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Taking Heavy Toll of German Forces Seeking to Retreat Farther Westward; 'Confused Fighting' Now North of Agadabia.

Cairo, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The British Army, with the ruins of Bengasi in its possession, hammered home its advantage today and was reported by the Middle East command to be taking a heavy toll of German forces seeking to retreat farther westward after loss of Libya's second-largest city.

Soviet Force Back Safely As Job Done

Harry German Communications Behind Battle Lines in North for Almost Four Months.

Moscow, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A Soviet guerrilla detachment which for almost four months harried German communications and garrisons behind the Russian-German battle lines in the north has returned from its mission safely, Tass, the official Russian news agency, reported today.

Holiday Story In Far East Lacks Cheer

The R. A. F. in operations ranging as far west as Tripoli itself, also harried the Axis forces in the Agadabia sector. Its communique reported "considerable damage" done to armored cars, guns and motor transports.

Reds Recapture More Than Hundred Villages

Moscow, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force was reported authoritatively today to have refrained from bombing Germany on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, although German planes were active against England.

175 Patients In Quarantine

Norwich, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Approximately 175 patients in the Ray building at the Norwich State hospital here are under strict quarantine today as the result of another outbreak of dysentery at the institution.



When Roosevelt and Churchill Met Press

Hong Kong Taken by Japanese; Singapore Waits Intense Drive

Singapore, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Christmas Day fall of Hong Kong after a week of fighting upon the island itself was expected by observers today to signal intensification of the Japanese offensive against Singapore.

Dutch Report Two Japanese Vessels Sunk

Batavia, N. E. I., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Dutch, whose air and submarine forces have set a daily average of one Japanese ship sunk or seriously damaged since they went to war with Japan, announced today the sinking of a Japanese destroyer and transport in an air attack on enemy shipping.

Remnants of British Imperial Garrison Ordered to Stack Arms By Noon Today

Tokyo, Dec. 16.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The remnants of the British Imperial garrison at Hong Kong, estimated at 6,000 men, was reported to have been ordered to stack arms by noon today in conformity with yesterday's surrender to Japanese sea assault.

Two-Way Assault On Manila Intensified

Manila, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A two-way assault on Manila has intensified with an artillery fight northwest of the capital and a tank battle to the southeast where Japanese pressure was increased.

Rush of Christmas Trade Sufficient to Cancel Lag

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Christmas trade ended with a rush which was sufficient to cancel the lag of two weeks ago in many goods, Dun & Bradstreet said today in its weekly review of business.

Will Give Axis Lesson World Won't Forget; Repulse Jap Attacks

Probable Sinking of Two Other Jap Vessels Confirmed; Transport and Mine Sweeper Listed Sunk; Press Operations Against Submarines; Manila Is Declared Open City.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Navy confirmed the sinking of two Japanese warships in the Far East and the probable sinking of two others in a communique today as the Army reported repulse of repeated enemy attacks on the main Lingayen front in Luzon, largest of the Philippine islands.

Britain Sent Large Group Of Aviators

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The largest contingent of British Empire aviators ever to cross the Atlantic arrived here today to join the British, Canadian, New Zealand and Australian squadrons which already are waging the anti-

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Speaks in Senate Chamber to Members of Congress

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told Congress today the Allies would be ready to take the initiative on an ample scale by 1943 and in the end give the Axis powers a lesson the world "will never forget."

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Flashes!

Another Victim's Body Found Hartford, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The body of a 40-year-old man was found in the Connecticut river bridge collapsed Dec. 4 some 40 feet from the surface of the river today as salvage crews removed portions of the collapsed bridge.

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Local Red Cross Fund Is Reported at \$2,738

Manchester's total cash contributions to the Red Cross War Fund campaign, reached \$2,738.50 today, Chairman Ben Cheney reports. The response is much too good, Mr. Cheney asserted, and in order to put the town over its goal of \$10,000, the Red Cross committee must exert much greater effort.

Not a Dollar Campaign Mr. Cheney pointed out today that this is positively not a dollar membership drive. The average contribution must be much more than a dollar, and dropping a dime or a quarter into a collection box at a store, in church, at a card party or Bingo game is, in no way to be considered as an individual's contribution. A house-to-house canvass is being made and everyone will be asked to contribute.

Not to Be Listed Voluntary donations are being made by various organizations through their treasurers or through various benefit parties. The names of \$10,000 house-to-house canvassers and organization committees must exert much greater effort.

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Surrender Strategic Triumph for Japs

London, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Christmas Day surrender of British Hong Kong was a considerable strategic triumph for the Japanese, informed sources frankly conceded today.

Word that the garrison's remnants, with only meager water supplies left, had finally yielded to the Japanese was received here almost immediately by British troops. They had been expecting the capitulation, but there still were no details on Hong Kong's last hours under the Union Jack.

396 Americans Listed in Hong Kong

London, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A census of Hong Kong taken in March, 1941, listed 396 Americans in that city. Later, withdrawals have somewhat reduced that figure.

The March census taken for air raid precautions, purposes, showed there were 7,282 British, 12,926 Chinese, 2,729 Indians, 2,022 Portuguese and 2,004 other nationalities in the city.

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...to get at least this far, these observers said, to feel at all safe.

Advances of 300 miles Besides the 15,000 Germans and Italians who have been removed to hospitals or sent to the rear, the British have driven more than 200 miles toward Italy.

Welcomes Condemnation Of Occupation

London, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The French declared here today that they "welcomed with satisfaction" the United States State Department's condemnation of the De Gaulle occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

They added that the "Washington and Ottawa governments, in the state of their relations with the French government, cannot admit any new blow against the existing situation."

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State Guards Given Smokes

The officers and men of Company M, State Guards now on guard duty and based at the State armory, have expressed thanks to the residents of Manchester for the cigarettes given them by local people.

Police Court

In the first Christmas morning session ever held here on that day, several cases were decided.

Evacuees Tell Heroic Acts, Praise Morale

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Hundreds of evacuees and wounded men, who were taken to Hawaii by the Japanese, told of their heroic acts and praised the morale of the evacuees.

Personal Notices

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank our neighbors, friends for kindness and sympathy shown to us at the time of the death of our dear mother, Mrs. Mary E. Sullivan, who passed away on December 24, 1941.

"Rose of Sharon"
The Rose of Sharon still is grown on the plain of Sharon along the Mediterranean coast. Botanists know it as tulip most, but it bears deep red flowers, with black centers, and is a member of the lily family.

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Tony Obright's Orchestra Arno Pagan, Caterer

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Dutch Passenger Plane Shot Down
Batavia, Dutch East Indies, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A Dutch passenger plane was shot down by a Japanese fighter plane. The plane was carrying 40 passengers and crew.

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Churchill Predicts Initiative by 1943

With scores of speakers referred in passing to the "boastful Mussolini," who he said has "crucified already" and "is nothing but a vessel and a sort of a listener..."

The British prime minister, speaking with hands on hips at the Senate rostrum, told the American lawmakers in measured tones that while in his country...

"An amateur of fate," he said, "I am sure you approve very highly of the trip I have made in order to meet the president of the United States and our armies with him all the mapping of military plans and all those intimate meetings of both countries...

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Obituary John L. Wilson Dies at Age 93

Former Superintendent of State Capital Well Known in State.

Hartford, Dec. 26.—John L. Wilson, who retired in 1921 as superintendent of the State Capitol, died today at his home, 22 Day street, at the age of 93.

Mr. Wilson was born in Thompsonville, July 14, 1848. The son of William L. and Ann Allen Wilson. Educated here in the Common School and at the University of Connecticut.

He was a member of the United States Army and served in the Philippines. He was also a member of the Connecticut State Bar Association.

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Gen MacArthur Probably Is Coolest Man in Manila

By R. P. Cronin Manila, Dec. 26.—(AP) Douglas MacArthur, son of a general and a four-star general in his own right, is probably the coolest man in Manila these days as he directs the defense of the Philippines.

The other day he passed me in his automobile near Army headquarters. He gave me a broad smile as I saluted with a two-finger V and he came back smiling which cover the heads and desks of his spacious office.

When an aide suggested the American flag on the headquarters might serve as a guide to enemy air men, MacArthur said he would take every other normal procedure for protection of the headquarters, but let's keep the flag flying.

Like a general he has a cool, collected manner. He is a pro and a con. He is a pro and a con. He is a pro and a con.

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About Town

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Vanilla Grown From Seeds

Feet Considered Virtually Impossible Socially Important Now.

It takes N. Y. (AP)—Success in growing vanilla plants from seed which has been considered virtually impossible, was reported recently at Cornell University.

The discovery is especially important now because of the De partment of Agriculture is trying to introduce vanilla culture in Puerto Rico. American supplies come from the East and Mexico and prices are up because of war.

Growing vanilla from seed opens the way to produce better plants, capable of growing better in a new environment, than imported plants, and likewise in improving the quality in Puerto Rico, for example, a fungus attacks the imported vanilla vines. Since vanilla has had to be grown from cuttings, variations in color, fragrance and quality are inevitable.

The development of the method of germinating seed was done by Dr. Lewis Knudson, head of the department of agriculture at Cornell University. He grows the vanilla extract seeds in a special solution and in a few days the seedlings are ready for planting.

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Manchester High At Bristol Jan. 2

Local Quintet Seeking Sixth Straight Hoop Victory; Coach Clarke Plans Strategy for Big, Fast Court Game of Present Season.

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Engagements

Engagements between the U.S. and Japanese forces in the Pacific.

Spaulding-Hausmann

Spaulding-Hausmann, a prominent figure in the community.

Drug Proves Aid to Eyes

A new drug has been found to be an effective aid to eyes.

Intermediate Johnny Pontillo Leading Cravat Bowling League

Johnny Pontillo is leading the Cravat Bowling League.

Football Will Be Hurt Most

Football is expected to be the most hurt by the current situation.

With 16 Players

A team with 16 players is mentioned in the article.

About Town

At St. John's church tomorrow morning at nine o'clock there will be a mass with blessing and distribution of wine.

New Red Cross Unit Is Formed

Another unit in Red Cross sewing will start in St. James's church Monday. It will be sponsored by St. Margaret's Circle Daughters of Isabella and work will be done in the church and also at homes.

No Fires Here Over Christmas

Firemen of the South Manchester Department breathed relief this morning when the holiday ended. There was not a call answered by the department.

Postpone Session Of Police School

The Manchester police school scheduled for tonight has been postponed until Tuesday of next week. The lecture will be delivered by Detective Sergeant Joseph A. Frenchie who will take for his subject, "Laboratory Aids to Investigator, Plaster of Paris, Use of Moulage; Restoration of Obliterated Numbers; Glass Fractures."

Soldiers Here Not Forgotten

Taken to Homes for Christmas Dinners and Entertainment Given.

Every one of the 250 officers and men stationed here at the State Army received gifts, dinners and a well-entertainment yesterday by the people of Manchester.

Mayor Chambers Speaks

At 10:10 o'clock, Senator, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Mayor David Chambers who extended to the soldiers a hearty welcome from Manchester.

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