NavyFund Is Passed By Senate

\$3,446,990,644 Appripriation Largest in U. S. Peace-Time History

PLAN NEW WARSHIPS

Solons Who Fought Purchases of South American Beef Score Win

WASHINGTON, March 20 .- (A) A \$3,446.990,644 naval appropriation, the largest in United States peace-time history, was passed by the senate today, while on the house gide of the capitol informed legislators reported that the Navy was planning to build five 60,000 to 65,000-ton battleships, biggest warcraft ever to sail the seas. The naval bill, carrying funds to operate the Navy establishment in the next fiscal year and to proceed with the building of the twoocean navy, now goes back to the house for action on senate amend-

Plan New Ships

Included in the measure are: \$1.515,000,000 for new ships, including six battle cruisers of 20,-

Before the bill passed legislators who have fought U. S. purchases of Latin-American canned beef won a victory. As the bill passed the house, it contained a in effect several years.

The senate appropriations committee recommended that the provision be deleted but, on a 32 to Concerning the five super-dreadnaughts, Rep. Maas (R.-Minn.), senior minority member of the house naval committee, said he understood that when fully armed and armored they would displace

Nation's Chief Expects To Spend Week or 10 Days In Southern Waters

larch 20.—(P)—President Roose- letter states.

He boarded the Potomac at dusk, in which traffic will be diverted of Valona and Durazzo on three but officers kept her tied to Port through the St. Lawrence-Great successive nights, March 15, 16 Everglades docks because of Lakes route. threatening weather outside the

Florida East coast. Mr. Roosevelt expected to spend wo favorite forms of recreation— and Reynolds follows: ntended to go, perhaps among the Mexico, remained a secret.

Eacht were attorney General Jackon, Secretary Ickes, Harry L. opkins, former secretary of commerce, two presidential secretar-

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WEATHER

Carolina: Cloudy with rain, colder in interior Friday; Sat-

By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
finding 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)
Temperature
1:30 a. m. 42; 7:30 a. m. 42; 1.20 p.
m. (9: 7:30 p. m. 58, Maximum 70; minimum 40; mean 55; normal 54.
Humility

1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 19; 7:30 p. m. 42. Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 40.

tal since the first of the month 1.82

Total since the Inc.

Tides For Today

(From Tide Tables published by U. S.

Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

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March 20, at 8 a. m., 11.10 feet.

'British Bombers Were Active Last Night...'



This unusual picture shows British bombers over Nazi-held Dutch coast amid glare of searchlights. They're on way to blast military targets on continent.

Port-Traffic Body Raps St. Lawrence Canal Pact

VOICES OPPOSITION Hiers Named Official

one to 25,000 tons and \$350,372,000 Claims Project Will Divert Traffic from Atlantic And Gulf Ports

The Wilmington Port-Traffic asprovision prohibiting the use of sociation has urged three members of the funds to buy foreign of the North Carolina delegation foodstuffs except those which can- in Congress to oppose the Great not be procured domestically "in Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway sufficient quantities as and when treaty on the grounds that the proeeded." Such a provision has been ject will divert traffic from ports along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, H. E. Boyd, traffic manager, said

The association has written let-32 tie vote, the senate failed o uphold this recommendation, and Clark, Senators Josiah W. Bailey. the clause remained in the bill and Robert R. Reynolds, urging that they express opposition to the project for a vareity of reasons,

Agreement Signed

The United States and Canada Wednesday signed an agreement 65,000 tons. Maas believed the con- to startt the gigantic St. Lawrence seaway and power project Aton-

YACHT FOR CRUISE plan envisions a giant engineering project in the international rapids It would rival the Panama canal

in magnitude.

relt vacationed tonight to find tem- The association contends that wrought. orary escape from the weighty these American ports will need He boarded the Potomac at dusk, in which traffic will be diverted

The project, Boyd said, will result in adding a burden on every With his fishing gear oiled and taxpayer in the United States, serifall from this port on the lower Canada, and destroy commerce cluded one cruiser or a large de-

through American ports. The association's letter to Conweek or 10 days combining his gressman Clark, Senators Bailey,

mended to go, perhaps among the Bahamas, perhaps into the Gulf of St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty, inforce her overseas armies: quired to first secure removal certificate from the registrar of the which had been before the Senate Crowded into quarters of the Foreign Relations Committee on March 28, 1933.

H.R. 1776, the so-called "Lease- "completely destroyed;" and another Lend Bill," that there is a possibility from the authority granted in stroyed, status of the fifth ship, a person for registration." said bill that the Great Lakes-St. transport, uncertain. Lawrence Waterway proposed ca-

Of Shippers' Board

BILOXI, Miss., March 20-(P) The Southeastern Shippers' advisory board in a resolution opposing the proposed St. Lawrence waterways project said "transportation arteries and commerce of the south would suffer from such a

change in trade routes." The resolution, adopted at the annual session here, said completion of the proposed waterway would not come in time for national defense services.

Otis H. Weaver of Griffin, Ga. was elected chairman of the board and J. H. Schroeder of Birmingham was renamed vice chairman. J. T. Hiers, Wilmington, N. C., was elected general secretary.

Hit Five Transports, Supply Ships

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 20 "This waterway will divert from 10,000,000 to 25,000,000 tons of sea have ripped new holes in Itports annually, which will reflect fleets, the admiralty announced to-

The latest exploit disclosed was only will receive benefit from four and a half months, being the period and a half months, being the period destruction in the Albanian Ports on three and a half months, being the period destruction in the Albanian Ports on three areas as used by destruction in the Albanian Ports on three areas as used by destruction in the Albanian Ports on three areas as used by destruction in the Albanian Ports on three areas as used by destruction in the Albanian Ports of the county board of elections.

The traditional "guinea-a-word" half a dozen other devotees of ously decrease rail tonnage, and the attacks as "extremely successthe art of angling along, the Presi-cargoes of U. S. merchant marine ful," adding almost as an afterdent was ready to sail at night- carriers, prove beneficial only to thought that "the ships sunk in-

stroyer.' The rest of the recent toll was credited to a trio of British sub- cinct for a period of four (4) "This Association by resolution had tropedoed five heavy-laden Ital- in the ward or precinct to which shing and cruising. But where he adopted April 27, 1933, went on ian transports and suuply ships such person has moved, and is re-

> The submarines' score: Two supply ships definitely sunk; new ward. a crowded troop transport exploded

Provisions Made for Election of Councilmen If Plan D Is Approved

Dual notices of municipal primary and regular elections for Wilmington were issued yesterday by the city board of commissioners and the city board of elections at a joint meeting.

election of three city commissioners and the other calling for the furiously," said another. election of five councilmen-were necessary because of the March 31 special vote at which time the city will decide on the council-manager

form of government. Shoud the counci-manager sysem-pan D-be adopted on March one huge fire was reported to have 31 by a majority vote, the primary been set off. on Monday, April 21, according to

candidates for the offices of mayor (commissioner of public safety), don, came back today to make details, and no explanation as to ROOSEVELT BOARDS Subject to approval by the United States congress and Canadian parliament, the revived 15-year-old States congress and Canadian parliament, the Irrespective of the outcome of

plan D, the regular election will man dive-bomber was shot down port provided trimmings for a high be held on Tuesday, May 6. The notices prepared for required public advertisement by the board of commissioners and city election board yesterday, carry the pro-

vision that should the voters reject freight from American to Canadian aly's battle, transport and supply Plan D, the official call for the councilmanic primary and election serious harm to the North Atlantic, night, with three vessels definite-will become null and void. Should South Atlantic, Wilmington, N. C., ly sunk, two others placed in the the council - manager system be PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., and Gulf ports," the association's "almost certain" category, and adopted, the call for the commisbecomes null and void. Both notices call attention to the ceived a direct hit.

roblems of his office, but he post- terminal facilities for handling car- that of the torpedo-carrying Brit- fact that the wards, precincts and poned until tomorrow a sea voyage goes the year round, while they ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and ish Swordfish planes, which launch-polling places for the primary and the

The notices also state: their places of residence are eligi- night. ble to vote in the primary and son having moved from one ward assault on London. or precinct to another and having resided in another ward or pre- est yet heard in the city. marines which the admiralty said months will be required to register old ward to the registrar of the

"Residence in the state of North "It is very apparent under Bill and considered certain to have been Carolina for one (1) year and in a ward or precinct for four (4)

The official registration books The attacks were conducted by will be opened at 9 a.m. on Saturnal can be carried out and pro- three submarines, the Triumph, Ut- day, March 29, and closed at sun-

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Bombers Strike at Important Objectives in Cologne and Lorient

LONDON IS ATTACKED

Heavy Casualties Feared In German Raid on Southwest English Town

LONDON, March 20 .- (R)-RAF bombers struck at the Germans with fiery overnight raids on Cologne, the Nazi U-boat base at Lorient, France, and airdromes in Belgium and the Netherlands, the air ministry announced today, even while London was undergoing its

neaviest aerial assault of 1941. Factories and oil tanks strung out along the east bank of the Rhine were set ablaze, the ministry declared, munitions stores were blown sky high and communications were crippled in this latest

attack on much-bombed Cologne Great Destruction

Participating pilots said their 'short but very sharp' attack within a single hour, between 9 and 10 p.m., caused as much destruction as any of the previous longer raids.

"Great factories were ablaze from end to end," was the way one pilot put it.

"Bombs planted beside a railroad junction and near the Hohenzollern bridge spanning the Rhine started "two long fires which ran The double notices-one ordering across a wide area of industrial quarters and continued to blaze the first shipload of United States

Columns of black smoke were reported to have billowed up from

an oil plant. Coastal command planes smashed at docks at Lorient, where

Attack Airdromes the notices issued yesterday, will Still other RAF units raided air-be to nominate candidates for the dromes in the low countries where Still other RAF units raided airlive offices of city councilmen. German aircraft were taking off, On the other hand, should Plan D and at a Dutch base shattering exbe defeated on March 31, the pri- plosions were said to have been mary on Tuesday, April 22, will followed by countless smaller ones. be for the purpose of nominating The Luftwaffe, following up the

> The admiralty reported a Gerin an attack on a naval drifter and command communique crediting a yacht, carrying away the mizzen

> into the sea. There was a brief, uneventful daylight alarm in the capital as que, got 59,500 tons, including what the homeless trekked from bomb was termed a whaling mother-ship

blocks of dwellings were levelled of a strongly protected convoy, and

RAID SOUTHWEST TOWN LONDON, March 21.-(Friday)

early today in a Southwest coast "All persons previously lawfully town where Nazi bombers loosed registered upon the general elec- showers of explosive and incendition books for Wilmington town- ary bombs at 2-minute intervals in- ish merchant ships totaling more opening of the sales campaign on admiralty laconically described ship and who have not changed a saxage attack that began last

out further registration. Any per- lowed the previous night's heavy

Arti-aircraft fire was the heavi-

Great flares of the "chandelier type lit the skies at intervals but reports from the city said ground defenders shot them down rapidly. Reports from the town said practically its whole population went the present heavy raids on Britain down to the shelters and remained as a preparatory phase of Nazi mili there throughout the attack. 5 tary action.

N. Y. BUS STRIKE **NEAR SETTLEMEN**

Walkout Passes Into Hands Of Arbitrators; Service To be Resumed Soon

NEW YORK, Mmarch 20.-(P)-With only one union demand still at issue. Manhattan's 11-day-old

Union and company spokesmer announced in separate statements that service would be resumed Saturday morning.

fleet visits to Sydney and Auckland has been less extravagant than President Roosevelt has declared a three-man fact-finding board which swung into action shortly States in a war in the Pacific after noon today and met almost continuously until 8:30 p.m. with Diplomats here said there was representatives of the Transport Granville, Ohio, and Nelson Lee the 1940 transportation act, reno reason to expect anything favor- Workers union (CIO), the Fifth Smith, 42, of Hopkinton, N. H.

RAFRaids Yugoslav Body Approves Nazi Sub, Passive Pact With Axis; Air Bases Internal Trouble Feared

IL DUCE'S COUSIN TAKEN BY GREEKS Alliance Endorsed by Coun-

ATHENS, March 21.—(Friday) -(AP)-The capture of a cousin of Premier Mussolini and the repulse of two strong Italian attacks supported by tanks were reported early today by the of-

ficial government spokesman. The spokesman also said there was no confirmation of foreign reports that the Greeks had captured Tepeleni. Albanian town which the Greeks have besieged since early January.

"Among the many Italian officers captured during the recent operations was a cousin of Premier Mussolini, Lieut.-Col. Tuveri Ciglio, commanding of-ficer of the 53rd battalion of the 26th legion of blackshirts," the spokesman declared. For the second time within a

few hours the Greeks reported annihilation of an entire Italian The high command in its Wednesday night communique

said a company was destroyed by a cross fire of automatic arms and artillery. The official spokesman in his account of yesterday's fighting reported that a company 150

strong was thrown against Greek fire and was quickly blasted. "About 100 dead were found in front of our lines. The rest were wounded," he declared.

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Axis Says First British Aid Ship Sent To Bottom

Berlin Says 66.500 Tons Of British Ships Sunk In Unspecified Period

BERLIN, March 20 .- (A)-A big newspaper banner-line told Germans today of an Axis report that armaments to start for England since passage of the British aid bill had been sunk.

The newspaper Nacht Ausgabe, crediting the report to Rome, commended:

That which was expected by all clear-minded men has already happened. Herewith the American people finally understand the real meaning of the lease-lend law.'

Rumored In Gibraltar The report, as broadcast by the Rome radio, said it was rumore in Gibraltar that the first British aid cargo had gone down before

For the German press, the remast of the drifter in its plunge 66,500 tons of British shipping space sunk within an unspecified period. Submarines, said the communi-

of more than 20,000 tons. This all severely. Another convoy, the communi-

scouting planes, a ship of some -(P)-Heavy casualties were feared 7,000 tons sunk and two other ships totaling 10,000 tons damaged. Still later reports from a long-

range bomber base said four Britthan 18,000 tons probably were all May 1. Morgenthau, however, dedestroyed when the raiders clined to say what his goal was. It was believed to be the city's swooped on a convoy yesterday regular municipal elections with- severest raid of the war and fol- about 190 miles west of Ireland. 5

Air Raids on Britain Seen as Preparatory Phase of Nazi Action

BERLIN, March 20 .- (AP) -Ger man commentators tonight described

What now is going on in the air over England, they asserted, may be evaluated by a study of what German military strategy did in Poland, Norway and France.

Previously, it was stated, the air land and sea units for a decision. fense jobs.

PAPERS SPREAD STORY Russia Returns Battle Banners to Hungary

MOSCOW, March 20.-(AP)-The Soviet Union in a solemn military ceremony today restored to Hungary the battle banners captured from her in 1848 by Russian troops under Czar Nicholas I who aided Austria to suppress a Hungarian uprising.

Gen. I. V. Tyuleneff, commander of the Moscow military district, handed the century-old flags to Hungarian Minister Joseph De Kristoffy in the Red army's central house in the presence of an honor guard and a military band that played the National Anthems of the two

countries. "I hope this act will serve to strengthen good-neighborly relations between Hungary and the U. S. S. R.," the general said. Kristoffy thanked him

for the "generous gift."

Sold to Finance Big Part Of Defense Program

WASHINGTON, March 20-(P)-In one workers' district whole was said to have been picked out Secretary Morgenthau announced today that four new types of treasundetailed additional damage sioners' primary and election also and a large number of dead were other merchantmen of 21,000 tons ury securities, ranging in denominations of the securities of t removed from a shelter which re- were said to have been damaged nation from 10 cents to \$10,000, would be sold to children, the manin-the-street and bankers to finance que went on, was attacked by a large part of the defense pro-

Some officials have indicated hope being between \$3,000,000,000 a new foreign policy in order to and \$4,500,000,000 worth of them in maintain her independence and the first 14 months after the official prevent her from being involved

Since the treasury probably will have to borrow more than \$10,000,-000,000 in the next year, however, the treasury will supplement these sales with regular subscription sales of the usual treasury securi-

Morgenthau hopes the securities announced today will be bought by the general public in a savings campaign. Some economists believe such a campaign may ward

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SIGN AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, March 20. - (A) tractors of America and the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and force always has prepared the way Paperhangers (AFL) signed a nafor ground and naval forces; to tional labor agreement today pro-"soften" the opponent before using hibiting strikes and lockouts on de-

Board Is Named To Study **Transportation Systems**

A three-man board headed by at the capitol for the President. Wayne Coy, 37, of Delphi, Ind., Smith, an economist and native kok and the region bordering British was nominated by President Roos- of Baltimore, is now chairman of Malaya, where Australian reinforceevelt today to study and report on the public service commission of the adequacy of existing rail, wa- New Hampshire. A republican, he British naval base of Singapore itter, and truck systems to carry has been vice president of the Na-self arrived recently. the nation's ever-expanding com-tional Association of Railway and

Coy, a democrat and assistant whith, 42, of Hopkinton, N. H. quires that it make a preliminary report by May 1. house member and served a brief

Utilities Commissioners since 1937.

MINISTERS OBJECT

cil Is Expected to Be Signed Soon

RESIGNATIONS LOOM

Agreement Believed to Involve Offer of Semi-Army Help to Axis

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 21.—(Friday). —(P)— Violent objections by cabinet members who predicted serious internal disorder were reliably reported early today to have arisen from the Yugoslav crown council's approval of a program described as a passive but effective alliance with the German

Such an alliance, which would clear the way for Germany to attack Greece as soon as signatures are affixed in Vienna or Berlin possibly next week, was approved by the council late last night.

No Discussion The cabinet and military chiefs were asked to initial the scheme without discussion, but three ministers were asserted to have raised

vigorous objections. Their resignations were consid-

ered likely. Political quarters pointed out that the regent, Prince Paul, then would be free to find a cabinet which would approve a German alliance, but they agreed that such action might well bring to a blaze the smouldering passions in this

oro-British country. Such a reaction was predicted

particularly among the peasant The three objecting cabinet ministers were Dr. Srdjan Budisavievic, minister of social welfare: Dr. Branko Cubrilovic, minister of agriculture and leader of the Serb peasant party; and Prof. Mihajlo

Konstantinovic, minister of jus-

May Quit Now Friends of Cubrilovic said he probably would resign immediately in protest against the council's decision, and associates of Milan Gavrilovic, first Yugoslav miniter to Soviet Russia, said a few day ago he had threatened to quit his submarines and the luftwaffe with Four New Types Will Be post and not return to the country if an Axis agreement was signed. Seemingly confirming that Yugo-

> minister declared when the meeting broke up after midnight: "Because of Yugoslavia's delicate foreign situation, it is necessary that her position of strict neutrality should be modified in some way so that she should become more closely connected with the Axis. Because she is surrounded on all sides by Axis troops, it is necessary for Yugoslavia to form

slavia would sign with the Axis

probably next week, one cabinet

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JAPAN MAY SEND TROOPS TO SIAM

Concern Arises Over Prospect of Continued Peace In Indo-China Area

SAIGON, French Indo . China, March 20 .- (AP)-Rumors spread today that the Japanese are planning to send 100,000 troops from Hainan Island across middle Indo-China into Thailand (Siam), and concern accordingly arose as to the prospect of

continued peace in this region. This story found no official confirmation, but it was accepted by a good many observers as plausible. ernment might well allow the movement was to pay off Japan for the recent Tokyo-dictated border settle-

Thailand important territorial gains. WASHINGTON. March 20.-(P)- interior while doing liaison work had alternative motives in mind:

> To send these forces northeast to ernment, from the military supplies

Burma road. An attack on China necessarily would involve transit over the Brit-

90nboro Inlet _____ 2:36a 2:56p 91nrise 6:14a, Sunset 6:24p. 2:11a, Moonset 12:55p.

American Naval Movements In Pacific Seen As Caution Signal To Japanese By J. C. STARK WASHINGTON, March 20.—'A" statements that it would produce commitments from Matsuoka to at issue, Manhattan's 11-day-old bus strike—which has discommodicated answer to the passage create a "diversion" in the Pacific bus strike—which has discommodicated answer to the passage of the passage o | statements that it would produce | commitments from Matsuoka to United States naval movements in of the lease-lend bill and President that would force the United States ed 900,000 passengers a day-

Australian and New Zealand wa- Roosevelt's declaration of all-out to curtail aid to Britain but that passed into the hands of an arbiters appeared tonight to be de- aid for Great Britain and other Japan was unable to see how Ger- trator tonight. signed as a caution signal to Japan nations resisting the Axis. in connection with forthcoming Informed diplomatic observers in the event of a clash in the Far here noted, however, that Japa- East. Axis talks in Berlin. Official emphasis was placed on the "good will" character of the be achieved by Matsuoka's trip might be for such an emergency.

Whatever Anglo-American plans The agreement came 24 hours might be for such an emergency.

but the unusual presence of 13 that emanating from Berlin and 8:47a American warships in the South Rome. Pacific coincided significantly with From this, the conclusion was the journey of Yosuke Matsuoka, drawn in some quarters that Japan Japanese foreign minister, to Ger- saw less to gain from the meeting than did Germany and Italy. His trip by way of Moscow has By this reasoning, it was be-

many could provide any assistance

that involvement of the United would not affect aid to Britain.

able to the British side from the Avenue Coach company and the been accompanied by Axis press lieved that Germany hoped to get | (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) | period as undersecretary of the (Continued on Page Twelve; Col. 7) ish territory of Burma.

The nominations must be apto Paul V. McNutt, federal se-proved by the senate before the curity administrator, was named board can begin to function. The along with Charles West, 46, of law under which it was appointed,