

FRENCH HOLDING BOULOGNE AGAINST NAZI DRIVE; GERMANS ARE MOVING TOWARD GATES OF CALAIS

North Carolina Stages Vote Today

450,000 Ballots Expected To Be Cast In Primary

SEVERAL RACES
Polls In 1,913 Precincts Will Open At 7 A. M., Close At 7 P. M.

UNUSUAL CAMPAIGN
Number Of Democratic Candidates For Governor Establishes Record

NEW HANOVER READY
Partly Cloudy And Somewhat Colder Weather Is Forecast For Today

THREE RACES HERE
Registration Amounts To 9,958, Vote Is Expected To Total 7,500

(By the Associated Press)
North Carolinians will go to the polls in 1,913 precincts today to write the end to a precedent-setting primary campaign. Partly cloudy weather, without showers, is predicted by Raleigh Weatherman H. E. Kichline.

The polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Governor Hoey and election officials have estimated that total vote will be about 750,000.

Predict Victory
Unusually predictions of victory were issued last night by most of the candidates.

Democratic nominations to be decided are for governor, lieutenant governor, auditor, secretary of state, insurance commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and congress from the third, fourth, sixth, eighth and 11th districts, as well as legislative, county and township posts.

The democratic nomination for state and congressional posts is equivalent to election.

Republican nominations at stake are for governor, lieutenant governor and some few legislative, county and township posts.

Although campaigns have been waged actively for the last four months, little state-wide interest

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SPAWNING SHRIMP SUPPLY REDUCED

Unless Layoff Effected, Fishermen May Find Themselves Out Of Luck

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—(AP)—Unless shrimp fishermen of the Atlantic coast take a two-month layoff, they may find themselves out of luck where the catch is concerned.

Such is the opinion of two aquatic biologists of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, Milton J. Lindner and William W. Anderson.

In a report on the present status of the Atlantic shrimp fishery, made public here today, the two

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CASWELL AVIATION CAMP IS SOUGHT

Efforts To Get Air Training Base Pushed By Southport, Wilmington

Efforts to secure the establishment of one of the ten or more army aviation training camps recently proposed by President Roosevelt at Fort Caswell were pushed yesterday by officials at Southport and the chamber of commerce here.

Letters were written by Louis T. Moore, of the chamber of commerce, to Senator Robert R. Reynolds, H. H. Thomas, manager and S. O. Chase, owner of the Caswell Beach corporation.

In the letter to Senator Reynolds, it was pointed out that the present properties and buildings at Fort

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday, scattered showers in extreme east portion Saturday, rising temperatures Sunday and in Mountains Saturday.

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

Temperature 12-44p 7:55
1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 72; maximum 84; minimum 70; mean 77; normal 73.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 83; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 88; 7:30 p. m. 70.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.69 inches; total since first of the month 0.73 inches.

Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington	High	Low
	0:23a	7:40a
	12:44p	7:55p
Masonboro Inlet	10:38a	4:34a
	11:06p	4:39p

Sunrise 5:54a; sunset 7:13p; moonset 10:50p; moonset 8:57a.

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House Okehs Enlargement Of Air Corps

Approves Unlimited Expansion Of Army Branch By Vote Of 361 To 1

BILL GOES TO SENATE
Roosevelt Announces Extensive Program For Training Pilots

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—By a vote of 391 to 1, the house today approved an unlimited expansion of the army air corps a few hours after President Roosevelt had announced a broad plan for training 50,000 pilots to man the cockpits of the nation's future fighting planes.

Meanwhile, however, the senate naval committee imposed a top of 10,000 planes upon the navy's air strength, in recommending passage of a measure authorizing the expenditure of an estimated \$2,200,000,000 for the naval air corps and its bases ashore. The maximum was fixed, it was said, so that the navy would have to ask congress for approval when the time comes to exceed that number of fighting ships.

Bill Goes to Senate
The army air corps bill, which now goes to the senate, would suspend the army air corps' present legal maximum of 6,000 planes until June 30, 1941. It also would permit the army to train an average of 8,500 pilots annually, as compared with 2,500 at present, and allow 6,000 air corps reserve officers to be on active duty simultaneously. In addition the legislation would permit the army to discharge "fifth column" suspects among its civilian employes regardless of civil service restrictions.

The senate naval committee acted on the naval bill after Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the naval air corps, had said the United States has "far and away the best naval air force in the world." However, Senator Byrd (D-Va) had interpreted figures presented earlier by Towers as indicating the navy had no more than 500 up-to-the-minute planes.

Chairman Walsh (D-Mass) suggested that the earlier testimony be suppressed because it presented "a very bad picture" for national defense, but the committee rejected the suggestion.

The bill authorizes the navy to increase its roster of pilots to 16,000, besides boosting its air strength to 10,000 planes. Walsh told reporters it was a "staggering" outlay of \$1,200,000,000 would be needed to attain this two-fold goal, which the navy hopes to reach in four years.

Governors Will Aid
In addition to revealing his program for training pilots, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed an expectation that the governors of the 48 states, meeting at Duluth early in June, would get actively behind the defense program. He had discussed

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M-Day Is Mother's Day



"Women should take part in defending the home," declared Mrs. Edna L. Johnston, of Freehold, N. J., pictured at New York meeting where she announced plans of the National Legion of Mothers of America for teaching its 2,000,000 members to shoot, as defense against parachute troops invading the United States.

Severe Earthquakes Kill 249, Injure Many In Peru

THOUSANDS HOMELESS
Many Victims Buried Under Of Scores Of Wrecked Buildings

LIMA, Peru, May 24.—(AP)—A series of violent earthquakes rocked Peru today causing a heavy death toll and leaving thousands homeless.

Crippling communications obstructed the full extent of the disaster but reports trickling in tonight placed the dead at 249 and the injured at more than 3,000.

Seventy dead were counted in Lima alone and it was feared additional victims were buried under debris of scores of wrecked buildings.

Callao Hard Hit
Callao, Lima's seaport six miles away, was the hardest hit. The death toll there was put at 150, with 1,100. Almost every building in Callao was reported collapsed or cracked and the whole population was camping in streets and plazas.

The shocks started with a one-minute tremor in the early afternoon. The population rushed panic-stricken

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WAR INTERPRETIVE

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer

The stark outlines of what could become a tremendous Allied disaster grow clearer hour by hour. Unless the Allies can break the trap closing upon perhaps a million soldiers in Flanders that vast body of men may have to be surrendered to Germany to save it from useless slaughter.

Yet the key to the confused situation still is the narrow Cambrai-Peronne gap through which passed the German thrust to the English channel. At that breach Paris reports desperate counter attacks hammering from north and south; but there is an ominous lack of detail in the French accounts.

Closing the breach would turn the tables on the German forces north of the Somme and west of the Cambrai-Peronne bottleneck.

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British Mass Guns, Troops Along Coast

King Warns Defeat And Invasion By Germany Will Bring 'Darkness'

HIGHWAYS BLOCKED
Former German Spy Falls Into Scotland Yard's 'Fifth Column' Bag

BRITAIN

LONDON, May 24.—(AP)—England rolled up the barricades of modern war tonight from her ancient Channel ports to the blue Irish Sea, forewarned on this bleak Empire Day by King George VI himself that defeat and invasion by Nazi Germany will bring "the descent of darkness" upon the ruins of Britain's kind of world.

The narrow old roads from the Channel's high chalk cliffs inland, which haven't felt the stamp of an invader's boots for nearly ten centuries, were guarded closely, behind a secret massing of heavy naval, air and land forces in strategic spots.

Roads Barricaded
Real road barricades stood ready at vital spots, and motorists in the pastoral green of rural England were stopped and made to show identity cards.

Sharp German spy memories of 1915 came flooding back as Captain Franz von Rintelen, imprisoned by the United States during the last war for sabotaging munitions ships, fell into Scotland yard's "fifth column" bag along with more than a score other suspects. Rintelen, who came to England several years ago as a voluntary exile from Nazi Germany, only yesterday told newspapermen that it was "impossible" for Germany to invade Britain, despite British "lethargy."

The heart of governmental Longons and armed guards. One gun stood at the head of Downing Street, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill lives. Another was planted near the foreign office. Army guards at public buildings were increased.

COALITION CABINET DISCUSSION SPIKED

G. O. P. Continues To Demand F. R. Renounce Third Term Intention

MANY CANDIDATES PREDICT VICTORY

Cooper Declares Great Mass Of People Are Going To Elect Him

(By The Associated Press)

Most of North Carolina's democratic gubernatorial candidates issued predictions of victory last (F-F) day night, on the eve of the state primary elections.

Addressing his fellow townsmen in Rocky Mount, Lee Gravelly said: "I bring the positive prediction of victory, and I pledge to you and to all the people of this state that when I am elected governor I shall give to the duties of that office all of my thought, energy and effort."

Tom Cooper, speaking in his home town of Wilmington, declared: "The great mass of the people are going to elect Tom Cooper, for the other candidates have fallen into the error of similarity of platforms."

A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh was confirmed by illness to his home in Raleigh, but his associate campaign manager, Ronald Wilson, predicted Maxwell would carry 60 counties, including Wake, Cleveland, Forsyth and Buncombe. Wilson said J. M. Broughton of Raleigh would carry 21 counties, W. P. Horton of Pitt-

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BITTER FIGHT IS UNDER WAY WITHIN GHENT

FORTS SMASHED
Whole German Offensive Seems To Be Operating Fanwise Toward Coast

ACTIVE IN AIR

GERMANY

BERLIN, May 24.—(AP)—In a fast, savage offensive on the final outposts that stand between England and France, the Germans declared tonight they were smashing toward the "gates of Calais" and fighting the Allies hand-to-hand in the streets of Ghent.

While Nazi divisions smashed westward in Belgium toward the English channel, others pulled at the western end of the great net in which half a million to a million Allied troops are enmeshed in northern France and Belgium.

A moving line of steel which started northward from the Somme, pushed to a depth of more than 30 miles to reach the outskirts of Calais—gateway to England just 22 miles across the channel from the chalk cliffs of Dover.

The other German advance, westward across Belgium, smashed through the Scheldt river fortifications into Tournai and Ghent to draw tighter the net about the entrapped British, French and Belgian troops.

It was not clear here whether Boulogne itself was in German hands, since it appeared that the German advance had skirted the town to the east. In any case, it appeared cut off. (A French

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SEIZURE OF BELGIAN ARCHIVES BY NAZI PARACHUTE CORPS OFFICER IS REVEALED

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
WITH THE GERMAN ARMY.

MAY 24.—(AP)—The story of how a daring parachute corps officer rushed straight to the Belgian foreign office when Brussels fell and seized archives which "will make the world prick up its ears," was told to me today by an authentic German military source.

Among the parachute jumpers who landed in the vicinity of Brussels, I was told, was a dashing officer who in peacetime served in Adolf Hitler's chancellery as a liaison man to the foreign office. He also was an assistant chief of protocol.

As soon as the Belgian capital surrendered he rushed into the city with the first troops and headed for the Belgian foreign office.

Thus, 20 minutes after Brussels capitulated, the secret archives of the Belgian government were in German hands.

I was not surprised. The Polish and Norwegian campaigns showed that the Germans consider diplomatic booty quite as important as booty of materials.

(Today in Berlin a spokesman declared it was "not impossible" that revelations of Belgian and Dutch connivance in Allied war plans would be published in a manner similar to those allegations made following the German invasions of Poland and Norway.)

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