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GENERAL MARSHALL

Will Seek to Cement Pub-

lic Support of Seven-Bil-

lion British Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, March 14.-(A)-

move to cement public support for

the \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend pro-

He made the surprise announce-

ment that the 30-minute address,

dealing with defense and aid to

be given at the annual dinner ten-

dered him by the White House Cor-

Seated around the dinner tables

dell L. Willkie, Lord Halifax, the

British ambassador; Secretary of

members of congress and promin-

While the President was announc-

ing 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. Smitn,

budget director, and William S.

Knudsen, director of the office of

production management, went be-

fore the committee in executive

Rep. Woodrum (D.-Va.), chair-

man of the sub-committee, was

seeking to wind up the hearings

house action on the big fund by

RALEIGH, March 14 .- (A)-With

the deadline for filing income tax

The state revenue department

through Wednesday. Last year's

sequences for hard - fighting

Turkey, an ally of Britain, ap-

parently was waiting for Yugo-

slavia's answer before determin-

ing just what action to take in

event of a German attack on

Should Yugoslavia decide to re-

sist the Axis demands, it was con-

sidered possible here that Turkey

Greece fight off a German attack

might move immediately to help

Among other subjects, President

Greece, already a lease-lend bene-

ficiary.

Greece.

dent's comment was mainly in its Roosevelt discussed the European

timing. Yugoslav leaders faced food situation at his press confer-

with German demands, were still ence today. He indicated the gov-

the middle of next week.

Income Tax Receipts

ent newspapermen.

way of a spring blitzkrieg.

SPEAK TONIGHT

ROOSEVELT WILL

Local Bill Efforts Fail

Carolina

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-(A)- 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 hardiest 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 stee 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 or from 24 to 48 hours without sleep and to live for days on minimum

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 minis try reported today that some of the 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 ob-

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HOUSE APPROVES HUGE NAVAL BILI

Solons Warned of Possible Axis Attack Against the United States

WASHINGTON, March 14-(P)-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 mas-

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair, warmer Saturday, Sunday increasing cloudiness, rain
in west and central portions, warmer. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. (By U. S. Weather Bureau, Wilmington, March 15, 1941)

1:30 a. m. 40; 7:30 a. m. 34; 1:30 p.m. 48; 7:30 p. m. 47; maximum 51; minimum 34; mean 42; normal 53.

Humidity 34; 7:30 p. m. 34; 7:30 p.m. 34.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30
p. m. 0.00 inches; since first of month
1.73 inches.

(From Tides for Today
Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High
Wilmlagton
11:23a
6:3

scription for countries which he called A B C D, Mr. Roosevelt struggling for a solution short of ernment would act slowly in seekdeclared that any nations which the complete capitulation won ing further British concessions on are not now resisting aggression from neighboring Bulgaria and Ru- the question of food supplies for

Germans Say Glasgow, Other British Cities

Damaged During Raids BERLIN, March 14- (P) -Germany declared tonight her airforce had wrought havoc in Glasgew, Scotland, source of British war materials ranging from food and textiles to ships and shells, and acknowledged at least 76 deaths since Wed-

nesday from British counterblows at Hamburg and Berlin. A full moon assault lasting hours, the high command reported, left in a "sea of flames" the world famous shipyards along the Clyde, a powerhouse, grain and other food storehouses, gas works and iron

In addition to the blows struck at this foodstore and arsenal of Britain, which the Germans say was considered an "industrial air raid shelter" by the English, the Luftwaffe fanned out for like attacks on Hull, northeast English port, and Liverpool, scene of a devasting attack the previous

NORTHERN BRITISH CITY IS ATTACKED

Showered With Incendiaries During Raids Over England, Scotland

LONDON, March 15 .- (Saturday) (P)-A northeastern British city had its first heavy air attack of the war tonight when it was showered with incendiaries during German raids over England and Scotland.

A newspaper office was among the buidlings in the center of the town struck by the fire bombs. Blazes which started were reported to be brought quickly under control.

(The unidentified town could have been Edinburgh, Scotland, or New- training. most vital points in the Nazi war castle, England, northeastern cities which have been attacked previously

but not heavily.) Clusters of fire bombs also were dropped on London during the night. and raids of varying intensity were reported from a northeast coastal town, the west midlands, southwest Scotland and England and the Channel coast.

The attack was said to have grown worse on the southwest town as the

Those incendiaries which fell in the streets of London were doused by fire watchers with the practiced ease of a man stepping on a match. Other bombs put rooftons in flames, but they too were soon extinguished.

But it was not until after 3 a, m. (9 p. m., E.S.T. Friday) that the all clear sounded.

By midnight, two German raider had been reported shot down Friday night-one into the sea off the east coast and another in the west

The British claimed for the defense of Thursday night a record score of 13 Nazi raiders-including one destroyed by an unexplained

method of defense. The British admitted, however, that the Luftwaffe at last had dealt

damaging blows Thursday night to the shipbuilding center of Glasgow, and tonight the RAF was called

complete Axis domination and Tur-

President Roosevelt held out a

under the lease-lend act today to

any wavering nations that decide

In emphasizing that aid could

China, the President did not speci-

fy any by name but his comment

was in response to press confer-

ence questions on the possibility

of help for Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Using only an alphabetical de-

to resist aggression.

F. R. Promises Help To Any Nations

As Yugoslavia strove to escape the new legislation.

WASHINGTON, March 14.-(R)- | would come under the terms of |

key maintained a waiting policy, President to help "any country"

tacit promise of American help the defense of the United States."

than Great Britain, Greece and gress on the ground that such

Marshall May Visit Here May Visit Here Soc San

Expected to Include Davis in Present Tour 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 rea 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,

A source close to Camp Davis headquarters last night said there was "a good possibility" that the chief of staff will visit the now-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 ac-companied to Fort Bragg by a small

VISITS FORT BRAGG

FORT BRAGG, March 14.-(P)-Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, said after an inspecion today that he was "tremendously impressed" with "what they have lone" at Fort Bragg.

"The morale is remarkable and the building program is inspiring,"

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.—(P) to make one on this columbia, S. C., March 14.—(P) it was readily granted. 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

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 He said, however, that the whole situation hinged on world conditions

end of their one year of training." and that the turn of events in the future would finally decide the quesion 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 In a short while, London was quiet nights have bombed Greeks entrenched on 5,600-foot Mount Trebescines while land forces "slaughtered" attacking Greeks, Italian dispatches from the Albanian front

near Tepeleni reported tonight. The newspaper La Tribuna sand the continuous bombing of Mount Trebescines had 'notably diminished" Greek fire. The mountain, northeast of Tepeleni, was reported so dotted with anti-air- returns slated for tomorrow, state craft guns and other artillery that and federal revenue officers here their firing filled the Viosa river canyon with blinding smoke.

Italian pilots attacking it ran double risk, facing both antiaircraft fire and the possibility of smashing blindly into the mountainside in the mists that shroud-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) ed it, the dispatch added.

That Decide To Resist Aggression

The act itself authorized the

Efforts to limit the aid under

the bill to Britain, Greece and

China were successfully opposed

by administration leaders in con-

er countries from resisting Axis

The significance of the Presi-

whose defense he "deems vital to

Drys' Bill Measure To Expand City Is Killed Limits Killed In Senate; 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.—(P)—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

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

state-wide liquor referendum. The third, and lethal, parliamentary trap was sprung by Representative Ward of Craven. Repreentative 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 President Roosevelt decided today one-fifth of the representatives, to make a major radio address and Edwards' motion carried eas

tomorrow night in an apparent ily. Anxious for Record

Edwards next moved that the house vote on the bill. Since the gram and to help steel the British measure had been unfavorably reand other foes of the Axis against ported by the majority of finance anything Hitler may launch in the 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 nations battling aggressors, would

Then Ward went into action. "Mr. Speaker," he said. "I move respondents association. For 20 you, sir, that the motion to vote

at these dinners, but Mr. Roose-There was an immediate vote velt asked newsmen's permission on Ward's motion, which carried to make one on this occasion, and 68 to 22, on a standing vote. Thus Edwards' motion never came up The speech, to begin at 9:30 p. for consideration, and as far as m., Eastern Standard Time, will the official record is concerned, go out over the major broadcasting there was no floor vote on procompanies, and will be transmitted hibition. abroad in at least six languages.

Other Maneuvers

The two other parliamentary with Mr. Roosevelt will be a large session by the wets were these: 1-After the prohibition bill had gained a favorable report from the State Hull, other cabinet members, house committee on propositions and grievances, it was shunted to the finance committe. The finance committee, which was counting on shame. liquor taxes to net \$5,000,000 during the biennium, could not have approved the measure without ported.

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 appar- tion supported by numerous bomber ently anticipated the unfavorable

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BRITISH MOVING swiftly, with a view to obtaining ON ADDIS ABABA

To Break All Records Have 20,000 Italians and urday. Natives on Run North-

west of the Capital

announced today that this year's CAIRO, Egypt, March 14-(AP)receipts would break all existing The British announced tonight they had 20,000 Italians and natives "on the run" northwest of Addis Abareported returns of \$3,089,594.67 ba and were advancing on two other sides of the Ethiopian capi-

The Italian garrisons were said to be abandoning town after town in western Ethiopia.

In wild Gojjam province Ethiopian "patriots" led by British regulars were said in a communique to be at the gates of Debra Markos, 140 miles northwest of Addis Ababa, after a harrying pursuit from Burye.

To the west, the British announced the re-occupation of Asosa near the Sudan border, and a continuing advance along the Mendi

Mendi is about 50 miles east of Asosa and 240 miles west of Addis Ababa. To the south, other Ethiopians

were advancing on Neghelli after occupying Yavello, 100 miles inside the border from Kenya.

South and west Africans, after occupying Italian Somaliland to the east, were aiding in this advance from the direction of Dolo. report to the War department is One column from Somaliland already had reached Daghabur, only progress is slightly ahead of sche-

100 miles south of Jigjiga. The British previously had reported the occupation of Asosa

Hope To Stem Defense Strikes

With 29 strikes already under way in defense industries and more brewing, Washington is seeking a means to settle such disputes quickly. OPM director William S. Knudsen, left, Secretary of Labor Frances Per-kins, and OPM director Sidney Hillman are shown at the White House, where they made joint recommendation for establishmediation board. — (NEA Telephoto)

Greeks Claim Duce Must Return Home 'In Shame'

years, speeches have been taboo on the bill do lie upon the table." FASCISTS ARE HALTED

Athens' Soldiers Not Only Beat Back Attacks But Make 'Local Gains'

ATHENS March 14 .- (AP)-The ian offensive had cut up five fascist divisions in the last few days and that Benito Mussolini, who allegedly ordered the drive, must go back to Rome from Albania "covered with

Today, as before, the fascists got nowhere, the Greek command re-

"The enemy," said the nightly com munique, "again launched repeated and violent attacks on the same front after strong artillery prepara and fighter aircraft.

"He registered no success what ever despite considerable losses suffered. As a result of a counter-at tack we took some prisoners."

For several days the Greek dis patches from the front, based on reported disclosures by Italian prisoners, have said that Il Duce was at the battlefront, exhorting his men to deliver a decisive victory by Sat-

after inflicting great losses on their this ancient city.

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Railway Strike Vote Counting Delay Asked

WASHINGTON, March 14-(AP)-Railway labor organizations were requested by the national mediation board today to postpone counting of strike ballots-scheduled to begin tomorrow-and to submit to mediation the dispute between the carriers and employes over vacations with pay and in some cases wages.

Both sides were asked to confer separately with the board on March 19 in Wash-

ington. Approximately 750,000 employes are involved.

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 explo-It was claimed here tonight, how- sion which destroyed the Santa Barever, that the Greeks not only have bara Powder warehouse wrecked an beaten back the Italian attacks but entire suburb and blasted out doors also made "local gains" themselves and windows even in the center of

The Spanish Cifra news agency and private reports agreed that 50 were that the fighting had made any sig-dead, but a government statement nificant change in the warfront, and issued tonight at Madrid said this

CampDavisConstruction Is 60 Per Cent Complete

craft 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 de-

The report is based on a revised working schedule calling for com- 000 men in clerical, time-keeping pletion 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 lems construction was slowed sources. As a whole, however, the down. expected to show that construction

As of yesterday afternoon-payday-there was 13,500 men em-

That Camp Davis, the Coast Ar- | figure, it was said, will be maintillery corps' \$13,000,000 anti-air- tained for at least three more weeks before a sharp decline in putes in defense industries. employment will be noted.

there were approximately 10,500 men engaged in building, 2,000 in road building and construction of the sewage disposal plant, and 1,and administrative duties.

Originally, Camp Davis was sche duled for completion and occupancy by mid-March, but due to weather conditions and other prob-

Two weeks ago the War Department extended, on recommendation of the Quartermaster's construction division, the completion time limit. When completed, the camp will be occupied by six antiVOGLER BILL TABLED

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

FUNDERBURK OBJECTS

Several Southeastern North Carolina Bills Acted Upon in Legislature

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 yeserday 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

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

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 shortlived, 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 meas-

ure 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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MEDIATION BOARD OPPOSED BY CIO

Green Backs Plan at White House Parley WASHINGTON, March 14.-(P)-

Action Taken After William

The CIO came out tonight in opposition to the proposal by administration labor and defense production chiefs for an 11-member federal board to mediate labor dis-

After William Green, president of the AFL, had backed the plan Of the total payroll yesterday, at a White House conference, Philip Murray, president of the CIO. made public a memorandum to President Roosevelt which said the proposal was "wholly unrealistic, will not further the program of national defense, and will operate to

the complete detriment of labor.' Murray conferred recently with Mr. Roosevelt, but has not seen the chief executive since the mediation board proposal was formally advanced yesterday by Secretary Perkins, William S. Knudsen, di rector of defense production, and Sidney Hillman, associate director. At a press conference today, Mr. Roosevelt said he might make a

decision on this proposal some 5 (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Check Your Eligibility Today To Vote On City Manager Plan Question