DVANCING RED ARMY BATTERS VIIPURI SECTIO

Catholic Church Plans Building Program Here Wrightsville THE EUROPEAN WAR SITUATION:



Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano chats with Summer Welles (center), President Roose manan Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Clano chats with Summer Welles (center), President Rooserell's special envoy to Europe, and William Phillips (right), U. S. ambassador to Italy, during Welles'
flying trip to Rome, first stop on his tour of Europe in the interests of peace. Welles termed his 90minute conference with Ciano "gratifying and helpful." Ciano also appeared pleased with the parley,
which preceded a visit by Welles with Premier Mussolini. This picture was flown to London from Rome,
then flashed by radio from London to New York.

ST. JAMES CHURCH Roosevelt Urges Greater PRESENTS PROTEST Defenses In Canal Zone

Vestry Opposes Proposal LONG RANGE PROGRAM Dutch Guns Fire On

To Increase Truck Traf-

copal church yesterday filed a pro-

out streets," the protest said.

stitutes a source of danger to which

works and highway commission.

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WEATHER

FORECAST

Tides For Today

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, 12.90 feet.

Wilmington ---- 1:42a

lasonboro Inlet --- 11:48a

to go through.

fic On Third Street

Says Broad Steps Necessary For Defense Of Vital Atlantic-Pacific Link

test with the city commissioners By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL asked that the proposed movement ABOARD U. S. S. LANG AT SEA to narrow the plaza on South Third Feb. 27 .- (Via Wireless)-President street in order that truck traffic Roosevelt said today that doubling may be increased not be allowed the present number of planes and guns defending the Panama Canal "There can be no possible justiwas necessary for the long range fication for sacrificing this street, defense of the vital link between the and widening and converting same Atlantic and Pacific.

into a truck lane for commercial Such a long range program contrucks, the great majority of which templates defense operations extend are operated by persons or corporaing, if necessary, throughout Centions that live elsewhere, and practral America and as far south as tically none of which pay any taxes toward the support of our city and Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela he told reporters at a press confer "We feel that the commissioners ence aboard the cruiser Tuscalooss should bear in mind the fact that after he had completed a thorough the operation of large capacity gaso- inspection of canal defenses and had line trucks leaded with highly instarted the homeward voyage to flamable petroleum products con- the United States.

More Guns Needed More planes and guns were need-

not only the property, but the lives of these citizens are subjected," it ed, Mr. Roosevelt said, to allow a better opportunity to discover any A copy of the protest was also attacking force—either from the air ent to the North Carolina public or by sea—at a much longer distance from the canal than ever had Beat Democrats In One Con-The complete protest was as fol- been provided heretofore.

He added that he thought the first The vestry of St. James church, Wilmington, representing some six program for anti-aircraft gun, and hundred residents of the City of Wilmington, many of whom are (Continued on Page Three; (2) 3) tarpayers, protest on behalf of the

congregation the plan which they 'GWTW' EXPECTED are advised is under consideration by the city commissioners and the alshway commi sion which involves TO SET NEW MARK widening of Third street through the city, and the alleged plan of

Large Crowd Attends First Two Days' Showing Of

Southern Picture North Carolina: Cloudy, slightly colder in central portions Wednesday, occasional light rain Wednesday, morning; Thursday generally tair, slightly warmer in west portion.

"Gone With the Wind," the Civil war drama, which opened at the Carolina theatre Monday, is expected to set a new theatre-going reduction.

(Meteorological data fo rthe 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

1:30 a. m. 36; 7:30 a. m. 37; 1:30 p. m. 56; maximum 34; mean 46; normal 50.

Humidity

Cord in 18 3.4.

Good crowds were on hand for the opening performances Monday and yesterday's matinees were before a full house. Last night was no exception as a long line formed early on Market street to enter

Humidity

p. m. 52; 7:30 p. m. 67.

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.
month, 4:30 inches.

Tides For Market Capacity crowds are expected for both matinees today and advance ticket sales indicate that tonight's

showing will be a complete sellout. Unusually large crowds were also expected for the remainder of the 8:54a week as those who have seen the technicolor production have been high in its praise.

Sunrise 6:42a; sunset 6:07p; moon-rise. ; moonset 10:14a. The film is being shown here in the same form as it was in Atlanta, where it had its premier, running three hours and 45 minutes, with Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) point, an intermission at the half-way

Project Bids France Orders Services Of Farmers; Russian Forces Seeking To Are Received

Erection Of Chapel And Rectory At Beach Will **Be Started Soon**

Cost Of New Construction ed to a cheering house of commons that Britain's five new 35,000-ton Totals \$28,000; Conference Is Slated Today

Plans for a building program, to ost approximately \$28,000 and innew Catholic chapel and at Wrightsville Beach and a new rectory at St. Mary's Cathochurch here, were announced last night by Father J. A. Manley, rector of St. Mary's church.

Bids for the work at Wrightsville were opened yesterday before Father Michael J. Begley, pastor of the church, with W. A. Simon, contractor, submitting the low bid of \$17,940.

Will Award Contract The contract for the work, which

scheduled to be started immediately, will be awarded in Raleigh today following a conference by Father Begley with Bishop Eugene McGuinness. Present plans call for the com-

pletion of the new chapel and rectory, which will be located on the same site as the present building at Station Three, by early in May. Bishop McGuinness plans to make the rectory at Wrightsville Beach his summer headquarters, it was

announced. Father Manley stated last night that plans for a new rectory, which

church, have been drafted. conference in Raleigh by Father Manley. The new building is esti-

mated to cost approximately \$10,000. The Wrightsville Beach Catholic chapel, which will be known as of brick veneer and with a seating capacity of about 200. The present building at the beach, which was erected approximately 40 years ago by the late Father C. Dennen, will

days, it was announced. Heating, lighting and plumbing gent defense measure."

were included in the general conract for the work

470; H. R. Cavenaugh, \$20,360; Luther T. Rogers, \$20,180.

REQUEST REFUSED House Committee Turns

The first lord of the admiralty

unveiled this picture of the sea war

sea again.

BRITAIN

Down F. D. R. Appeal For Bomb-Proof Locks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. - (P) A Roosevelt request for \$15,000,000 to start a new set of bomb-proof locks to enlarge the Panama Canal was turned down by the house appropriations committee today on the ground that congress was being asked to commit itself to a "vast and costly" undertaking before detailed plans are available.

Using brisk language, the com- tatively tonight to be considering iswill be located in the vacant lot on mittee instructed the army to get suance of a royal decree for "emer-Fifth street adjacent to St. Mary's knocking the \$15,000,000 out of the industry. War department's "civil functions" Definite plans for the work will be completed today following a ommend that canal authorities be over reports of three secret arrangegiven permission to enter into con- ments by which France undertakes tracts up to \$99,300,000.

The committee pointed to testi- tities of warplanes, machine-guns mony by Brig. Gen. Clarence S. and other war materials. The Lady By the Sea," will be Ridley, canal governor, that plans could not be completed for two years and that actual construction would take four years more.

"The project is urged at this time as a defense measure," the commitbe torn down within the next few cannot be completed for six years would be regulated according to the has questionable standing as an ur- government's estimates of civilian

The axe also was applied to a \$700,000 fund for dredging the Dr. Karl Clodius, Germany's eco- A "market basket" plan of forcing Besides the bid submitted by channel of Wake Island in the mid-Simon on the Wrightsville Beach Pacific, the committee expressing project, bids were offered by the fears this was the first step toward discuss the breakdown of the oil con- with purchases of munitions was following: U. A. Underwood, \$20,- building a seaplane base there. The

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3,000 From Their Homes

COLUMBUS, O., ,Feb. 27. -(P)- cloudbursts and melting snow, river conditions critical. More rain

caused an emergency in Yolo coun-

Hitler Will Tell Welles Of Claims

FRANCE

Britain Reveals Warships Damaged;

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Winston PARIS, Feb. 27. -(P)-France Churchill, seasoned warden of Brit- day requisitioned the services of ain's sea-power, disclosed today her 7,000,000 farmers who will be that Germany had damaged the held to their lands by military con-British battleships Nelson and Bartrol to maintain the food supplies NEW RECTORY PLANNED ham, warned of even greater Ger of a nation at war. man attacks on "the sea-power by This order brought the war home which we live," and then announc- to Frenchmen throughout the coun-

battleships would shortly join the in a daring massed flight, bringing the capital the first raid alarm of He also said the Nelson and Barham, both apparently crippled the year, and the government announcement of the sinking of a Gerin December, soon would be at man submarine by a French de

Control Shifted in an unexpectedly sensational agriculture and labor ministries,

German Anger Is Aroused

Over Reports Of Secret

Meetings With French

BY DANIEL DELUCE

BUCHAREST, Feb. 27 .- (P)-Ru-

mania, occupying an increasing un-

easy position between conflicting

German and Allied claims for her

rich oil stores, was reported authori-

to supply Rumania with large quan-

Would Regulate Production

The decree under consideration

similar to Turkey's recent economic

and defense measures, would place

government officials in supreme con-

trol of all factories. Production

It was reported, meanwhile, that

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HERE ON MARCH 7

All Veterans To Hear

State Commander

June H. Rose, of Greenville, state

ROSE WILL SPEAK

and military requirements.

CANAL LOCK WORK Rumania Is Considering

GERMANY

BERLIN, Feb. 27 .- (AP)-The im pression grew today that Adolf Hitler would give Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, due in Berlin Friday, a comprehensive exposition of Germany's claims to a dominant position in central and southeastern try as Parisians thrilled to the pres Europe as well as demands for return of her colonies.

Arrangements for Welles' visit visit to the foreign office.

Meetings Arranged

According to present plans, Welles will go into a huddle Friday with Viipuri Bay the Soviet forces at The farm decree, issued by the Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who is recovering from (Continued on Page Four; Col. 6) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

Studied By Hoey, Gill

RALEIGH, Feb. 27. — (49) —

Governor Hoey and Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill to-

night studied the case of Jim

Moore, Pender county negro scheduled to die Friday in the

Central prison gas chamber. The chief executive said he

probably would announce a de-

Meanwhile, Moore repeated to Chaplain L. A. Watts that he

was innocent of the murder of

which he was convicted and said

The negro was convicted of

shooting Robert Finnell, another

WALLACE OPPOSES

NEW TRADE PLAN

Does Not Favor Proposal

To Make Nations At War

Buy Farm Products

ers were "getting it in the neck

ligerent nations." He cited an

ain had switched most of her to-

LaFollette expressed the view

"Aren't we in a position to do

something about the matter if we

have the fortitude to do it?" he

Wallace replied that the govern-

ment had certain powers but he

did not wish to discuss them for

The secretary said, under LaFol-

lette's questioning, that the "mar-

ket basket" plan had been men-

tioned off-hand in his department,

along with a possible tax on muni

Under the "market basket" plan

a belligerent who bought muni-

tions would have to purchase a

specified amount of non-military

upplies. A munitions tax might

be used to help finance benefit pay-

normal exports were reduced by

ments to farmers and others whose

countries after the war.

economic way."

tion date.

the record.

he had no knowledge of it.

cision tomorrow.

negro, last July.

Industrial Mobilization

DECREE MAY BE ISSUED | Pender Negro's Case

In Northland

Outflank Finland's Isthmus Defense Line

BIG LOSSES EXPECTED

Defenders Forced To Withdraw In Fighting Above The Arctic Circle

BY WADE WERNER

HELSINKI, Feb. 27. - (AP) - The Red army tonight smashed at Viipuri and its environs, an artillery raked No Man's Land cluttered with were confirmed by Alexander Kirk, ruins where more than 80,000 per American charge d'affaires, in a sons once lived, while Finland ac knowledged another Russian suc cess above the Arctic circle.

Attacking across the ice of frozen tempted to force their way past is lands southwest of Viipuri, evident ly aiming at outflanking Finnish de

the Karelian Isthmus. Encirclement of the battered city already at the mercy of medium range Russian artillery, also was an aim of the Russian drive. Long range Soviet guns early in the war shelled Viipuri, once Finland's third largest city, and civilians were

quickly removed.

Big Losses Expected Military sources said the Russian attack across the ice was likely to result in heavy Russian losses since the Finns have strong defense

coast of the bay. Groundwork for their trans-bay assault was laid by capture of the Koivisto fortifications further south which had served as anchor of the Mannerheim line's western termi-

batteries along the jagged west

On land, the Finnish communique reported a Russian attack at Somme about seven miles south of Viipuri and heavy fighting also on frozen Naykkijarvi, a small lake east of Somme along the Pero river, and at Lake Ayrapaa, 25 miles east of Vii-

An artillery duel continued to thunder at the eastern end of the isthmus front where the Finns still hold their first line positions de spite Russian attacks which failed to gain an inch. The Russians have pounded fruitlessly at Taipale ever

since the war started Nov. 30. Finns Withdraw In the far northern Petsamo region Russian forces had greater success, forcing the Finns to with-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

WELLES DEPARTS WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-(P)-FOR SWITZERLAND nomic expert, had postponed until nations at war to buy farm prod next week his visit to Bucharest to ucts in the United States along

frowned upon by Secretary Wallaco today because, he said, it might Turns Toward Berlin After bring retaliations from affected Conferring With Leading Italian Officials For instance, he told the senate finance committee, an effort to

compel Great Britain to buy tobac ROME, Feb. 28.-(Wednesday)co here undoubtedly would result (A)-Undersecretary of State Sum-Legion Post Plans To Invite us and deep distrust of us." He added that "feelings of that sort Zurich, Switzerland, en route to in "very deep resentment against usually reflect themselves in an and German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop on his fact-finding tour The agriculture department head of Europe as President Roosevelt's was testifying in support of house personal emissary.

approved legislation to extend the The American envoy also will reciprocal trade program three confer with Field Marshal Hermann commander of the American Legion years beyond its June 12 expira. Wilhelm Goering during his twoday stay in Berlin before going on Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis) to Paris and London. had contended that American farm-

Visibly tired from his round of conferences here, Welles entrained at 12:15 a. m. (6:15 p. m., EST) after he and Myron C. Taylor, Mr. agreement under which Great Brit- Roosevelt's envoy to the Vatican,

bacco purchases from the United (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

that something could be done to offset secret trade agreements between belligerents and European Public Servant No. 1

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California Floods Drive

eat. In the other they remained in power and named the state's 'irst in 24 hours at several points.

The 17th District, ordinarily democratic, elected Republican J. Harry was in prospect, and flood condi-sues. McGreggor over Byron B. Ashbrook, tions equalling the ravages of De-27,437 to 22,894 after a campaign cember, 1937, were predicted by "the situation appears to be grave." in which the New Deal was a clear- the weather bureau.

In Sacramento, Gov. Culbert L.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 .- (AP) men to evacuate more than 70 Waterways, turned to torrents by families forced from their homes. Gordon Garland, speaker of the state assembly, said he was consid-Republicans won two special condrove as many as 3,000 persons ering reconvening the legislature gressional elections in Ohio today. from their homes today in a score for the purpose of taking such In one they captured a democratic or more northern California cities, action as may be necessary under Almost nine inches of rain fell the unusual conditions caused by devastating floods." The legislature The storm, in its third day, left recessed last Sunday after a special session which considered relief is-

In the rich Sacramento valley the weather forecaster said.

ut issue.

In Sacramento, Gov. Culbert L. would advise vigilance in patroling Olson declared flood conditions had of the levees."

will visit Wilmington on Thursday, March 7, for an address before Legionnaires of this section, R. C. MacMahon, commander of Wilming as the result of policies of the belton Post No. 10, American Legion, announced yesterday.

Commander MacMahon said the local post plans to invite all World War veterans in New Hanover and States to Turkey. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) ty and he ordered national guards- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) adjacent counties to the meeting.

HOUSE ECONOMY AX FALLS ON ARMY'S RIVER-HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PLANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27-(AP)

-The house economy ax fell to-day on the War department's waterway improvement pro-Severely testing the congres-

Unidentified Planes

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28. -

(Wednesday)—(A)—Anti-aircraft

batteries guarding this neutral

Netherlands city blazed sporadi-

cally from 10 p. m. (5 p. m.

EST) last night until 3 a. m., (10

p. m., EST) today when they

were still firing at unidentified

About 2 a. m. an unexploded

shell fell on the roof of a house

in the southern quarter of the

city and penetrated three floors,

but no one was injured. Sleep-

ing occupants, however, had a

The shell stopped only when it

It was the second successive

night that Dutch anti-aircraft

batteries about Amsterdam went

into action to drive away strange

REPUBLICANS WIN

IN OHIO ELECTION

gressional Vote, Hold

Power In Another

ngresswoman.

cut issue.

foreign warplanes.

narrow escape.

reached the cellar.

sional saving mood, the house appropriations committee refused to recommend a boost in budget estimates for flood control and lopped \$2,051,540, off the scant budget allowance for rivers and harbors.

Despite a warning from army engineers that President Roosevelt's budget did not allow enough for economical waterway programs, the committee

recommended only \$70,000,000 for general flood control, \$30,-000,000 for lower Mississippi flood control, and \$66,721,510 for river and harbor maintenance and new work during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

These figures represented reductions of more than \$101.000,-000 under the current year's appropriations for waterway de velopments.

Angry house members from affected states immediately started cloakroom drives to boost the appropriations at least \$25,000,000 each for flood control and rivers and harbors. House debate on the bill, the

annual supply measure for the War department's civil functions, was to begin tomorrow.

The senate commerce committee, meanwhile, despaired of settling a dispute over the big omnibus authorization bill for rivers and harbors and voted to call on President Roosevelt

As sent over from the house last year, this measure embraced a long list of small projects estimated to cost \$83,000,-More generous than the house

had been, the senate committee

swelled the bill to \$412,000,000.

Reports then got around that

an authorization measure of suc'ı proportions. Abandoning other comprom-

President Roosevelt would veto

ise solutions of the dilemma, the senate group voted 11 to 2 to send Chairman Bailey (D-NC) and Senators Sheppard (D-Tex) and McNary (R-Ore) to lay it before the President. They asked the White House to arrange conference for early next

The authorization measure merely makes projects eligible for future appropriation. None of the projects in the author-

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