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From Footholds For

Jump Across Channel

USE HEAVY GUNS

Just to the northeast, in

lais. However, at one point

The critical struggle to-

and fields of England-upon

which no invader has tramp-

ed in the long march of nine

Use Heavy Guns

While fighting raged within sight

of the Strait of Dover, the main

Allied forces-separated by a cor-

ridor 30 miles wide through which

out their greatest weapon, heavy

artillery, in an effort to cut down

the long, thin German line by

On both sides of that corridor

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FRANCE

FRENCH HOLDING BUULOGNE AGAINST NAZI DRIVE; ERMANS ARE MOVING TOWARD GATES OF CA

North Carolina Stages Vote Today

450,000 Ballots House Okehs Expected To Be Cast In Primary Of Air Corps **NEW HANOVER READY**

what Colder Weather Is

Forecast For Today

THREE RACES HERE

9,958, Vote Is Expected

To Total 7,500

Three Candidates

Four persons are candidates for

ation broke all precedents in North

dates for the democratic nomin-

The complete slate of state of-

For Governor-Thomas E. Coop-

ation for lieutenant-governor.

Tompkins, and L. A. Martin.

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CASWELL AVIATION

CAMP IS SOUGHT

Base Pushed By South-

port, Wilmington

recently proposed by President Roosevelt at Fort Caswell were

pushed yesterday by officials at

Southport and the chamber of com-

Letters were written by Louis

T. Moore, of the chamber of com-

nolds, H. H. Thomas, manager and

S. O. Chase, owner of the Caswell

In the letter to Senator Reynolds.

it was pointed out that the present

properties and buildings at Fort

fices is as follows:

Simmons.

servers.

close at 7 p.m.

mington township.

SEVERAL RACES

Polls In 1,913 Precincts Partly Cloudy And Some-Will Open At 7 A. M., Close At 7 P. M.

UNUSUAL CAMPAIGN

Number Of Democratic Registration Amounts To Candidates For Governor Establishes Record

(By the Associated Press)

North Carolinians will go to the cells in 1.913 precincts today to write the end to a precedent-set-Partly ting primary campaign. cloudy weather, without showers, is predicted by Raleigh Weatheran H. E. Kichline.

The polls will be open from a.m. to 7 p.m. Governor Hoey and election officials have esti- by weather bureau officials. nated that total vote will be about

Predict Victory Unualified predictions of victory offices are drawing most of the at-

ere issued last night by most of tention. he candidates. Democratic nominations to be decided are for governor, lieuten- New Hanover's two seats in the

eighth and 11th districts, as well legislative, county and townthip posts.

The democratic nomination for tate and congressional posts is eulvalent 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

onths, little state-wide interest (Continued on Page Three)

SPAWNING SHRIMP SUPPLY REDUCED

Unless Layoff Effected, fishermen May Find Themselves Out Of Luck

NEW ORLEANS, May 24-(A)-Atlantic coast take a two-month Scott (incumbent). ayoff, they may find themselves William B. Oliver and Dan C. Bon-

of luck where the catch is ey (incumbent). Such is the opinion of two aclatic biologists of the United

tates Bureaus of fisheries, Milton Lindner and William W. Ander-

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

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WEATHER

Eforts to secure the establishmats portion Saturday, rising ares Sunday and in Mountains army aviation training c a mps army aviation training c a mps army aviation training c a mps

m. yesterday). Temperature 1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. 72; 7:30 p. m. 72; maximum 84; mimum 70; mean 77; normal 73.

rological data for the 24 hours

Humidity m. 83; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. 0 p. m. 70. merce, to Senator Robert R. Rey-

otal for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. oth 0.73 inches: total since first of the Beach corporation.

inches: total
di 6.73 inches.
From Tides For Today
From Tide Tables published by U
Coast and Geodetic Survey).
High Lov
0.92a 7:46 | 0.23a | 7 | 12:44p | 10:38a | 4 | 10:38a | 4 | 10:53p; | moonset | 8:57a. |

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merce here.

Enlargement

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—(P)—By vote of 391 to 1, the house today approved an unlimited expansion of the army air corps a few hours New Hanover's democrats and after President Roosevelt had anrepublicans will vote today on their nounced a broad plan for training party nominees for office, local and 50,000 pilots to man the cockpits

state, and a primary vote of 7,500 of the nation's future fighting has been predicted by political ob-Meanwhile, however, the senate naval committee imposed a top of The polls open at 7 a.m. and 10,000 planes upon the navy's air strength, in recommending pass-Partly cloudy and somewhat age of a measure authorizing the cooler weather has been forecast expenditure of an estimated \$2,-200,000,000 for the naval air corps Due to the lack of opposition en-countered by most county officials, mum was fixed, it was said, so the governor's race and other state 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 ant governor, auditor, secretary of state house of representatives. now goes to the senate, would susinsurance commissioner, ag There are five candidates for the pend the army air corps' present three posts on the board of county legal maximum of 6,000 planes un gress from the third, fourth, sixth, commissioners and two candidates til June 30, 1941. It also would for the office of constable in Wil- permit the army to train an average of 8,500 pilots annually, as compared with 2,500 at present, dicted that a vote of 450,000 will be cast in the state today. While four taneously. In addition the legisla- toll and leaving thousands homeless of the state offices are narrowed tion would permit the army to disdown to only two candidates, the charge "fifth column" suspects race for the gubernatorial nominamong its civilian employes re- aster but reports trickling in tonight gardless of civil service restric-Carolina. There are four candi-

> The senate naval committee acted on the naval bill after Rear Ad- Lima alone and it was feared addis had come "too late." miral John H. Towers, chief of the tional victims were buried under naval air corps, had said the Uni- debris of scores of wrecked buildings. ted States has "far and away the er, L. Lee Graveley, Paul Grady, best naval air force in the world." Wilkins Perryman Horton, A. J. However, Senator Byrd (D-Va had Maxwell, Broughton and Arthur interpreted fi)gures presented earlier by Towers as indicating the For Lieutenant Governor-R. L. navy had no more than 500 up-to-Harris, W. Erskine Smith, Dan the-minute planes.

Chairman Walsh (D-Mass sug- ing in streets and plazas. For Secretary of State Thad gested that t)he earlier testimony Eure (incumbent) and Walter Mur- be suppressed because it presented 'a very bad picture" for national For AuditorGeorge Ross Pou defense, but the committee reject (incumbent) and Charles W. Mill- ed the suggestion.

The bill authorizes the navy to For Commissioner of Agriculture increase its roster of pilots to 16,liess shrimp fishermen of the C. Wayland Spruill and W. Kerr 000, besides boosting its air strength to 10,000 planes. Walsh told reporters it was estimated that an outlay of \$1,200,000,000 would be needed to attain this twofold goal, which the navy hopes to

reach in four years. Governors Will Aid gram for training pilots, Mr. Roosthe governors of the 48 states, meeting at Duluth early in June, Efforts To Get Air Training fense program. He had discussed from useless slaughter. would get actively behind the de-

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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 defeuse against

Severe Earthquakes Kill 249, Injure Many In Peru

Many Victims Buried Under Of Scores Of Wrecked

LIMA, Peru, May 24- (AP) -A series of violent earthquakes rocked Peru today causing a heavy death Crippling communications obscured the full extent of the dis-

jured at more than 3,000. Seventhy dead were counted

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 and the whole population was camp-The shocks started with a oneminute tremor in the early afternoon.

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THOUSANDS HOMELESS ITALIAN VESSELS

That Allied Concessions Are 'Too Late'

three Italian liners—possibly needed for troop transport-were postaster but reports trickling in tonight placed the dead at 249 and the in. poned tonight as reports circulated placed the dead at 249 and the in. in Italy that allied concessions in- Street, where Prime Minister Win- gian troops. tended to keep Italy out of the war

Today was the 25th anniversary of Italy's entry into the world war on the side of the Allies. Now she is linked to Germany by a "pac of steel," and all signs point to her entry into the war soon against the Allies

The official announcements of was reported collapsed or cracked the postponement said it was purely a routine matter. New dates were booked but reports were widespread that these meant little. Two of the liners were the Rex The population rushed panic-stricken and the Augustus, scheduled

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BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press Writer

In addition to revealing his pro- Unless the Allies can break the but there is an ominous lack of de- he will take it—became more cer- cratic gubernatorial candidates istrap closing upon perhaps a mil- tail in the French accounts. evelt disclosed an expectation that lion soldiers in Flanders that vast body of men may have to be sur- the tables on the German forces of a coalition cabinet was cockrendered to Germany to save it north of the Somme and west of eyed. He said that all speculation

Yet the key to the confused situation still is the narrow Cambrai-

the German thrust to the English mand that he renounce any third The stark outlines of what could channel. At that breach Paris re- term intention. become a tremendous Allied dis- ports desperate counter attacks aster grow clearer hour by hour. hammering from north and south; nomination by the democrats—if

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Guns, Troops Along Coast

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

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

BRITAIN

war tonight from her ancient Channel ports to the blue Irish Sea, forewarned on this bleak Empire Germany will bring "the descent of darkness" upon the ruins of Britain's kind of world.

The narrow old roads from the Ghent. Channel's high chalk cliffs inland, which haven't felt the stamp of an invader's boots for nearly ten centuries, were guarded closely,

Roads Barricaded Real road barricades stood reathe pastoral green of rural Eng- and Belgium. land were stopped and made to A moving line of steel troops still were holding the

Rintelen, who came to England of Dover. several years ago as a voluntary "lethargy."

ston Churchill lives. Another was planted near the foreign office. whether Boulogne itself was man legions from footholds Army guards at public buildings were increased.

COALITION CABINET DISCUSSION SPIKED

mand F. R. Renounce Third Term Intention

President Roosevelt spiked talk of a coalition defense cabinet today Peronne gap through which passed as Republicans continued to de-

The chief executive, whose re tain than ever during the day, told sued predictions of victory last (Fr-Closing the breach would turn his press conference that any idea the Cambrai - Peronne bottleneck. about republicans going into his

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British Mass BITTER FIGHT CRITICAL STRUGGLE FORTS SMASHED

Whole German Offensive Allies Seek To Bar Germans HIGHWAYS BLOCKED Seems To Be Operating Fanwise Toward Coast

ACTIVE IN AIR

GERMANY

BERLIN, May 24.—(AP) PARIS, May 24.—(AP)— LONDON, May 24—(P)—England In a fast, savage offensive on French troops, standing dogrolled up the barricades of modern the final outposts that stand gedly at the extreme westbetween England and France, ern rim of the republic in forewarned on this bleak Empire the Germans declared to- a great and bloody show-Day by King George VI himself night they were smashing to- down, were declared officialthat defeat and invasion by Nazi ward the "gates of Calais" ly tonight to be holding the and fighting the Allies hand- English channel port of Bouto-hand in the streets of logne against the Nazi rush to the sea.

While Nazi divisions smashed westward in Bel- the equally vital region of gium toward the English Calais, other Allied forces behind a secret massing of heavy channel, others pulled at the closed desperately with Gernaval, air and land forces in stra- western end of the great net man light units. in which half a million to a The last Allied word on million Allied troops are en-Boulogne tonight was by a dy at vital spots, and motorists in meshed in northern France French war ministry spokesman, who announced French

show identity cards.

Sharp German spy memories of 915 came flooding back as Capford the Somme, pushed to ored columns. The Germans tain Franz von Rintelen, imprison- a depth of more than 30 never had directly claimed ed by the United States during the miles to reach the outskirts the capture of Boulogne, saylast war for sabotaging munitions of Calais—gateway to Eng- ing, rather, that German ships, fell into Scotland ard's land just 22 miles across the armored columns had brush-Reports Circulate In Rome more than a score other suspects. channel from the chalk cliffs ed past it on the way to Ca-The other German advance, earlier in the day a London

yesterday told newspapermen that westward across Belgium, announcement assumed the it was "impossible" for Germany smashed through the Scheld city had fallen. ROME. May 24—(P)—Sailings of to invade Britain, despite British river fortifications into Tor- Capture of Boulogne is nai and Ghent to draw tight- not essential to the advance The heart of governmental Lon- er the net about the entrap- of armored columns on Ca-

It was not clear here night was to bar the Gerin German hands, since it ap- necessary to spring across peared that the German ad- the channel at England. For, vance had skirted the town across only 20 miles of water to the east. In any case, it from Calais and 26 miles appeared cut off. (A French from Boulogne lie the cliffs

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G. O. P. Continues To De- MANY CANDIDATES PREDICT VICTORY

WASHINGTON, May 24.-(P)- Cooper Declares Great the German mechanized forces pushed toward the sea- brought Mass Of People Are Going To Elect Him

> (By The Associated Press) . Most of North Carolina's demo

day) night, on the eve of the state

primary elections. Addressing his fellow townsmer in Rocky Mount, Lee Gravely said: "To my friends throughout the state I bring the positive prediction of vic tory, 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 alle of my

thought, energy and effort. . . . Tom Cooper, speaking in his home twon of Wilmington, declared: "The great mass of the people are going to elect Tom Cooper, for the othe candidates have fallen into the er ror of similarity of platforms.

A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh was con fined by illness to his home in Ra leigh, but his associate campaign manager, Ronald Wilson, predicted Maxwell would carry 60 counties including wake, Cleveland, Forsytl and Buncombe. Wilson said J. M Broughton of Raleigh would carry 21 counties, W. P. Horton of Piits

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SEIZURE OF BELGIAN ARCHIVES BY NAZI PARACHUTE CORPS OFFICER IS REVEALED Hard Day 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 ar-chives which "will make the world prick up its ears," was told to me today by an au-

thentic German military source.

time served in Adolf Hitler's chancellery as a liaison man to the foreign office. He also was an assistant chief of prot ocal.

As soon as the Belgian capgian foreign office. Thus, 20 minutes after Brus

materials. surrendered he rushed

ernment were in

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

(Today in Berlin a spokes man 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.)

Today the German armies put in one of the hardest days of its offensive, drawing nar-

rower and narrower the pocket into which they have maneuvered the combined British-

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Be Sure And Cast Your Vote In The Primary Today

Belgian-French northern army. into the city with the first The bulk of the German troops and headed for the Belforce is only 20 miles from the Belgian coast. The German drive is relent-Among the parachute jumpsels capitulated, the secret less. Whoever we encountered archives of the Belgian govers who landed in the vicinity of Brussels, I was told, was a dashing officer who in peace-