treasurer of the American committee in 1914, when Herbert Hoover was the chairman, and he stated last night that it seemed a bit strange that in 1939, 25 years later, he should be back on a similar task, this time as chairman.

He stated Americans behaved very well during the process of being shipped back to their own country, and told of an incident in which the committee loaned money to a group of students which enabled them to sail first class on the Manhattan. Otherwise they would have been third class passengers on the Athenia, first passenger ship sunk after the declaration of war.

United States Ambassador Joseph Kennedy was honorary chairman of the American committee in London.

#### Decorate! Win Prize!

In order to encourage outside decorating which adds so much in creating a proper holiday atmosphere in the village, the Chamber of Commerce will give a number of awards for the best decorations which are displayed from Christmas until the New Year.

President E. S. Blodgett of the Chamber has appointed Harry B. Emery, chairman of the committee of judges, and he will have as associates Rev. T. A. Cheatham and Rev. A. J. McKelway.

In order to make the work of the judges easier, persons having outside decorations are requested to notify a member of the committee, which will view all displays sometime between Christmas and New Year. The Chamber hopes that decorations will be kept in place during this period.

The Chamber does not contemplate giving valuable prizes, but a token of \$5.00 for first, \$3.00 for second and possibly other awards.

**THE WEATHER**  
Showers followed by clearing and colder Wednesday. Thursday fair, not much change in temperature.

## GLEE CLUB GIVES FINE RENDITION OF CANTATA 'CHRISTMAS'

### Vested Choir of 60 High School Boys and Girls Perform Far Beyond Expectations; Miss Choate Congratulated

The Pinehurst High School Glee Club in their initial public appearance last night gave a performance far beyond the general expectation, to the great delight of the audience which had gathered to hear the singing of the cantata "Christmas," by Ira B. Wilson.

The vested choir of 60 high school boys and girls, perfectly disciplined, made a fine appearance, occupying the entire stage, four rows deep.

The singers were under the perfect control of Miss Marie Choate throughout the performance. Two beautiful solos were sung by Miss Louise McVicker, contralto, and Miss Helen Fields, soprano. Miss Helen Ruth Cole accompanied the cantata, giving a perfectly balanced and modulated foundation for the music of the voices.

The whole performance was received with enthusiasm by all who heard it, and Miss Choate, music teacher of the Pinehurst Schools, was swamped with congratulations on the splendid progress of the students under her direction.

## America's West Wall Feature of Newsreel

Walls being about the most prized possessions of many nations these times, Charles Picquet has scored another newsreel beat and will show what is known as America's West Wall, in the latest March of Time to be shown Friday matinee and night at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst. The Sonja Henie picture, "Everything Happens at Night," headlines the bill.

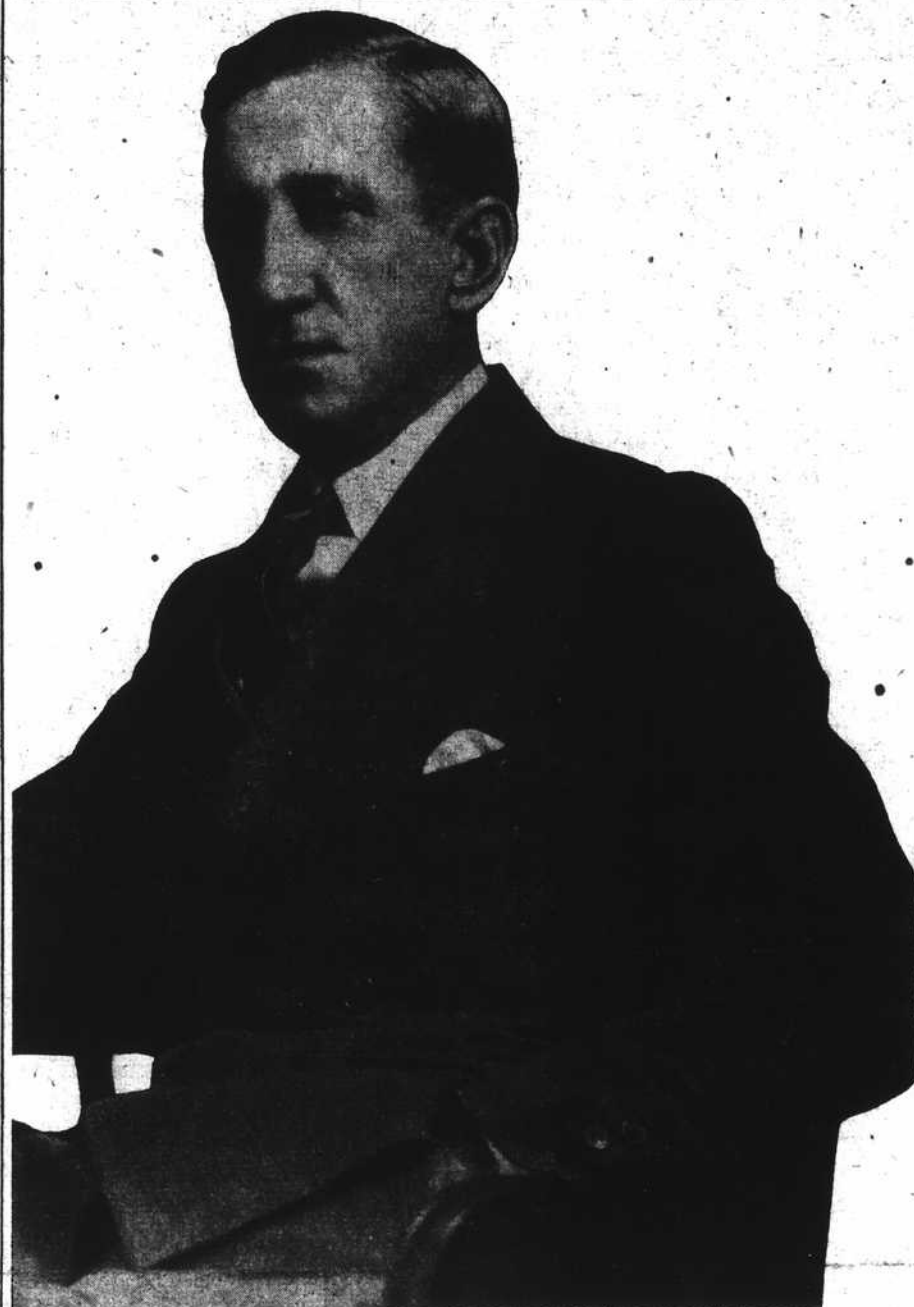
The March of Time feature shows Guam, tiny United States Island outpost in the Pacific, which has been prepared to play an important part in America's Pacific defense plans.

"Crisis in the Pacific" is the title.

## Helsinki Bombed

War in the skies raged over Finland as Russian bombers flew over Helsinki for the first time in several weeks. At least four Russian planes were reported downed in a day of bitter aerial warfare, during which 32 bombs were dropped in the Helsinki area.

## JOINS FRENCH AMBULANCE CORPS



Donald Parson has volunteered to serve in the French Ambulance Corps and will leave for the European war zone late in January. Mr. Parson served in the war of 1914-1918 in the intelligence department of the United States Army.

The Pinehurst Outlook of January 8, 1938, published the following sketch of Mr. Parson:

Donald Parson of Pinehurst, Youngstown, Brookline, Mass., and Miami . . . breaker of golf records, excellent tennis player, master of fencing, ardent yachtsman . . . won a nation-wide contest for bass fishing . . . could earn his living as a dancer . . . takes his big car apart, scatters it about the lawn, and puts it together again . . . the best cook in all the camps of Maine . . . one of the country's outstanding bridge players . . . speaks French and Italian fluently . . . haunts the world's great art galleries and buys himself worthwhile pictures . . . scholar and bibliophile, specializing in old French literature . . . has produced a volume of sonnets (Glass Flowers) which critics rank with the works of Keats, Coleridge and Shelley . . . Harvard, A. B., A. M.; Captain, Military Intelligence, attached to the General Staff, during the World War.

## PINEHURST SCOREBOARD

by ROBERT E. HARLOW

Details of the private golf tournament conducted at The Pine Valley Country Club in New Jersey, for which a selected number of big time pros were invited, is slowly getting around. The final summary follows for the 54 hole event. Ted Turner, Pine Needles pro, and Pine Valley pro, finished, second.

Ghezzi	73	74	79-226
Turner	73	74	81-228
Thomson	79	69	81-229
Walsh	76	74	79-229
Dudley	68	77	85-230
Sarazen	77	72	84-233
Kirkwood	74	77	83-234
H. Smith	80	73	86-239
Byrd	79	75	86-240
Runyan	82	76	85-243
Wood	76	77	—
Burke	74	78	—
Diegel	82	78	—
Hines	77	71	—
Farrell	80	77	—

On the first day weather conditions were perfect and the course was in excellent shape. The low score for the first round was made by Ed Dudley, with a 68, which is a new course record. On the first afternoon Jimmy Thomson had a 69 which was low.

On Sunday, unfortunately, weather conditions were almost impossible for play. A cold wind and heavy rain made it inadvisable to play two rounds, but at the request of the participants, one round was played on Sunday morning.

Total strokes for the 32 rounds on Saturday were 2418, which gives an average round of 75.5. It is interesting to note that the average score for the first nine holes on Saturday was 38.5 and for the second nine holes 37. The field was somewhat stronger this year than last and the scores in general were lower than last year.

## Nazi Liner Columbus Is Scuttled By Crew

### U. S. Cruiser Tuscaloosa Picks Up from Boats All Officers and Men of Huge Luxury Ship; 579 Rescued

#### SUNK 400 MILES OFF CAPE HENRY

The German luxury liner Columbus, third largest ship in the Nazi merchant marine joined the Graf Spee yesterday, when her crew scuttled her in the Atlantic, 400 miles east of Cape Henry, to avoid attack by a British warship.

The entire crew of 579 from the Columbus were rescued by the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa, which picked up the officers and men from small boats, at dusk, as the Columbus was aflame and sinking.

## GERMAN TANKER RUNS FOR REFUGE INTO HARBOR IN FLORIDA

### Arauca, Chased by British Cruiser, Outruns Pursuer and Seeks Haven in Fishing Port of Everglades

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 19—(AP)—War moved closer to "American" shores yesterday when a German tanker, the Arauca, outran a British cruiser, thought to be the Orion, off the Florida coast, and sought haven in the quiet pleasure fishing harbor of Port Everglades.

Defying a warning shot fired across her bow, the German tanker of about 5,000 tons, failed to heed the orders of the British captain to turn east, but turned directly west and raced to Port Everglades.

The Arauca was out of Tampico with a cargo believed to be oil and was proceeding northward along the Gulf stream when a warning shot crossed her bow.

As the German is not a combat vessel she may remain indefinitely in the United States port without being interned.

## WHAT TO DO AND SEE

### Today

Weekly bridge party at the Carolina this morning.

### AT THE THEATRES

**- Pinehurst -**  
Tonight at 8:30, matinee at 3:00, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," with Jean Arthur and James Stewart.

**- Southern Pines -**  
Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15, matinee tomorrow at 3:00, "Rulers of the Sea," with Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

**- Aberdeen Theatre -**  
Tonight at 7:15 and 9:00, "Bad Little Angel." Cash Award night.

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## Soviet Ship Sunk

The Russian battleship, October Revolution, 22,256 tons, was reported sunk by Finnish coastal batteries, according to a Reuter's dispatch. (Reuter's is the British news agency.)

The Columbus, 32,381 tons, was surpassed only by the Bremen and the Europa in Germany's merchant fleet. She sailed from Vera Cruz last Thursday in a desperate attempt to elude the British and reach a home port. The gamble failed. She had been at Vera Cruz since the start of the war.

First news of the scuttling of the Columbus came in terse messages from Captain H. A. Badt of the U. S. cruiser Tuscaloosa, telling how every member of the crew, including nine women stewardesses, had been rescued.

A British cruiser was reported in the vicinity, but there were no signs of hostilities.

It was reported that before abandoning the Columbus her sea cocks had been opened so that she would sink as rapidly as possible. The sky was lit up by flames when the Tuscaloosa reached the vicinity. The U. S. cruiser is headed for Ellis Island with the crew of the Columbus, who started on a Caribbean cruise before the war, and sought shelter in Vera Cruz at the outbreak of hostilities.

### CREW IS INTERNED

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19—One thousand and thirty-nine officers and men of the crew of the Graf Spee will be interned in Argentina landlocked provinces, far from the sea, according to President Ortiz, who stated that Germany would pay the expenses.

## Drive Slowly! Nab 2!

The Pinehurst Police Department is promoting a campaign against speeding in the village vicinity, in the interests of safety.

Two persons were arrested yesterday for driving at an excessive rate of speed, by Police Chief A. F. Dees.

Dan Gore, a driver for the Gore Wholesale Co. of Rockingham was arrested going 40 miles an hour in the center of the village at 3:20 yesterday afternoon. Gore was tried before Justice of the Peace W. I. Barbour and sentenced to 30 days, sentence suspended on payment of costs. Stacy Ritter of Eastwood was also arrested for speeding, in Taylortown. Ritter was allegedly clocked going at 50 miles, and will be tried at six o'clock tonight before Justice of the Peace Barbour. He was released on bond.