State and National News

Action on New N.

Delayed in Sena.

WASHINGTON, March 31 .-

(AP)—A controversy over a prohi-

bition against imports of foreign beef for the Army delayed senate

action today on a \$14,575,000 ap-

propriation for an east coast ma-

The senate was adjourned in a

parliamentary move against such an amendment to the fifth sup-

plemental defense appropriation

bill which carries the North Caro-

The marine base, sought by the navy to train a full regiment of

about 12,000 marines, already

has been approved by the house.

ators Catches the Ad-

ministration Napping

WASHINGTON, March 31.-(R)-

mental defense appropriation,

tion adopted today.

28 roll call vote.

floor. To gain time, majority lead-

er Barkley (D.-Ky) quickly moved

he expected to have enough sup-

porters present to force reconsider-

SIGN AGREEMENT

WHITWELL, Tenn., March 31-

recess until tomorrow noon, when

lina item.

rine base in North Carolina,

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German Troops Ready To Move On Yugoslavia

Nazi Minister Leaves Belgrade to Make Report to Von Ribbentrop

FIND NATIONAL UNITY

Germans Quartered in Bulgaria Shifted from Turk, Greek Fronts

BELGRADE, April 1-(Tuesday) - Five German divisions were reported concentrated on the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier early today soon after German Minister Viktor von Heeren led the last of German nationals out of this country on a special train departing eight minutes before the midnight deadline he had set for the exodus. "I am going to report to my government." von Heeren said, will see Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop immediately upon my arrival in Berlin.

Nation Finds Unity The reported concentration of some 75,000 German troops on the Northern Croatia frontier coincided with word that Yugoslavia had found national unity in an agreement between the veteran Croat ment between the veteran Croat leader Valdimir Macek and Pre-

province declared: imes which may be near, Croat ranks stand united."

In addition to the threat from Hungary, German troops quarter- members who contended that its ed in Bulgaria since that nation absence would make possible vast tell into the Axis sphere early in government purchases of Argentine and to face Yugoslavia on the opposed it on the ground that it

present thoroughly occupied by the ply only to funds spent from the the Axis.

and, "if destiny orders" give their naval appropriation bill for the lives to the fatherland.

Loudspeakers blared this proclamation as von Keeren and more than 1,000 Germans left on a spe- of the disagreement eliminate the cial train which was an hour late proviso from the naval appropria- government's guest house. because of the procession of trains tion bill, foreign food purchases which steamed out of the station could be made by the navy re-

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### CRAWFORD SPEAKS less than two hours of debate, was taken while many administration TO OFFICERS HER

#### Outlines Certain Policies porters present to force reconsideration. His motion carried on a 37 to That Will Be Followed At Camp Davis

Addressing his officers at the Thalian Hall yesterday, Col. James B. order to be eligible to move for Crawford, commanding officer of reconsideration tomorrow Camp Davis, outlined certain quaifificient military eader and certain poi- prohibition. cies that wi govern Camp Davis. "You and I comprise the group of

mmissioned officers whose duty it men and 900 officers.

"When the first reports came in work pending settlement of a new of the marvelous accomplishments contract. of the German army and of the credited the unusual results attained

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## WEATHER

North Carolina: Cloudy and mild, sin east and central in forenoon Tues-ay. Weenesday generally fair and

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) eteorological data for the 24 hours ig 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 48; 7:30 a. m. 50; 1:30 p. m

Sunrise 5:59a: sunset 6:32p; moonri

Says 'Free Spain' Group Is Forming



The Spanish civil war has been over two years, but loyalists are still fighting totalitarian "intolerance and bigotry" according to Isabel de Palencia, above, who announced coming formation of "Free Spanish" force similar to de Gaulle's Free French. The former Spanish minis-ter to Sweden and Finland, now a SENATORS APPROVE ter to Sweden and Finland, now a loyalist refugee, recently arrived in New York from Mexico City.

## FOREIGN FOOD BAN JAPANESE MINISTER Coalition of Western Sen- ARRIVES IN ROME

Mussolini and Count Ciano Today A coalition of western senators

Macek's paper in Zagreb, capital weeks today, rolling up a 34 to 29 Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka the highly supposable northern majority for a professional majority f ping for the second time in two of the highly vulnerable northern majority for a prohibition against arrived tonight for conferences crews had no idea of sabotaging demonstrations of the processes by "In historic buying foreign-produced food or with Premier Mussolini amid the their ships.

following war developments: clothing out of a pending supple-United States seizure of 28 Ital-The prohibition was sought by ian ships in American ports; Confirmation of British claims

March, have been shifted from the canned beef and foreign-grown destroyed three Italian cruisers had departed for the day and it wintage artillery pieces were not wool, while administration forces and two destroyers in the Ionian was left in the custody of a guard. all the war equipment which would staged it on the ground that it would cause hostility among Latin-

Matsuoka was guest of honor at a private dinner tonight given by gardless of the fate of the prohibi-Hans-Georg Viktor von Mackenen, German ambassador to Italy. ITALIANS ADMIT sen, German ambassador to Italy. Today's vote, which came after less than two hours of debate, was solini and Ciano are scheduled for tomorrow. upporters were away from the

The press devoted its space almost exclusively to a Japanese ments as the American seizure of

Axis and Danish vessels. While foreign observers consid-The vote on the restriction was ered Matsuoka's trip to Rome as actually 33 to 30, but Senator secondary to his calls at Moscow Byrnes (D.-SC), an administration and Berlin, high Fascists declared the result had been announced in 5 additional talks with Adolf Hitler. without damage.

ginio Gayda, most authoritative British cruiser was sunk and two The Berlin decisions, wrote Vir-Fascist editor, are "political and other British warships were seriwill be to organize an anti-aircraft (P)—The Tennessee products corp-military secrets." Some observers ously damaged by Italian broadraining center comprising eight anti- poration announced tonight it had said they believed they included sides. Full British losses, it was aircraft semi-mobile regiments with signed an agreement under which an Axis appeal for direct Japanese added, had not been determined a total strength of close to 20,000 members of the United Mine action against Britain; others that but "might have been serices." Workers (CIO) would continue they dealt only with what Japan work pending settlement of a new would do should the United States that a fourth cruiser, the Giovanni

# Protest On Ship Grab

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1941

**Embassies Act Quickly Aft**er U. S. Seizes 69 Craft During Week-End

CREWS ARE ARRESTED

Italians Removed from Villarperosa Here Transferred to Savannah

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(P)—Germany and Italy protested to the United States today over the government's action in taking Axis ships into "protective custody" on the grounds of sabotage.

Italian and Danish vessels in sweeping raids during the week-

The contents of the notes were not disclosed, but it was considered likely that Germany's was couched more violent language than that

Denmark Not Protesting The Danish legation here announced tonight that "we haven't Matsuoka to Confer With protested and are not going to protest" the simultaneous seizure of 35 Danish vessels along with those flying the Axis flags. Informally, Danish spokesmen explained that they felt that Denmark was in an

Germany's was dispatched later he said were going to Greece. Long, assistant secretary of state. that their Mediterranean fleet had by messenger to the state departdestroyed three Italian cruisers ment. It arrived after most officials porters to say that the World war

Italians At Back
At the back of this nation are

American nations.

Removal of Italians and Gerhald at the State department late quantities.

The restriction, which has been mans from Yugoslavia, which in the day, but whether it had any At the back of this nation are the lapproved by the house, would apseemed nearer armed conflict with connection with the seizure of the

Investigation to investigate sabotage of the seized vessels.

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ish Fleet Escaped Without Damage, However

supporter, changed his vote after it was more than a courtesy visit. ian high command acknowledged Newspapers spoke of conferences the destruction of three cruisers in which "plans and actions" would and two destroyers-Britain's posibe coordinated "to complete deci- tive claims-in the week-end Ioncations that ar eessentia to the efficient military eader and certain noise

Thomas (R.-Idaho) championed the said ne would return to Berlin for reports that their fleet had escaped Marine

Station Problems

The Italians insisted a heavy The admiralty specifically denied

5 (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) German air force in the battle of France, I believe that all of us credited the unusual regults attained British Return To Alexandria After One-Sided Win Over Italian Warships

## Axis Files City Selects Council-Manager System, 1,743 To 1,259 Votes, In Unusually Light Referendum

FINAL EDITION

### **How City Changed Government**

Precincts	For Commission	For Plan D	Registration
First Ward •	54	75	611
Second, 1st Precinct	123	171	770
Second, 2nd Precinct	123	175	710
Third, 1st Precinct	127	167	933
Third, 2nd Precinct	159	204	1,026
Fourth Ward · ·	148	241	1.067
Fifth, 1st Precinct	109	93	855
Fifth, 2nd Precinct	91	100	634
Sixth, 1st Precinct	125,	235 .	709
Sixth, 2nd Precinct	200	282	1,193
TOTALS	1,259	1,743	8,508

## The embassies of the two Axis powers acted quickly after the seizure of a total of 69 German, Says Greeks To Get Guns

WELL SATISFIED

Equipment that Will Be Sent to Greece

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON, This military post-all washed and ROME, March 31.—(P)—Japanese entirely different category than the other nations in the matter of the other nations in the other nations in the matter of the other nations in the matter of the which the Army molds men and expanding Army is working. The Italian note was delivered machines into fighting trim, but personally by the ambassador, he commented particularly on a tle, engineers laid down pontoon Prince Colonna, to Breckinridge group of 75 millimeter guns which bridges, artillerymen manned

Removal of Italians and Ger
A long conference of the secrebe dispatched to Greece, but he
taries of State, War and Navy was would not discuss numbers of

First Disclosure The President's statement that

naval appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. Should the joint committee which was appointed to seek settlement.

Investigation Ordered
A few hours after this action for "uninterrupted operation" of the was made known, the Justice despendence of the program, Mr. Roose-to the first transfer of was supplies, and it was learned was appointed to seek settlement.

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> It, was significant in that connection that Major General James H. Burns, aide to the undersecretary of war who is in charge of procurement of war materials, boarded Mr. Roosevelt's special FIVE SHIPS SUNK boarded Mr. Roosevelt's special train before it pulled out of Fort

A responsible authority said secondary display such develop- Dispute Reports that Brit- Burns and the President were working tonight on the \$7,000,000,-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

## ROME, March 31.—(R)—The Ital- BARDEN EXPLAINS **BASE LAND PLANS**

Talked by Mass Meet In Jacksonville

Farmers, FSA and AAA officials between company and workers. held a mass meeting in the courthouse here tonight, at which Congressman Graham A. Barden explained plans for appraising land to be purchased for the construction of the U. S. Marine base near here.

Hundreds of residents will be forced to move from the area in the near future to make room for the base, and tonight's meeting was called to inform them of plans being British officers as saying that the the ships to indicate surrender, the made to resettle them elsewhere. Congressman Barden assured the

> for those who may need them. Plans are also being formed to in the proposed project.

over by the government. Among others attending the meet- courthouse. of the FSA; H. H. Gordon, regional Hewlett, the commission approved sioner of public works, appeared splendid cooperation given us, and of the FSA; H. H. Gordon, regional county participation in the airport before the county board to rein their faith and confidence in the formation adviser; and E. G. Odum,

district supervisor. E. Y. Floyd, state director of the is in charge of Marines corps affairs here, also attended. Floyd said that farmers who move

to lands in this or adjoining counties will receive the same acreage chase of additional airport land, with WPA labor, but because of a be to the best interest of the people allotments for their crops that they however, until the new fiscal year, shortage at that source, labor was of this city." E. B. Smith, local businessman represented the farmers and pre

STAGE MOCK FIGHT World War 75's Not Only Roosevelt Makes 100-Minute Dash Through Fort

Bragg Reservation

By NOEL YANCEY FORT BRAGG, March 31.-(R)today in order to give President

The soldiers staged a mock battreated supposed - to - be wounded men and draftees marched and countermarched to the bark of

Staged Near Route All these activities were staged near the route the President traveled in a 100-minute dash through the military reservation.

Ine President saw 2,562 build-Greeks.

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o The press conference was held midnight.

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## **CONDENSER PLANT** STRIKE CONTINUES

Settlement of Walkout Had Been Announced by Mediation Board Saturday

WASHINGTON, March 31.-(AP)-The defense mediation board and of Dr. John R. Steelman, federal connounced tonight that the 21-day-old strike of AFL workers at the Condenser corporation, South Plainfield, N. J., would continue.

Settlement of the strike, which involves 2,200 workers, had been announced by the board Saturday. What had arisen to upset Saturday's agreement was not announced. That agreement provided merely for a resumption of work while negotiations proceeded for a new contract The board announced it would re-

convene the mediation panel hand-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) | (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Machinery Set Into Motion for Establishment of Five-Man Council and Manager Plan of Regime on May 7

COMMISSION FORM IS DEFEATED

PRIMARY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21

Junior Chamber Thanks Voters and Mayor Cooper, Fisher and Wade Pledge Cooperation to New Government

Riding the crest of a light vote-35.4 per cent of an 8,508 registration -- the council-manager form of government yesterday won the endorsement of 1,743 Wilmington voters, thus setting in motion the machinery by which the municipality will replace its present three man commission form of government with a five-man council and city manager on May 7.

On the basis of complete but unofficial returns, Plan D — council-manager form — received 1.743 votes against 1,259 votes for retension of the commission government. Twelve ballots were found, in unofficial tabulation, to have been illegally marked. There were 3,014 votes cast.

Light Vote The vote was so light that complete, unofficial returns were tabulated 45 minutes after the polls closed at C:32

o'clock last night. The city election board will meet at noon today in the council chambers of the city hall for its official canvass of

Plan D carried nine of the city's 10 precincts, failing to secure a majority only in the first precinct of the fifth ward, the vote there being 109 for commission government, 93 for council-manager. There are 855 registered voters in

The council-manager form found its greatest support in the first precinct of the sixth ward, tallying 235 votes against 125 of a total registration of 709 voters. Primary April 21

## F. D. R. OPPOSES COAL STOPPAGE special act of the state le ristature to obtain a vote on city

Appeals for 'Uninterrupted Operation' of the Bituminous Fields

NEW YORK, March 31. - (P) -

An hour after negotiators adjourned their 14th day of conferences, deadlocked in their efforts to replace an expiring contract covering \$30,-000 miners in the Appalachian fields, this message arrived from the President, en route to Washington by

"Uninterrupted operation of bituminous coal industries extremely important. Suggest if necessary you continue negotiations during Tuesday looking to satisfactory arrangement. Shall expect report through Steelman before midnight." The message was dispatched to

Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the joint Appalachian conference, in care ciliator who held conferences with operators and miners yesterday and The conferees had agreed, before

receipt of the telegram, to continue negotiations at 10 a. m. tomorrow, and it was considered likely that the President dispatched his message before knowing this had been done. Van Horn was absent from his room at the hotel Biltmore when the telegram was delivered and did not receive it, he said, for several hours.

He said at 10:30 p. m. (E. S. T.) that he had not yet prepared his reply

## Plans To Enlarge Local Airport Pushed By Board

mission that funds were available tences will be utilized on the pro- a political novement. for the preliminary survey. He re- ject, the sheriff was to be advised quested the board to withhold pur- last night. The project was started Wilmington and anything tha will beginning July 1.

Chairman Hewlett advised the farm. board that commercial airlines considering Wilmington as a route city

Enlargement of Bluethenthal air- required runways of at least 5,000 port to meet commerial and mili-feet in length. Presently, Bluethenfarmers that they would receive as tary size regulations moved a step thal airport has two 3,000-foot run- Wilmington Junior Chamber fair price for their farms as possible closer realization yesterday as the ways, now being asphalt surfaced, from the government, and that ef-forts are being made to secure loans tatively approved county participa-torts are being made to secure loans tatively approved county participation with the Federal government 3,000-foot runways would be length- results as "the beginning of Action on the airport proposal To gain that length, the county Speaking for the junior chamfrom one-fourth to one-half of Preof the commission meeting in the eral acres of land on either side of land. L. C. LeGwin, president, the present field.

On motion of Chairman Addison James E. L. Wade, city commisenlargement program, subject, quest use of county convict labor success of the manager form of however, to availability of cash on the Freenfield park drainage government. funds with which to retain a civil project, undertaken jointly by the E. Y. Floyd, state director of the engineer to prepare the project city and county. The request was not a political organization, and we did not consider the sponsorship

Treasurer John Orrell told the com- Prisoners serving 30-day sen- of this better plan of government as

sought from the jail and county

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manager form of government for Wilmington - a primary

As a result of yesterday's

election - an election set by

special act of the state le dis-

will be held April 21 at which time the 10 highest councilmanic candidates will be named to stand for election on May 6.

of the city election board. A fee of \$5 is required by state law with filing of the nominating certificate. No votersigned petitions are neces-

The five high candidates in the May 6 vote will be inducted into office the following day, and at their first meeting will be required to name from their own membership a mayor. They serve two-year terms. The council will choose a city manager and determine his salary. The manager's duties are defined by provisions of Plan D of municipal governments of North Carolina. The man selected as manager need not be a resident of Wil-

By yesterday's balloting, the voters abolished, effective with the qualification of the five-man council, a form of government inaugurated in Wilmington in May, 1921.

mington.

The present city board is composed of Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, commissioner of ublic afety; James E. L. Wade, commissioner of public works, and W. Louis Fisher, finance commissioner. Sponsored by Jaycees

The Plan D campaign was directed in its entirety by the of Commerce, whose leaders ened to a minimum of 5,000 feet. a new era for Wilmington.

"We wish to thank the entire citizenship of Wilmington for the

"We wish to state that we are "We are at all times interestal in

Each of the three city com.n.s

sioners issued statements following

7; 7:30 p m. 60. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 84; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m 24: 7:30 p. m. 69.

1:30 a. m. 8‡; 1.05
4: 7:30 p. m. 69.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30
p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first
of the month 2.96 inches.

Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S.
Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High
12:37a
8:06

atage at Fayette-

SHIP H. M. S. WARSPITE AT fore getting back to Taranto." ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 31 .-(P)-Italy lost five and possibly eight warships including the crack 35,000- pedo hits on the powerful Italian ton battleship Vittorio Veneto, when battleship and that the vessel listed because German dive-bombers prethe Fascist fleet fell into a baited heavily at the stern. Her speed was British trap Friday west of Crete, reduced to 15 knots out of a possible British officers said tonight upon 32. their return from the epic night bat-

men also were knocked out of the two destroyers, the Vincenzo Gioberwar, they said. More than 900 of these were rescued by the British. In high good humor Britain's commander-in-chief, Admiral Andrew Cunningham, declared:

"Not a single British ship was hit by the enemy, and this was one of units were enroute to smash British but there was no doubt the Gerthe most extraordinary actions in convoys operating around the Greek mans exerted pressure on Prenaval history. "We are going to do our best to the British, who used the cruiser to sea.

end of the year." The Italian captain, Manlio Des- Italian crews aboard the Zara and pisi, rescued by the British destroy- Pola which were struck by terrific the fleet air arm torpedo bombers er Jervis from his 10,000-ton cruiser broadsides from 15-inch guns hung ce; Col. 5) Pola before she sank, was quoted by huge white sheets over the sides of

ABOARD THE BRITISH FLAG- "Vittorio Veneto probably sank be- British said. Despisi related that British naval

Three Italian cruisers, the Pola, Zara, and Fiume, all 10,000 tons, and 449 tons, definitely were sunk. And in addition to the Vittorio Ve- ham said:

neto, the British believed another cruiser and destroyer were lost. Captain Despisi said the Italian by Germans in this engagement, Island of Crete when surprised by mier Mussolini to send the fleet finish off the Italian navy before the Orion as a decoy to trap the Ital-

Altogether 3,000 officers and men were believed to have lost their lives. pilots scored at least three direct tor- Hundreds were known to have drowned after jumping into the sea cluded British rescues, they said. mier Mussolini's naval striking

> the sea or out of commission. Smiling broadly and his blue eyes twinkling, Admiral Cunning-"I don't know whether the Italian ships actually were officered

power now was at the bottom of

"The enemy fleet had not been Mediterranean since Nov. 11 when have at their present locations. sighted anywhere in the central

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sided over the meeting.