Carolina

ARMADA OF 1,000 NAZI PLANES BATTERS LONDON IN GREATEST AIR ASSAULT IN HISTORY

House Passes and Call Measure Vital British BRITISH CLAIM Vital British 114 ATTACKING

Downs Effort ToRestrict Men's Service

Bill, Approved 342-33, Returned To Senate For Action On Amendments

SENATE TALKS DRAFT

Men With Dependents Will Be Exempted From One Year's Active Duty

BY RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(A)-The house passed the national guard mobilization bill by a whopping 342 to 33 vote today, after crushing an effort to restrict the service of militiamen and reserve officers to the continental United States and its possessions and ter-

The measure went back to the senate for action on minor amendments. It found that chamber busily debating the peace-time conscription law and discussing a report that Great Britain had offered to lease Caribbean naval base sites to the United States in return for much-needed American

branches, the national guard bill would exempt men with dependents, but other militiamen and reserves would be subject at the call of the president to a year's compulsory service anywhere in the western hemisphare the call of the presidence in the western hemisphare the call of the presidence in the western hemisphare the call of the presidence in the western hemisphare the call of the presidence in the call of the presidence in the western hemisphare the call of the presidence in the call of As it stood, approved by both the western hemisphere, the American possessions and Philippine Islands.

Early Approval Seen The changes made in the measure by the house were of such an unimportant nature that leaders predicted either ready approval of tion in conference to bring senate and house bills into agreement. In either case they expected the bill

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BEACH GETS MEET OF COUNTY BOARDS

1941 Convention Of N. C. Associations Will Be Held At Wrightsville

Wrightsville Beach was selected 32 feet early this morning. as the 1941 convention site for the North Carolina County Commis- feet. sioners association and the County Accountants' association as the annual convention of the organiza- with slight floods predicted along tions closed yesterday in Asheville the lower banks. If more rain is according to an Associated Press forthcoming from the northwestern

Invitations for the meeting were flood stage in the next 24 hours. also extended by Charlotte and

Addison Hewlett and L. J. Coleman, of the New Hanover county (Continued on Page Eleven; Col. 5) the rainfall measured 2.36 inches,

WEATHER

North Carolina: Mostly cloudy Friday and Saturday, showers over east and north-central portions Friday.

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

1:30 a. m. 52; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 83; 7:30 p. m. 81; maximum 85; minimum 73; mean 79; normal 78.

Humidity

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 98; 1:30 p.
79; 7:30 p. m. 82.
Precipitation
2:36 inches: total since first of the month, 13:04 inches.
Tides For Total

Tides For Today
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Wilmington 8:21a 3:13e

Masonboro Inlet 6:52p 2:16e
Sunrise 5:34a; sunset 6:58p; moontise 6:02p; moonset 4:28a.

3:13s 3:30p 12:16s the tension with Italy, forba 12:25p Greek ships to leave port.

Fayetteville Today

Heavy rains in central and west-

banks in several sections soon.

The upper Cape Fear was re-

section, the Cape Fear may reach

Several places in the state had

from four to six inches of rainfall

bringing the total since the first of

the month to 13.04 inches.

Cape Fear river stage at feet. Aug. 15, at 7:30 p. m., 18.5 feet. The ships-in-port order reflected on Page Eleven; Col. 7) floating of on Page Eleven; Col. 7) floating of Page Eleven; Col. 7) floating of Sales.

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CAPE FEAR RISES | SwollenMountainRivers Recede, Leaving 26 Dead DIKES THREATENED IN UPPER REACHES

them by the senate, or quick ac- Stream Is Expected To FIVE STATES AFFECTED Red Cross Rushes Men Reach 30 To 32 Feet At

Damage To Roads, Crops, Factories, Communication Facilities Great

ern North Carolina have started pushing the Cape Fear river nearer and nearer flood stage and with ASHEVILLE, Aug. 15. - (AP) more rain forecast for today the more rain forecast for today the Swollen mountain streams receded river is expected to overflow its today, leaving at least 26 dead, millions of dollars damage to prop-At Fayetteville last night at 7:30 erty, crops and highways in five clock, the river stage was be- states, while the ocean-ward sweep tween 18 and 19 feet and still ris- of the muddy flood waters men-

ing. With the river rising at a rate of aced vast areas of flatlands.
of about a foot per hour, it was ex-While the inhabitants of the pected to reach between 30 and mountain sections hit by the worst inundation in years began to strug-Flood stage at Fayetteville is 35 gle back to normal existence, there was a general evacuation of homes in low-lying sections along the lower reaches of the rampag-

ported within its banks last night, ing streams. Communications Cut Off Communication was still cut off or crippled in many of the mountain communities, but reports in dicated at least 26 persons were drowned or killed in landslides. There were reports of other casfor the 24-hour period ending early ualties but they could not be conyesterday morning. At Wilmington firmed.

The death toll by states: North Carolina, 12; Tennessee, 5; Virginia, 3; Georgia, 4. A re-

With only half of the month port from Boone, N. C., said that gone, weather bureau officials here at least ten lives were lost and said last night that a new record possibly a score of persons injured

Into Flooded Sections

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- (AP) -The Red Cross rushed additional field workers into the storm-stricken southern states today and held others in readiness as weather reports indicated new downpours in Tennessee. Virginia and North and South

Thirteen more field workers were sent to the four states where the Red Cross said continuing rains were swelling the rivers into flood stages. Members of the organization's disaster staff were making surveys to determine the extent of the flood

U. S., JAPS DIVIDE **SHANGHAI SECTOR**

Will Take Cor Duties Of Maintaining Order In **British Section**

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16 .- (Friday) -(P)-Defense commanders of the Shangahi international zone issued a communique this morning confirming that the British defense Will Build Large Plant At

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and 27 British planes lost.) CALEDONIA PRISON

Banks In Upper Reaches To Set New Record

RALEIGH , Aug. 15 .- (A)-A huge of its banks in the upper reaches fenders. to all-time-record flood levels.

piling sandbags along the top of the nine-mile dyke, which prtects the prison camp's rich farm lands from inundation. Livestock was evacuated from the low-lands. Official of the weather bureau

here predicted the river would rise at least to 48 feet—1 1feet in flood -at Weldon by Saturday.

There is a possibility, they added, that the rise may break the alderman met last night and adoptation and size in the board, said that the only increase of any size in the budget was for the lished in Weldon in March, 1912. ed a budget for the fiscal year 1940-Calidonia is situated in Halifax 41 of approximately \$32,000, while will take care of new street work to county, a few miles from Weldon. approving a tax rate of \$1.60 per be done on both the northern and Prison officials were said that \$100 valuation.

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CHRYSLER GIVEN TANK-CONTRACT

Detroit And Turn Out \$33,500,000 Order

giving the Chrysler corporation a contract to build a \$20,000,000 "tank arsenal" at Detroit and day morning and the hopes high by the wet weather.

production in 13 months. Delivery in this state. dates on the \$33,500,000 order were

not announced.

North Carolina's crop of golden will average "20 cents or better Jugargan pass from "a small Brit-Designed for ready expansion, the plant is expected to start mass in this state.

Weed has already started moving a pound," market officials said last night that everything is now in this state.

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in readiness for the opening.

his chant Tuesday morning at 9 coast constitute the southern flank

Areas Bombed CRAFT DOWNED

ALSO RAID SCOTLAND

England Says Nazis Sent

Plunging To Earth At

Rate Of 1 A Minute

CROYDON IS BOMBED

Smash At Objectives On

Attack Presses Through Lord Nelson's Famous Flag Still Waves On Mainmast Of Victory

Hell Of Anti-Aircraft

Fire, Pursuit Planes

Invaders Scatter Bombs

Amid Vickers Armament

Works, Other Plants

BERLIN, Aug. 15. — Germ-ny threw the weight of her aerial

hosts directly at the great throb-

bing heart of Britain's world em-

pire late today as warplanes

British admitted Croydon airport

was bombed-and smashed hard

at the broad Tilbury wharves

which stretch down the Thames

The attack, pressed home through a veritable hell of anti-

pursuit planes, was part of a syn-

chronized onslaught upon all of

down her coasts from far north-

Thames Attacked

Scotland to extreme

official German news agency.

from the capital.

destruction.

BRITISH DOWNED

PORTSMOUTH, England, Aug. 15. — (AP) — A naval officer conducted reporters over Lord Nelson's famous flagship Victory here today to prove, despite German radio assertions, that the famous British sea lion's flag still fluttered at the mainmast and that the famous ship was undamaged by air radiers.

A German radio broadcast today said the flag and its staff had been sent crashing recently by a bomb which fell near the old ship, now "ashore" as a me-morial to Nelson and his sea victories, and that British sailors viewed it as an ill omen.

BRITAIN SEEKS 50 aircraft fire amid wheeling British U. S. DESTROYERS Britain's vital centers and up and

west England Wales, said DNB, New World In Return For Old Warcraft DNB did not say definitely that London was bombed, but declared.

'the entire Thames valley witnessed the methodical, irresistible WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(P)—Great Britain, seeking additional German air attacks which threaten all military establishments wiith reported today to be offering to It first listed 36 British planes lease certain naval base sites in destroyed as against four German the western hemisphere to the but later increased the figures, re- United States in return for 50 or spectively, to 8 and 2. German more old destroyers.

fliers reported they shot down five These reports circulated in consion eight planes on the ground. (D-Okla) told the senate that (The British listed 144 German

The raiders scattered their bombs amid the sprawling build-defense. ings of the big ickers Armstrong armament works at Hebburn during the day, argued that the Wells; at Sherrness, Chatham and transfer could be made without with transfer could be made without transfer could be made wit

Rochester, locations of navy yards further congressional action, a

ver and Folestone, the agency

dyke at the Caledonia prison farm Lympne in the southeast shore sites in British possessions in the Listings was threatened tonight as the rain- area were scenes of a particularly wetern hemiphere that would be swollen Roanoke river pushed out bitter battle with the British de-suitable for United States naval

At Hawkinge alone, 11 British ma Canal and to guard this count the assault with the com-Prisoners worked all afternoon planes were shot down by the try against any invasion from the ment: (Continued on Page Five) (Continued on Page Three) Wrightsville Beach Tax

The new tax rate is 15 cents low- avenue. er than last year's rate.

The reason for the lower rate was in judgments and notes present in admnisctration and bond debt. property valuation is higher this wter department. remain about the same.

southern extensions and on Lumina

are allocations for the police, street, given as an absence of oblgations fire, and sanitary departments, the last year's budget. However, the separate budget is set up for the

year and the income is expected to Board members present for the meeting were Leon Andrews, J. Rus-There is little difference in the sell Wood and Mayor D. J. Herring. total budget figures of this year Aldermen absent were Louis Hanson

Southeastern N.C. Weed Starts Moving To Marts

Thames: British Silent About New Plane Trap LONDON, Aug. 16.—(Fri-

day) - (AP) -Britons dug their dead and wounded early today out of the bomb ruins of the biggest air attack in history, executed by an armada of more than 1,-000 German planes which Offering To Lease Sites In struck eight miles from the heart of London and spread destruction from the Scottish border to Lands End.

In the last dusk-hazed fury of the fighting yesterday, planes were reported weapons to combat the Nazis, was plunging in smoke-trailing death dives at a rate of one a minute.

British Claims

The British total claim for the day—144 German planes gressional quarters as Senator Lee to 27 British—dwarfed pretransfer of the vessels ought to be vious reports on successive made in the interest of American assaults since last Sunday. Yesterday's fierce air siege Lee, who visited the White House overshadowed all earlier mass

What the British losses and arsenals; at the big eastern point said to have been involved in would amount to actually in Roanoke Pushes Out Of port of Newcastle-on-Tyne; and at the latest British appeal for dedead and wounded, splinter-stroyers. Usually reliable sources said ed homes and smashed they had been informed that the buildings remained obscure The airplane plants of Bristol British proposal had been trans- despite communiques compilwere threatened, and Wales, to the southwest, got its share, said DNB. mitted to the White House and was southwest, got its share, said DNB. under study there. Airports were a particular object They said it involved an offer by the English channel to the

Listings of deaths were scattered and the ministry of and air bases to protect the Pana- home security summed up

"Little success at a high cost." Tide Nears City

London echoed with the bandshee

wail of alarm sirens as the tide of Rate Reduced To \$1.60 Nazi bombardment ripped close about the sprawling city, heart of an embattled empire. Big dark dive-bombers screamed

down within a few hundred feet of the ground to dump tons of explosives at the Croydon airport in the

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BRITISH RETREAT BEFORE ITALIANS

Are Driven From Mountain Pass Defending Important Port Of Berbera

CAIRO, Egypt. Aug. 15 .- (P) iland have been driven by the Italians from their positions in a mountain pass defending Berbera,

the capital and chief port, the British acknowledged tonight. Official reports said two Italian With auction sales opening Tues | fear of the weed being damaged divisions (perhaps 25,000 men), bulwarked by planes, artillery and mechanized forces, had wrenched

The pass is about 35 miles south of Berbera, and the Italians ad-

Berbera and the British Somali

Greece Orders Ships To Stay In Port After Mysterious Sub Sinks Cruiser WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(4P)— The army took steps today toward grand scale production of tanks by ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 15.-(P)-| counter any repetition of the inci-| Greek government that a preliminary investigation failed to estab-

A mysterious submarine sent the dent. Popular Greek feeling ran high. 2,115-ton Greek cruiser Helle to the bottom of the Aegean Sea to-An unstated number of civilians

day within half a mile of a Greek injured on the quay at Tinos island island quay and tonight the gov- when two of the submarine's tor- foreign observers here as designed ernment, wary of a fatal snap in the tension with Italy, forbade all among 40,000 religious pilgrims a possible Italian attack from Italy who had gone to pray beside the island's health-giving waters.

Official sources indicated, with-

lish the identity of the submarine. turn out an initial \$33,500,000 or-

Premier John Metaxas, already der. making preparations regarded by

This order, military circles ginning of sales. tary and naval chiefs into urgent

Practically every market in the belt has tobacco piled for the