

egislature merely calls for a vote Other Officers for Local n whether or not Wilmington will ave the city manager form of government or retain its present ommissioner form. Under the manger form of government, a board of councilmen will employ a manager to run the affairs of the city. with the Mayor to act in an ex- B. Lynch as commanding officer fficio capacity without authority. of the Wilmington Home Guard unit

WEYGAND TO KEEP BASE FROM NAZIS

General Makes Pledge that in the near future. Germany Will Not Get **Tunisian Station**

and that Germany will get no Tunsian base from France was pub- ject to active military duty. lished widely today through the unoccupied zone-on orders from ganization details at a meeting of he government.

This statement, made in a radio Monday night and that enlistments broadcast from Algiers by the will start in the near future. Vichy government's African Gen- The Home Guard will be formed ralissimo, was injected into the around the W.L.I., which tradition-French-German political crisis at ally has been the nucleus for all time when Admiral Jean Darlan, home guard units in Wilmington. he navy minister, was on his way The Home Guard will perform back from Paris with the latest the duties of the state militia and word on the position of Pierre La- will be subject to the call of the val. ousted vice-premier.

Governor any where in the state. It was reported here that Laval, The state is laso making arrangeon whose return to the government ments to provide arms and equip-

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Intentions Of Pocketbook Robber Apparently Good

The degree of honesty of a ped box was Mrs. Turrentine's p. Purse-robber here is hard to deter purse and inside the purse was this mine, but it's certain that his in- note:

entions are good. "Please find enclosed your pock-Thursday afternoon Mrs. Hugh etbook. Regret loss of money. A furrentine, of 605 Dock street, re- friend broke and in need. Will pay ported that her pocketbook had back \$1.92 as soon as I land a ether been stolen or she had lost job." Signed-"An Honest Man in while shopping on South Front Need." street.

Nothing else but the \$1.22 was The purse contained \$1.92 in missing from the pocketbook, Money, some keys, papers and in-which was returned to Mrs. Turdentals rentine Yesterday a box was found in "And I'm willing to bet two to

the courthouse, near the sheriff's one that the fellow pays her back," thice, Inside the carefully wrap- an officer commented.

captured. Bengasi, vital port city at the crossroads between eastern and cen-Unit Will Be Appointtral Libya, was taken by one column ed in Near Future

was announced in Raleigh yester-

day by Brig-Gen. J. Van B. Metts.

adjutant-general of North Caro-

A first and second lieutenant are

to be appointed for the local unit

Capt. Lynch said last night that

of British troops Thursday, and pre-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 8) The appointment of Capt. James TRAFFIC DRIVE

the British aid bill and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh editorially was patted on the back for his opposition **IS BEGUN HERE** to it. Uniformed Fascist students, with

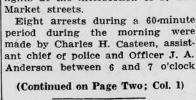
Rome's streets in protest against Round-Up Of Crashers Of which they called "enemy lies" about **Red Lights Is Started** ians in Italy. Apparently they did not attempt to march on the Amer-**By City Officers** ican embassy; in a similar demon

stration yesterday, they likewise Gen. Metts yesterday authorized turned off on another street before Initiating their campaign to re him to go ahead with plans for orreaching the building, on the Piazza lieve downtown traffic congestion by panizing the Wilmington Home rigid enforcement of traffic laws, San Bernardo. Although actual anti-American

VICHY, France, Feb. 7-(R)-A Guard, which is to have an enlist- police yesterday "cracked the whip' oledge by General Maxime Wey- ment up to 50 men between the on signal violators, arresting ten motorists for illegal passing of stop ages of 18 and 45, who are not sublights at the intersection of 17 and

He said that he will take up or-Eight arrests during a 60-minute period during the morning were the Wilmington Light Infantry made by Charles H. Casteen, assistant chief of police and Officer J. A.

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FORECAST North Carolina: Mostly cloudy, colder east and central portions SaturCay: Sunday partly cloudy and continued rather cold.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorolgoical data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: Temperature 1:30 a. m. 47; 7:30 a. m. 48; 1:30 p. m. 48; 7:30 p. m. 47; maximum 57; mini-mum 45; mean 51; normal 47. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 100; 1:30 p. m. 88; 7:30 p. m. 85. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m 1.45 inches; since first of month 1.66 inches. Tides For Today

Tides For Today (For Tide Tables published by Coast and GeoCetic Survey): High Low Wilmington

7:19p 4:39a Masonboro Inlet _____ 11:07a 11:17p 5:02p Sunrise 7:04a; sunset 5:49p; moonrise

2:46p; moonset 4:04a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Feb. 7, at 8 a. m., 10 feet.

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demonstrations, marked, this time,

by open demonstrations of brotherly

love between German and Italian

Italians displayed abscrbing in-

terest in the congressional course of

some Germans, paraded through

disorders between Germans and Ital-

men of arms

from Dover.

into action.

extremely slim.

place others on duty, observers said the same action could be taken to prepare for an emergency. Curtailment of service two weeks ago, it was explained, was

to permit repair of locomotives. Highly reliable political informants said Turkey possibly has 20 (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

GREEKS REPULSE

ITALIAN ATTACKS Fascist Advance Post Reported Captured as Al**banian Fight Continues**

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 7.-(R)-Two Italian counter-attacks upon demonstrations among the well-dis- Greek positions along the Albanian ciplined Fascist students thus far front were repulsed today, a Greek have failed to develop, observers re- government spokesman reported

called that similar pickets of troops tonight. were posted around the Soviet Rus-An Italian advance post was cap-

sian, British and French embassies tured, he said. in the past when the policies of In the war at sea, he declared those countries displeased Italians. that the Greeks had lost not a The last show of military protec- single ship, either in the Meditertion, for the British and French ranean or Aegean since the beginembassies, occurred last June 10, ning of hostilities, and in the last

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Waves Of British Planes **BombGermansInFrance** LONDON, Feb. 7.- (R)- Roaring | The Strait of Dover was wrapped

in the worst fog of the year all through choking channel mist, day and tonight athick mist still waves of Royal Air Force bombers lay along the French coast. caught the Germans off guard to-But above the mist the flashes

night and dumped heavy caliber of exploding bombs, the bursts of explosives for two hours on the German anti-aircraft shells and streams of tracer bullets lighted Germn-held coast of France. the French coast almost without The RAF seemed to concentrate

pause during the raid. on Boulogne, across the channel The bomb flashes were reflected even in the shop windows of one English coastal town.

Parachute flares from the attackers gave the first inkling to During the day the fog blotted coastal observers in England that out visibility beyond a few yards a raid was on. They were the first and confined German a erial warning to the Germans too, for it thrusts over England to two lone was only when the flares were raiders.

seen that Nazi searchlights went At a late hour no night activity had been reported over any part Weather conditions had made of Britain and London enjoyed its

the possibility of an attack tonight fifteenth raidless night out of the last 19

ness to absorb defense workers once the present emergency ends, were initiated today by President Roosevelt.

Workers by the thousands have been given jobs turning out weapons of war, and he told a press conference the administration was trying to guard against what might **HOUSE APPROVES** happen to them when the fighting

ends and their jobs finished. All Types

PENSION MEASURE Congress will be asked, the Presi dent said, to authorize all types of works projects-hospitals, housng, airports, roads-with emphasis Senate Slated to Consider on those that will give the government a chance to get back Bill, Carrying Big Approsome of its capital investment. These projects, Mr. Roosevelt priation, Monday said, will be put on a shelf and

pulled out when they are needed to take up the slack in defense employment.

Immediately after his press conference, he talked over the part highway construction would take in the program with Thomas Macand went to the senate for final Donald, federal roads commissioner. action. He discussed the program also

The upper chamber is scheduled with William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, who called at the white house to an appropriation of \$1,676,076 a urge that the national resources year, at its session Monday night planning board consider immedia-The proposal has already received tely the matter of supplying work, a favorable report from the senate when the emergency is over, for education committe in joint session with the house group.

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War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON The fall of Bengasi, an event which knocks Italy out of East Libya, came so swiftly as to suggest complete disintegration of the fascist array in North Africa. Details of the-British bag of pris

oners are lacking; but reports from the British grand headquarters at Cairo indicate wholesalc surrenders. There seems little possibility that the Italians can make another stand in North Africa.

complete not to indicate wide-spread dissaffection in Italian academy here, would "satisfy the puny." ranks. Bengasi underscores anew mented by "centralized shipping would swell the number of workthe British conviction that Italian army war morale is low, that the

Italian public's acceptance of the 3 1

last night.

CAPPER ASSAILS

Morris said he plans to erect two eight-apartment houses in **BRITISH AID BILL** the new development and will install heating systems which will make them attractive yeararound places of residence.

Says Enactment of Measure Will Take U. S. into the **European** War

WASHINGTON, Feb.. 7.-(A)-Senator Capper (R-Kan.), urging defeat of the British-aid bill, said tonight its enactment would "take the United States into the European war, in spite of everything we can do."

The Kansas republican, a member of the foreign relations com-RALEIGH, Feb. 7.-(P)-By a mittee, said he was more concernvote of 105 to 0 the state retire- ed about this measure than any ment bill to provide pensions for other that had come before conschool teachers and other state gress during "my 22 years in the employes cleared the house today senate." His criticism of the bill was broadcast by Columbia broad-

casting system. Noting that he had supported many proposals by President to consider the measure, carrying Roosevelt, Capper said he opposed

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ARMY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-(R)-House members protesting Army orders today: against certain features of the bill Majors served notice, however, that they

Donald Q. Harris, FA, Spartanburg, S. C., to Fort Benning. Marvin E. Kennebeck, DC, Philippine Dept., to Fort Bragg.

Vickery Says U.S. Faces Great Shipbuilding Job

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 7.— he said one expert had contended (R)—Capt. Howard L. Vickery, U. was necessary if we were "to as-S. N., a member of the United sist Britain to defeat the totalitari-States Maritime commission, as-serted tonight that America was "in for a truly tremendous ship-he added, "they must come large-

would introduce a supplemental

bil to remedy the objections they

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building program." ly from American shipyards in a-

control.

That program, he said in a pre- shiphuilding effort which would Their defeat by Britain's desert "blitzkrieg" is too crushing and academy here, would "satisfy the puny." He said the present program

ers in the shipbuilding industry Capt. Vickery asserted, however, from 126,000 in November, 1940, that America did not have enough to 388,000 by November, 1942. The ships to carry a five-fold increase

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Morale Law

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