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Finns Continue Withdrawal To New Lines LINER DOMALA

Welles Lorge Weds Musician REACHES PORT

Move Troops On Isthmus' Western Side

Defenders Claim They Are Still Holding Off Russians At Viipuri

MANY SOVIETS KILLED

Red Officials Call Finland's Claims Of Recent Victories 'Absurd'

By WADE WERNER

menting fury from three sides. With the Viipuri defenders gener-

ally repulsing the savage Red army brusts, the Finnish high command ported that in yesterday's fightng the Russians also were beaten back with heavy losses on the eastn end of the isthmus and north of Lake Ladoga where 1,000 of the memy were said to have been killed. Russian Claims

(The Red army high command reported early Sunday that its forces nad taken Viipuri's railroad station nd that the southern part of the cient port city was being occupied ring Saturday night.)

Devastating punishment was in cted on the Russians on the east m part of the Karelian isthmus he high command said, when the enemy was concentrating for an atack in this area where the Finns till hold their original Mannerheim stroyed in this action.

attackers ran into a withering fire company, said last night. at Kollaanjoki, Aittajoki and Koltar and one tank were put out of pleted.

Attacks Turned Back

line, the Finns said Red army in-(Continued on Page Three, Col. 4)

ROBESON NATIVE KILLED BY AUTO

John D. Smith, 50, Fatally Injured On Highway West Of Lumberton

LUMBERTON. March 3. - John Smith, about 50, native of Lumenon and resident of Charlotte, as fatally injured at about 1 clock this morning when he was truck by an unidentified automodriver on highway 74 west of

No arrests had been made tohight but county officers and state highway patrolmen were continuing search for the hit-and-run

The accident victim was a car-Mater and had recently arrived in (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

WEATHER

FORECAST
Stath Carolina: Mostly cloudy and the rain in extreme east portion; saday mostly cloudy.

1.36 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 95; 1:30 p.

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Precipitation
135 inches; total since first of the inches.

Tide v.

Tides For Today 1:26p 10:38a

Surise 6:37a; sunset 6:11p; moon-(Confi...



Installation Of Phone Dials Nears Completion

TO BE FINISHED SOON

Conversion From Manual To Dial Telephones Is Scheduled In June

Installation of dials on telephones nifications. The Finns reported in Wilmington is now about 95 per ne Russian tanks and several guns cent complete and will be entirely Above Lake Ladoga, the high finished in about one or two weeks, command announced that Russian J. R. Thomas, local manager of the

New switchboards are now being laa. In addition to 1,00 Russians installed in downtown hotels and killed at the latter point, the Finns business houses. Practically all resimid one propellor sleigh, one armed dence installations have been com-

The new switchboards in hotels and business houses will include a Farther north, at Kuhmo and built in dial for each trunk line and Salla, on Finland's narrow waist others will have a dial on each phone. Most of the present boards were not built for dials and had to e replaced.

The date of conversion from manual phones will be approximately in the middle part of June, Thomas said. The exact date will be an nounced later.

The building at Fourth and Chestout streets is now completed and it is planned to move the offices in is now being installed.

the building is about 75 per cent Louisville. complete and is progressing according to schedule. After its completion, it will be thoroughly tested for several weeks before being placed homes. Others living in two-story into use.

All in all, Thomas said, the changeover will cost the telephone about \$700,000, and will provide Wilmingtonians with the latest and most modern type of dial telephone

Workers Defense League Says Mill Workers Beaten

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- (AP) -The Workers Defense league declared today that textile workers were being "beaten and relentlessly persecuted" for union activities in Gaffney, S. C.

The league made public a letter from an organizer for the Textile Workers union (CIO) describing alleged terroristic activities by mill owners and urging Attorney General Jackson and Governor Maybank of South Carolina to investi-

CHINESE DROWN

SHANGHAI, March 3. - (AP) -Three hundred Chinese men, women and children were reported today to have been drowned off Ningpo when they became panic-stricken and caused their launch to capsize upon hearing cries of "Japanese planes are coming." The crew of the German coastal vessel Hohlenkof said the Chinese were en route to board their vessel off the Chekiang province port at the time. They said (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2) the alarm apparently was lated no Japanese planes were observed.

Leipzig's Great Fair Opened By Goebbels

LEIPZIG, March 3. - (AP) -Leipzig's great international fari, giving an impressive picture of Germany's industrial strength in the midst of war, was opened toby Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in a spirited speech reiterating the Nazi theme of German invincibility.

Goebels characterized the fair as a fort on the Reich's economic front reflecting the greatness of the commercial structure expected to contribute to ultimate vic-

tory on the war front. Asserting that the great trade routes still are open to Germany, Goebbels declared that the Reich is trying to develop its commerce naturally-a procedure which he said would prove more effective and lasting than "the political buying which Britain has been doing in all parts of the world."

Village Near Louisville

-Water from rain-swollen Salt riv. Reginace" er rolled nearly five feet deep today to the tone of the Italian note, the about the last of March. Furniture through streets of Taylorsville, oftflooded, low-lying county seat town The placing of dial equipment in of 900 about 30 miles southeast of sion to London.

had been forced from one-story houses, he said, took refuge to the

PETITIONS RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- (AP) The Labor board reported today that it had received 52 petitions from employers since it changed its rules six months ago and allowed opposing unions claim majority

BRITISH BLOCKADE

sented To The British **Embassy In Rome**

y-worded protest to the British em

move "an act of arrogance and in-

England." "Besides it was hoped to oblige

text of which was not expected to

be made public until its transmis-County Judge E. J. Snyder re- a companion commodity as interna- Fear hotel.

on Italy's political as well as eco-Diplomats are watching closely the possible effect on Italian ad-

herence to the precarious path of non-belligerency. Rome's quick protest was prompt-

extreme sensitiveness to anything its place. that smacks of economic coercion. This polical fixation dates back them to petition for elections when to 1935 when the League of Na of the amount of the expenditure to presidential nomination for Secre-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

IL DUCE PROTESTS

Strongly-Worded Note Pre-

ROME, March 3 ._ (AP)-Aroused by Britain's newly-enforced block- Party Leader Rudolf Hess and Dealers believe will enable him to ade against German coal shipments Field Marshal Goering, the questo Italy, Fremier Mussolini's gov-

bassy. The government's prompt action which came within 36 hours after the British clamped on the blockade, was accompanied by a bitter press attack by Roberto Farinacci, outspoken member of the Fascist grand council, who termed Britain's

Writing in his Il Regime Fascis a, the only newspaper to comment on the coal controversy, Farinacci said the blockade was "the reacion to our refusal to sell arms to

our country to buy coal from Welsh mines and put our ships in peril Flooded By Salt River in the North sea," he said. "When a fight is waged against unarmed populations and not against armies Farinacci's words gave a hint a

The coal blockade has given oil

ported between 200 and 300 persons tional trouble-breeder, and it steps nomic toes.

TALKS WITH GOERING Completes Program In Berlin Before Leaving For Switzerland

BERLIN, March 3.—(P)—Sumner Welles left for Paris tonight after a farewell from Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, recalled German ambassador to the United States, which aroused speculation as to whether they might have ironed out the question of representation between the two

Welles Leaves

Others Bid Farewell To

U. S. Undersecretary

of representation between the two countries.

Dieckhoff, who has remained here since November, 1938, when the American ambassador was called American ambassador was called the condition of the couple eloped. home from Berlin to report on the anti-Jewish campaign, appeared with other officials at the blackedout Anhalter station to bid Welles farewell-after being conspicuous by his absence at Welles' arriva

Protocol calls for a diplomat ac redited to another country, but temporarily at home, to greet arriving diplomats from that country. Regrets Absence

Quarters close to the German foreign office have said that Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop particularly regretted the absence of an American ambassador from Berlin at this time.

In Welles' talks with Fuehrer ernment today presented a strongreturn to ambassadors to Washing. ton and Berlin

Welles wound up his fact-seeking stay in Germany today with conferences with Goering and Hess. Apparently Goering had plenty to tell Welles about Germany autarchy, in which he plays a prime

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BIDS ON THEATRE WILL BE OPENED

Estimates On Construction Of New House To Be Received Here Today

Bids on the construction of the

The new house has been authoriz- tion delegates which might

and actual construction is expected to start within the near future. The present Furcell building, oc-

Nazis, Turns Toward Paris Dr. Hans Dieckhoff And

F. D. R. WILL NOTE

Silent On Third Term As He Completes Seven Years In White House

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- (P) -President Roosevelt rounded out House today without breaking the Adolf Hitler, Ribbentrop, Deputy third term silence which many New win renomination or pick the 1940

net tomorrow at church services commemorating the aniversary of at Richmond, his first inauguration on March 4,

Any idea that the President might for an announcement of his attitude toward a third term was dispelled by the chief executive himself yesterday. He told reporters he would 12:45 a. m. ssue no anniversary statement on he subject.

Although some democrats in concertainty as to whether he would here at about 9:40 o'clock. run for another term, many adminto influence the party's choice if he vacation. continued silent until the convention met-or even until after its new moving picture theatre to be first ballot. Regardless of whether as to whether President Roosevelt French ambush in two days was rebuilt at 16-18 North Front street will he has decided to run, the latter would seek a third term: be opened today at noon at the Cape say, his silence leaves third term advocates free to line up convened by Wilmington Theatres, Inc., swung either to his own support or to a candidate of his choice.

Intimates of the President contend that he has not actually mad cupied by Honnett's jewelry store, up his mind regarding a third term Wulff's news stand and Baxter's bid, and that he will not do so until pool room, will be torn down and after he sees what developments ed above all by the Fascist regime's the new structure will be erected in spring brings in the European war. On the other hand, there have been It is expected to be ready for the numerous rumors in the capital opening by next fall. No estimate that he has determined to seek the

Weds Musician

Nazis Voice Regret Over Shooting Down Of Belgian Planes

BERLIN, March 3 .- (AP)-Germany today expressed regret when the Belgian ambassador, Vicomte Davignon, protested in the foreign office over the shooting down of Belgian planes by a German bomber in an air combat over Belgian soil.

The fight occurred Saturday. The following official German version of the incident was given: "A German scouter, returning from the north of France was attacked by seven planes of the

English hurricane type. "Because of this, and the impression he was flying over French soil, the German pilot held the attackers to be English pursuiters.

"In the air fight one plane was shot down. The German reached home safely. Later it was established that the fight occurred a few minutes flying time from the French border over Belgian soil and the plane shot down was Belgian."

(Belgian accounts of the fight said three Belgian planes surrounded a huge Dornier bomber, but did not fire until the German opened fire, shooting down one of the Belgians and killing the pilot. Another Belgian plane later crashed with bullet holes in its gasoline tank.)

seven historic years in the White Plane On Which She Was Passenger Turned Back By Weather Conditions

RALEIGH, March 3.-(AP)-Mrs. evelt landed here volved around the question of a mother, who arrived last night to tonight with a group of other pasworship with her son and his cabi- sengers on three northbound Eastern Air Line planes turned back Va., because of weather conditions.

The much-traveled wife of the President stayed briefly at the Indian seamen who had served Raleigh airport, three miles south aboard German ships before the make the anniversary the occasion of the city, and then was brought into town in a state highway patrol car.

She planned to proceed on to Washington by train, leaving a

Mrs. Roosevelt was returning froma two-week stay in Florida. She boarded the plane at Miami ress have been clamoring recently Fla., at 2 p. m. for a flight t for Mr. Roosevelt to end the un Washington. The plane landed She said she went to Florida to

istration supporters argue that he make two speeches and then stayed would be in the strongest position on for a brief "off the record" Laughingly she told a reporter who asked the perrenial question

"You're getting the same answer

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The European War Situation

(By The Associated Press) LONDON-Admiralty announces bombing of British liner Domala, 108 persons feared dead; British shot down one plane by mistake, report three German planes downed in two days on western front. BERLIN — American Envoy

Welles concludes German talks, sees Field Marshal oGering and Nazi Deputy Leader Hess, turns towards Paris; Germany expresses regret for shooting down two Belgian army planes on Belgian soil; Nazis claim four French planes downed in two days. PARIS - French report Ger-

man contingent captured in western front ambush, two German planes sent down in dog-HELSINKI - Finns continue

withdrawal to new defense points on western Karelian isthmus, report Kussian attacks repuised on eastern part of isthmus, 1,000 Russians killed north of Lake

MOSCOW-Red army continues to surround Viipuri, Moscow communique reports.

ROME — Mussolini protests

Britain's new blockade of German coal ships to Italy. VATICAN CITY - Pope Pius XII prays anew for peace at BATTERED, SET AFIRE

AFTER ATTACK

British Plane Shot Down By Mistake By Royal Air Force Fighters

NAZI PLANE IS DOWNED

British Officials Also Admit Two More Freighters Sunk By Mines

BY EDWIN STOUT

LONDON, March 3 .- (AP)-Bomb. ng of the 8,441-ton British passenger liner Domala, with a probable loss of 108 lives, was announced by the admiralty tonight as the battered and fire-scarred vessel reached an English port after a nightmare voyage from Antwerp.

The announcement followed swiftly the disclosure that a British plane had been shot down by mistake by three Royal Air Force fighters and the admission that two British cargo boats had been sunk by mines yesterday.

Nazi Bomber Downed

On the credit side, Britain reported her air force had downed a German Heinkel bomber in Francethe third in two days.

(At the same time dispatches from Amsterdam reported the arrival of two Netherlands ships which said they had been machine gunned while en route from England by an unidentified plane, which also bombed and sank an unnamed Brif. sh vessel).

The attack on the Domala, the admiralty disclosed, occurred between 4 and 5 a. m. yesterday in the English channel.

In the light of a waning moon, a German Heinkel swooped down on the ship and dropped four bombs, three of which found their mark and set the vessel ablaze amidships. captain was killed by one of the bombs.

In addition to 108 persons listed as missing and believed dead, many others were injured, the admiralty said. Of the missing, 88 were British

war, and presumably were released (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

GERMANS TRAPPED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Clear Brisk Weather Spurs Aerial Activity Along Western Front

PARIS, March 3.-(P)-The second ported by the high command tonight to have trapped a new contingent of German troops west of the Vosges

The French, at the same time, acknowledged the Germans had captured "a few prisoners" during patrol raids in the Lauter sector.

Clear brisk weather returned to the western front giving a spurt to aerial activity on both sides following a day of combat yesterday in which the French said they had shot down two German planes and the British two more.

(The official German news agency reported an air battle between four (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2)

Articles . . .

To Sell Household

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SENATE SLATED TO TAKE UP MEASURE TO EXTEND HATCH ACT'S BANS TODAY

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, March 3 -(AP)—The senate will take up tomorrow one of the sessions' most controversial pieces of legislation, a bill to extend the Hatch Act' :: prohibition against pernicious political activities to a half million state employes paid in whole or part with federal funds.

Although two staunch administration supporters, Senators Minton (D-Ind) and Lucas (D-Ill) have served notice of a fight against the measure, democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky, said he thought there was no doubt that a majority of the senate favored enactment of the bill. Barkley predicted it would be approved speedily

Both Minton and Lucas argue that the measure proposes an invasion of states rights. The bill, sponsored by Senator Hatch (D-NM) would authorize the civil service commission to order government agencies to suspend loans or grants to a state agency whose employes violated the act's drastic political curbs. The commission would determine whether there had been violations.

social security branches-and all

other state agencies which re-

ceive federal funds-from taking

active parts in political cam-

pains and from attending poli-

The prohibition in the measure, opponents and proponents agree, would prevent employes of state highway departments,

tical conventions. Minton said they also would prevent these employes from contributing to political campaign funds, but Hatch insisted that voluntary contributions would not be bar-There was some talk among

opponents of the measure of offering an anti-lynching bill as an amendment, a step which they said would insure its defeat. Perrenial proposals to make lynching a federal crime invariably have drawn a filibuster from southern senators. Senate leaders, however, deprecated the liklihood that opponents would resort to such a move.

House and senate leaders will confer Tuesday with President Roosevelt. The conference had been scheduled for Monday but was postponed on account of activities commemorating the administration's seventh anniversary. Special interest is attached to the conference because it will be Mr. Roosevelt's first meeting with his congressional lieutenants since his return from his cruise. House leaders expect to tell

clean up the routine business of that chamber not later than May 15. Barkley had predicted that congress will adjourn by June 1. There was speculation on the question whether the President might make a special request for

him that they will be able to

funds to start work on a third (Continued on Page Three, Col. 5) special mass for Rome residents.