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Four Ships Seeking To

Enter Oslo Fjord

AIR BATTLE REPORTED

Norway Snaps Telephone

Communication With Re-

mainder Of The World

NAZIS INVADE DENMARK

NEW YORK, April 9.—(Tuesday)

The New York Times early today re-

ceived from its Copenhagen corre-

spondent advices that the Germans

(At 12:15 a. m. EST the Associated

The Times correspondent, Svend

Carstensen, also reported that three

cruisers had landed troops at Mid-

ilefart, Denmark, immediately oc-

He also reported "German troops

STOCKHOLM, April 9-(Tuesday)

\_(P) -High authoritative quarters

early today confirmed reports that

four foreign warships had attempted

to force an entrance into Oslo Fjord,

water gateway to the Norwegian

The invaders were reported re-

These quarters said that one of

he attacking ships was a heavy

The attack took place about 12:39

a. m. (6:30 p. m. Monday, EST), ard

Heavy Fire

The engagement was marked by

Thereafter the invaders were said

Some informants said the warship

Details of the air battle were no

was over within a short time.

pulsed by shore batteries.

upying the adjoining streets.

crossed the Danish frontier."

Press had been unable to contact

its Copenhagen bureau since, 9:47

and occupied that city,

p. m. last night.)

capital.

# WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1940 FOREIGN WARSHIPS REPULSED IN MOVE TO FO ENTRANCE INTO GATEWAY TO NORWEGIAN CAPITAL Illinois, Neuraska Will Vote Today NAZI ARMADA NEARING

# May Give New Presidential Puzzle Clues

Backers Of Third Term Are Challenged By Garner's Supporters In Illinois

DEWEY FACES BATTLE

Lieut. Governor John Stelle Proclaims Himself Governor Of Illinois

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- (AP) . Primary balloting tomorrow in Illinois and Nebraska may give the country new clues to the 1940 presi dential puzzle.

In Illinois, Thomas E. Dewey is unopposed in the republican primary, backers of a third term for the President are challenged by the supporters of Vice President Garner. In Nebraska it is the Roosevelt slate which is unopposed; Dewey forces there must see if they can repeat the victory they scored over Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan in the Wisconsin primary voting last week.

Want Big Totals

Therefore, Dewey men in Illinois are concentrating on rolling up a vote of a size sufficient to justify their contention that Illinois is drifting away from the democratic party. Nebraska democrats, knowfor the President will be set against combined Vandenberg-Dewey those who seek to gauge he trend of politics winds, are equalanxious to run up a big total of Roosevelt ballots

Capital politicians were inclined to the belief that the quarrel within the Illinois democratic state administration would have little effect on the presidential primary. Lieutenant ice docks here yesterday afternoon. Governor John Stelle, "insurgent" candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, proclaimed himself acting governor because, he said, he desirto relieve the ailing Governor Henry Horner "of the duties which

statement that "I was elected gov-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

# PERMISSION GIVEN FOR COASTAL FAIR

## Judge Of Girl Shows, **Gambling Joints**

The county commissioners yesterday granted Coastal Fairs, Inc., perthe contract regarding girl shows armory for the men. and gambling joints.

any gambling joint or strip-tease act dance at the club was open to membe introduced on the midway, it, along with the entire fair, will be

Peschau, secretary Coastal Fairs, Inc., told the board that a committee from the Ameri-

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#### **WEATHER**

North Carolina: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler preceded by showers in northeast and extreme east portion Tuesday: Wednesday fair, slightly warmen; its cooler to the state of the state

warmer in west portion.

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

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 62; 7:30 a. m. 63; 1:30 p. m. 63; 7:30 p. m. 66; maximum 71; minimum 60; mean 66; normal 60.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 100; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 77.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.89 inches; total since first of month, 0.89 inches.

| Tides For Today | High | Wilmington | 10:55a | 11:14p | 9:39a Masonboro Inlet \_\_\_\_\_ 8:39a 8:51p Sunrise 5:48a; sunset 6:39p; tise 6:51a; moonset 8:30p.

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Questioned On Union Racket Charge



Following charges by newspaper columnist Westbrook Pegler that miami's Bartenders and Waiters Union "is a racket of the new Capone mob," State Attorney G. A. Worley summoned to his office, where they are shown above, Danny Coughlin (left) Al Capone's brother-in-law and caretaker of the Capone Miami estate; and Al Berlin (right), have been agant of the union.

# Destroyer Roe Arrives For Three-Day Call Here

ing that the total of the votes cast New Ship, Built In Charleston, Is Tied Up At Southeastern Docks

Within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the U.S.S. Roe, the U. S. navy's newest destroyer, arrived

The destroyer at first intended to tie up at the customhouse wharf, but a last-minute radio message from naval headquarters in Wash ington ordered it to dock elsewhere, Horner, challenging this, issued a the main reason being that naval

Closed To Public

the destroyer.

mission to stage an exposition here Cape Fear Country club for the of and people interested in education. in 1940 but added an exception in ficers and a dance at the Cape Fear

The dance at the armory was

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OLD RIVER ROAD

# Appeal For Improvements

Made To Powell By The Chamber Of Commerce

Another appeal for improvements of the old River road between Wilmington and Southport was made to A. F. Powell, Jr., district commissioner of the state highway and public works commission, in Whiteville, 1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 100; 1:30 p. merce here. "The improvement of the highway

is justified from industrial, agricultural and tourist viewpoints," the letter from the trade body stated. Recently \$4,500,000 was appro priated for road improvements in the state, with a certain amount or about one half of the total set aside for recognized federal and state

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IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC Germany Is Rushing

at the Southeastern Shipping Serv-

were better at the Southeastern

And shortly after the ship arrived, a statement was issued by Lieutenant-Commander R. M.

"It's not that we wouldn't be glad was built when Cooper was chair-Sheriff Jones Will Act As to have them," he said, "but general man of the New Hanover board of visitation on all navy ships has education, after indicating that been stopped since the war started. "I'm sorry, but there is nothing can do about it. It's navy orders," he said.

The officers and men were enter Cooper conferred in front of the high tained with a dinner dance at the school with a number of educators

The board provided that should open to the public and the dinner

**WORK ADVOCATED** 

# Soldiers To Baltic

LONDON, April 9.—(Tuesday) ー(尹)—The Daily Mail's Amster-dam correspondent reports that Germany is rushing troops to the ltic, adding that neutral observers in Berlin saw troop trains leaving the Stettiner station for the Baltic garrisons of Stralsund, Swinemuende and

# STATE CAMPAIGN **BEGUN BY COOPER**

authorities thought the facilities Candidate Indicates Better Education Will Be Keynote Of Campaign

Mayor Tom Cooper began his Scruggs saying that the public state-wide sound truck tour yester-would not be allowed to go aboard day from the New Hanover High school, the largest in the state, which more and better education will be a keynote of his campaign for gov

Just prior to beginning his tour, During the conference Cooper discussed the need for a better pay schedule for the teachers of North Carolina, especially the need for

need for a retirement fund for the quarter of the world. teachers of the state, the best means

WASHINGTON, April 8.— (AP)—The national labor rela-

tions board won one of the big-

gest victories of its history to-

day when the supreme court re-

fused to review a board order

directing the Republic Steel cor-

poration to reinstate and pay

back wages to thousands of

participants in the bloody "lit-tle steel" strike of 1937.

The order was upheld last Nov. 8 by the third circuit court

of appeals at Philadelphia and

thus the supreme court, in

turning down the company's

petition for review today, per-

mitted the order to stand.

# Bomb Scapa Flow Station British Claim Third Raid

Nazi Planes

Within Month Does Not Damage Shipping

TWO PLANES DOWNED

Civilian Buried Under Debris By Powerful Bomb But Is Not Injured

LONDON, April 9 (Tuesday). -P)-German warplanes dropped in cendiary and high explosive bombs in their third raid within a month last night on Britain's Scapa Flow naval base, the air ministry reported early today. At least two Ger man planes were shot down, the British said, and a third was be lieved brought down before the at tack ended.

The raid, which came while the Allies stood fast in their defiant mine-laying in Norwegian territorial waters despite vigorous Norwegian protests, resulted in no damage to shipping, the British added.

Civilian Escapes Injury A civilian was buried under the

suffered no injury beyond shock. The statement issued by the air

security said:

civilian was buried under tor, of the local authority. debris by a high explosive bomb but sustained no injury beyond Broome conferred with Dr. Moore shock. There were no other casual and Emory. The two local officials

Planes Shot Down

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**DYNAMITE BARGES SEIZED ON DANUBE** 

Nazis Charge British With Plot To Blow Up Narrow River Gateway

BUCHAREST, April 8.—(AP)—Detention of a fleet of dynamite-laden raising the ceiling of the present British barges, charged by Germans pay schedule and regarding teachers with being designed to blow up a who improve their ability through narrow Danube gateway and block further training and through ser a German supply line, today electrified southeastern Europe with the He also discussed with them the fear war soon might spread to this river Plata, 80 miles from here.

Rumanian police, acting on a tip

Labor board officials said

that a plan was underway for

putting a staff of checkers in

the field within two weeks to

work on back pay claims of ap-

proximately 9,000 men. Both the

labor board and the company

said that most of the former employes affected by the re-in-

statement order had already

been re-employed. Therefore, the

company added, today's decision

will not "involve any serious re-employment problem."

the largest "reinstatement case"

ever decided by the board, said

that the corporation was guilty

The order against Republic,

AGAINST REPUBLIC STEEL CORPORATION

Visits Here



JOHN P. BROOME

# **BROOME INSPECTS HOUSING PROJECTS**

Regional Director Of USHA Satisfied With Progress On Local Units

John P. Broome, director of the were shut down. United States Housing Authority's Region Four, of which Wilmington was made up principally of trawlers is a part, paid a brief visit to Willand coast guard ships, but also indebris caused by a high explosive mington yesterday and visited the cluded either of the 10,000 bomb, a communique added, but two local low-rent housing projects pocket battleships, the Admiral Von under construction here.

ministry and the ministry of home afternoon from Kinston, which has cruisers and many destroyers. recently organized a housing au-"During a raid on Scapa Flow thority, expressed satisfaction with yesterday evening a number of incendiary and high explosive bombs ects. He left for Charleston late in apparently making slow were dropped. No damage was the afternoon after conferring with out of the Baltic into Skagerrak caused to warships or other ship Dr. W. Houston Moore, chairman, along Norway's south coast because and H. R. Emory, executive directof the lighthouse blackout. It was

Upon his arrival in the city, then escorted him to New Brook-"Small fires were started in the lyn Homes, 246-unit negro developneather by the incendiary bombs ment, where he conducted an inwhich fell on the moorland and the spection under the guidance of Lesroof of an outlying farmhouse was lie N. Boney, architect. Later the damaged by the fire of high explo- party inspected construction work sive bombs which fell near. No at Charles T. Nesbitt Courts, 216other damage to property was unit white porject, under the guidance of James B. Lynch, architect. After the conference with "It is now known that two of the Broome, Emory said a rent sched-

enemy aircraft which took part in ule for New Brooklyn should be the raid were shot down by the ready for announcement within a few days, after which tenant selection will begin immediately.

#### Graf Spee Officers Are Confined By Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, April 8.—(AP)-All the officers of the scuttled Ger man pocket battleship Admiral Gra Spee were herded aboard the Argen tine naval transport Pampa today as a precaution shortly after discovery that at least eleven officers. who have been "guests" of the Argentine government since December, had disappeared.

Last Saturday the government, indignant over the escape of three officers, ordered the remaining officers and the higher ranking members of the crew confined to the

The naval ministry announced the officers, including Captain Walter of operating such a retirement fund said to have been supplied by the Kay, the German's ranking officer, and legislation to make the teach- pro-Nazi Iron Guard, halted the had been removed from a naval arsenal to the ship. Later they will (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) | (Continued on Page Four; Col. 4) | be taken to the naval base.

of unfair labor practices and

ordered it to disestablish certain

"dominated" unions and to re-

employ with back pay workers

declared to have been discharged

William F. Donovan, a district director of the CIO's Steel Work-

ers Organizing Committee -

which called the strike in May,

1937, after Republic and other

independent steel producers had

refused to bargain with the union

-said at Cleveland that the

court's order was "the greatest

victory ever achieved by organized labor." He predicted that the company would "make

for union activity.

German Transport Is Destroyed With Loss Of 300 Of 500 Men Aboard

LIGHTHOUSES CLOSED

Fleet, Including Battleship, Moves Out Of Baltic Into Skagerrak

OSLO, April 9.—(Tuesday)—(P)-Alarming reports were received here early today that a German armada of 125 armed ships, including a pock et battleship and several heavy cruisers, was approaching Nor wegian shores, perhaps to strike back at the British fleet which yes terday mined Norwegian waters and sunk a German troop transport with the loss of 300 of the 500 soldiers aboard.

The Norwegian admiralty ordered every lighthouse on the Norwegian coast blacked out, and Norwegian radio stations from the Swedish coast to Bergen on the North Sea

Reliable sources said the armada

Scheer or the Luetzow (formerly the Broome, who arrived in the early Deutschland), and several heavy Moving Into Skagerrak

presumed the German fleet did not wish to approach the dangerous shores in darkness.

The Copenhagen newspaper Poli tiken reported in a special dispatch from Oslo that the vanguard of 100 or more German warships had been sighted approaching Oslo fjord. Erik Seidenfaden, special correspondent for the Politiken, told of

flying over Skagerrak late yester-"I myself saw from a plane over Oslo fjord a vanguard of eight tor-

(Continued on Page Four; Col. 6) **REYNOLDS URGES** 

# BAN ON MEXICANS Would Restrict Number Re-

siding In U. S. To Number Of Americans In Mexico

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- (AP)-Senator Reynolds (D-N.C.) proposed strict the number of Mexicans resiof Americans living in Mexico.

co since the Spanish civil war with battle of the war was in the maka view to entering the United ing. Martin Garcia naval base in the States and participating in communist activities, Reynolds said er there would be a great clash be-Mexico had become "virtually a tween the British blockaders and a colony of Soviet Russia."

Reynolds said that Mexicans were 'usurping" jobs that should be held (Continued on Page Four; Col. 4)

COURT REFUSES TO REVIEW NLRB ORDER

peace" with the SWOC and that

the decision would lead to "100

per cent organization in all the

The corporation has pending in federal district court at Cleve-

land a suit for \$7,500,000 in

damages against the CIO and

affiliates for extraordinary ex-

penses it said it incurred during

The court's action today in-

cluded refusal to hear a petition by a group of unions of Repub-

lic employes known as the "Cen-

tral Council of Steel Plants" for

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Republic plants."

## COAST AFTER ENGLISH SINK TROOP TRANSPORT SHORE GUNS ARE BUSY BRITISH PLACE MINES The European War Situation Cruiser Included In One Of

(By The Associated Press) STOCKHOLM - Authoritative quarters confirm report that four foreign warships attempted to force an entrance into Oslo Fjord, water gateway to the Norwegian capital, repulsed by shore batteries; Norwegian planes also fight off foreign warplanes; identity of attackers nit ascer-

tained in darkness. OSLO-German naval armada off Danish coast apparently headed for Norwegian waters, reliable reports say; British submarine sinks German transport off Norway's southern coast few hours after Britain sows mines in Norwegian territorial waters, 300 German soldiers, 80 horses lost when ship sinks; Foreign Minister Koht protests mining, demands removal of mines "at

LONDON-Britain stands fast on mine-laying, official broadcast says 15 German ships trapped by mines: admiralty and air ministry reported unsuccessful German aerial attack on Scapa Flow naval base.

BERLIN - Germans report several hits scored in Scapa Flow raid; government takes role of "icily cold" observer of Allied action in Norway's waters and detention of dynamite-laden British barges in Rumania.

# **GERMANS OBSERVE**

Reserve Decisions On Mining Of Scandinavian Waheavy bursts of cannon fire. ters. Seizure Of Barges to have retired into the darkness. BERLIN, April 8-(P)-The Ger- attack was accompanied by an air

man government tonight played the battle above the darkened gorge bepart of an "icily cold" observer of tween Norwegian fighting craft and the two latest dramas in the Euro- unidentified foreign warplanes. pean war-Allied mining of Scandinavian territorial waters and Ru- at once known but apparently the

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# Sinking Of Nazi Troop Vessel Costs 300 Lives

NAVAL BATTLE LOOMS SHIP SINKS AFTER

## Transport To Halt Before It Destroyed Her

ARENDAL, Norway, April 8. legislation today which would re- (P)-The sinking of the German "mystery transport Rio De Janeiro dent in this country to the number off Norway's coast today with the loss of 300 of the 500 Nazi army Asserting that thousands of Span- men aboard gave rise tonight to ish loyalists had migrated to Mexi- speculation whether the largest sea

Naval observers wondered wheth German fleet of between 30 and 100 (Continued on Page Four; Col. 7) vessels reported moving toward the Skagerrak, narrow arm of the North Sea between Norway and Denmark.

Speculation Heightened Such speculation was greatly heightened by the confusion of reports of naval action, most of which

vere not borne out. No confirmation could be obtain ed of reports received at Lillesand, down the coast from here, that two German submarines had attacked an armed British vessel off the coast and that one submarine and the British ship had been sent to the

bottom. Nor was there confirmation of the report that two German submarines had been sunk.

Sounds of heavy firing out at sea were reported by residents along the shore of the Skagerrak during the day.

Telling of the sinking of the Ri-De Janeiro, the surviving lookout was quoted as saying he did not see (Continued on Page Lour; Col. 5)

British Submarine Signaled VIOLENT EXPLOSION

200 Men Lost When Unidentified Craft Goes Down Off Coast Of Norway

LONDON, April 8 .- (AP)-A Reuers (British) dispatch from Oslo tonight said possibly 200 men were ost from an unidentified ship which sunk after a violent explosion about noon today off Lillesand on Norway's southern coast.

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