

month's illness.

Police headquarters quoted the attending physician as saying that Skipper's death was attributed to severe stab wounds in the stomach allegedly inflicted by James Rich, 22, a plumber's helper, of 913 South

Fifth street. Serving Sentence

Rich is now serving a 12 months read sentence on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with he intent to kill with serious injuries resulting, police re cords disclosed, in connection with the case. Rch allegedly stabbed Skipper during an argument on the night of October 1, 1940, at the corner of Fourth and Dawson streets, police reports revealed last night. Found guilty of charges of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill with serious injuries resulting, early in December in recorder's court, Rich was sent street; Roland Perry, of 106 North on December 20 to the Columbus 17th street; Mrs. T. R. Jones, of county prison camp at Whiteville Forest Hills; M. L. Meyland, of to begin serving a year on the 1506 Ann street; L. A. Pichon, of

the warrant against Rich on in- Henry, of 411 South 16th street;

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Spofford Announces Ten Per Cent Wage Increase

OLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 14 .- (AP) - maneuvers, for which post officials

Would be staged in the area between made at a cost of approximately \$30,-

A ten per cent increase in wages | As far as is known here, this is for all employes of Spofford Mills the first cotton mill wage increase was announced last night by J. in this section. The mill is now operating con-Holmes Davis, Jr., president of the tinuously with three eight-hour,

The increase, effective Monday Spofford Mills has given Wilmingin all departments of the factory, ton one of its best payrolls, offi-

will go to 450 employes. cials said.

Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Jack- 000.

eral Drum, who commands the first

army with headquarters at Gover-

Drum has paid two recent visits to

Columbia and Fort Jackson and

made preliminary plans for spring

nor's Island, N. Y.



Police Charge Many Motor- of the dredge, Dennis said. ists With Parking at Angle on Third Street

Police headquarters last night reported the arrest- of 19 persons on charges of viola'ng the traffic laws in the downtown section. The following were arrested on charges of parking at an angle on North Third street, between Chestnut and Grace, where parallel lines are marked prohibiting angle parking:

James Mears, of 308 North Sixth roads, according to police records. 614 Orange street; Mrs. H. M. Officer J. C. Long swore out Neil, of Winter Park; Mrs. W. J.

BRIDGES ARRESTED **ON U. S. WARRANT** West Coast Labor Leader and explosives"-but it was stated

Accused of Having Been Member of Red Party

State Creosote company.

Tracks will be laid as each sec-

the cost of filling in operations

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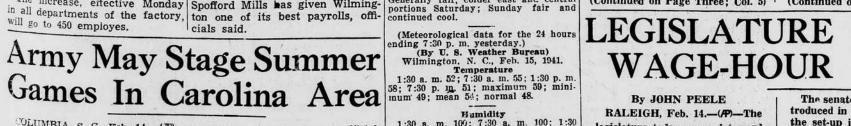
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.-(P) -Harry Bridges was arrested to- chutists had been seized along day on a Justice department warrant charging him with having been a member of an organization advocating violent overthrow of the

United States government. The west coast longshoremen's leader, an Australian, was cited to appear March 31 for his second deportation hearing.

Bridges, cleared of communist connections in a Labor department



FORECAST North Carolina and South Carolina: Generally fair, colder east and central portions Saturday; Sunday fair and continued cool. five-day shifts. In recent years,



Humidity m. 100; 7:30 a. m. 100; 1:30 1:30 a. p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 92.

The announcement today by Lieut. are working to obtain trespass rights Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .85 inches: since first of month 2.52 inches. General Hugh A. Drum that the first on 250,000 acres in Richland, Kerarmy would hold large-scale summer shaw and Fairfield counties. A huge maneuvers "somewhere in the south" mapping project of the area between Were taken here to indicate that they Bragg and Jackson has also been

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables, published by U. S Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington ______ 12.07a 12.32p Masonboro Inlet ______ 10.10a Low 7:20 These are the only two southern said it was almost assured that the posts under the jurisdiction of Gen- first army maneuvers "will be held Sunrise 6:57a; sunset 5:56p; moonrise 10:15p; moonset 9:13a. between Columbia and Fort Bragg. There are only three corps in the

first army, two of them in the north, Cape Fear river stage at Fayettevill n Feb. 14, at 8 p. m., 10.25 feet. which leaves only the first corps as

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nati, and switch and cross ties dynamiting the regional water "Are Adolf Hitler and his asare being furnished by the Gulf works and communications system sociates, Japan and Mussolini, attempting another war of nerves?' was claimed today by the Italian the republican senator asked, "or high command.

is there a synchronized, coordipleted for the project, which will early Tuesday morning, the high They landed Monday night and cost about \$150,000, not counting command reported, in the prooffensive in the Balkans, Japan vinces of Calabria and Lucaniawill attempt some move against where the Apulian aqueduct, the British interests and perhaps our biggest in the world, runs to supply

own interests?" 2.677.000 Italians with drinking In raising these questions Wiley water-but all were captured "bereflected a view widely held in fore they could cause the serious diplomatic quarters that Hitler was damage which they intended." seeking Japanese cooperation in

coordinated plan of action in How many were taken into custoboth Europe and Asia this spring. dy was not announced-the com-Opinion differed, however, on munique merely describing them as "nuclei of parachutists armed

with machine guns, hand grenades (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

that in a clash during the capture

and a citizen were killed. (The Rome radio, however, gave a more circumstantial account, BILL IS ENROLLED saying specifically that 19 para-

with another group of unstated Chairman of Elections Body (The wireless account said the

British, carrying maps of the district, had taken over some farms in the area, preventing the peasants from giving an immediate alarm

works built by the fascist regime." (One parachutist broke his leg

By JOHN PEELE

RALEIGH, Feb. 14 .--- (AP)-The

legislature today pressed toward

final adjournment, speeding ma-

jor legislation to enactment and

receiving Broughton-backed bills

to redistrict the senate and to

tighten the maximum hour law.

apportionment measure rounds

out the redistricting program.

The legislature has already

carved a 12th congressional dis-

trict in western North Carolina.

A bill to reapportion the lower house has passed that body and

now awaits senate action. A pro-

posal to streamline judicial dis-

tricts has been shelved.

Introduction of the senate's re-

by Italian police, having been "abandoned by the others." ("Soon," the account went on,

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ing the fall of the Fascist towns RALEIGH, Feb. 14- Chairman of Afmadu and Bulo Erillo.

Sunday in a convoy off the Por-

tuguese coast. An attack on an-

other convoy, in mid-Atlantic,

was reported by the German

high command yesterday in

which 14 ships were destroyed. A line between Madeira and The

Azores is about 700 miles south-

The survivors, four of whom

were taken to hospitals, said the

raider hurled salvoes of shells

into the convoy for half an hour

and then sped over the horizon.

west of Portugal.)

DU QUOIN, III., Feb. 14.-(P)-Five armored cars were taken All seven men at a plant manuat Afmadu, where a heavy raid facturing liquid oxygen explosives for coal mining were killed today in a bast so terrific it blew debris in descending, it was stated, and the law authorizing Wlimington to before British ground forces ar over an area of a quarter of a was almost immediately captured vote on the city manager issue. rived, a communique stated, and mile and hurled one of the bodies

At Bulo Erillo, it was said, Ital-The explosion, wrecking the plant of the United Electric Coal companies' Fidelity mine and daman resistance was strong. (The loss of Afmadu already had aging several auxiliary buildings,

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Broughton.

pleted an inspection of Turkey's dethe navy to England would probably be offered by none other than fenses on the Bulgarian frontier and Adolf Hitler stepped up the prepara-Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, democratic chairman of the Naval tions of his Balkan army of 600,000 men in Rumania. committee. Obviously inspired, the press decla-

Nearly a score of senators gathrations from Istanbul were interered late in the day in the tiny, (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) subterranean office of Senator Johnson (R-Calif.) in the oldest part of the capitol, discuss d pro-**ITALIAN DEFENSES** cedure, delegated Senator Clark, (D-Mo.) to make the first speech

in opposition to the lease-lend bil in the senate next week, and talked about amendments which the group would support.

ter of Mile Area

Heavy Artillery Bombard-Surprise The fact that Walsh attended the meeting came as more than a ment Ushers in Major Of-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

fensive in Albania

BROKEN BY GREEKS

ATHENS, Feb. 14.-(P)-The Greeks were reported officially tonight to have broken through Italian defenses at many points in an offensive along the entire Albanian front which was ushered in by 48 hours of almost continuous artil-

lery bombardment. The British air force also prepared the way with large-scale bombings which the RAF called

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War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Whatever the intentions behind current Axis maneuvers, military and diplomatic, Britain appears determined to force the issue in Southeastern F pe.

British classification of Rumania as "territory under enemy occupation," has that look. It makes Rumanian oil wells legitimate objectives for British bombers. All that is lacking is a rout for RAF bombers without violati- somebody's neutrality. Possible Air Route

recommended by Governor

SENATE

sent to the senate a much-buf-

feted measure by the Mecklen-

burg delegation to give rights of

eminent domain to bus compa-

nies seeking to acquire sites for

union terminals in cities of more

than 30,000 population. Such sites would have to be approved

Senator McBride of Hoke set

the stage for enactment of the

bythe utilities commissioner.

That route may be provided Another Broughton - sponsored overnight, if Bulgaria bill, creating a new department slavia yield to reported Nazi presof motor vehicles, also won floor sure to permit passage of German approval in the senate. troops toward Albania. Turkish in-The lower house passed and

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Yugo-

ARMY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- (P)-Army orders today:

Lieutenant Colonels Clarence M. Reddig MC, Denver, to Charleston, S. C. Philander C. Riley, retired, Fay-(Continued on Page Three; Col, 4) etteville, to duty, Fort Bragg .

The senate redistricting bill, introduced in both houses, changes the set-up in 11 of the 33 senatorial districts in the state. The west would gain one senator. Mecklenburg and Guilford would elect a senator apiece. The senate also got a bill to

eliminate exemptions from the present maximum hour law, in accordance with the majority recommendations of a wage-hour commission. Employes, working overtime, would be paid at time and one-half their regular pay under the legislation. Governor Broughton has endorsed the bill. In the house Representative McEachern of Hoke sent up a similar measure.

Rejecting pleas to postpone accident victims. The vote was 30

to 10. Several senators said they favored passing the measure out of regard to the late Dr. Long, of Halifax, who introduced it.

The LeGrand bill to make subversive or fifth column activities misdemeanors on first offenses and felonies on second convictions was passed by the senate without debate and ordered ratified into law. Similar approval was given a measure to set up a state-wide marketing system as

WAGE-HOUR LAW, consideration, the senate approved on second reading a bill to levy a 50-cent "crash tax" on automobiles to pay for hospitalization up to 21 days of highway

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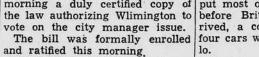
in their attempt to "blow up and H. G. Carney, of the New Hanover

'the alarm was given and the of New Hanover, immediately re-(other) parachutists, who had

pected to receive early Tuesday by the South African airforce had morning a duly certified copy of put most of the garrison to flight The bill was formally enrolled four cars were seized at Bulo Eril-and ratified this morning. lo. Representative John R. Morris.

quested Secretary of State Thad

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damage chinfly the hydraulic county board of elections, is ex-