

By Leased Wire Of The ASSOCIATED PRESS With Complete Coverage of State and National News

Wilmington Morning Star

Dedicated To The Progress Of WILMINGTON And Southeastern North Carolina

NO. 131

WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1941

FINAL EDITION

ESTABLISHED 1867

WORK ON SHIPYARDS WILL BE STARTED MONDAY

Presidential Power In Lease-Lend Bill Opposed Preliminary Contracts Let To Three Men

Republicans Favor Credit To Britain

Members of House Foreign Affairs Committee Oppose

Committee Gives Itself Way on House Floor Next Week

RICHARD L. TURNER, WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Republicans members of the foreign affairs committee announced their opposition to the grant of presidential power today but said they would support a bill which would eliminate the step of the President absolute over every concern in this manufacturing war material.

Seated informally on the floor in the White House, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is surrounded by some of the many stage, screen and radio stars who went to Washington for the President's birthday party. They are, from left to right: front row, Deanna Durbin, Maureen O'Hara, Kay Aldridge, Mrs. Roosevelt and Carol Ann Beery. Middle row: Edna Stillion, Mrs. C. C. Pettiford, Margaret Davis, Mrs. Lauritz Melchior and Mrs. Dave McCoach. Back row: Preston Foster, Tommy Harmon, J. C. Flippen, Andy Kelly, Glenn Ford, Lauritz Melchior, District Commissioner Melvin Hazen and Wallace Beery.

Call for Credits... The taking of Italian positions of great importance in mountains nearly 6,000 feet high and the smashing of an Italian tank counter-attack at another point on the rugged Albanian front were announced early today by the Greek high command.

Witnesses Anti-Aircraft Guns in Action Against Nazi Raider... The attacking troops were repulsed with heavy losses that they retreated in confusion and have not had time to reorganize their positions, the spokesman said.

Weather Forecast... Fair Saturday; Sunday: fair, with light clouds and slight drizzle.

High Point Power Plans Face New Legal Barrier... The case came to the court in this manner: High Point, by resolution, had attempted to place itself under the 1935 revenue bond act (which did not require the utilities commission certificate) and remove itself from the jurisdiction of the 1938 bond act (which did require such a certificate).

War Interpretive... The Nazis would need all the gasoline and fuel oil they could accumulate to launch a spring offensive on a grand scale. Yet it becomes clearer day by day that oil shortages in Italy have created the critical situation in which her

Stars At President's Birthday Party



Seated informally on the floor in the White House, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is surrounded by some of the many stage, screen and radio stars who went to Washington for the President's birthday party. They are, from left to right: front row, Deanna Durbin, Maureen O'Hara, Kay Aldridge, Mrs. Roosevelt and Carol Ann Beery. Middle row: Edna Stillion, Mrs. C. C. Pettiford, Margaret Davis, Mrs. Lauritz Melchior and Mrs. Dave McCoach. Back row: Preston Foster, Tommy Harmon, J. C. Flippen, Andy Kelly, Glenn Ford, Lauritz Melchior, District Commissioner Melvin Hazen and Wallace Beery.

Important Italian Posts Are Captured By Greeks

ATHENS, Feb. 1.—(Saturday)—The taking of Italian positions of great importance in mountains nearly 6,000 feet high and the smashing of an Italian tank counter-attack at another point on the rugged Albanian front were announced early today by the Greek high command.

Churchill Tours Portsmouth Base

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 31.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill jubilantly toured this biggest British naval base for three hours today, accompanied by Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special emissary, and led dockyard workers in a vociferous "three cheers for the President of the United States."

State Employee Retirement Measure Given Favorable Report By Group

By JOHN PEELE RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—Pruned by amendment to eliminate large pensions for higher-salaried executives, the state employee retirement bill today won a favorable report from the joint education committee and moved a step nearer to enactment into law.

British Clear Path For Big Bengasi Drive

Advance Striking Forces Are Operating West of Fallen Base at Derna

FOLLOW USUAL PLAN

RAF Carries Out Heavy Bombardment on Italian Plane Base at Barce

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Advanced British striking forces, bombers and motorized troops, operated west of the fallen Italian base of Derna toward Bengasi today, methodically clearing the way for the expected general assault upon that important naval center and capital of eastern Libya.

COPPER FACTORY STRIKE STARTED

Work is Resumed at Two Other Establishments Important to Arms Goal

(By The Associated Press) CIO workers at the Bayway, N. J., plant of the Phelps-Dodge Copper corporation walked out yesterday as work was resumed at two other establishments important to defense.

14,000 DRAW PAY CHECKS AT CAMP

Approximately 6,500 Common Laborers and 4,300 Carpenters Are on Job

HOLLY RIDGE, Jan. 31.—Approximately 14,000 persons drew pay checks at Camp Davis today, the largest payroll since construction was started.

War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON If Herr Hitler is actually planning a vast victory attack on England in the spring, Italy probably must forego any hope of tapping German oil reserves to meet her own desperate needs in Africa and Albania.

The Skies Get A New Star



Mrs. Ogilvie Druce, 76, who was the first woman ever to fly in a plane, plus the Women Flyers of America's official wings on Constance Moore, left, at the organization's Edgemere, L. I., airport. The Hollywood star says she will now realize her life's ambition in learning to fly.

F. R. Says U. S. Is Ready To Take Over Any Plant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Questioned today concerning contract difficulties between the Ford Motor company and the War Department, President Roosevelt said the government was prepared to take over any factory in the country if that action became necessary for national defense.

Spanish Paper Urges Better U. S. Relations

MADRID, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The newspaper Alcazar unexpectedly spoke out tonight in favor of better Spanish-United States relations and said "an American President without false notions of racial superiority, and a powerful, respected, united Spain" were good bases for a campaign to effect increased understanding.

FRENCH SITUATION NEARS NEW CRISIS

VICHY, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The political situation of France was nearing a new crisis tonight, with informed persons saying that Pierre-Etienne Flandin, the foreign minister, might have to resign.

AMERICAN OFFICER HURT IN AIR RAID

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—German raiders, flying singly but in impressive total numbers, inflicted numerous casualties in London today, including Major Robert Williams, United States air observer, who was seriously injured.

High Point Power Plans Face New Legal Barrier

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—(AP)—High Point's proposed \$6,000,000 hydroelectric power project on the Yadkin river, which has been in and out of the courts almost continually since it was conceived in 1936, must be authorized by a certificate of convenience and necessity from the state utilities commission, the supreme court held today.

State Employee Retirement Measure Given Favorable Report By Group

By JOHN PEELE RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—Pruned by amendment to eliminate large pensions for higher-salaried executives, the state employee retirement bill today won a favorable report from the joint education committee and moved a step nearer to enactment into law.

Loftis, of Charlotte, and Orrell and Underwood Are Given \$900,000 Job

Contracts for some of the preliminary work at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company's plant here were let yesterday to one Charlotte and two Wilmington contractors and plans were started immediately to begin clearing the 70-acre site of the yards Monday morning.

Maritime Commission Will Soon Conclude Contracts For 25 Freighters

The Maritime commission has announced it will shortly conclude contract with the company to build 25 of the 200 cargo vessels the U. S. agency is hoping can be built and launched within the next 24 months.

Major Robert Williams, Air Observer, Injured in Nazi Attack on London

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—German raiders, flying singly but in impressive total numbers, inflicted numerous casualties in London today, including Major Robert Williams, United States air observer, who was seriously injured.

War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON If Herr Hitler is actually planning a vast victory attack on England in the spring, Italy probably must forego any hope of tapping German oil reserves to meet her own desperate needs in Africa and Albania.

High Point Power Plans Face New Legal Barrier

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—(AP)—High Point's proposed \$6,000,000 hydroelectric power project on the Yadkin river, which has been in and out of the courts almost continually since it was conceived in 1936, must be authorized by a certificate of convenience and necessity from the state utilities commission, the supreme court held today.

AMERICAN OFFICER HURT IN AIR RAID

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—German raiders, flying singly but in impressive total numbers, inflicted numerous casualties in London today, including Major Robert Williams, United States air observer, who was seriously injured.

War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON If Herr Hitler is actually planning a vast victory attack on England in the spring, Italy probably must forego any hope of tapping German oil reserves to meet her own desperate needs in Africa and Albania.

High Point Power Plans Face New Legal Barrier

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—(AP)—High Point's proposed \$6,000,000 hydroelectric power project on the Yadkin river, which has been in and out of the courts almost continually since it was conceived in 1936, must be authorized by a certificate of convenience and necessity from the state utilities commission, the supreme court held today.

AMERICAN OFFICER HURT IN AIR RAID

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—German raiders, flying singly but in impressive total numbers, inflicted numerous casualties in London today, including Major Robert Williams, United States air observer, who was seriously injured.