

GERMANS, ALLIES BATTLE NORTH OF LILLEHAMMER

Buses Replace Tide Water Beach Cars

New Vehicles Bought, Line Changes Made

Cary Says Complete, Satisfactory Schedule Will Be Offered Public

EXTRA BUSES PLANNED

Routes For Winter Park And Other Sections Announced By Company

The Tide Water Power company discontinued its inter-urban trolley service to Wrightsville Beach last night, supplanting the beach cars with a complete, modern bus service.

Miles Cary, president of the company, said several new high speed buses have been purchased with greater seating capacity than the present city coaches. "The engines will be mounted in the rear and are known as the pusher type. This engine mounting permits a better and more satisfactory interior seating arrangement. The change in type of transportation, we feel sure, will be satisfactory and will meet the approval of our customers," he added.

Improved Schedule
"We will, of course, change the schedule and frequency of trips from time to time as conditions warrant to give a complete and satisfactory schedule, and afford comfortable and safe transportation to the inhabitants between Wilmington and the beach."

The route of the buses to the beach was changed somewhat to give maximum service to the greatest number of people. Leaving Front and Princess street, the buses will follow Princess street to Third street, turn south on Third street to Market street, turning east on Market street to 17th street, and south on 17th street, they will follow Route 7 to Woodcrest avenue in Oleander, turning north to the old Shell Road. Follow old Shell

LEWIS MAKES BID FOR NEGROS' AID

Urges Them To Make 'Common Cause' With His Forces In Political Action

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—John L. Lewis urged the negroes of America tonight to make "common cause" with his forces in political action to improve the economic status of the nation's masses. His appeal, delivered at the Third National Negro congress, was linked immediately with his previous announced intention to weld labor, "liberal" farm organizations, youth and old age groups, the negroes, and other into a powerful 1940 political unit, if the democratic nominee and platform should prove unsatisfactory.

Taken in conjunction with his sharp break with President Roosevelt, his program was broadly in

WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:
1:30 a. m. 54; 7:30 a. m. 57; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 60; maximum 65; minimum 52; mean 60; normal 65.
Humidity
1:30 a. m. 93; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 88.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches; total since first of the month 2.32 inches.
Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington High 1:40a 8:57a
Low 7:40p 9:18p
Sokolow Inlet 11:56a 5:59p
Sunrise 5:27a; sunset 6:32p; moonrise 10:15a.
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WHERE 102 NEGROES PERISHED



The smoking ruins of the Rhythm Dance club, popular negro recreation center in Natchez, Miss., following fire in which 102 merry-makers perished. The fire, swept the one-exit structure in 15 minutes, was attributed to a carelessly lighted cigarette.—NEA Telephoto.

New Registration Books To Be Opened Here Today

TO START AT 9 A. M. Registrars Will Be At Their Homes To Record Voters During The Week

The new registration of voters for the first primaries of May 25 will begin here this morning at 9 o'clock and election officials have urged the residents of the city and county to place their names on the registration books promptly.

Registrars will be at their respective polling places from 9 a. m. until sunset (6:52 p. m., E. S. T.), today and for the same period for the following Saturdays—May 4 and May 11.

May 13 will be challenge day. At all other days the registrars will be at their homes. The registrars are also permitted to visit any home for the purpose of registering voters, who may call them for that purpose.

A complete new registration was provided for under an act of the last general assembly, to be called at the direction of the county boards of elections. Officials here pointed out yesterday that there may not be another registration of voters for several years and asked that every citizen planning to vote to register as early as possible.

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Germans Plan Vital Message This Morning

Von Ribbentrop To Deliver Statement To Foreign Diplomats, Press

OFFICIALS ARE SILENT

Some Believe Nazis Will Disclose Papers Discovered In Oslo Office

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
BERLIN, April 26.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop will deliver personally tomorrow to foreign diplomats and the foreign press a message of a closely-guarded nature to which the German government clearly attaches great importance.

In Berlin, agog with speculation which in large measure overshadowed news of fighting in Norway, the following explanation from a usually well-informed source seemed plausible although it could not be confirmed:

May Disclose Findings
Von Ribbentrop favored Hitler statesman, will disclose what was found by German invaders in the Oslo foreign office "regarding connivance between Great Britain and Norway for making Norway the northern flank of the Allied war front."

Announcement of the foreign minister's statement said only it would be "a declaration of the Reichs government" pertaining to the "political situation," but the unique gesture of assembling foreign diplomats, military attaches and the press in the Reichs chancellery emphasized the significance with which Germany views the statement. It will be read at 2:30 p. m. (7:30 a. m., E. S. T.) and broadcast by all German radio stations.

"The importance of this declaration follows from its ceremonial setting," said the excellently informed commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland.

Strictest silence is being observed regarding the subject matter of the declaration, but one will not go wrong in assuming that the moment chosen for delivery of this declaration hints it will be an important contribution toward clarification of the present political situation.

A government spokesman declined to elaborate on the announcement. Von Ribbentrop last appeared before the foreign press April 9 to explain the German position on occupation of Norway and Denmark.

The German stand is that the British-French Allies intended to move into Scandinavia, and from there to assault Germany, but that Germany beat them to it by acting to take Denmark and Norway under the "protection" of the Reich.

Germany already has released a number of documents of asserted Polish foreign office origin in support of her conquest of Poland last September.

While the diplomatic scene was thus filled, German troops, with the air force showing the way, were

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Royal Japanese Schoolboy



Having reached the age of 7, His Imperial Highness Prince Akihito of Japan has started his formal education at the Peers' School in Tokyo. He is pictured above in the regulation uniform worn by Japanese schoolboys.

WHEELER REFUSES SECOND POSITION

Senator Declares He Will Not Accept Vice Presidential Nomination

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said tonight he would not accept a vice presidential nomination, asserting he was "not old enough" for that post and would "rather be a senator from Montana."

Thus the 58-year-old Montanan lent a hand to a recent report among his friends and advisors to dispose of reports that he might take a second place on a Roosevelt-Wheeler ticket. The reports, themselves, were largely the product of a recent announcement that he had been invited to confer with Mr. Roosevelt when the latter returns from Warm Springs.

Wheeler, who has supported much of the New Deal, but is critical of the administration's foreign policy and led the fight against its supreme court reorganization bill, has announced his availability for the democratic presidential nomination, if Mr. Roosevelt is not a candidate. He has also filed for reelection to

salvage, plus any residue from the Front street paving project, be set aside in a special fund to be used in repaving Princess and other streets covered under the agreement of removing the rails, was also approved by the board.

All papers turning over the property were presented to the board. These included:

An indenture, signed by Miles Cary, president, and A. M. Alderman, assistant secretary of the Tide Water company, conveying the physical equipment.

A deed to be signed by the president and the secretary of the Pennsylvania company for insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, conveying to the city a lot or parcel

NAZI TROOPS SEIZE ROROS FROM BRITISH

LINES ARE DRAWN RESULT IN DOUBT

British Admit They Have Lost 'First Trick' In Norwegian Campaign

BOMBERS ACTIVE

Six German Planes Shot Down, Eight Are Damaged By Anti-Aircraft Guns

By DREW MIDDLETON
LONDON, April 26.—(AP)—Long columns of Allied infantry and artillery pushed over slushy, bomb-scarred roads in Norway today into stiffening front lines as the first major battle of the northern campaign loomed near strategic Trondheim.

As the lines were being drawn, military spokesmen frankly admitted "we have lost the first trick" in Norway and a fresh reversal was announced today in "limited withdrawals" before strong German forces south of Dombas, 110 miles southwest of Trondheim.

British Bombers Active
British bombers continued to harry German air bases in Denmark and Norway and fired gasoline dumps at Valo, on Oslo fjord, as well as attacking German ships.

British anti-aircraft batteries established in Norway were credited with sharing the honors with fighting warplanes in shooting down six German planes and damaging eight others yesterday and last night. Other British air operations, the air ministry said, resulted in destruction of two more German planes and damaging of another while "five of our aircraft are missing."

A semi-official amplification of the air ministry's communique said German supply ships were attacked in Hardanger and Granvik fjords, east of Bergen, with one shower of bombs registering a direct hit on Granvik quays, described as a vital point to Nazi landing plans.

Ship Damaged
British pilots reported that after the attack one German supply ship was left lying on its side and partly submerged. They declared also that a "recent pitched" German military encampment near the port of Ulvik, south of Bergen, was successfully attacked.

In the Oslo fjord raid, British bombers, aiming at 10 large supply ships, were said to have registered a direct hit on one of the larger craft and also to have set fire to an oil refinery and a row of storage tanks.

"The whole place was well alight when our aircraft left Oslo fjord," one pilot said.

Trondheim, once sleepy seaport, is held by the Germans and also is the goal of twin German columns fighting up through the heart of the country from Oslo.

It was before one of these columns that the Allies fell back; the other column, Swedish advisers said, was set back with "considerable losses" by the Allies near Roros, 70 miles southeast of Trondheim.

Completion of the German drive which has sent mechanized columns into the Norwegian interior

Paralleling the German advance up the Osterdalen, the valley of the Glomma, another German force was reported driving north through the Gudbrandsdalen further west. This advance was fighting Allied units near Ringebu, some 160 miles south of Trondheim.

(A British war office communique said the Allied forces, in heavy fighting south of Dombas, were

CONGRESS GIVEN SHIP LEGISLATION

Bills Will Place Domestic Water Carriers Under ICC Regulation

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—A joint house-senate committee submitted to congress today compromise legislation subjecting domestic water carriers to regulation by the interstate commerce commission.

Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont) of the senate interstate commerce committee said in a statement that he believed the bill would "lay a firm foundation upon which to build a sound and permanent transportation policy."

"Such a policy," he asserted, "designed to accomplish a healthy transportation system by land and by water is one of the vital needs of the day."

As reported by the joint committee the bill would abolish reduced rates on government traffic, other than military or naval personnel or property, carried by railroads which have received land grants.

It also provides for a three-member board of investigation and research to determine the type of service for which each type of transportation is best fitted.

The measure exempts from irregularity of commodities in tank vessels not in competition with land transportation. It also gives the ICC authority to exempt water transportation not in substantial competition with one carrier.

The measure also would modify or repeal some provisions of the present interstate commerce act.

JAYCEE AIRSHOW PLANS ADVANCED

Tickets To Air Performance To Be Placed On Sale Downtown Today

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Yields May Disappoint Strawberry Producers

Horticulturists of N. C. State college who were in Wilmington last night participating in a touring National Small Fruits conference said strawberry growers of Southeastern North Carolina may be disappointed in yields this year. Prof. M. E. Gardner explained that recent cold weather apparently delayed crown development, and that the usual second crop—often called the "crown" or "top" crop—may not develop to any extent this year.

BARDEN PROPOSALS DEBATED IN HOUSE

Foes Say Labor Amendments Will 'Re-Enslave' 1,000,000 Workers

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The Barden amendments to exempt large groups of persons from the wage-hour law stirred a furious debate in the house today with opponents charging that they would lead to the economic "re-enslavement" of 1,000,000 or more workers and proponents replying that they were necessary for the farmer's welfare.

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