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Retention Bill Passage Seen By Two-To-One SENATE POLL TAKEN Jap Press

Administration Confident of Keeping Selectees, Reserve, Guard Longer

WASHINGTON, July 28.-(P)-An informal administration poll indicated today that the Senate would grant two-to-one approval of legis-grant two-to-one ing the President Dutch East Indies Object of lation empowering the President to prolong the service periods of all army personnel.

The poll, taken by White House lieutenants, showed the opponents could muster a maximum of only 30 votes, out of the total Senate membership of 95. Chairman Reynolds (D.N.C.), only member to vote against Military committee ing consequences of the action of approval of the bill, conceded it the Netherlands East Indies in cutwould be approved by a substantia, majority

monetary agreement and freezing Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the commerce with Japan. majority leader, announced that The foreign office-controlled Ja the legislation would be taken up pan Times-Advertiser, already call-Thursday, and said he hoped deing the United States "hostile" and be completed "in a fev. hate could attributing to her the leadership of days." Reynolds said the opposithe economic offensive against Jation had no disposition to delay pan, declared that the Dutch coloaction, and added that approval nial government was "in league with

by Saturday was possible. The Military committee, report ing the extension measure formalv today, said it would serve notice on the world "that this nation is continuing without cessation to do everything necessary to provide difficulties will be encountered in at a strong, effective and adequate

necessary.

them '

national defense."

tempting to make a new monetary national defense." agreement with the Java bank, Pointing out that the army hac said the Times and Advertiser. Thi requested a declaration of national referred to the Java bank's accord emergency, the committee report with the Yokohama Specie bank, said that such a declaration was suspended by the Batavia govern not included in the legislation be- ment.

Far-Reaching Effect cause it might precipitate consider-The Dutch action, Japanese said, able debate and prompt action was possibly will bring consequences even further-reaching than the

tion Bluntly Hinted

By The Associated Press

the United States and Britain."

The Japanese press discussed the

"In general, financial circles are

inclined to believe that formidable

East Indies action in a pessimistic

The measure simply empowers the President to hold all soldiers United States action in freezing in service "for such periods of credits of Japan since the Dutch are Japan's nearest subtime as may be necessary for stantial source of oil. In fact, it was said, oil may be

Meanwhile, Senator Taft (R. Ohio) introduced a substitute bill (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) to carry out his plan for holding

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selectees for 12 months beyond SOUTH CAROLINIAN their present service period and reservists for 24 months. Under existing law, both groups would HEADS ROAD BODY

serve only a year. Senate leaders said that the Far-Eastern situation, with its poten-

Indicates Reprisals Bitter Denunciation; Ac-TOKYO, Tuesday, July 29 .- The Japanese hinted today of far-reachting off oil Supplies, breaking off a

> AS THE ARMY THANKED WILMINGTON-In appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of the citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover county to Camp Davis, its officers and men, the Coast Artillery anti-aircraft firing center yesterday played host to the city and county. Three thousand persons in more than 500 automobiles trekked to Holly Ridge to view the camp and its modern training facilities. One of the highlights was, above, the exhibition of latest type anti-aircraft guns. Photographed on the platform of one of the mobile rapid-fire cannon were, left to right, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy, Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Brig.-Gen. James Crawford, camp commander.

Camp Davis Tour Thrills WRITE-UP LAID. **3,000** Wilmington Visitors

By ROBERT BIGGS

Wilmingtonians en masse were cials and citizens of Wilmington, the guests of Brig.-Gen. James B. for their cooperation and extended Crawford yesterday as Camp Dav- sive efforts on behalf of the Army is held open house in celebration post, and Mayor Bellamy gave "Wilmington" day. A throng assurance that such cooperation estimated at between 2,500 and will be continued in the future.

closed the program. The ranks of officials were in the audience.

general expressed thanks to offi-000 "Valueless" Stock

RALEIGH, July 28.-(P)-Federal high command itself in a communi-

estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 civilians took advantage of the opportunity for a first-hand in-spection of the anti-aircraft base. Highlight of the day was a re-view of the 93rd, 94th and 54th Coast Artillery regiments, which classed the present of other city and county commissioners and George W. Jef-fries, of the regional defense coun-cil, also made brief remarks. A number of other city and county classed the present of the average of the regional defense coun-cil, also made brief remarks. A number of other city and county the section of the average of the regional defense coun-cil, also made brief remarks. A number of other city and county the section of the average of the regional defense coun-cil, also made brief remarks. A number of other city and county tother governmental agencies had mere than \$22,000,000 of Carolina Power and Light company tock "issued without apparent"

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GERMAN DRIVE FAILS Bolivian Russians Report Nazi Of-Charges fensive is Cracking After Irk Nazis

NAZIS ADMIT SMOLENSK

BATTLE STILL RAGING;

REDS CLAIM SUCCESSES

MOSCOW, Tuesday, July 29 .oviet Russia officially claimed to-Berlin Hints that United ay that the German offensives States Responsible for aimed at Moscow and Kiev are "Forged" Documents breaking against the tirmness and stubbornness of our troops" and that counter-attacking Red soldiers

By the Associated Press

ir attache who has been dismissed

reason, to German Minister Ernest

Reads Declaration

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had inflicted heavy losses on the Germans in some areas of the vast BERLIN, July 28 .- Germany struck again today at Bolivian The heaviest fighting was in the charges of a German conspiracy to Smolensk' sector, where the Geroverthrow the La Paz government mans are attempting to break and a "third power" was accused by through to Moscow, and in the a spokesman of the crude forgery of Zhitomir area, the battleground for a letter involved in the incident. the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. It was strongly implied that the

The Soviet information bureau third power" was the United States. indicated in its morning communi-In a setting of microphones, que that Russian forces passed to ameras and foreign newspapermen. energetic counter-drives after the he German foreign office made pubferman drives bogged down. lic a note to Bolivia saying the No Great Changes Reich's government "again launches

Aside from the Smolensk and the sharpest protest" against the Zhitomir fighting, the communique falsification in the crudest manner said, there were no important compossible" of the letter, which purbats on the front. ported to be from Major Elias Bel-It declared that 109 German monte Pabon, I livian military and

planes were brought down Saturday while only 36 Russian planes by his governmnet on a charge of were lost. At sea, the Russians asserted

Futile Frontal Assaults

By The Associated Press

Wendler, expelled from La Paz. Red planes had sunk a German torpedo boat and two patrol boats in the Baltic. The communique acknowledged the loss of a Russian orpedo boat.

Reports last night had indicated that, "upon my word of honor as that Red troops had seized the an officer . .-. I never addressed initiative on the approaches to either this letter or any other piece

Kiev and Moscow. This turn in the battle for West-A. C. L.'S INCOME To Have Issued \$22,000,- cow's official claims that the whole of the Nazi invasion had been reduced from Blitzkrieg tempo to a

SHOWS INCREASE siege of the Soviet vastnesses, was indirectly reported by the Soviet **Revenues for First Half of**

PREPARE NEW ASSAULT

Total Net Paid

STAR - NEWS CIRCULATION

Yesterday 18,708 Same Day Last Year. 14,377 Increase 4,331

ESTABLISHED 1867

German Command Avers **Moscow Next Objective** After Clean-Up Action

By the Associated Press

BERLIN, July 28.-German forces vere reported tonight on the threshhold of victory in the fierce "battle of Smolensk" and a direct assault on Moscow was forecast as the next offensive stroke for Adolf Hitler's le-

gions. Another Red army division - the third reported within 24 hours-was said to have been wiped out and war dispatches said the newest one destroyed had been shifted all the way from the Far East to buttress the

wavering defenders of the Soviet capital **Divisions Shattered** Previously, military reports had reported two Russian divisions annihiated in an encircling operation near Bogilev, on the south side of the Smolensk salient, with 23,000 soldiers captured and 61 cannon, 80

anti-tank guns and 750 vehicles seized. The latest German war reports pictured the Russians as hopelessly split up and trapped in a German pocket at Smolensk.

A brief but confident communique from Hitler's headquarters said:

"The battle of Smolensk is draw-Mai, Belmonte Pabon himself read ing to a successful conclusion. All a prepared declaration in Spanish to Bolshevist attempts to prevent the the foreign correspondents declaring annihilation of encircled Soviet units were nipped in the bud."

> Once that bloody battle ends with the outcome the high command evidently regards as assured, military commentators predicted that the center of the German front would be ready to move on Moscow. (Smolensk is 230 miles southwest of Moscow, but it guards a gateway eastward between the Dvina and Dnieper rivers where Napoleon

broke through after a two-day battle in 1812. 7 Never Acknowledged

(The Russians never have ac-Year Exceed 1940 by knowledged being pushed back from Smolensk, but the Germans have \$8,500,000 claimed it fell into their hands July 16 and have reported their motor-An increase of more than \$8,500,- ized vanguards operating as far ported only exclusively defensive op- 000 over the last year's operating eastward as the region of Vyazma, erations in "stubborn battles" and income figures was shown by the midway between Smolensk and Atlantic Coast Line railroad com- Moscow.) pany during the first six months The German reports Indicated the Nevel is at the northern end of 0f 1941, report issued at the general Russians were breaking in a losing he central German salient pointed offices of the company here yester- battle which has been costly to day indicates, more than \$34,788,- them in men and equipment. 000 in revenues was taken in this DNB, official German news agency, said that the coup de grace Operating revenues for the first to the new division reported dehalf of 1939 were \$26,119, 358. stroyed was delivevred by German The half-year report also show- tank forces and that prisoners disting revenues for the past month closed the division had been shifted were \$5,230,953 in comparison to some 4,000 miles from one side of \$3,407,932 for June of 1940 and Russia to the other. \$3,404,486 for June of 1939. (This was the first indication that Operating expenses for the first the Russians may have drawn on half of this year totaled \$22,736, their Far East army to strengthen 293 against \$20,669,331 for the first the front against the Germans. It six months of 1940 and \$18,892,282 has been regarded as fundamental for from January 1 to June 30 of Russian strategy to treat the Far Eastern army as a completely inde-WASHINGTON, July 28.— (P) — The United States informed Japan tonight that prompt clearance would be constant of the prompt clearance would of the prompt of The halfyear report also show pendent, self-sufficient and almost



had made easier their task of pass- Succeeds Wilmington's W. ing the draft legislation approved by the Military committee.

"Sentiment rapidly is crystallizing behind the bill," said Senator Pepper (D.-Fla.), a member of the Foreign Relations committee. "Members of the Senate are realiz-

ELIZABETH CITY, July 28 .- (AP) -The Ocean Highway association in-

ing that our vital interests are in stalled Robert Clark of Charleston, volved in the Pacific, and they do S. C., as its president tonight to sucnot want to impede any steps the ceed W. Louis Fisher of Wilmington, Col. Richmond T. Gibson the 94th. racks, mess halls, infirmaries and 1926, during a merger of five Elecgovernment may take to protect and then adjourned its sixth annual These regiments comprise the 17th other company buildings. Probably tric Bond and Share company subhusiness meeting.

Late in the day the Senate con-

firmed President Roosevelt's nom- resolutions: Endorsing the efforts of groups in Oscar C. Warner. Col. Humbert ination of Douglas MacArthur to be a lieutenant general in com- Savannah, Ga., and Beaufort and and his staff took the review. mand of the United States Army Charleston, S. C., to obtain necessary Colonel Gibson, troop commander in the Far East. Although some bridge construction to shorten the for the review, was in line with observers had predicted earlier bitway district between Charleston them.

observers had predicted earlier hihway district between Charleston them. Melcome Address Assembling at the main theatre As Nation's Heat Wave Continues that the nomination would open up and Savannah and the immediate the whole issue of American policy coastal points, and, in the Far-East, precipitating ex- Again requesting the North Caro- in the early afternoon, the visitors tensive debate, the confirmation lina Highway commission to widen- heard brief talks by General Crawford and Mayor Hargrove Bellamy was made in routine fashion, with

2 (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) of Wilmington. The commanding Marriage To Evade Draft Summons

Spiked By New Service Board Rule

precision-marching soldiers with Following the brief program the value." Louis Fisher As President **Of Ocean Route Group**

pression that perhaps America is by officers on tours of the camp South Carolina legislative investinot so helpless, militarily speak- and reservation. Although all con- gation committee in 1931. ing, as a lot of people seem to think. think. Both reports, they said, found a same route, so think. Both reports, they said, found a same route, so this section of the same route, so the same route, so

By te Associated Press

in addition, 106 drownings report-

lower Michigan, the middle Mis-sissippi and Ohio valleys.

ter belt.

ed.

Lieut.-Col. Eugene Villaret com- ings and other points of interest. of property acquired from the manded the 93rd C.A., and Lieut. Inspections were made of bar- Pigeon River Power company in

Group, which is under the com- the one thing that left the most sidiaries to form the present firm. The association also passed two mand of Col. George F. Humbert. outstanding impression on the ma- The commission today began the The 54th is commanded by Col. jority of the guests was the striking second week of a hearing into

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Deaths attributed to the humid New York muddy for its opening

showers would cool the Dakotas, Advance, Mo., Evansville, Ind.,

Minnesota and Wisconsin and that near South Bend, Ind., in northern

he New England and New York Michigan and north central Iowa

state shower zone would spread to But generally the 12:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and readings reported to the weather

end is not yet in sight" for Illi- timore, Md.; 100 at Frederick,

nois, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Md.; 99 at Richmond, Va., and

doning for the first time in days a familiar phraseology which had re-The attorneys quoted a repor their rifles, the stirring martial guests returned to their cars. The attorneys quoted a report airs of the band, the national em- which were divided into convoys from the Federal Trade commisblem, combined to leave the im- of ten or twelve each, and escorted sion in 1930 and a report from a

'fierce fighting.' At Tip of Salent

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JAPANESE SHIPS **GIVEN CLEARANCE**

Touch and Clear American Ports Temporarily

Burlington, Vt., reported the Showers cooled New England temperature down to 66 after showyesterday and relief was sighted ers and New England became the in the northern tier of states but coolest part of the nation except

operating income, be granted Japanese ships from the season's worst heat wave con- the Pacific northwest where Ta-Equip and Jt. Fac. Rents, a de-American ports. This action apparently assured ficit of \$1,407,887. tinued broiling the midlands swel- toosh Island, Wash., had 57. Rain made the Saratoga racetrack in

Net railway operating income that Japanese vessels now waiting heat kept pace with the mercury, totaling at least 97. There were, lief. for the six-month period was \$6. 884,634 in comparison to \$1,143,051 for the corresponding period in 1940 and \$2,711,882 for a like term Among these is the big Japanese other scattered points including liner Tatuta Maru with a large in 1939.

year.

1939.

Forecasters at Chicago said Detroit, Mich., Carbondale, Ill., number of American passengers The June report disclosed oper ating expenses of \$3,553,553; ne aboard. The assurance of prompt clear- operating revenues, \$1,677,400; deance under present conditions was duct taxes, \$600,000; operating ingiven by Sumner Welles, acting sec- come, \$1,077,400; Equip. and Jt. married status after issuance of Trio Held in Jail Released possibly to Washington, D. C. Notice to Appear for Physical Trio Held in Jail Released possibly to Washington, D. C. They said, however, that "the above. They included: 102 at Balretary of state, at a conference with Fac. Rents, deficit of \$261,453, and

coast.

Stalin Gives Turks Assurance of Peace

ANKARA, Turkey, July 28 .-(AP)-Joseph Stalin, following a British suggestion, has written President Ismet Inonu of Turkey assuring him that Soviet Russia has no intention of seizing control of the Dardanelles. Turkish gateway between the Mediterranean and Black Seas, it was learned tonight on the highest authority.

service headquarters that registrants who marry on the eve of induction, or after being odered to passed on to all Selective Service report to the doctor for physical agencies in the state is as follows: examination, will do so at their own risk and will find that their married status after issuance of

marriage will not keep them out Policy of leniency toward married men is being modified by the marriage knowing that the General J. Van B. Metts, state registrant was subject to early call

Local draft board officials have director of selective service, the

WEATHER

of the army.

FORECAST North Carolina, South Carolina, Geor-Ria and Florida: Partly cloudy Tues-Cay and Wednesday; continued warm.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ading 7:30 p. m. yesterday). Temperature 2: 7:30 p. m. 79; 7:30 a. m. 79; 1:30 p. m. 2: 7:30 p. m. 85; maximum 93; mini-num 74; mean 84; normal 79.

 num 74; mean 84; normal 79.
 Humidity

 1:30 a. m. 93; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m.
 7:30 p. m. 73.

 2: 7:30 p. m. 73.
 Precipitation

 Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30
 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first 1

 of the month 7.41 inches.
 Tides For Today

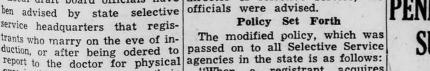
 S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).
 High Low

 Wilmington
 1:10a 8:36a

 Masonboro Inlet
 11:32a 5:16a

 Sunrise 5.01a
 11:41p 5:45p

Low 8:36a 9:00p 5:10a 5:45p Sunrise 5:21a; sunset 7:15p; moonrise 10:47a; moonset 10:45p. River stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 11.35 feet.



Examination,' it should be as-

sumed that both parties concluded for service and were prepared to

take the consequences, and there-Reporting that he was satisfied fore deferment in such cases would they were not involved in the not appear to be justified. But drowning of Luther McDowell, colwhen a registrant has indicated on his questionnaire that he is en-County Coroner H. E. Blake last

gaged, giving the date set for the night ordered the release of three wedding date falls after issuance men who had been arrested Sun-

of Notice to Appear for Physical day on suspicion of complicity in Examination,' his case should be the death.

considered in the same way as those who married after registra-suspicion of complicity of the three ram, officials yesterday were pre-excellent condition of county fition, as provided by Amendment men-two white and one colored-No. 77 to Selective Service Regula-had been erased following recovery suance of bonds voted in the re-Meanw tions. Of course, there may be of the negro's body from Island cent \$500,000 election. other conditions which would ob- creek, five miles east of Castle A New York bond at

nant, or conclusive evidence of capacity with water and there were tion for sale of the bonds and oth-

wife would suffer undue hardship This modified policy, General and other officials started to renew and life of the bonds. Full details dicated they do not care to an-Metts pointed out, is in line with a search for the body yesterday recent amendment to the regula-recent amendment to the regula-tions which is as follows:

ecent amendment to the regula-ions, which is as follows: "It is not advisable to defer any (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 6) "It is not advisable to defer any (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 6) tions, which is as follows:

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PENDER MYSTERY SUSPECTS FREED

After Recovery of Negro's

Body from Creek

Commissioners To Set

nounced modification of policy, e. Examination of the negro dis-g., proof that the wife was preg-closed his lungs were filled to proper procedure in the authoriza-schools in the county.

absolute dependence wherein the no marks of violence.

With New Hanover county on the sale of the bonds. Some ofthe brink of launching perhaps its ficials believe the bonds may com-

Showers gave brief respites to

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Meanwhile, members of the county board of education are con-A New York bond attorney firm, sidering plans in the extensive im-Masslich and Mitchell, was underprovement program for the 25-

renovated and new buildings are er details.

County commissioners are ex- to be constructed at other schools.

ing, head upward, after the coroner resolution fixing denominations paper stage and officials have in- land and sea today under a Tokyo-

Bond Schedule Monday NIPPON TROOPS **TAKE OVER BASES**

Trucks Arrive in Indo-China With Thousands **Of Japanese Soldiers**

(By The Associated Press) SAIGON. French Indo-China, July 28 .- (AP)-Japanese troops moved to-

The negro's form was seen float- pected next Monday to adopt a Plans are yet to reach a complete ward their new Indo-China bases by

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., July 28. | for a woman and a child answering If Mrs. Lelia Bryan and her four- the Bryan descriptions. In addition, year-old daughter, Mary Rachel, radio stations at Sarasota and Bramissing for nearly four months from their Carolina Beach, N. C., endton in Manaete county, Tampa nome are in this vicinity and in Hillsboro county and Clearwater aren't found it won't be because of and St. Petersburg in Pinellas coun-

Florida Officials Launch Search

For Missing Lelia Bryan, Daughter

A request of the Wilmington Star- ing immediate information as to News at Wilmington, N. C., that a the possible whereabouts of the wosearch be instituted for the pair be man and child.

cause they had been reported in According to information received this area was initiated today when at Clearwater the missing woman an unusual tri-county dragnet was and child were reported in Wilspread along the western Florida mington as having been seen in the

Chief of Police Joe Russell of report be true it is believed that Clearwater, Fla., who received the the publicity given the case in this request of the newspaper at Wil- section will locate or at least bring

attention of state, county and city Investigation, said authorities, will authorities all along this particular be facilitated since this is an exceedingly quiet season along the

lack of publicity and intensive po-ty have brought the matter to the attention of their listeners, seek-

Pinellas county seat. Should this

As a result, officers have been coast with practically no tourists in