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3-Way Axis Was Talked

Possibility That Russians Might Join Il Duce-Hitler Described

By Italians

REDS SPIKE RUMOR

Proposed Visit Described As Devoid Of Foundation By Moscow

MOSCOW, March 24-(Sunday)-P-Tass, the Soviet official news acy, today branded as "devoid of foundation" rumors which it were being circulated abroad arding the proposed visit of Rusn Premier-Foreign Minister Vyasisf Molotoff to Berlin.

Tass is authorized to state that nors circulated by various foreign ncies regarding the proposed visit the chairman of the council of les commissars of the U.S. S. Vyacheslaff Molotoff to Berlin some town in Germany or the mern Ukraine are devoid of any

Disappear Overnight The reports, published in all Ital newspapers yesterday, disappear overnight).

BERLIN. March 23—(AP)—Official many apparently is convinced at Russia's premier and foreign Vyachelaff Molotoff, ill at last visit Berlin to cement w the recently - formed Berlin cow friendship and remove any acles to Russian-Italian cooper ion for the duration of the Euro-

official ncy, issued a statement in Mosw describing rumors abroad con- Strange, secretary. J. H. Niggel is wining Molotoff's proposed visit as the republican member. devoid of any foundation." The Tass atement, which did not discount the possibility of his coming soon, April 27, to Saturday, May 11. The

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OCKADAY STAGES ing a mere relisting of the electorate were so stringent, that it "was obvious" that a new registration NEW PEACE SHOW would be less costly and, he added,

lings Away Live Chickens To Astonished Throng In New York

By JOHN FERRIS NEW YORK, March 23. - (AP)dooping and roaring, a man dress-M in Santa Claus costume topped reaking wagon into Rockefeller PLAN OF 'ACTION' th an Indian headdress rode Center today and tried to distribute We chickens "in the interest world peace."

"Im Santa Claus from Santa Fe," loared, "and I'm giving away lickens. Chickens with feathers on n Peace! The whole world's going have peace."

Pedestrians in the plaza stopped e crowd around the skating rink Ined to the strange figure who

rinned amiably. the bellowed. "On the Q. T., while the bellowed of the property of the bellowed." Santa uties, Paul Reynaud set out today to counter rightist hostility by mapping counter rightist hostility by mapping to step up the tempo of the property "Im old Santa Claus from Santa

WEATHER

North Carolina: Partly cloudy and arthy colder Sunday; Monday mostly bady, somewhat unsettled and consulted cold.
South Carolina: Partly cloudy arthy colder Sunday; Monday cloudy the occasional rain, probably begining Sunday night.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours adding 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Temperature

1.30 a. m. 48; 7:30 p. m. 53; maximum 62; mumum 40; mean 51; normal. 55

1:30 a. m. 80; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 48; 7:30 p. m. 64.

Precipitation

1:30 p. m. 64.

Precipitation

1:30 p. m., 64.

1: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 100 inches.

Tides For Today
High
0n 10:15a
10:42p

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on Page Three; Col. 3) to yield to the official arrival of (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

By FRANK MacMILLEN NEW YORK, March 23.—(P)—Re- in the United States jingled to peacetail merchants in many communitime spending for spring styles, new ties counted today wide trade gains hats and shoes, Easter baskets.

PARIS, March 23-(P)-With his to sponsor and encourage worth-

first premiership canctioned by a slim majority in the chamber of deputies. Part Part and the chamber of deputies.

a program to step up the tempo of fact Wilmington is the only major

war against Germany and thereby city in North Carolina which has no

His first move was to confer at cees" have been invited to attend

Since 1937 Is Reported

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Heaviest Easter Buying

over last year in the heaviest Easter buying since 1937.

a nation-wide survey.

iness showing sectionally. Despite the reluctance of winter ter buying of spring merchandise the voters at his traditional electo yield to the official arrival of

ahead of last year as cash registers Industrial communities had the

SUNK BY BRITISH SUPPLIES

A salvage derrick leans against the 15,575-ton freighter Panamanian after the vessel partially sank recently at a Baltimore pier. The accident, attributed by coast guardsmen to overloading, occurred while loading a general cargo for British ports. The ship is under charter to Arnold Bernstein, refugee Ger-

Severe Cold To Mar

Easter For Millions

heavy coats and

WASHINGTON, March 23 .-

(AP)-A huge inflow of cold air

from the polar regions brought

the prospect today that Easter paraders in half the country

The movement of the air

mass sent winds of mid-January

temperature blowing across

much of the eastern two-thirds

of the country and prompted

the weatherman to predict cold,

with occasional light snow in

The forecast for the Rocky

although the prediction

Mountain states was much the

was for temperatures some-

what above freezing. Cloudy

skies, with now and then a

snow flurry or shower, would

be the order there, the fore-

Only in the far west and

deep south was the outlook

pleasing to wearers of Easter

JUNIOR CHAMBER

TO BE ORGANIZED

Invited To Attend Meet

On Tuesday Night

The various groups of the city, in-

coordinated their energies toward

the formation of such a civic force

with the view toward making the

city a better place in which to live,

Members of the Goldsboro "Jay-

cluding the Youth's Forum, have

that area.

same.

CROMWELL STORY

RAPPED BY F.D.R.

Minister To Canada Also

Brands False Tales F.R.

Read Speech

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (P)-

The storm aroused by James H. R.

Cromwell's pro-Ally speech, although

officially ended when Secretary

Hull reprimanded the new minister

to Canada, had one more echo to-

day: Both the White House and

Cromwell issued denials that Presi-

dent Roosevelt had foreknowledge

At the White House, a formal

statement was issued saying that

published reports-(not carried by

the Associated Press)-that Mr.

Roosevelt received a copy of the

In New York, Cromwell said in a

statement that such reports were

entirely on my own responsibility."

"The public is hereby warned.

Cromwell's speech in Canada was

received by the President prior to

"The point that the reading pub-

its delivery by Mr. Cromwell.

CANADA ELECTION

Liberal Government,

War Conduct

OTTAWA, Ont., March 23 .- (AP)-

his liberal government and the way

it has directed the dominion's war

Bitterly criticized by the conserva-

ive minority in parliament and by

the Ontario provincial legislature,

which have called the administra-

tion's war effort half-hearted and in

efficient, the 65-year-old premier is

election he hopes will settle Cana-

The seven-weeks campaign will

liplomatic representatives.

White House statement:

so-called newspapers.

All Wilmingtonians between the lic should remember is not the ob-

ages of 21 and 35 who are interested vious fact that the statement was

in the formation of a Junior Cham- wholly untrue, but that the story

at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night at or newspaper from any 'unimpeach-

'wholly untrue."

Elections Board Orders

CARNEY IS RENAMED

He Will Serve Third Term

As Chairman; Strange

To Be Secretary

The New Hanover county board

of elections, during its organization

meeting in the courthouse yester-

day, ordered a new registration of

regular registration period before

The board re-elected H. G. Car-

ney, Wilmington insurance agent,

as chairman. He has served two

Strange Re-Elected

Also re-elected was Robert

The new registration will be tak-

en during the period Saturday,

registrars will be at their desks in

the various polling places each Sat-

urday, beginning at 3 a. m. and

Chairman Carney explained that

the requirements of the law regard-

A relisting or a new registration

is mandatory under a state-wide act passed by the 1939 legislature.

Reorganization of the county elec-

tions board yesterday is expected

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REYNAUD DRAFTING

Hostility By Stepping

Up War Tempo

By JOHN H. MARTIN

ower house reconvenes April 2.

New Premier To Counter 8 o'clock.

strengthen his position before the chapter.

emaining until Sunset.

'far more desirable."

voters-to be taken during

the May 25 primary.

preceding terms.

New Registration Here

advantage of expanded factory pay-In some places in the south, rec- rolls and some reported trade gains ord Easter sales were reported in ranging from 10 to 30 per cent over da's family troubles until peace re-March, 1939 figures. The earliest turns. A winter hang-over of snow and Easter in twenty five years distorted cold in the north and east delayed the year-to-year comparison, making reach a climax with mass meetings 5:06a cold in the north and east cold the spring parade of 5:27p purchases for the spring parade of 5:27p purchases for the spring parade of ficult.

1:58a fashions, making for an uneven business showing sectionally.

Many retailers predicted post-Easth will make his final appeal to the spring parade of ficult.

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Changes Hit By New Deal Senate Ratification Of Bill

Trade Pact

Would Cause Veto, Say Capitol Leaders

TEST VOTE ON NLRB

Smith To Ask House Slash Of Entire Fund For **Economics Unit**

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (AP) Word spread on Capitol Hill today that President Roosevelt would veto legislation continuing his reciprocal trade program if congress adopted a proposal to require senate ratification of trade agreements.

It was said that Mr. Roosevelt and Secretary Hull had agreed, and passed this word on to legislative leaders, that the ratification proposal would destroy the usefulness of the trade program.

A Major Issue

The question whether the treaties should be subject of senate ratification, by a two-thirds vote, is expected to be a major issue of contention when the senate debates continuance of the trade program House-approved legislation continue the program unchanged

for three years was brought to the

senate floor late yesterday, and de

bate will begin Monday. One of those favoring ratification of the agreements is Chairman Pittman (D-Nev) of the foreign re lations committee. He said today that the present program, in his opinion, was unconstitutional, but Senator Norris (Ind-Neb) declared it was much preferable to "log-roll

Pittman said that the agreements were actually treaties, and therefore should be subject to ratifica-

ing tariff bills."

'made out of whole cloth" and that "If the senate grants this authorthe views he expressed "were made ity to the President without the reservation of ratification," he de Secretary Hull telegraphed Cromclared, "then it will set a precedent well Thursday that the nature of the minister's speech "contravened be permitted to make such agreestanding instructions" to American (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

EUROPE OBSERVES this time through a formal White House statement, against believing certain types of so-called news **WAR-TIME EASTER** stories carried by certain types of "This particular occasion relates

Wilmingtonians 21 To 35 to articles stating or suggesting that it was learned from an unimpeachable authority' that Minister From Battle Camps As **Total War Looms**

(By the Associated Press) Mankind at war paused in troubled Europe today to celebrate in ple will provide the necessary funds. ber of Commerce are invited to meet was not received by any reporter restrained Easter festivities the resurrection of the Prince of Peace able authority.' In other words, 1,940 years ago. Under the shadow of guns threat-

(Continued On Page Three; Col. 1) ening to speak out in the long-fear- ciation, with its limited funds, has quiry by the house military com- way. ed total war, Christians of all sects been able to carry out its beautifi- mittee on the effect of foreign purraised their voices in song and cation program. To date all work prayer amidst ceremony and cus- has been done in that section which om handed down through the cen-DRIVE WAXES HOT The Holy City of Jerusalem was

he mecca of thousands of pilgrims Voters To Pass On King's pressive services around the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on the site of the tomb from which Christ which have been laid out and bor from the Allied orders will insure

The eyes of the Roman Catholic world turned to Vatican City where Pope Pius XII personally arranged to celebrate mass in the basilica on Canada's 6,600,000 voters, summoned historic St. Peters. to the second wartime election in a

The war kept down the usual quarter century, will tell Prime throng of tourists attending the Minister W. L. MacKenzie King brilliant Easter service in St. Petnext Tuesday what they think of ers but the occasion afforded the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

16 Died Here In 1939

Drive carefully; walk carefully! Don't be number

In New Hanover's automobile death roll

for 1940

ADORNS EASTER COVER



A photograph in brilliant colors, almost a duplicate in pose of the above portrait taken here yesterday, of Captain Margaret Wynne of the Salvation Army, now stationed under Brigadier J. V. Breazeale, adorns the Easter issue of Canadian War Cry, the official Army magazine. Captain Wynne is the daughter of Adjutant and Mrs. Wynne of the Salvation Army at Gastonia. (Staff photo—Calhoun.)

Army And Navy To Speed Up Allies Plane Orders

PUBLIC IS URGED TO VISIT LAKE

under which the President might Dr. Moore Calls Attention To Beautification Of

Greenfield Shores Dr. W. Houston Moore, chairman of the Greenfield Drive Association, Inc., yesterday issued an invitation

to the people of Wilmington to view that section of Greenfield Lake drive which has been beautified by the association during the past several weeks. Within the next two weeks, he

pointed out the azaleas will be in bloom and that area which has been beautified will show the people of the city what can be done at this natural beauty spot if the peo-He urged those who plan to visit the spot to enter the drive from the Fourth street entrance, for it is only near this entrance the assolies between the Fourth street entrance and the first bridge

He further urged that the people not just drive through the section who gathered to participate in im- but that they park their cars on the left-hand side of the road and by mid-1941. then walk along the many paths dered with small azalea bushes.

The work even on this section is models to the armed services. not complete yet, he pointed out, but sufficient work has been done

U. S. IS TO BENEFIT

Better And Cheaper Planes For This Nation May Follow Shake-Up

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (P)-The army and navy were reported authoritatively today to have decided on a general shake-up of their airplane purchasing programs with the aim both of speeding fulfillment of British and French orders and getting cheaper and better planes for themselves.

The new policy, shaped in coinvolves transfer to the Allies of possibly several hundred planes Lingshan, in the South China provnearing completion for the American armed services, temporarily ing and that Japan suffered more sidetracking some army-navy orders, and release for sale abroad of in that sector during the past five additional new model fighting aircraft.

To Reveal Details

Administration spokesmen pect to bare details of the new pol- taken a number of vantage points icy at next week's postponed in around the Nanning-Yamchow highchases on the national defense. They are believed ready to

That there will be no final delay in the army air corps \$300,000,000 of Nations on her 1938 administraexpansion to 5,500 or more planes tion of the Pacific Mandate islands,

That mass production resulting both lower prices and improve Bearing on the latter contention

was an announcement today by Payments In Your

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Church Services, Fashion Parade Mark Easter Here

Easter parade that bids fair to be- holiday trade was up about 125 per come the greatest composite fashion cent. plate in many a year.

special services in practically every a steadily increasing demand for and church in the city, beginning at sale of lighter and brighter colors dawn and lasting through the entire among men, women and children.

ed with Easter shoppers from through Monday. There will be no throughout southeastern North Caro-

Today Wilmingtonians will don | heavier than any year since 1937. their new spring finery and join an A national survey revealed that And this spring, not only young

This, one of the greatest of reli-women will be fancy. Several mergious observances, will find various chants said yesterday there has been Sales of sport and colorful clothing During the past several days, the has been unusually heavy they said downtown streets have been throng- The holiday spirit will continue

lina and the holiday buying has been (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

Moscow P Berlin Rumor Of Molotoff Visit 10 Neutrals, Vessels Sunk

> Denmark Alone Loses Six Ships To Nazi Subs During Week

NEW OFFENSIVE SEEN

Fleet Of Subs Reported **Emerging From Canal** Into North Sea

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, March 23 .- (A) -Th start of undersea warfare "on a scale undreamed of in the World war" within two weeks was declared probable by informed quarters in Britain today.

German submarines were reported filtering through mine fields and Alied surface patrols into the North Sea and Atlantic for a new wave of attacks on the British bread line that runs the breadth of the seven

As Thick As Smacks

A large number of U-boats were reported just outside Norwegian waters yesterday and a German sub-marine commander was quoted by a Norwegian fishing captain as saying derman underseas craft soon would e as thick as fishing smacks in the North Sea waters.

Neutral naval officers in London aid they believed -'more than half" he new wave of submarines emergng from the Kiel canal into the North Sea had been built this win-

(Informed German sources assert ed several weeks ago that the Reich was building one submarine a day.) Moreover, neutral officers asserted he crews probably were experienc ed and said that the almost general assumption in London that Germany s suffering a submarine crew short-

age probably is wrong. Informed quarters admitted that the wave of sinkings this week, when seven neutral merchantmen

days, may prove to be the prelude (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

CHINESE RETAKE LINGSHAN CITY

Tokyo Report To U. S. Is Silent On Question Of Fortifying Isles

CHUNKING, China, March 24 .-(Sunday)-(P)-The Chinese Cenoperation with treasury officials, tral News agency reported tonight that Chinese troops had recaptured ince of Kwangtung, Friday mornthan 4,000 casualties in fighting

> days. Earlier, a Chinese spokesman said the Japanese suffered heavy blows in a thrust northward from Lingex- shan and that the Chinese had re-

The Central News agency said the Japanese are in full retreat toward their base at Yamchow,

WASHINGTON, March 23.-(A)-Japan, in a report to the League (Continued on Page Three: Col. 2)

Put Your Monthly Rent Own Bank Account!

If you have a nominal sum of money saved up for the down payment you can let

your monthly rent payments buy your home for you.

Buying a horse is just like depositing you rent checks in your own bank account rather than to the account of your

Make your own investigation of the advantages of owning a home: watch The Star and News Classified Real Estate ads until you find a home which appeals to you, then call the advertising broker.