

Africa and the defense work at of the Nile, its speed apparently "We may be sure," he went on,

"that the war is soon going to enter upon a phase of greater vio- stronghold, seizing five more genlence. Hitler's confederate, Mus-erals and uncounted thousands of solini, has reeled back in Albania. prisoners. But the Nazis, having absorbed

Bungary and driven Rumania into vanced elements of our armed a frightful internal convulsion, are forces" while others still mop up already upon the Black Sea. the battlefields south of Bengasi "A considerable German army was reported in a General Head-

waste to Tripoli.

unchecked, reported today it had

smashed almost one-half of the way

between captured Bengasi and Tri-

poli. Libya's capital and last major

Occupation of El Agheila by "ad-

On Coastal Road

about 180 miles southwest of Ben

gasi, on the tortuous coastal road

which crosses 600 miles of desert

This placed the British vanguards

and air force is being built up in quarters communique. Rumania, and its forward tentacles have already penetrated Bulgaria with what we must suppose part way around the Gulf of Sidra,

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BRUNSWICK NEGRO KILLED BY SHERIFF

Brewington Shot When He Attempts to Assault Deputy Magrum Tripp

By SCOTT HERSHEY

dell L. Willkie, home from a "see

for myself" tour of England and

sesting that the United States be-

The 1940 republican presidential

a basis of war or no war for the

ing back the same way."

Britain.'

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.-(P)-Wen- war."

SOUTHPORT, Feb. 9. - Arthur reported as captured," Brewington, 30-year-old negro, was munique added, "five other senior shot and killed by Sheriff Dillon Generals and many thousands of wise published reports indicative of Ganey, of Brunswick county, early prisoners have been taken."

province.

this morning in Northwest township "Owing to the extent of the area covered by the final operation !! when the negro resisted arrest and attempted to assault Deputy Sherifff will be some time before the ex- state employment offices placed 3,-Magrum Tripp with a wrench, Cor- act numbers of prisoners and a-

oner John G. Caison reported. mount of war materials can be Coroner Caison impanelled a jury assessed." to view the body this morning and One of the captive generals was announced that an inquest into the identified in a military announce

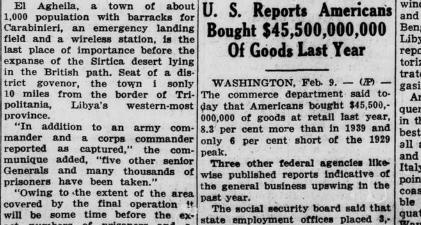
British Not Asking U.S.

drew the issue of aid to Britain on come involved in war."

death will be held at Carl West's ment as General Annibale (Elec-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

To Become Active Ally

tain, we can remain at peace.



There was no damage reported.

sociate professor of seismology at

the University of California said

a "very large quake" lasting two

hours was recorded on his in-

struments beginning at 1:45 a.m.

The shock was so severe it threw

the seismograph pen off the re-

cording drum. Prof. Byerly said

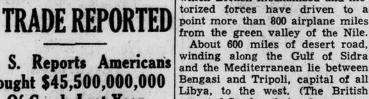
the quake might have centered

CLIMB IN RETAIL

far off the coast.

At Berkeley, Perry Byerly, as-

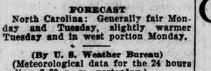
200,000 workers in private jobs in 1940-the greatest number in any



mander and a corps commander only 6 per cent short of the 1929 the com-

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shall probably become involved in

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 35: 7:30 a. m. 35; 1:30 p. m. 39; 7:30 p. m. 36; maximum 40; mini-mum 33; mean 36; normal 47. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 57; 1:30 p. m. 44: 7:30 p. m. 46. Willkie asserted, "opponents of aid Eire, said today he had heard "no to Britain are saying that if the talk expecting, anticipating or sug- United States gives aid to Britan

come an active ally in warfare with while if we do not give aid to Briwe may become involved in war,

1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 57; 1:30 p. m 44; 7:30 p. m. 46. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m 0.00 inches. Total since first of th month 1.66 inches. Tides For Today (From Tice Tables published by U. 1 Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High Low Wilmington _______8:36a 3:16 8:36a 4:00 Masonboro Inlet ______6:1Ca 12:07 6:422 p. 12:42 "That is a wholly unrealistic statecandidate said he went abroad 18 ment of the issue. As a matter of days ago "as a private citizen on fact, in my judgment, if we do give my own responsibility and I'm com- aid to Britain we are likely to stay Is back the same way." Willkie declared that those who aid to Britain, we shall probably be-United States were being "unrealise statement except to indicate a be-He declined to elaborate on the

He expressed the belief that "if lief that if Britain collapsed the We do not give aid to Britain, we (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 4).

to make a stand against the forces of Britain's Imperial Army of the the program be placed in the treasury as miscellaneous receipts instead Nile with all available forces including troops flown from Italy.

"Is this Graziani's line of action?" Asked Italy's topflight military commentator, Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of Foreign Minister Count Ciano's Leghorn newspaper, Il Telegrafo.

of being set up as a revolving fund for production of defense materials. Taft's amendments will be considered by the foreign relations committee after it concludes hearings on the bill, probably Tuesday. Chairman George (D-Ga) called the ommittee to hear additional opposi-

"We do not know," he answered tion witnesses tomorrow. Wendell L. Willkie, just returned from a surnimself. "But we believe it is." The high command told but lit- vey tour of Great Britain, is expect tle of the situation in Libya, into ed to testify Tuesday.

Willkie has favored the bill "with which British mechanized and momodifications." He is expected to (Continued on Page Three; Col 3)

DREDGE CHEROKEE ARRIVES FOR WORK

Is Scheduled to Begin Work Ansaldo, who broadcasts fre-quently to the Italian troops, wrote At New Shipyards at Sunset Park Tuesday in the Leghorn newspaper that the best tactics seem to be "to keep

and have others flown there from The hydraulic dredge, Cherokee, Italy and finally organize at a of the Merritt Dredging company, point on the shore road in the of Charleston, S. C., arrive here coastal zone with a defense capa- last night and will begin work of ble of really sustaining with ade- dredging in the area in front of the quate equipment the shock of new shipyards at Sunset Park Wavell's tanks." Tuesday morning, Harry Merritt, Tuesday morning, Harry Merritt,

General Sir Archibald P. Wavell one of the partners of the firm, said is commander--in-chief of the Im-Contract for removal of 400,000 cubic yards of material from in

The Italian high command refront of the proposed six ways to ported "combats of a local char- the river channel was awarded

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the ranking member of the approlected from nations benefitting under oriations committee.

In 1929 he joined in preparing the architecture, was hit squarely by Smoot-Hawley bill and piloted it one bomb, which damaged the belthrough the senate single-handedly fry and destroyed the left aisle until it became law in 1930. He was defeated in his campaign for reelection in November, 1932, by yard. Six bombs falling a short Elbert Duncan Thomas, a Democrat, distance from the church dam-

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ka said.

Many Soldiers Stage

control the soldiers.

from a stove poker.

DARST SPEAKS AT **DEDICATION HERE**

Large Crowd Attends Dedication of Community Hospital Nurses' Home

Riot in New Glasgow "While nations are preparing for the destruction of other men, we NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Feb. 99. here today are preparing for safe-- (AP) -Several hundred soldiers ty, health and happiness," Bishop fought each other and civilians Sat-Thomas C. Darst, of the East Carurday night, damaged buildings and olina diocese of the Episcopal other property and set fire to one house. Officials refused to announce church, said in an address dedithe cause of the clashes. cating the new Nurses' home of the Community hospital in the Wilown was impassable for a time as

liston High school auditorium yesterday afternoon. A large crowd attended the ex-Town and military police could not

ercises, over which Dr. M. N. Leary presided as master of ceremonies,

"We should not work to tear down the lives of men, but should rather work to build them up,"

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War Interpretive BY EDWARD E. BOMAR

The British navy's bombardmen of Genoa and the prospective Nazi move into Bulgaria referred to by Winston Churchill appear to signal the 1941 opening of the war's main

show. As much as the British victories in Africa, the bold attack on the major fascist naval base bared Italy's weakness and demanded imperatively Rep. LeGrand, who said he was quick and direct action by Adolf Hitalso speaking for New Hanover's ler to succor his battered Axis ally.

Important And a Nazi move into Bulgaria would be of primary importance, carbill, notify either of the two legis- rying the peril of involving Turkey lators not later than Tuesday. If and all the Balkans and facing Gera request is made, he said they many with a war on two fronts.

will arrange a hearing in Raleigh As events unfold, Mr. Churchill is must be held within 40 days after either Wednesday or Thursday and on safe grounds in advising that the

cruiser Renown, the 22,000-ton air-The church of St. Sophia, one of craft carrier Ark Royal and the

the best examples of Byzantine 9,100-ton cruiser Sheffield "with light forces in company." These ships marched into the corner of the Italian coast at the and part of the women's section. very top of the boot, about 600 Another bomb fell in the church miles on a sraight line from the toe, and the admiralty said, laid

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VICHY, France, Feb. 9.-Admiral Jean Darlan, commander of the French navy, emerged tonight from a week of intense political jockeying between Germanheld Paris and unoccupied France as the new No. 2 man in the

French government. Chief of State Marshal Philippe The crowded Main street of the Petain shook up his cabinet by accepting the resignation of Pilifferent units battled each other. erre-Etienne Flandin, foreign minister since Dec. 14, and naming Admiral Darlan vice premier and

A large group of the men almost foreign minister. lestroyed the interior of Colin Dor-Petain also kept Darlan in his old post of navy minister, to which the veteran "admiral of France" rington's home, smashing down doors to get in and breaking furniture. Three fires were started in a was appointed last June, before

France's fall. Thus Darlan succeeds Pierre La-Children asleep in the house were val-almost two months after Lataken to nearby homes. A man found unconscious in the place was vals ouster-as the second man

taken to a neighboring building. in the Vichy regime. Darlan re-One soldier was injured by a blow

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Funeral Rites Are Held For Two Victims Of Fire

Funeral rites for the two victims here last night, while her older sis of a fire at Hampstead Friday-Viv- ter, Dorothy, 18, was reported to be ian and Alice Howard, ages 5 and 10 in a "satisfactory" condition.

-were held from the graveside in The four daughters of Mr. and the Topsail Presbyterian church Mrs. Allie Howard, together with yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Bodie McCoy. The Rev. C. C. Myers, pastor of were severely burned when flames the church, assisted by the Rev. C. from a burning can of kerosene set O. Plyler, pastor of the Hampstead fire to their small home at Hamp-Methodist church, conducted the stead.

Mrs. Howard and Mrs. McCoy were services. A large crowd attended the servgiven treatment at the hospital here ices, including a number of Burgaw for second degree burns of the hands citizens who followed the funeral and arms and released.

cortege to Topsail. Coroner M. O. Pope, of Pender Meanwhile, Edna Howard, 17, concounty, termed the deaths of the two inued in a "critical" condition at girls "accidental" and said that no (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7) chinery also requires the board of (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 5) James. Walker Memorial hospital inquest will be held.

Rules Suspension Slated Suspension of the rules in the elections of New Hanover county nouse will be asked when the bill to publish notice of the vote once to provide an election on the quesa week for four weeks.

tion of establishing the city mana-ger form of government here is under suspension of the rules, it introduced in the lower body of will then go to the senate, which the legislature today, Representa-tive Jack LeGrand said yesterday. will refer it to committee. The

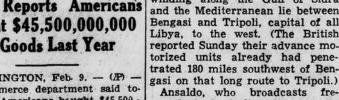
committee is expected to report In asking that the rules be susit out not later than Thursday. pended, Rep. LeGrand pointed out this move was planned because of

the need of action on the measure other representative, John R. Moras early as possible so that if an ris, said that if anyone desires a election is held it will not conflict hearing while the senate has the

with the city primary in April. The election machinery referred to in the bill provides that, in the event of its passage, an election

5:42p 12:42p 6:42p 12:42p 4:45p; moonset 5:43a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ille on Feb. 9, at 8 s. m., 9.90 feet. its approval. The election ma-



all available forces in Tripolitania