in Repeated Attempts

to Cross Dnieper

(By The Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Monday, Sept. 1.

reported today.

report declared.

Artillery Active

The Russians declared the Ger-

structing a pontoon bridge across

"In the course of two days, So

tentionally into the bridge.

the struggle.

Mounting German losses in mo-

Without detailing the present sit-

Germans lost 3.000 men killed and

wounded and 25 tanks, 32 field and

air force thwarted an attempt at a

pontoon-crossing of a river identi-

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selves to the police department.

Figuring an annual take of \$50,000

completely paid for by the city, this

amount would enable a substantial

enlargement of the police depart

ment personnel, City Manager Wal

This will be drastically needed in

Wilmington in the next several

lace pointed out.

t its present pace.

a full hour.

infantry forces near the town

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ESTABLISHED 1867

Throngs Observe Holiday

NO FATALITIES

Police Declare Great Week-End Crowd 'Sanest', Most Orderly in History

New Hanover county celebrated one of its sanest three-day holiday periods in modern historp, police officials of all municipalities agreed without a single automobile fatality reported up to a later hour Thousands upon thousands of people jammed the highways lead-

ing to and from Wrightsville and Carolina beaches, but police agreed that it was one of the most olderly masses ever encountered wit arrests being confined largely to drunks and minor traffic violators. Concessionaries at both beaches. as well as hotels and rooming houses, hailed the week-end crown

Fourth with an average greater throng expected to arrive throughout the day today. Practically every available room was reported taken at leasing hotels at the two beaches, with man- Government, Organization The War department announced a second lieutenants, 30. ceeded all expectations.

as nearly equivalent to that of July

Traffic Heavy
Railway and motor bus compa nies reported that their traffic had been enormous, with managers of each refusing to even fathom a beaches were regarded as overflowed at most sections, Wilmington nevertheless experienced a mild holiday.

Streets were almost deserted of traffic, believed due to the fact that hundreds of office and defense industry workers had taken advantage of the long week-end to visit

ands of soldiers would have otherwise came into the city to return to their homes for a day or two with relatives.

It was known defintely that 6,000 men alone went to New York city and Chicago by rail, with addimore easily accessbly cities. There was, however the throngs

Beach and more than a thousand taking advantage of the surf at Whightsville to escape the torrid heat which settled over the city

Business office workers at the Atlantic Coast Line railway stated that they had been "so busy" that they hadn't had time to think about the record-breaking throngs of travelers who vacationed in the nation's capital and other cities along the northern Atlantic sea-

Some To Mountains.

Still other thousands from this city took advantage of respite from their desks to take trips to western North Carolina and the Mountains. All city, county, state and federal offices were closed Saturday noon, not to open until tomorrow morning, giving government employes their last chance for a three-day rest before thanksgiving holiday. Wilmington police, meantime, were kept on the run answering calls against disorderly drunks and vagrants who imbibed too freely over Saturday night and yesterday. The jail was crowded with minor offenders and even were expected offenders and even more were expected today.

The usual Monday session of re-

corders court, usually the heaviest of the week, will not be held this

Entire Area Peaceful

there had not been a single fatal accident in the territory despite the area. There were but four such fatilities in the entire of North Carolina, according to an Associated Press dispatch. Peace officers of all sorround-

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WEATHER

North Carolina and South Carolina:
Partly cloudy and warm Monday and
Tuesday, widely scattered thundershowers Tuesday.



WRECK OF CHILDREN'S SPECIAL—South Kent, Conn.—Tender (right), locomotive and car lie in Hatch Pond, near here, after wreck of special train carrying 275 children from summer camps to New York. Two engineers were killed, and a fireman was trapped in the wreckage and had to be cut out. Ten children suffered minor injuries.

GREATER EFFORT ASKED OF LABOR

Arms Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(A)-Leaders of the nation's defense setup and of organized labor, in Labor

Patterson expressed "profound gratification" over "the patriotic manner in which they (workers) are in that arm of the service will be Will Address Nation To- explosion of tremendous force tive defeat to Soviet forces in

three and five-day furloughs issued at Camp Davis had allowed thousof Industrial Organization, Patterson added: "America can only hope to sur-

vive the real and immin confronting it today if every Amer-

Sidney Hillman, associate director general of the Office of Production Management, said in a statemen that "this Labor Day finds our nation engaged in the great task of producing arms to turn back the barbarians who seek the conquest o. America as their final goal" and that "labor and management are joined as partners in turning out the arms that democracy needs."

Labor Chiefs' Statements The chiefs of the two big labor organizations summed up their views this way:

Green: "Proud as I am of the red ord of the men and women of the coming months. A crisis is at hand. New threats to our national safety are looming and our country may eventually be forced into war to defend our way of life."

Reserve Officer Service Limited By Department saults.

Leaders Want Re-Doubled policy today of releasing reserve able," if the officers wish to discontinue active service.

the 67,100 reserve officers on active Day statements, today praised the duty will return to private life workers' contribution to arming the along with 200,000 selective service country-and urged still greater ef. trainees and regular soldiers who

the army air force, reserve officers with friends and relatives out of the city.

Part of the quietitude could be rising to the needs of the present retained for "at least an additional emergency."

In telegrams sent to William it was stated but others "should be rising to the needs of the present retained for "at least an additional emergency."

12 months without their emergency." Part of the quientude could be laid directly upon the fact that three and five-day furloughs issued Federation of Labor, and Philip services can be spared or suitable replacements can be trained."

serve officers on duty in each regiican workers makes himself a com- ment, battalion or company may mittee of one to refute the agents be required to serve longer than 12 the defense program. tional thousands taking busses to of discord and defeatism in our months, and not more than 75 per midst; to awaken our nation to its cent of those on duty in corps area perils and to increase production to service commands and War departof soldiers at the beaches with the level that modern armament dement administrative units. This, it was explained, will permit the in Europe. Taking note of that fact

reserve officer."

Extended active duty will not be troop units if they have reached (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) ant-colonels, 52; majors, 47; cap-

Smith To Continue Fight For Crop Freezing Laws

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.-49-, The measure, approved last week morning a session of court due to open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Expressing displeasure Preduction of the scope of the duled to reach the Senate floor Wednesday. It ontains \$456,000, The chief executive will speak tion to freeze government stocks 000 more in estimated levies than of cotton and wheat, Chairman the bill which passed the House, Southeastern North Carolina Smith (D.-S.C.) of the Senate Ag- but leaders predicted that the Sen counties last night reported that there had not been a single fatal he would attempt to attach he

> tion coming before the S .:e. "We have lost one round, but the ucts into the price-fixing legislabattle is not over," Smith told re- tion, indicated they would support porters. "This is the first year in Smith's attempt to revise the freezmany that farmers have had c ance to make a little money. A good many of us her don't want to see that chance spoiled. We e the smallest cotton crop in

ecent years." The legislation forbade the government to dispose of the cotton wheat stocks until authorized by Congress. Advocates said that placing these stocks on the market the government as c llateral for tarian coalition of his followers showing where cities throughout the I ns made to farmers in recent reminiscent of Hitler's Nazis and nation have profited handsomely

would depress prices. About 6,000,
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 80; maximum 89; minimum 72; nnean 80 normal 76.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 95; 7:30 a. m. 92; 1:30

p. m. 62; 7:30 p. m. 82; maximum 89; minimum 72; nnean 80 normal 76.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 was "contrary to sound governge for the month 6.15 inches.

Tides For Today

(From T

Other farm-mind lawmakers,

car-jammed highways throughout measure to any price-fixing legisla- most of whom are opposed to writing price maximur on farm prod-

'Le ion of Veterans' Becomes Sole French Political Organization if the city council gives final aptraffic problems that present them-

By The Associated Press VICHY, Unoccupied France, Aug. 31.—Marshal Petain estabwould depress prices. About 6,000,- lished today the "French Legion

the declaration of the old Marshal, by city officials that the machines

chased here. This money was real-(Continued on Page Three: Col. 5) disposal of the record breaming to authority in both occupied and unoccupied zones. 2

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.— (P) — tains, 42; first lieutenants, 35, and ly said—as it has for days now—the War department announced a second lieutenants, 30.

are to be released in the next four Because of rapid expansion of

However, the percentages may be exceeded in the case of officers serving outside continental United States, those on the staff and faculty of army schools. certain officers from other branches who are serving with the air corps, and in the case of regular army warrant officers and enlisted men who hold British Prime Minister Winston dive bombers we ordered to de- nications and a Nazi airdrome. reserve commissions.

Officers also may be required to nected with the Signal corps, the Reserve Officers Training corps, American Federation of Labor, 1 or if filling some specialized posifeel it necessary to call upon them tion for which there is "no other Ernest Bevin, British labor minister to redouble their efforts during the readily available and qualified

If serving with other than troop officers at the end of one year of units officers will be released if told of German attempts to put a active duty "so far as is practicthey have reached these ages: Colonels, 60; lieutenant-colonels. in the Ukraine. 58; majors, 54; captains, 50; first lieutenants, 47, and second lieuten-The policy means that many of PRESIDENT PLANS

LABOR DAY TALK with its remaining bombs against the enemy pontoon bridge," a war

rize Defense Progress By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 31.-4

The ten-minute speech, to

broadcast at 1:50 EDT tomorrow afternoon will coincide with the second training of other reservists not yet in Washington Friday, Mr. Roosevelt had hinted that he might have something appropriate and significant to say.

The chief executive set aside the stroyed." enti afternoon to work on the address. It will represent his first re-Churchill.

Mr. Roosevelt's ten minutes on stay on for extended duty if con- the ai rwill conclude an hour's program, arranged by the Office of Production Management. The program will ave an international scope with speaking from London.

Additional speakers will include Sidney Hillman, associate director required of officers in service with of OPM; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; these ages: Colonels, 55; lieuten- and James Carey, secretary of the Congress for Industrial Organiza-

The labor aspects of the day and program raised the possibility that Mr. Roosevelt might devote a portion of his statement tomorrow to the matter of defense strikes. But White House officials said the President had told them no decision has

from his own room in the Franklin D. Roosevelt library here.

proval of the parking meter plan

whereby between 300 and 500 of the

devices would be installed on the

main streets of this city's business

Facts and figures have been hand

ed City Manager James G. Wallace

from the installation of the devices.

were not being sought as a pro-

ducer of revenue, but merely to re

lieve the parking situation, as much

as \$20,000 was realized in one city

from the time the meters were in-

stalled until they were paid for

through the 72-25 division of income

All revenues derived from the

While it has been definitely stated

area.

WALLACE SEES REVENUE

IN PARKING METERS HERE

City Manager Cites Statistics Showing De-

vices Have Yielded Income For Im-

provement of Police Departments

Wilmington can expect more than | meters will be put back into the po-

NAZIS HURLED BACK Nazis Report Leningrad REDS EXTEND FEELER Soviets Say Invaders Foiled Defenses Are Weakening U. S. Ambassador John

FROM RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN;

GERMAN ADVANCE STOPPED

FINLAND MAY WITHDRAW

(By The Associated Press) | territory on the Karelian Isthmus BERLIN, Aug. 31 .- On this last in the direction of Leningrad." pean war touched off by Germany's these Northland fighters had chasoperation against Poland the battle ed the Russians back on the Isth-Red army soldiers are gaining planes of the Luftwaffe ranged far mus to what was the Russian-Fineast of the Dnieper river in Rus- nish border before the Soviet atsia and German land forces resist- tack in 1939 and DNB stated that, Winant, United States ambassador ed what appeared to be secondary northeast of Lake Ladoga, Finns to London, is the central figure, ed German efforts to force a cross-Red army counter-thrusts in the had passed the old boundary in ing of the Dnieper river, it was Gomel sector.

Odessa, Soviet Black sea port could menace Leningrad. Front-line dispatches said the army of Marshal Semeon Timoshenko was pushing methodically forward while their fellow soldiers on the northwestern and southwestits defenses were apparently weak. way.) ern fronts ere battling to hold posiening.

tions against violent German as-Finland had reached approximate- Gulf of Finland. ly what seemed to be her war the whole front, but other reports pontoon bridge over the Dnieper. quarters as to how far her people would care to go into the third ism.' The four-man crew of a Russian year of the conflict.

bomber sacrificed their lives to The German high command shatter the bridge, the Russians communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters stressed Finnish a hit by a German shell, "the crew German action at all on the Rus-

decided to steer the burning plane sian front today. Credit Finn Troops "As already reported in a special announcement." it said, "Fin-"The plane hit the bridge and an nish troops administered a destruc- 170 prisoners. broke it into splinters. The heroic day; Expected to Summa- crew . . . met the deaths of heroes, Viipuri (Karelian Isthmus city 75 thousands of land mines to hinder causing the enemy heavy dammiles northwest of Leningrad) and the advance on Leningrad. on Aug. 30 won back the town

mans had concentrated large tank

day of the second year of the Euro- German dispatches declared that

nd naval base, held out against a (The old Karelian isthmus border bitter siege. Fighting taged about was about 40 miles northwest of mier Joseph Stalin himself made eningrad, the second city of the Leningrad; the boundary east of the opening move by ordering with-. S. S. R., but Berlin sources said Lake Ladoga was some 200 miles drawal of Red army forces from the

Russian forces, however, still held Russia and Finland. In the far north, German-Allied Hango, the old neval harbor on the

aims—a return of frontier regions settled and it was not disclosed here she lost to Soviet Russia in the whether the nation would be satis-1940-Moscow-Helsinki peace treaty fied with the recovery of her terri--and there were questions in some tory or continue in the Axis-led "European fight against Bolshev-Red Counter-Attacks

German dispatches again men tioned Russian counter-thrusts in With their bomber burning from progress and made no mention of front, but asserted that they flattened out against a stonewall defense. Russians were said to have lost 30 tanks in one attack. In another segment of the same

sector. Germans reported taking 2,-From the northern front came re heavy battles in the vicinity of ports that the Russians had planted

> On a front held by a single German army corps it was declared

on the right bank of the Dnieper RAF Bucks Pea-Soup Fog Γο Hammer Nazi Targets

viet artillery and air force thwartwere killed by artillery fire and air spite weather officials—described ing. number of pontoons were de pied France today.

Blenheim bombers and RAF his dramatic conferences at sea with stream, the report said, and Soviet argets included railway commulast night."

stroy it. It was during this action Fragmentary reports indicated Germans had effectively bombed that the bornber crew crashed in one German fighter was destroyed the southwest section of Ramsgate, rale, men and machines of war in ninistry said, bomber command the fighting now general along the aircraft attacked docks at Cher-

"Two aircraft of the coastal command," it said, "are missing." uation on the battlefront, the first (The German high command de- ed that there was little opposition communique of the day told of clared that its naval artillery all-night fighting and said that the

"During this period nearly 1,000 aerial squadrons struck overnight planes on the Notwegan that ground defense guns had forcation and along the Netherlands coast, deed a 12th raider into a crash landbombings, nearly 50 tanks, six as unfavorable, and made fresh "individual British bombers last anti-aircraft batteries, and a large thrusts against objectives in occu-Germany.")

Germans had succeeded in build- hrouded English channel after report today and "only a few eneport to the American people since ing the bridge nearly to mid- cawn and informed sources said my aircraft were over this country (Berlin sources said night-flying

nd one British plane was missing. a railway, maritime and aerial ambassador to London. In operations last night, the air center at the mouth of the Thames. ports in Middle England.") In fact, the air ministry report-

"At the same time the Finnish that engineers had eliminated 1,100 troops made impressive gains of mines in dangerous hours of toil.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(R)—British Dutch coast and three British aerial squadrons struck overnight planes on the Norwegian coast" and

By the end of the third day the fighters roared across the mist-curity said there was nothing to The British ministry of home se- tiations.

"shot down eight pursuiters on the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

anti-aircraft guns when the Red air force thwarted an attempt at a Germans In Stampede To Leave Fallen Iran

Iran announced today the expecta-la declared. "The German com- with the wishes of Finland but that Red troops won their battle against tion that British-Russian military United States Minister Louis G. man Nationals harbored at the country"), summer legation in suburban An air raid scare here Saturday

seek assurances from the British four days of fighting, but a comand Russian governments for their munique indicated the underlying fair share for its money when and lice department for the relief of safety. Dreyfus expressed willing- reason was that the Iranian air ness to convey the request to Lon- force, among all arms of the serv don and Moscow.

To Central American Republics Asked of U.S.

Randle Elliott said the strategic position and economic resources of that the batteries fired at the Iranthese countries have necessitated a ians and not at the Red army plane vocate of collaboration with Ger-

(The British radio quoted the operations would stop and "the munity, apart from the legation she might find herself "in an awkcause for the peoples' anxiety will and some technicians, will have to soon be removed" as a result of leave within a week. x x x The Dreyfus, Jr., accepted a role of ures taken were not directed German Minister Ettel for 700 Ger- ace of German intrigues in the ceded last year."

developed from an odd mixup in a Ettel asked Dreyfus yesterday to land officially again at peace after ice, was most imbued with a desire to defend Iran to the end.

False Air Alarm Two Iranian planes, whose crews took off against orders, and a So viet craft on a leaflet-dropping

mission appeared simultaneously over the city by a coincidence, officials said.

satisfaction with the explanation suppose he has been saved."

Winant Understood Central Figure in Move

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, Monday, Sept. 1 .- Russian · initiated peace negotiations were reported under way today by an operation which conceivably the Stockholm correspondent of the Daily Mail.

> The correspondent said that Pre-Karelian isthmus frontier between

These reports were not confirmed in any official quarter. American embassy sources who could be reach-

In Helsinki, the Finns officially denied rumors abroad to the effect that the Helsinki government itself had started negotiations for a mediated peace.

"Without Foundation"

The Finish statement described such reports as "without foundation," but left unsaid whether the Russians might have taken the initiative. There were indications from Ger-

many that the Nazis felt the Finns might come to terms with Stalin. Berlin dispatches said there were questions in some quarters there as to how far Germany's northern ally against Russia might care to go. now that the Finns have all but reached what seemed to be their war aims-a return of frontier regions lost to the Soviet Union in the

1940 Russian Finnish peace treaty. Advices from the German capital described Finnish policy as apparently unsettled and it was not disclosed there whether the Helsinki regime would be satisfied with recovery of her territory or continue the Axis-led "European fight against

The Daily Mail correspondent cabled the following from Stockholm:

"Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, Soviet ambassador to Stockholm, has telegraphed Moscow that the Finns apparently want peace but she herself is taking no part in any nego-

"Reports of Finnish peace feelers have been sweeping Stockholm for some days now In Winant's Hands

"The negotiations at present are said to be centralized in the hands of Mr. John G. Winant, American

"American diplomatic circles in ("Battle planes last night bom- Stockholm will not confirm reports barded various harbor facilities on that the United States minister to enormous front were reported at bourg and aircraft of the coastal the British east coast," a Berlin Helsinki, Mr. (H. F. Arthur) Schothe start of the eleventh week of command bombed ground defenses communique said. "Additional air enfeld, has been approached as to attacks were directed against air- the possibility of Washington as an intermediary between .Finland and Russia.

"In Helsinki, it is significant that the British legation staff are allowed complete freedom of movement within the city limits."

Before this Stockholm report was received interest was aroused in London by the suggestion of a Finnish newspaper that Finland shortly might seek a separate peace with Russia, now that territory lost to the U. S. S. R. had been largely regained.

ward position" with Germany. Helsinki dispatches quoted the

talks with Allied representatives. Allies will reaffirm that the measnewspaper Savo as saying, "it is Finnish troops are concerned will terminate shortly with the driving intermediary at the request of against Iran, but against the men-Informed quarters expressed be

lief that the Finnish recovery of Viipuri might be the logical point to seek withdrawal from the war. But since that might release Russian troops for service elsewhere

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Laval, Deat Improve: Full Recovery Seen For Collaborationists

VERSAILLES, Occupied France, Aug. 31 .- (A)-Physicians to Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat, targets of Iranian anti-aircraft batteries an assassin's bullets last Wedneswere ordered to fire upon the Iran- day, said today that the two men ian planes to force them to land, could be considered almost out of danger.

Of Deat, Rightist editor of the aircraft shells led to an erroneous Paris newspaper L'Oeuvre, they announcement that the city was said: "Considering that only 72 hours have passed since a grave The Soviet embassy expressed operation, there is every reason to Of Laval. France's foremost ad-

the city would retain 25 per cent of the total with the remaining 75 reevaluation of them in "terms of and reported forwarding a mes- many, they said: "Improvement the totalitarian challenge" to the sage to Moscow urging no bombing permits every hope he will be 2 parking funds taken from the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) Western Hemisphere. reprisale

fied only by the letter "D". On the far-north front, the Red army was said to have killed 1,200 out of a picked German force of BY DANIEL DeLUCE 1,500 troops sent to capture the city TEHERAN, Iran, Aug. 31.—(P)— Reuters news agency as stating The vanquished government of that well-informed sources in Sim- believed the report was in accord A dispatch to Izvestia said the

Greater Economic Aid

The United States was urged today years with the population growing litical and military assistance to extend economic as well as po-

ent for 12 minutes, or a nickle for private research organization, A. Out of the money thus received.

from the machines once they are WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.-(AP)-

the Central American republics to they said. The rattle of shrapnel Under the plan now before the assure their continued stability and falling from the exploding anticommission, at least 300 of the machines would be placed about the the Panama Canal. streets in the business area. The In a special report prepared for price of the parking would be one the Foreign Policy association, a bombed.