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NAZI ACTION FOILED

Russians Claim Re-capture

of 5 Towns Held by Ger-

mans in Center Sector

By The Associated Press

-The Russians reported today that

airborne tanks laden with Red

army infantrymen landed deep

within the German lines and dealt

a slashing blow in a continuing

series of counter-attacks while a

similar Nazi stratagem was crush-

ed by Soviet "exterminator"

Red Star, the Soviet army news-

paper, said these Russian counter-

attacks on the central front al-

ready had broken three German

defense lines and recaptured five population centers, the flying tank

roopers and foot soldiers sailing

down to decide the issue at the

The Soviet Information bureau

while ignoring this account said

the Germans landed large para-

chute forces and three tankettes

behind the Russian lines at an un-

jor pattle areas as Novgorod, Kin-

of Leningrad; Gomel, in the cen-

tral zone where Red Star told of

success; and around Odessa, the

(A special communique from

Adolf Hitler's headquarters late

trains. It tended to confirm the

Naval Action

sea was staving off repeated Ger-

The navy paper, Red Fleet, said

third German line.

squads.

MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 21.

Army Considers City As Center For New Depot

mington, Columbia, S. C.; Big Payroll Involved

Location of a gigantic fresh fruits and vegetable procurement depot in mington in conjunction with the fall maneuvers of 400,000 U. S. troops was seen as likely last night with word that Capt. J. A. Roberts would arrive here before Sept. 15 to "look over the situation." Columbia, S. C., is also bidding for the supply depot.

Figuring in dollars and cents what the produce supply project would mean to the city and to nearby farmers could not be definitely determined, but it was said that it would run into thousands of dollars, with \$100,ian workers, employed during the three month period, and operating

Buyers at the market, should it be located here, would have governmental authority vested in them to spend up to \$100,000 in cash on the open market during any one period for fresh supplies such as potatoes, oranges, apples, lemons, beans, tender greens of all sorts and other vegetables that go to round out healthy meals for the soldiers while they are at actual war maneuvers

In addition to the produce market, buyers have already been vested the ower to purchase all the surplus read that can be turned out in all Wilmington baleries. This buying would mean an average of 50,000 baves of bread daily for a period of at least 15 days, or until such time as the regular army field bakery could be set up for the production of between 100,000 and 200,000 loaves of field bread daily.

Wilmington alone would have and 40 officers during the maneuvers, these in addition to the necessary 150 civilian workers that it will require if the procurement depot is opened. The enlisted men include, 125 white and 300 colored

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DAVIS REACHES **FULL STRENGTH**

Arrival of 500 Selectees to Give Anti-Aircraft Center 20,000 Complement

Camp Davis will reach its full strength of 20,000 officers and enlisted men at noon today with the Berlin. errival of 500 New York selectees for assignment to the 96th Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft regiment, it was announced last night.

Arrival of the group shortly before noon today will boost the payroll at the camp to better than \$1,000,000, the greater part of which finds its way into Wilmington despite the fact that the training center is located in Onslow county, 80 miles north of the city.

The million-dollar figure includes the pay of 900 civilian workers at the camp, and under the current expansion program it is said that the civilian staff will be increased

to 1,200 men and women. First From Bragg May. These were assigned to the

then, there have arrived at inter-

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yseterday).

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 79; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 88; 7:30 p. m. 70; maximum 88; minimum 70; mean 79; normal 77.

the month 3.14 incnes.

Tides For Today

(From Tide Tables published by U.
Coast and Geodetic Survey).

High
S:34a
3:39t
3:42 8unrise 5:38a; sunset 6:32p; moonrise 1:24a; moonset 6:05p.

TO SERVE MANEUVERS Army's Morale High, Says Fort Bragg Major Choice Lies Between Wil-

> the University here today. Among the 65,000 soldiers and officers now stationed at Fort Bragg there have been very, very few suicides, and, according to official estimates

into thousands of dollars, with \$100, 1000 in salaries alone going to civil SOUTH AMERICANS SLASH AT NAZIS

Argentina Demands Politically-Active Press Attache Appear for Questioning

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Aug. 20.—(A)—A congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities insisted today that Gottfried Sandstede, German embassy press atache, appear before it for questioning after Sandstede refused on the grounds of diplomatic immunity.

While the capital speculated on a report that the German ambassador, Edmund von Thermann, had been recalled to Berlin-a report the embassy denied-there was another incident of renewed friction between Erich Otto Meynen, German charge

based here some 425 enlisted men d'affaires, protested to the foreign office against newspaper pictures purporting to show the burning of documents in the German embassy Despite the embassy's denial of von

Thermann's recall, Argentine foreign An idea of the produce that will be office sources initmated they expectpurchased through the market here ed some change in German diplo- ranging from 5 to 8 piles. No tags building. is the fact that the soldiers will re- matic setup here.

Lacks Immunity

In an exchange of notes with the foregin office the congressional committee contended Sandstede was not

Mevnen said the embassy courtyard pictures appearing in the prodemocratic afternoon newspaper, La as high as \$36. Quality leaf hit Critica, did not show burning docu- a new high of \$50, but the volume ments "but merely leaves and diminished as marketing moved up branches of trees the gardener had stalk from lugs and primings to pruned.

There also were reports in diplomatic circles that von Thermann's deliveries on the Chadbourn marsuccessor already had arrived from Ret with 101,972 pounds cleared for an average of \$29.40. The high-life for an average of \$29.40 arrangements for possible for an average of \$29.40 arrangements for possible for a successor already had arrived from the successor already had arrived from th

TO BUILD PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.-(A) -Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, announced today the government would build. at a cost of \$52,000,000, aluminum plants in Arkansas, New York, and the Bonneville dam

CHAPEL HILL, Aug. 20.—(P) -Despite all the rumors to the contrary, the morale among soldiers now in camps is, on the whole, exceptionally good, Major James W. McNeer, provost marshal of Fort Bragg, told delegates to the American Legion's Tar Heel Boys' State

there have been only 93 desertions out of every 10,000 soldiers," he declared.

TOBACCO HOLDS ABOVE \$30 MARK

Unfavorable Weather Cuts Volume, Though Prices Consistently Good

Despite heavy rains throughout the Border Belt yesterday, sales were very satisfactory with some markets reporting the highest averages for the season. The Fairan average of \$30.50 and a total

Approximately 2,200 .tobacco Whiteville market as the town was crowded with visitors and the mer-

erage of \$30. The quality of the golden leaf dropped sharply on the Tabor STATE REVENUE entitled to diplomatic immunity be. City market, but prices held up cause he was a salaried employe of a commercial firm and had been called to testify in that capacity. sky high and some farmers reported prices were 'highest they ever received for trash," running

leaf and tips. Rain interferred with sales and est basket price reached during revenue for a term expiring Janthe day was \$47.

VALTIN ASKS PARDON SACREMENTO, Calif., Aug. 20.—(P)—Jan Valtan, author of the book "Out of the Night," applied to Gov. Culbert L. Olson today for a pardon as a step in his fight against deportation to Germany.

Proposed Truck Route Here Wins Endorsement

The first troops for Camp Davis Chamber of Commerce's proposal ful consideration. were sent from Fort Bragg last before city council that a separate station complement as a cadre truck route be established around which additional arrivals Wilmington to help relieve downtruck route be established through were given their training. Since Gooding of Kenansville, district most congested traffic arteries, and the Junior Chamber that he would lend his every effort to the project. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) A member of the Jaycees report.

ed that Dr. Gooding said the state Bellamy to Confer highway commission would bear the expenses of paving whatever sections of the proposed route that were in need of such repairs. First plans for such a route customary in most large cities where the main highway leads

through the heart of the downtown area-was brought before the council yesterday by Claude O'Shields, menace to life and property" and that action to alleviate the hazard

be taken as soon as possible. No Action Taken Although no action was taken by

I believe the passage of large

With Federal Agency

confer in Washington today with the defense public works division situation was "perilous." of the Federal Works Agency re- Ralph K. Davies, deputy petrol- or in process of refining. The regarding certain municipal needs to eum coordinator, said stocks mainder, 6,476,000 barrels, consti-

Among requests which are ex- British service made its conse- tistics on the situation: pected to top the list are those quences apparent.

city has grown in the last year stocks now to avoid a drastic short-up ten per cent.

President Asks End To Navy Shipyard Row

New efforts to settle the 13-day not able to agree on anything." shipyards strike at Kearny, N. J. came to naught yesterday, and Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, of De-that the government might accept troit, threatened to call upon "the an offer of the company to turn air were defeated, destroyed or struggle with Germany is based might of government" to end a over the strike-bound plant to the taken prisoner. street car and bus transportation navy. tie-up in his city.

NEW NAZI BATTLESHIP IN ACTION—According to the official Nazi caption with this

Workers union which is striking AFL-CIO mont Tobacco Board of Trade reported sales of 1,081,658 pounds for against the Federal Shipbuilding forced some 400,000 office and fac of \$329,874.01, to lead all other announced after a two-hour con- means of getting to their jobs. markets. The top basket price ference with the management that reached \$59.00. failed.

throughout the day with an oc-importance of national defense owned transportation system.

This failure revived speculation

In Washington, John Green, The Detroit strike, called early president of the CIO Shipyard in the day as the result of an and Drydock company, at Kearny, tory workers to seek emergency Union-spokesmen said that the attempts to settle the dispute had strike was called by the Amalgamated Association of Street Elec-Approximately 2,200 .tobacco Green said he was calling upon trical Railway and Motor Coach President Roosevelt to act. Farlier Operators of America (AFL to in the day, the white house made enforce a demand that the union chants were extremely busy. The known that the Chief Executive act as sole bargaining agent for same high level of prices continued had asked both sides to put the the operators of the municipally-

casional pile of wrappers shooting up to \$55 to \$58. Hundreds of farmers were averaging around \$40 tracts for \$493,000,000 worth of State, County and Municipal Workper hundred on their entire sale Navy and merchant Marine ship-ers of America (CIO), was reject-attacked with large tank formaed by Mayor Jeffries, who contions to relieve the German prestate Russians will be able with

NO APPEASEMENT HEAD RE-NAMED

Term as Finance Chief

RALEIGH, Aug. 20 .- (A)-Governor Broughton today reappointed

uary 1, 1945. sion of tax research and that some- gression in the Far East. one else-the rumors suggested Recalling Foreign Secretary An-

afterwards, probably influencing sets were frozen."

W. P. Horton of Pittsboro, who At the same time, these sources

WITH JAPS, EDEN Governor Broughton Ap-Foreign Secretary Avers points Maxwell for Fourth | Britain Will Not Tolerate

Further Moves South

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 20.-Newspaper closed arrangements for possible trade with Japan might be conwith the appointment of Max-ried insistence from authoritative well, the governor quieted persis- quarters tonight that the govern- pect of fetreat. tent rumors that Maxwell would ment was not retreating in the be appointed head of a new divi- least from its stand against ag-

Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill thony Eden's recent declaration -would be placed at the head of that kid glove diplomacy was in the state's revenue department. the discard, these sources said Maxwell was one of several can-Britain was "standing absolutely didates who ran against Governor in line with the United States and Broughton in the Democratic gub-ernatorial primary last year. Max-Netherlands governments and not well ran third in the primary and receding a single inch from the threw his support to Broughton stand taken when Japanese as-

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EAST'S GASOLINE RESERVE town traffic problems, Dr. Guy the council members, "is one of our DOWN TO 10-DAY SUPPLY

highway commissioner, said through trucks, especially those carrying Deputy Petroleum Coordinator Discloses Situation Alarmingly Acute; Predicts Harsh Regulations

Federal authorities reported today said.

for a water and sewer extension Davies hinted that more drastic 893,000 barrels last week. project and additional facilities to measures than the present limited Heating and fuel oils in storage September issue of the Atlantic take care of educational requiretake care of educational requirements on a greatly expended
school enrollment this year.

The Mayor is expected to base
The Mayor is expected to base take care of educational require- rationing might be necessary. He are 1,400,000 barrels less than a monthly.

that appeared with him, that the city had been giving such a plant at the at the difference at thorough study and that the thorough study and that the thorough study and that the at the course at thorough study and that the that advantage away from surrender of the fleet and naval cause of youth, in custody of his

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- (P) -The state department announced today that the Duke

him to Washington Monday. struction or capture of parts of

ler's field headquarters. While earlier accounts from the photo, which was flashed by radio from Berlin to New York, a new German battleship front pictured the Red army as is shown firing her 15-inch guns at sea. The turret arrangement is similar to that on the battleship Bismarck, sunk by the British on her maiden cruise in May. of the lower Dnieper, the spotlight suddenly was shifted to the

NAZIS CITE ADVANCE

Special Communique Tells

of Crushing Defeat of So-

viet on Three Fronts

By the Associated Press

BERLIN, Aug. 20 .- A crushing

defeat of the Russians around Go-

mel on the central front, with de-

25 Red army divisions and two

brigades of air-borne troops, run-

ning to a total of 78,000 prisoners,

was reported late tonight in a spe-

cial communique from Adolf Hit-

with this brief announcement: "In the area around and north of Gomel, a battle has taken place which ended in a crushing defeat

for the Soviet army.
"Part of 17 infantry divisions, one motorized, two tank and five cavalry divisions, as well as two brigades of troops landed from the don over Russia's chance in the

Gomel is about 170 miles south Smolensk and 140 miles north from Hopkins' conference with big Ukraine port on the Black sea of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. Twenty - five Russian divisions would total 375,000 or more men, these while the two air-borne brigades would number possibly 5,000 or

In addition to the 78,000 captives claimed at Gomel, German mili-tary quarters said 330,000 Russians communications between general capture of 78,000 prisoners, many had been taken prisoner thus far in the Ukraine.

In that southern sector of deepest German penetration, the Russians were said to have counter-After a conference with L. H. tended the AFL union was in efcould withdraw to the east of the broad Dnieper.

cessful attacks on the bridgeheads mations for the duration of a long The high command reported sucwith destruction of 65 tanks.

countless dead.

Fight New Positions The German strategy was beegists said the Russian position, to carry out." even on the eastern side of the

less than 100 miles away, only a short push for the German forces pressed Stalin with Britain's conwhich already have driven 600

French Deny Surrender

Duke of Kent Will Visit Roosevelt on Week-End

REDS COUNTER-ATTACK

WITH AIR-BORNE TANKS;

HITLER CLAIMS GAIN

of Kent, brother of King George VI of Great Britain, would spend the coming week-end with President Roosevelt at Hyde Park and return with

The duke, who has been touring Canada, will arrive by airplane at LaGuardia Airport, New York, Saturday. They will go immediately to Hyde Park.

The party will return here Monday for dinner at the White

BRITAIN SEES

previously - ignored central sector Soviet Assurances Given Hopkins Reaffirm Faith in Ability to Hold Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(A)—Official disclosed place but that the whole optimism in Washington and Lon-party was smashed. on three assurances given to Presi- gisepp and Staraya Russia, all in Detroit Strike

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The Detroi during their Atlantic conference, it was reported reliably tonight. The assurances which emerged

> Russia's Premier Joseph Stalin on in the sector where the Germans his recent visit to Russia were have made their deepest gains. 1. Nazi efforts to raise a fifth column within Russia have failed; Adolf Hitler's headquarters late
> 2. Despite the terrific blows of Wednesday claimed the smashing the German armies, Moscow has of 25 Russian divisions in a gicommunications between general capture of 78,000 prisoners, many

headquarters and the three field tanks, guns and two armored army groups; trains. It tended to confirm the 3. Soviet industrial expansion in Russian flying tank story, saying the past five years has been on two brigades of air-borne Russians such a scale that even if the Ger- were defeated or captured.) the Russians will be able-with some American and British help also that the Hango base domi-for immediate needs—to equip new nating the entrance to the Baltic

The dispatches from the front Explaining failure of a German described the Red army bridgeheads as 'ew and far between, and ant declared, "There were numer- of Finland. the high command has said as ous Nazi spies and fifth columnists much. Dive - bomber attacks on in Russia at the outbreak of the boatloads of fleeing Russian war," he said. "These were al- General Konev have been advanctroops, moreover, were said to lowed to work until the OGPU ing for three days, Red Star said. splotched the river with (Russian secret police) had the information it needed. Then they

were shot." "Stalin, like Hitler, is the real Germans out of front lines and leved to be not only to chase the war leader of his nation," the in-Russians to the eastern bank, but formant said. "He maps the grand also to keep them from taking strategy of the campaign and new positions there. German strat- leaves it to the army commanders

Although the Soviet government lower river, would not be tenable was said to have been hesitant at long, because there is little pros- first to accept British promises of aid, Moscow now is reported con-To the southeast of the big bend siderably impressed by the mesin the river the sea of Azov is sage from Roosevelt and Churchill. Hopkins is believed to have im-

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man-Finnish attacks and had made counter-raids capturing islands surrounding that southwestern tip In the central land area, not otherwise identified, the forces of

a titantic assault which drove the routed them a second time when

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First, the Russians threw tanks,

planes, artillery and infantry into

PETAIN DECREES PROVINCIAL RULE

Orders Nation Under Medieval Type Government; **Politics Banned**

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Aug. Of Fleet In Wooing U.S. 20 .- (A)-Chief of State Marshal Petain today definitely ordered reorganization of France along medieval provincial lines.

He instructed the national council, charged with the reorganization, to create virtually autonomonous provincial regimes, ruled by governors whose authority and prestige would be incontestable.

The new setup, as outlined by the marshal, carries out one of his favorite ideas of "centralized decentralization," or authoritative local governments subject to the central government only for general policies.

His letter told the committee that the head of each province "will be a governor, a high personality representing the chief of state," the provincial council, he said, will be a simple advisory body and "in no case shall it be transformed into a political assembly.'

Youths Accused of Cuban Bombing Are Released

HAVANA, Aug. 20-(AP)-Urgency long-existing friendly relations with court today released for lack of evidence four youths detained in connection with one of four bombings

proprietor of one of the bombed esgovernment has "been accused of nitrate on the hands or clothing of

here Monday night. The court said there was no

≺ontinued on Page Three; Col. 2) WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Fair in interior, doudy with showers along the coast, continued cool ThursCay, Friday sunny and warm

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m.
55; 7:30 p. m. 99.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30
1. m. 0.27 inches. Total since the first of the month 3.14 inches.
Tides For Today

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council, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy told Mr. O'Shields and a committee that appeared with him, that the city had been giving such a plan Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) cees could rest assured that their of the year.

Openly endorsing the Junior proposed route would be given care-

Other members of the committee were Richard A. Shew Robert Dannenbaum and Robert Montgomery. "Third street'.' Mr. O'Shields told

meet the needs of the growing dropped 893,000 barrels last week, tute only a ten-day supply. "defense" population of this city. as the diversion of tankers to the

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- (A)- shut down for lack of power," he In Washington Today that the Eastern oil shortage had Gasoline in storage in the Eastfinally reached the acute stage, ern area last week totalled 20, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy will that reserve stocks had diminished about 14,000,000 were unavailable Col. M. E. Gilmore, director of to a ten-day supply and that the for use because they were at the bottom of tanks, filled with sludge,

Continuing, he gave these sta- news disseminating agencies in the

1 freeze and our defense industry (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) them.

BOSTON, Aug. 20 .- (A)-American press associations are the fairest and finest news gathering and

For Honest, Accurate

U. S. Press Praised

of Franco-German collaboration.

world, Lowell Mellett, administra-Gasoline inventories dropped tive aid to President Roosevelt, says in an article written for the

Contending that the Vichy govern- the acts of the Vichy government in ment had been unjustly accused of carrying out its collaboration decis

planning to surrender the fleet and Atlantic naval bases to Germany, Henry-Haye said he called on his own initiative to give Hull an expla-Gaston Henry-Haye, French ambasnation of Chief of State Petain's sador, sought today to repair the strained relations with the United speech last week in which the an-States resulting from new evidence gered marshal spoke of collaboration with Germany as "a long term labor" and said the French must turn them-What success he had was not immediately apparent for Secretary of selves "toward broad perspectives State Hull declined to make any com- which can open up a reconciled contiment on their conference. It was nent.'

In telling newsmen of his conferbelieved, however, that the ambas ence with Hull, the ambassador assador was told that future Francoserted that there was nothnig in the Petain address to justify an assumption that "we intend to surrender the fleet or take new military steps."

France by necessity, he said, had News Dissemination to do some things which might not entirely please the United States. But he added that the leaders of France were as good Frenchmen as could be found anywhere and that his one desire was to maintain the the United States. He said he had shown Secretary

Hull a collection of American press cartoons and articles which he described as "insulting" to Marshal other accusation than that of the Petain. The ambassador said that since his tablishments, and that police laboraarrival here a year ago the French tory tests showed existence of no