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## RAF Continues Broad Attacks Against Nazis

HOLLAND IS INCLUDED

Britain Also Preparing Invasion Troops for Challenge on Continent

HAMBURG IS RAIDED

Huge Fires Are Started in Series of Oil Storage Plants in Rotterdam

LONDON, March 14.—(AP)—The RAF's powerfully stepped-up bombing offensive spread a far pattern of violence in Germany and Holland last night and early today, and Britain disclosed that invasion troops of its own are being equipped against the day when the empire may challenge the Nazis on the European continent.

The hardest and ablest soldiers of the British and Allied armies are being assembled and especially trained for armored barges, each fitted out to carry 50 fighting men and protected by a shield of steel slitted with 18 portholes for guns, an observer said.

Details Secret  
The details of the training and equipment of these English channel shock troops cannot be published. Nevertheless it is permissible to report that they have extraordinary fire power and that in a recent test members of these units made a forced march of 20 miles and were able to charge a hill at the end of the maneuver.

All are trained to get along on from 24 to 48 hours without sleep and to live for days on minimum rations.

When and if this strange amphibian force goes into action will depend upon the job now being done by British pilots. For, it was stated, an effort to invest the continent must await the seizure by the British of technical and numerical superiority in the air—such a superiority, for example, as to permit the daylight bombing of Berlin without punishing losses.

In this aerial war the air ministry reported today that some of the most vital points in the Nazi war machine—Hamburg, the greatest German port, the shipbuilding center of Bremen, the German naval base at Emden—were hit in overnight attacks, along with vital oil

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## HOUSE APPROVES HUGE NAVAL BILL

Solons Warned of Possible Axis Attack Against the United States

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—A record-breaking \$3,446,585,144 naval appropriation bill was passed by the house today after the chamber had heard a warning that the United States would "certainly be attacked, sooner or later by the hungry Axis hordes of Europe and Asia, unless we powerfully arm ourselves."

Chairman Scrugham (D-Nev.) of the house naval appropriations subcommittee coupled the warning with a declaration that mass

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## WEATHER

FORECAST  
North Carolina: Fair, warmer Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness, rain in west and central portions, warmer.

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau, Wilmington, March 15, 1941)

Temperature  
1:30 a. m. 40; 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 65; 7:30 p. m. 47; maximum 61; minimum 34; mean 42; normal 53.

Humidity  
1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 34.

Precipitation  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches; since first of month 1.2 inches.

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

Wilmington  
High 11:25a 6:15p  
Low 11:51p 6:35p

Masonboro Inlet  
High 9:06a 3:03p  
Low 9:33a 3:21p

Sunrise 6:22a; sunset 6:20p; moonset 6:06p; moonrise 7:48a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on March 14, at 8 a. m., 11.30 feet.  
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## Marshall May Visit Here Soon

Expected to Include Davis in Present Tour of Fourth Corps Area

CALLS AT FORT BRAGG

Chief of Staff Inspects Fayetteville Post and Goes To Fort Jackson

Possibility that General George G. Marshall, Army chief of staff, may include Wilmington and Camp Davis in the itinerary of his military inspection trip of the Fourth Corps area was learned here last night from a source close to Davis staff headquarters.

Arrives At Fort Bragg  
General Marshall yesterday visited Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, and then flew on to Fort Jackson, at Columbia, S. C.

A source close to Camp Davis headquarters last night said there was "a good possibility" that the chief of staff will visit the new-building Coast Artillery anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge during his tour of the corps area.

There was no announcement from Fort Bragg as to General Marshall's plans beyond the official visit to Fort Jackson. He is traveling in an Army air transport, and was accompanied to Fort Bragg by a small staff.

VISITS FORT BRAGG  
FORT BRAGG, March 14.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, said after an inspection today that he was "tremendously impressed" with "what they have done" at Fort Bragg.

"The morale is remarkable and the building program is inspiring," he said.

Gen. Marshall left Washington by plane at 10:30 a. m. today, spent five hours here, and flew on to Fort Jackson, S. C.

GUARD MAY RETURN  
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 14.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, here to inspect Fort Jackson, indicated tonight that the 240,000 national guardsmen now in federal service would, under normal conditions, be returned to their homes at the end of one year of training.

General Marshall said at a press conference that the army's budget estimates for the next fiscal year "have been set up on the basis of the guardsmen's return home at the end of their one year of training."

He said, however, that the whole situation hinged on world conditions and that the turn of events in the future would finally decide the question of whether the national guard would remain in the federal service beyond the year limit.

Many Italian Planes Blast Greek Positions

ROME, March 14.—(AP)—Waves of Italian planes for six days and nights have bombed Greeks entrenched on 5,600-foot Mount Trebesines while land forces "slaughtered" attacking Greeks, Italian dispatches from the Albanian front near Tepeleni reported tonight.

The newspaper La Tribuna said the continuous bombing of Mount Trebesines had "notably diminished" Greek fire. The mountain, northeast of Tepeleni, was reported so dotted with anti-aircraft guns and other artillery that their firing filled the Viosa river canyon with blinding smoke.

Italian pilots attacking it ran a double risk, facing both anti-aircraft fire and the possibility of smashing blindly into the mountainside in the mists that shrouded it, the dispatch added.

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## May Visit Here



GENERAL MARSHALL

## ROOSEVELT WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Will Seek to Cement Public Support of Seven-Billion British Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt decided today to make a major radio address tomorrow night in an apparent move to cement public support for the \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend program and to help steel the British and other foes of the Axis against anything Hitler may launch in the way of a spring blitzkrieg.

He made the surprise announcement that the 30-minute address, dealing with defense and aid to nations battling aggressors, would be given at the annual dinner tendered him by the White House Correspondents' association. For 20 years, speeches have been taboo at these dinners, but Mr. Roosevelt asked newsmen's permission to make one on this occasion, and it was readily granted.

The speech, to begin at 9:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, will go out over the major broadcasting companies, and will be transmitted abroad in at least six languages.

Seated around the dinner tables with Mr. Roosevelt will be a large number of notables, including Wendell L. Willkie, Lord Halifax, the British ambassador; Secretary of State Hull, other cabinet members, members of congress and prominent newspapermen.

While the President was announcing his speaking plans at a press conference, a house appropriations sub-committee pressed ahead with hearings on the \$7,000,000,000 fund he has asked to implement the lease-lend law. Harold D. Smita, budget director, and William S. Knudsen, director of the office of production management, went before the committee in executive session.

Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), chairman of the sub-committee, was seeking to wind up the hearings swiftly, with a view to obtaining house action on the big fund by the middle of next week.

Income Tax Receipts To Break All Records

RALEIGH, March 14.—(AP)—With the deadline for filing income tax returns slated for tomorrow, state and federal revenue officers here announced today that this year's receipts would break all existing records.

The state revenue department reported returns of \$3,089,594.67 through Wednesday. Last year's receipts for the same period were \$3,055,815.16.

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## Drys' Bill Is Killed By House

Unable to Obtain Roll Call On Measure Calling for Liquor Vote

WARD SPRINGS TRAP

Lawmakers Clearing Decks For Expected Sine Die Adjournment Today

RALEIGH, March 14.—(AP)—An adjournment-bent legislature dealt a lethal blow to prohibition legislation today, as wet forces displayed the third in a series of adroit parliamentary maneuvers which has tied the hands of the drys.

The defeat of the prohibitionists was so complete that they could not even achieve the moral victory of obtaining a roll-call vote on their bone-dry bill calling for a state-wide liquor referendum.

The third, and lethal, parliamentary trap was sprung by Representative Ward of Craven. Representative Edwards of Swain, a dry leader, had moved that the house consider a minority favorable report on the prohibition bill. Such a motion requires approval of only one-fifth of the representatives, and Edwards' motion carried easily.

Anxious for Record  
Edwards next moved that the house vote on the bill. Since the measure had been unfavorably reported by the majority of finance committee, a two-thirds vote would have been necessary for the bill to have been passed and sent to the senate—but Edwards was anxious to place his colleagues on record.

Then Ward went into action. "Mr. Speaker," he said, "I move you, sir, that the motion to vote on the bill do lie upon the table."

There was an immediate vote on Ward's motion, which carried 68 to 22, on a standing vote. Thus Edwards' motion never came up for consideration, and as far as the official record is concerned, there was no floor vote on prohibition.

Other Maneuvers  
The two other parliamentary maneuvers made earlier in the session by the wets were these: 1—After the prohibition bill had gained a favorable report from the house committee on propositions and grievances, it was shunted to the finance committee. The finance committee, which was counting on liquor taxes to net \$5,000,000 during the biennium, could not have approved the measure without completely revamping the budget.

2—A rule was put into effect requiring that a two-thirds majority would be needed in the house to pass a bill which had been reported unfavorably. This move apparently anticipated the unfavorable

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## Measure To Expand City Limits Killed In Senate; Local Bill Efforts Fail

Hope To Stem Defense Strikes



Senator Rowe Puts Up Real Fight for Passage in Upper House But Loses

Wilmington's hopes of enlarging its city limit area—a project held vital to the substantial growth and prosperity of the community—were dashed in Raleigh yesterday as the state senate tabled the Vogler city limits expansion bill and successfully fought off a last-minute effort to revive the measure as a strictly local New Hanover county bill.

With only Senator Roy Rowe, of Pender county, fighting for its passage in the upper house, the bill lost its last opportunity to become law during the current session of the legislature when the senate voted almost unanimously to table the measure as it came up on yesterday's calendar for second reading.

Passed By House  
Previously, the bill had passed through house, re-written from its original form and steered by Jack Q. LeGrand, New Hanover county representative.

Should it have been enacted, the bill would have permitted cities and towns of more than 10,000 population to annex suburban residential areas by a majority vote of the combined vote of registered voters in the municipality and area proposed for annexation.

Local civic leaders envisaged the bill as the only means of bringing two or three large suburban districts adjacent to Wilmington into the city limits.

Though comparatively short-lived, the Vogler bill had a stormy, turbulent legislative career beginning the instant of its introduction in the house of representatives.

In its original form, the bill provided for the annexation of suburban areas by process of action on the part of governing bodies of cities or towns willing to afford such suburban areas the same municipal services offered within the city. Considerable opposition met the bill in that form, and Monday it was completely re-written by LeGrand and Pat Healy, secretary of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Placed On Calendar  
LeGrand maneuvered the measure through the house in two days, sending it to the senate Thursday afternoon. In the upper house the measure was placed on the calendar—tantamount to a first reading—and yesterday morning was called for second reading.

First senate opposition to be raised against the measure came from Senator Gene Brooks, of Durham, who criticized the bill's statewide nature. On the motion of Senator Funderburk, of Union county

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## MANY ARE KILLED IN SPANISH BLAST

More Than 500 Injured and 3,000 Left Homeless Following Explosion

SEVILLE, Spain, March 14.—(AP)—From 17 to 50 persons were killed, more than 500 injured and 3,000 left homeless today by a gigantic explosion which destroyed the Santa Barbara Powder warehouse wrecked an entire suburb and blasted out doors and windows even in the center of this ancient city.

The Spanish Cifra news agency and private reports agreed that 50 were dead, but a government statement issued tonight at Madrid said this

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## Camp Davis Construction Is 60 Per Cent Complete

That Camp Davis, the Coast Artillery corps' \$13,000,000 anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge, is approximately 60 per cent complete was indicated yesterday in statistics of the weekly construction progress report compiled by the contractors for the War department.

The report is based on a revised working schedule calling for completion of the project by mid-April. Certain phases of the construction are well ahead of schedule, while other portions of the camp are still slightly behind the new schedule, according to contractor sources. As a whole, however, the report to the War department is expected to show that construction progress is slightly ahead of schedule.

As of yesterday afternoon—payday—there was 13,500 men employed by the contractors. This

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# Check Your Eligibility Today To Vote On City Manager Plan Question