

Authorized spokesmen stressed (D-Tex.) said, however, that there mington's

municipal

govern

with officials to reduce his fees from 6 1-2 to 3 1-2 per cent.

continued diplomatic relations with Bulgaria depend upon "Germa

nes, guns, ammunition, army the state of the s int interfering much with out the British are inspiring such house and the senate foreign relam of peace-time goods, but an- flag swindling in the hope there tions committee. ther six months, business leaders will be an opportunity for develmay bring another story. opments between Germany and

Already there are some comsome neutral country." aints from manufacturers of useware that companies making only the bare statement: minum, brass, and cast iron

"In the Indian ocean, naval ates are rolling more and more forces sank an armed British avy sheets used in armament merchantman, the Canadian cruiser, of 7,178 tons. The steamistries, and less and less of he light sheets used in the making of pots and pans. er, to conceal its nationality,

showed a United States flag and Two semi-official observers close to the administration in Washinghad American colors painted on its hull. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) Since the war began, all United

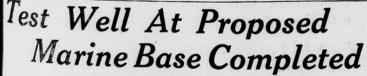
BRITISH ATTACK displayed large flags painted on their sides. "If the example of the Cana-**INVASION COAST** dian cruiser can be taken as an

Are Staged Over The Strait Of Dover

picion that "an unfortunate mis-LONDON. Feb. 22 .- (A- Great take was exactly what Britain engagements reminiscent hoped for" in the alleged camouthe mighty battles of last Au- flage of the Canadian cruiser, mn were fought hour upon hour which sailed out of Halifax and above the Strait of Dover, is registered in Lloyd's as owned nd British bombers swept over by the Canadian Tramp Shipping channel in heavy force to at- Company, Ltd.

ack the Nazi invasion positions If every ship with an American the French and Belgian coasts. flag must be suspected by Nazi At one time more than 100 Ger- sea raiders as being British, "a han and British planes twisted most unfortunate incident might grily in the sky, and German occur," it was said. •

arships-during a period of bril-The German press also played ant sunshine that alternated with up the reported inking as a dan-Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) ger signal for America and as a sign of British weakness. 4



JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 22. - An completed test-well was sunk by ation of the speed with which E. Dennis Blake, of Wilmington. 32; 7:30 p. m. 44. U. S. government is pushing The new equipment rushed here is of the proposed \$15,000, 110.000-acre marine corps Drilling company, of Raleigh. nd training base south of training base south of No immediate word was forth-was seen today with the ar- coming from the drillers or Navy of more test-well drilling department engineers on the site dy on the scene.

the well. located on the J. W. rton property three miles south here, was capped yesterday, improduced in the sector of the se immediately drilling began continuing finding and fixing of vo other holes, one at Para- property lines proposed to be inpoint and the other at Had- cluded within the huge military

point, on the New river. The (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Two; Cok

was no present plan to accept fur- ment to the city manager type "The question arises," one au- ther revision of the bill, which al- will be determined tomorrow or

Announcement of the election board meeting was made last George told reporters that any additional amendments might night by H. G. Carney, board have an adverse "moral effect." chairman, who yesterday re-He said the changes might be in-The German communique made He said the changes might be inlegislative enactment calling for

n March.

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HOPE ABANDONED

Thad Eure. FOR ALFONSO XIII Niggel, will order public adver-

States ships on the high seas have Extreme Unction Administered As Ex-King's Condition Grows Worse

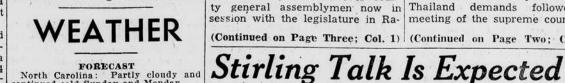
indication of the general trend,' ROME, Feb. 23.—(Sunday)—(用)a German spokesman said; ''it behooves America to see to it Extreme unction was administered Great Aerial Engagements behooves America to see to it Extreme unction alfonso XIII forships, through misuse of the mer king of Spain, as his condition (American) flag, do not endanger grew worse.

A person close to Alfonso's suite Americans' freedom of the seas." Authorized sources voiced sus- minutes-it may be a question of said death "may be a question of hours.'

> Alfonso sat in a chair in his hotel oom, awaiting the crisis. He was too weak to be moved to his bed. At the ex-king's own request, the Spanish jesuit priest, Ulpiano Lopez, was summoned to administer

the last rites of the church. Seeing the members of his family

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FORECAST North Carolina: Partly cloudy and ontinued cold Sunday and Monday.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological. Cata for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 35; 7:30 a. m. 30; 1:30 p. m. 49; 7:30 p. m. 46; maximum 53; mini-mum 29; mean 41; normal 40. Humidity

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 60; 7:30 a. m. 59; 1:30

The new equipment rushed here today is operated by the Luftis Drilling company, of Raleigh. No immediate work was a superated by the luft of the month 2.52 inches.

month 2.52 inches. **Tides For Today** (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High Low 2.028

augmenting facilities as to what the first completed Wilmington _____ 7:48a 8:05p 5:54a test-well produced. It was sunk to Masonboro Inlet _____ 11:58a

Sunrise 6:48a; sunset 6:03p; moonrise 4:59a; moonset 3:59p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ille on Feb. 22, at 8 a. m., 11.25 feet.

26, covers approximately the 400 employees.



the special election. The certification came from Secretary of State

Will Advertise Date The county board, composed of Carney, Robert Strange and J. H.

Call On Vichy to Cede One-Third Of Indo-China **Provinces To Siam**

tisement of the election date. Un-VICHY, France, Feb. 22 .- (P)der North Carolina law govern- France rejected today a Japaneseing special elections, the date sponsored proposal which reliable must be advertised for four coninformants said was a demand secutive weeks, a fact which will that approximately one-third of the tentatively fix the voting day late western Indo-China provinces of Laos and Cambodia be ceded to

The election will be conducted Thailand (Siam.)

by the city election board, and will culminate a lengthy contro-of Far Eastern tension of which versy between advocates of city managership and proponents of the Indo-China-Thai dispute is the present commission form of only a nebulous segment, said the government. Spo-sorship of the government had decided it would city manager campaign has been prefer to let border hostilities be \$47,260,000. in the hands of the Wilmington resumed rather than accept peace Junior Chamber of Commerce. To terms so severe.

bring the issue to a vote. the Jaycees began last November cir- land ended their sporadic warfare ment departments, out the quar- tions require 80 pe cent of preculating petitions memorializing with an armistice signed on Jan. the state legislature to call a spe-cial Wilmington election to determine the controversy. gan shortly thereafter in Tokyo, Last month the Jaycee petition,

but it has bogged down. bearing 2,400 names, was present-

(Japanese radio advices ined to Reps. Jack Q. LeGrand and John Morris, New Hanover coun- dicated the French rejection of the ty general assemblymen now in Thailand demands followed a session with the legislature in Ra- meeting of the supreme council of

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To Draw Big Crowd Here

charge for each of some 600 tracts purchased, irrespective of ward to \$820, it was stated. Fees Reduced Earlier the fees and charges of agents buying land, for an arms mation of the White House and plant at Burlington, Iowa, were

reduced from 6 1-2 to 3 1-2 per cent for all expenses. The fees as well as prices paid

> for sites for the nine projects for ting that other downward revisions were in prospect. Included in the nine were an Springs, Mo., and a shell loading

plant at LaPorte, Ind., but.Littell declined to disclose the full list. In the twelve months ending next June 30, the war department mid-1941 most of Germany's fat is undertaking the purchase of 3,- reserves will be used up, with

980,000 acres estimated, to cost The bulk of the land was ob- tities. Current supplies, including tained through condemnation or

termaster-general's 'office ' decided

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-The War Department released the following or-ders yesterday, dated Feb. 19.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL
Haislip, W. H., General Staff Corps. to duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Washington, D. C.
COLONELS
Gunner, M. J., (Inf.), relieved detail as a member of zeneral Staff Corps, At-lanta, Ga., to 5th Division, Ft. Cus-ter, Mich., March 15.
Vachon, J. P., Inf., New Haven, Conn.. to 43d Division, Camp BlanCing, Fla., March 6.
McMurdo, H. B., Med. Corps, Chicago, 11., to Area Service Command, Camp

McMurdo, H. B., Med. Corps, Chicago, 111., to Area Service Command, Camp Forrest Tenn., March 15. LIEUTENANT COLONELS Fray, J. M., F. A., detailed a member General Staff Corps, Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga., March 15. Bradley, O. N., (Inf.), relieved from de tail General Staff Corps, Washing-ton, D. C., to staff and faculty, In-fantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga. Feb. 23. McCarthy, L. J., Inf, Hartford, Conn. to 43d Division, Camp Blanding, Fla., March 6, L., F. A. Stamford Conn.

Danforth, G. L., F. A., Stamford, Conn. to 43d Division, Camp Blencing, Fla. to 43d Division, Camp Biencing, Fia. March 6. Wells, W. H., Inf., relieved detail in Organized Reserves, Louisville, Ky. to office of Director, Bureau of Pub-lic Relations, Washington, D. C.; pre-views orders revoked. vious orders revoked.

At the same time Willis N. Coval, president of the Union Title day, is expressed in a report precompany, Indianapolis, agreed to pared by Dr. Frederick Stauss, a flat fee of \$50 as an abstract agriculture department economist, which correlates the confi-

size. Previous charges ranged up- dential and other information the government has been able to secure on the German situation. It was prepared primarily for infor-

> defense officials, and has not been given general circulation. The prospective shortages, the report said, are in meats, fats,

vitamins and minerals— foods which agents were employed described as necessary to mainhave been under investigation for tain the striking power of Hitler's several weeks, Littell said, indica- military forces and the efficiency of workers in his war industries. Deficiencies were said to be de veloping due to the British blockordnance plant site at Weldon ade, a decreasing domestic out-

put, and depletion of reserves built up before the war. "The fat situation is most criti cal." the report continued. "By Holland and Denmark no longer able to supply appreciable quan-

imports, will then be only about (French-Indo China and Thai- from the interior or other govern- half of pre-war-while present rawar quantities. "Deficiencies of vitamins and

minerals may not damage health immediately or visibly, but they tax the nervous system of workers, who already have to endure lack of proper clothing, insufficient heat, and all the nervous

strains that go, with war itself. The effects of malnutrition may be postponer, but workers' efficiency and staying power will de-

movements.

To their tens of thousands of fol lowers the communist leaders were understood to have sent the word y grapevine:

"Resist the German invasion by non-cooperation propaganda, but not by force!'

Students singing nationalistic soings paraded not only in front of

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Disclaim Any Active Assistance In Arranging Bulgarian-Turkish Pact

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 .- (Sunday)-P-A terse statement by Tass, official Soviet Russian news agency, today disclaimed any active assistance by the U.S.S.R. in arranging the recent Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression accord. The Tass statement said:

"The Swiss newspaper basler (Basle) Nachrichten published a report alleging that the recent agreement between Bulgaria and Turkey was concluded with the active assistance of the Soviet union. Tass is authorized to state that this report does not correspond to the facts."

The Bulgarian-Turkish accord, signed last Monday, has been regarded by some Balkan observers

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Reynolds Is Flayed For Stand Against Lend Bill

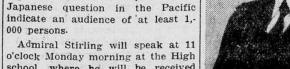
RALEIGH, Feb. 22 .- (P)-U. S. the junior senator by name, but Senator Robert R. Reynolds of he asked that Reynolds' name be Asi eville, who recently took a inserted in the house journal, tostand against the pending lease- gether with a statement declaring lend bill allowing aid to Britain, that Representative Withrow exwas denounced in the state house pressed "disapproval" of the of representatives today as a man junior senator's stand on the Britwho had brought disgrace to North ish aid bill.

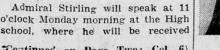
Withrow, after gaining the floor, In an unusual departure from said, "we have in Washington a legislative procedure, Representa- man whom I helped put there, and tive Grady Withrow of Rutherford I want to apologize for it." county rose on a "point of special "North Carolina," he continued, order" and flayed Reynolds in a "has been disgraced in the Amerimanner seldom heard on the floors can union during the last few days. . .I'd say that the man who

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ADMIRAL STIRLING





Admiral Yates Stirling, internationally known naval authority, and

former chief of staff of the United

States fleet, will speak on the sub-

ject, "The Challenge Across the Pa-

cific." at 8:15 o'clock Monday

Legion.

000 persons.

2:02a 2:51p

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of the general assembly. In his speech, delivered in an

