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Nazis Warn Southeastern Europe

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Rates Nations Aiding Allies As 'Unneutral'

Nazis Reach Understanding With Danubian Nations On River Shipping

OPPOSE TRADE SWITCH

Russia Concentrates Troops At Odessa, 25 Miles From The Rumanian Border

BUCHAREST, April 12 (Friday).—(AP)—German has notified southeastern European nations that any country moving to switch trade from the Reich to the Allies will be considered "unneutral," it was reported reliably in southeastern European capitals early today.

A German news bulletin issued in the same capitals also stated the Nazis had reached a full understanding with the Danubian nations, particularly Rumania, that "river shipping will be safeguarded with all means."

The Reich has demanded the right to send its gunboats down the river to protect transport of oil and wheat against "British sabotage."

Troops Near Frontier

The German notification concerning a switch in trade was given weight by the reported presence of more than 100,000 German "lightning" troops near the Hungarian frontier, and nearly 200,000 more at Cracow, in conquered Poland.

In addition it was reported here, without confirmation, that Russia had concentrated troops at Odessa, but 25 miles from Rumania's eastern border.

Adding to the accumulation of alarm along the Danube caused by these developments and the Scandi-

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JUNIOR CHAMBER TO STAGE DRIVE

Plans For Membership Effort Made At Meeting Of New Organization

Plans for a membership drive, to culminate in a meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Tide Water Power company assembly hall, were made at a meeting of the newly-organized Junior Chamber of Commerce last night.

Each of the members present took several membership cards to be distributed, and each person signging up and paying dues before the end of Tuesday night's meeting will become a charter member.

The charter will be secured from the national Junior Chamber shortly after this and the body plans to stage some form of entertainment, such as a banquet or dance, on charter night.

The annual dues are set at eight dollars and any eligible person de-

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WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Thundershowers and colder Friday; much colder Friday night and in west and central portions Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, colder in east and central portions. Fresh to strong north and northwest winds Friday.

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

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 54; 7:30 a. m. 57; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 65; maximum 69; minimum 52; mean 60; normal 61.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 43; 7:30 p. m. 77.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 0.99 inches.

Tides For Today

	High	Low
Wilmington	0:37a	8:15a
	12:58p	7:05p
Masonboro Inlet	10:16a	4:40a
	10:48p	4:47p

Sunrise 5:45a; sunset 6:41p; moonrise 4:52a; moonset 11:12p.

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Falling Tree Scores A Hit

This was a case of "woodman sparing that tree" too long as the large tree shown above finally collapsed and landed on top of the automobile of Roger Moore, parked at 1514 Market street, damaging the machine considerably, yesterday afternoon. Police said that the tree apparently was blown over by the wind. It was necessary to summon workmen from the city stables to cut the tree in half to remove it from the automobile.

Lutheran Mission Board Meets Here April 17-18

LEADERS TO ATTEND

Supervises Activities Of Expansion And Evangelism Of The Church

Leaders of the United Lutheran church in America will meet at the St. Pauls Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, for the quarterly session of the Board of American Missions on April 17 and 18, it was announced yesterday.

Delegates and church officials from all over the United States will attend the meeting.

Wide Authority

The board has supervision over the activities of expansion and evangelism of this branch of the Protestant church.

In the work of reaching the masses, the board supports pastors in over 300 fields and has loans outstanding on over 350 church buildings in the erection of which it has aided. The work of the Board of American Missions covers continental United States and Canada as well as the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Alaska.

To discover new fields and to test their possibilities, the board has developed a Division of Survey and Research which carefully canvasses all fields which seem ready for new work. Parishes supported by the board are surveyed periodically to ascertain changed conditions and to locate new prospects. Reports of canvasses are analyzed by a trained staff before recommendations are made to the board.

Conducts Schools

To keep the missionary personnel in touch with the latest trends in doctrinal thought and practical procedure, the board conducts three summer schools for its men. These schools bring the missionaries in contact with some of the most able men in the church. The staff of the board is always on hand at these meetings to give the missionaries the opportunity to present local

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Insurance Men Select Newspaper Advertising

NEW ORLEANS, April 11.—(AP) — Newspapers have been chosen for an important part in carrying the story of life insurance to the American people.

Karl Ljung, Jr., Greensboro, N. C., president of the Life Advertisers' association, a southern group, said today that selected newspapers would be alloted advertising to tell "this interesting story."

The papers will be selected for their effectiveness, he said. He told representatives of seven states meeting here that the campaign would start within a few months.

MURDER INDICATED IN KIRTON DEATH

Further Investigation Of Case Is Scheduled To Be Made By Officers Today

WHITEVILLE, April 11.—Sheriff H. D. Stanley, of Columbus county, said tonight that there was "evidence of murder" in the death of Ford Kirton, 45-year-old World war veteran of Chadbourn, who was found dead at Murrell's Inlet, S. C., Tuesday.

The sheriff said that further investigation of the death will be made tomorrow morning by Georgetown county, S. C., officers and local authorities.

The South Carolina officers who came here Wednesday to reopen the case upon orders of Governor Burnet Maybank of South Carolina, will be accompanied to Murrell's inlet by Deputy Sheriff W. S. Bullard, of Chadbourn.

Declaring that his office "thinks the man was murdered," Sheriff

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REORGANIZATION PLANS ATTACKED

McCarran Proposes Legislation To Kill F. R.'s Latest Proposals

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—Aroused because President Roosevelt has decided to rearrange agencies regulating aviation, Senator McCarran (D-Nev) today proposed legislation to kill the two most recent government reorganization plans submitted to congress by the chief executive.

One of these plans, involving major aviation changes and other important shifts, was submitted today, and the other, calling for minor governmental alterations, was sent to Capitol Hill April 2. Both become effective 60 days after submission unless both houses of congress vote to kill them.

McCarran said the plans would "destroy the effectiveness" of the civil aeronautics authority, which he helped to create, and would make a hodge-podge of all aeronautic regulation."

Under today's plan, the CAA, now an independent agency, would be put into the structure of the commerce department, except that it would retain its present quasi-judicial and rule-making powers to be exercised independently.

The air safety board, now independent of the CAA, would be abolished and its functions of investigating plane accidents would be transferred to the CAA. The board is now composed of C. B. Allen, former New York (Herald Tribune) aviation editor, and Thomas Hardin, veteran commercial pilot, who receive $7,500 a year each.

The reorganization plan, which Mr. Roosevelt estimated would save $300,000 annually, also would transfer the weather bureau from the agriculture to the commerce department. It has been explained that the bureau, which originally was regarded primarily as an aid to farmers, now is vitally important to transportation, particularly aviation.

The order also called for:

Transfer of most duties of the

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Vote Planned By Carolina Beach In May

Will Decide Whether To Issue Bonds For Sewerage System And Hall

TO BE SECOND VOTE

Both WPA and RFC Have Approved Projects That Will Cost $227,000

A second election on the proposal of Carolina Beach to issue bonds for the construction of a $187,000 sewerage system and a $40,000 town hall at the beach will be held some time in May, Mayor R. C. Fergus said last night.

The beach board of aldermen will meet next Thursday night and will make all plans for the election and also set a date for voting.

Projects Approved

Mayor Fergus said that both the WPA, which will provide the labor and certain materials for the two projects, and the Reconstruction Finance corporation, which has been petitioned for a loan by the town, have approved the projects.

The RFC, however, is awaiting th endorsement of bonding attorneys of New York before making the loan to the town, he said.

The bonding attorneys have agreed to endorse the loan provided the town holds a second bond issue election, the attorneys maintaining that the first election held a few months ago did not represent a majority of the residents and property-holders of Carolina Beach.

Non-resident property-holders will vote on the bond issue by mail ballot, Mayor Fergus said, while residents will vote at polling places to be designated later.

All necessary papers are to be forwarded to the board of aldermen in the next few days by the bonding attorneys and complete plans for the election will be made at that time.

Delay

Mayor Fergus said that the only anticipated hitch to the proposed construction work would be a delay of from 40 days to two months.

The WPA will assume 55 per cent of the total cost and the town will provide the remainder. The two projects will cost approximately $227,000. The town hall will also include a municipal auditorium which will seat about 800. The sewerage syste mwill be self-liquidating over a period of years, Mayor Fergus said.

Further work on prociding water mains for Carolina Beach was pro-

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CITIZENS ABROAD ARE OFFERED AID

State Department Is Ready To Help 3,371 Americans In Scandinavia

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—The 3,371 Americans in Scandinavia were offered tonight the full assistance of the state department in fleeing that area, which is rapidly becoming the main theatre of the European war.

The department sent instructions to United States diplomats there that Americans who wished to leave should proceed via Germany to Genoa, Italy, for embarkation on American vessels. Simultaneously it sought transit permits from the German government.

Meanwhile, Secretary Morgenthau told newspapermen that the "rule of reason" would prevail in connection with release of Norwegian and Danish assets in this country which President Roosevelt ordered impounded yesterday for their safe-keeping.

Under the President's order, such assets, whether in money, credit

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CHURCHILL DECLARES BATTLES PUT ALLIES ON ROAD TO VICTORY

KING HAAKON FLEES

Norwegian Ruler, Crown Prince Escape Before Germans Raid Town

MANY CITIES BOMBED

Norwegians, Armed With Shotguns, Rally To Defense Of Their Nation

STOCKHOLM, April 12.—(Friday)—(AP)—King Haakon of Norway and Crown Prince Olav yesterday fled from Nybersgund, Norwegian town near the Swedish border, only three minutes before German bombers raided the town, the Swedish news agency reported early today.

Several persons were injured by the bombs.

Royal Family Safe

The agency said the entire royal family now is safe at an undisclosed place. The king, his family and the Norwegian government had gone to Nybergsund from Elverum, 35 miles to the south.

Both Elverum and Hamar, to which the government fled after the German invasion Tuesday, early today were in flames.

Many other Norwegian towns were reported bombed Thursday.

Heavy columns of smoke were seen from the Norwegian-Swedish border south

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War Bulletins

TRANSPORT BURNS

LONDON, 9pril 11. —(AP)—An Exchange Telegraph (British news agency) dispatch from Goteborg, Sweden, tonight said that German transports driven aground in last night's battle off the Swedish coast were blazing fiercely and that 1,000 bodies were reported floating on the water. As many as six of ten German transports were reported sunk by the British in this action.

REPORT DENIED

PARIS, April 11.—(AP)— The French admiralty denied tonight a report attributed to the German radio to the effect that the French warship Dunkerque was damaged and the Foch sunk in the North Sea.

NAZIS LOSE PLANES

NEW YORK, April 11. —(AP)—Twenty German planes have been shot down in the last few days by English fliers, according to a British broadcasting company announcement picked up here by CBS. The BBC broadcast was in German.

TROOPS LAND

LONDON, April 12.—(Friday) (AP)—The Reuter (British) news service, quoting "authoritative" Norwegian circles in Stockholm, said early today that "British forces are understood to have effected a landing a short distance south of Narvik and are endeavoring to join up with Norwegian forces." The same source, said Reuter, reported the British and Norwegians were "in close contact near Bergen."

DENIES CITIES TAKEN

One Report Says British Landing Men From Outer Oslofjord, However

DESTROYERS ARE SUNK

Germany Claims Bombers Have Damaged Aircraft Carrier In North Sea

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, April 11—(AP) The somber shapes of Britain's fleet, acclaimed already as the destroyers of more than 18 Nazi vessels and perhaps upward of 5,000 Nazi lives, tossed and fought in prolonged battle tonight, charged by Winston Churchill with the task of sinking every German ship in the gateways to the Baltic.

The "first crunch of war," set off by German invasion of Denmark and Norway, raged on in the stormy northern seas, and the royal navy was bidding for total destruction of Hitler's seapower.

While Churchill made it plain that, up to the time of his speech, the Allies had seized no Norwegian coastal points, British news agencies continued to bring unconfirmed Swedish reports

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FRANCE CANCELS ALL ARMY LEAVES

Receives Information Germany May Be Preparing Major Blow On Front

PARIS, April 11. — (AP) — France cancelled all army leaves today after receiving information which led the government to believe the Germans might be preparing to strike a major blow on the western front.

The exact nature of this "very clear" information was not divulged but it was given distinct credence in official French circles and military authorities thought enough of it to warn the public against such a possibility.

To the French a Nazi offensive in the west might, however, mean a German feint against their positions preceding a push into the Netherlands.

French military men emphasized this possibility.

Despite such gloomy forebodings, the French found something to

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Germany Claims Thrust Made In 'Nick Of Time'

CHALLENGE IS ISSUED

Are Silent Regarding Naval Battle In Skagerrak And The North Sea

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF

BERLIN, April 11. — (AP) — Germany thrust a protective arm into Scandinavia in "the nick of time" to forestall an alleged British plan to attack the Reich from Norway, Germans contended tonight.

They defied the Allies to break the German hold in the north, which they said was being consolidated with a steady, unbroken flow of reinforcements from Germany, and claimed new successes in the naval-air war.

DNB, official German news agency, reported that German bombers badly damaged a British airplane carrier late this afternoon in the North sea, and that two more British destroyers had been destroyed yesterday at Narvik, northern Norway.

Except for these reports Germans closed their lips tightly concerning

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HOLLAND EFFECTS INTERNAL GUARDS

Seeks Safety Against 'Danger' From Within As Well As From Outside

THE HAGUE, April 12—(Friday) — (AP) —Official sources disclosed early today that the Netherlands government is taking steps to secure the country against "dangers" from within as well as from outside the Netherlands in view of the fast-moving war developments in Europe.

The nature of the steps taken and planned to insure the security of the country was not announced.

A semi-official statement said the government was "fully convinced of

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List Of Election Registrars And Judges Is Announced By Carney

The list of registrars and judges of election who will serve during the new registration of voters the latter part of April and during the primary on May 25 and on June 22, if necessary, was announced yesterday by H. G. Carney, chairman of the county board of elections.

The judges and registrars were appointed by the elections board, the other members of which are Robert Strange and J. H. Niggel.

The new registration will open on April 27 and will close May 11.

With the selection fo these judges and registrars, the way is now paved for the opening of the registration and for the subsequent primary.

Thus far only a few candidates have filed with the chairman of the board and fewer have announced their candidacy.

The new registrars and judges in the various precincts are as follow with the first name in each case being the registrar and the second and third names the judges:

FIRST WARD, Cornelius Harnett school, 920 North Sixth street; Mrs. Leona T. Carroll, 1020 North Third; Marvin Newton, 1007 North Third; Frank W. Becker, 403 Harnett.

SECOND WARD, first precinct, Hemenway school, 210 North Fifth street; Z. E. Murrell, 413 North Second street; W. P. McGlaughon, 306 North Fifth street; Mrs. C. E. Clark, 511 Grace street.

SECOND WARD, second precinct, old courthouse building, Princess street entrance; S. M. Boatwright, 14 South Third; H. Z. Clowe, 510 Princess; O. W. Messick, 111 South Fifth.

THIRD WARD, first precinct, O'Crowley's Cleaners, Eighth and Princess streets; J. E. Hearn, 917 Market J. E. Cheek, 709 Princess; John Spillman, Jr., 619 Chestnut street.

THIRD WARD, second precinct; Isaac Bear school, 1210 Market

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Only One Nazi Soldier Killed In Danish Drive

BY LOUIS P. LOCHNER

COPENHAGEN, April 11. — (AP) — The German commander of the army of occupation in Denmark told me today that "considerably more" than an army corps (45,000 to 75,000 troops) carried out the invasion of this country with such precision that only one German soldier was killed and ten wounded.

The Danish casualties were ten killed and several wounded, he said.

After being flown here from Berlin in German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop's private plane, I interviewed General Leonard Kaupisch, who made a name for himself in this war as commander of German forces in the Polish corridor.

I found him, smiling pleasantly and courtly, though determined looking, settled ironically enough in headquarters at the Hotel Angleterre, (England) favorite hostelry of Englishmen in this country.

His red cheeks and clear blue eyes showed little effects of the 72 hours of toil in which his forces took possession of Denmark.

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