Off N.C. Coast

ship, Sub Lures Ves-

sel Close For Kill

Nineteen Believed To Have

Drowned When Lifeboat

Is Swamped In Sea

By HARRY NASH NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 26.—(P)—

Masquerading as a lightship to

lure her prey closer for the kill,

coast early Saturday, leaving the

ship floating on her side and 22

Allen Harte, able bodied seaman

'those Boches are certainly smart.

"I was in the crow's nest on

watch when we sighted a light,"

in code that the vessel was a light-

ship. She told us to come over near

didn't do much damage, but we

"Then the submarine moved

sounded and darned if that sub.

Boat Swamped

saw the sea swamp a lifeboat car-

rying 19 men and saw a third life-

boat with two men in it but report-

loaded and shipping water.

pany of New York.

on the deck amidship.

R. L. Garrett, first assistant en-

gineer of Christian City, Fla., said

Duurloo ordered the men not to launch the lifeboats while the ship

was running toward shore at full

speed. Some of the men, however,

became panic stricken, Garrett re-

were called to our stations.

Harte related. "The light blinked

They fooled us completely."

of Baltimore, Md., one of 21 surviese convoys in the Macassar strait,

score of 28

accounted for.

ESTABLISHED 1867.

CHIPYARD HERE GETS CONTRACT TO BUILD 53 ADDITIONA AFT

80.000,000 Award Represents No. 1 Business Story Of Year Here

O HIKE EMPLOYMENT

pending Also Will Be Ex-panded; Ships Are To Be Completed By 1943

ontrast for 53 additional World War. iberty freighters to the ompany by the Maritime ommission Monday was genally regarded in Wilming- the dock. n business circles as the umber One story of the

ear, tantamount in impornce to the first announceent of the shipyard's found-

neignters the Maritime imission has given the pounding company conacis to build, are expected ve completed by the end

an increase in the number of ses, with a consequent inan spending here, but no adsman for the shipbuilding comwing to make every effort to the new program and better possible," ne added.

May Build Drydock

nom Washington Monday the announcement that the nment is giving serious cont was pointed out that Wilming-

een nere and the ocean reduces Wilmington shipyards. possibility of attack besides y in locating its drydock near is at Charleston, S. C., when the wock there was built.

ommenting on the Maritime comssion's program of ship building speed the nation's war plans, Mon L. Mosher, chief of the edirial section of the Maritime com-

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TANKS PROPOSED

According To Type Paint Suggested

horities as to the type and color tion base. his step was decided upon Mon-

morning at a conference beseaming at a conterence personal content of the personal city Manag-James G. Wallace and Chief Raid Warden Casteen at city and which was held for th spose of determining what furer precautionary steps should be ken to safeguard oil properties re in the event of air raids by betil planes or sabotage.

Several suggestions were put for-ard for the camouflaging of the gasoline storage tanks here, all were set aside for the time ng until direct word is recieved to what color and design, if

During the conference, it was herally agreed that the plants of various oil companies here are fficiently guarded night and day present as to make acts of sabage difficult to say the least. in the proposal that oil storage atter of safety, the conferees aftconsiderable discussion held the question due to the fact that cost of such operation would

Thousan Of Men. Forming New AEF, Landed In Ireland

WITH THE AEF IN NORTHERN RELAND, Jan. 26.— (P) —Several -"all pepped up and rarin' to go" Announcement of the award —landed here safely today as the a more than \$80,000,000 vanguard of United States troops

British navies, their commander, minister, who welcomed them. orth Carolina Shipbuilding Maj.-Gen. Russell P. Hartle, 52, waves of cheers from those lining wherever they may be found.

> First To Land After the general came first class Private Milburn Henke, 22, of Hut-pleasure to be here.' chinson, Minn., whose Germanborn father's parting words were: "Give 'em hell."

Most of the huskies were from the midwest, seasoned regulars

"a routine operation."

The American troops marched thousands of steel-helmeted yanks down the gangplank, formed ranks under the stock-taking gaze of British, Irish, and American officials. "Your safe arrival marks a new dispatched to Europe in the second world War, and a gloomy portent for Hitler," said Escerted safely by the U. S. and Sir Archibald Sinclair, British air

"Your welcome arrival here to stepped ashore to the strains of day reveals part of one great plan The Star Spangled Banner," and to smash the dictator powers "Its significance will not be lost

on General Tojo.' General Hartle said: "It's

There was no flamboyant welcome. The secret apparently was well-kept, and the curious who had gathered on the docks appeared to sense the evident grimness of the

also were in the convoy, and the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) Building Of Drydock Here Is Considered

Naval And Shipbuilding Aid At Wilmington

BY HOWARD SUTTLE Wilmington Star-News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. - Serous consideration is being given by government officials to an appropriation for construction of a drydock to cest \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in Wilmington, it was learned here today as the Maritime commission announced award of contract of 53 more freighters to the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Such a program, it was duck because the 30 miles be- would insure permanency of the

Today's contract award, by the king drydock facilities available Maritime commission bringes to a the shipbuilding company here. total of 1,038 the number of Liber-Such a plan was followed by the ty ships in the merchant's fleet program, and to 90 the number con-Charleston Shipbuilding com- tracted for by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co.

The Wilmington yard has contracted for delivery of 37 vessels by the end of this year. Two have already been launched, and production and launching schedules have that might be fixed. been so arranged as to insure delivery of the remaining 35.

Contracts announced today pro-000 in 1943. In the event the government decides to construct a dry-dock, it would be built by the Navy could petition a state court to sutween Charleston and Norfolk.

Molesalers of petroleum prod-few weeks in conferences with has been engaged during the past through normal court channels." is in the Greater Wilmington Navy officials, who are contemplata will camouflage their oil ing the location of a drydock either visability or necessity for a board ks with paint just as soon as at Wilmington or Southport, the lat-

John Morris. secretary of the controversial section which would Greater Wilmington Chamber of forbid the setting of farm price Commerce who started a move sev- ceilings below the higest of these eral weeks ago for location of a standards: drydock at Wilmington, was scheduled to return to Washington with-

Project Contemplated As PRICE CONTROL BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Is Dispatched To Senate Where Speedy Action Is Anticipated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.— (A) -After a three-hour attack by republicans and a few democrats the wartime price control bill was approved finally by the house today and sent to the senate, where

A powerful ccalition led by Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich) came within 20 votes of sending the controversial hold unquestioned supremacy measure - compromised between wherever the navy may operate. original senate and house billsback to conference with instruc-tions to revise it. The coalition of the enemies. wanted to knockout a system of business licenses designed to enforce price control and also believed a board of review should be set up to pass on price ceilings

The legislation, first requested by President Roosevelt last July, would give a price administrator, vide for speeding up of production who presumably will be Leon Henin shippards throughout the coun-derson, authority to fix ceiling on try to meet the program, revealed prices in his descretion, a well by the President in his recent as rents in defense areas. Licensmessage to congress for 8,000,000 es sculd be required for the condead weight tons to be delivered dur- duct of almost any business. If ing 1942, to be increased to 10,000, provisions of a license were violated, the offending party would department, known to be consider spend it. That court might, after ing such a project somewhere be- a hearing, suspend the license for not longer than 12 months and Representative J. Bayard Clark the aggrieved party could appeal

With debate concerning largely on that procedure and on the ad- chest. of review to work as soon as at Wilmington or Southport, the late of a naval sec-

> 110 per cent of parity, the Oct. 1 or Dec. 15 market level, or the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) average prices from 1919 to 1929.

Germans Leave Utter Destruction In Wake

WITH THE RED ARMY ON ly like summer thunder in this THE WESTRN FRONT Jan 26 scene of snow and ice. THE WESTRN FRONT, Jan. 26. —(P)—The Red Army is moving its which lie behind us, were scenes government authorities will men and guns and machines back of utter destruction. Not a house to the west across the vast, snow- was standing in either town. swept reaches of a countryside bleak with winter, but even more desolate with the destruction of

> Roads are marked with Macabre milestones-wrecked machines, the frozen dead, charred ruins and homeless peasants.

Retreating, the German Army the question due to the foot the

enormous because the City of some is only about nine for imington is only about nine feet still are smouldering and on works sea level still are smouldering and on works sea level still are smouldering and on works with the same works are smouldering and on works with the same works are smouldering and on works with the same works are smouldering and on works with the same works are smouldered and works with the same works with the same works are smouldered and works with the same works are smouldered and works with the same works with the sa of big guns which sounds strange-

Amid the smouldering ruins of what had been Russian homes were dozens of empty bottles of French wines. There were so many bottles around some buildings that it seemed a question which the Nazis used most, champagne, or

Women, children and old men who had been living in nearby woods now have gathered sorrowfully around the ruins of homes.

Back at Unarovo and Borodino,

gasoline to set fires.

Hangings Noted

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17 Billions To Finance Navy Asked

Proposed Fund Would Enable It To Control Sea, Air Wherever It Is

DEBATE OPENS TODAY Measure Tops By \$5,000,-

000,000 Largest Outlay Asked For Defense WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, -(A) The greatest appropriations meas-

Masquerading As A Lightin United States history, a \$17,722,565,474 proposed outlay to finance the Navy's aim of gaining complete control of the seas and the air wherever it operates, was presented to Congress today. Debate on the huge bill is sched-

22 OF CREW MISSING uled to start tomorrow in the House. Congressional leaders indicated belief there would be little, if any, opposition to the Naval e .pansion program, which the House appropriations committee described as "stupendous."

The measure proposed naval out-lays of \$4,292,225,500, in addition to previous appropirations, during the fiscal year ending next June 30 and \$13,430,339,974 for the year beginning July 1.

The new bill topped by \$5,222,- an enemy submarine shelled and 565,474 the previous record appro- torpedoed the American ore carpriation of \$12,500,000,000 which the rier Venore off the North Carolina House authorized for army planes only last week. Added to vast sums already voted for this year, the members of her 43 man crew unmeasure would swell the 24-month accounted for.

The House appropriations committee, in approving the bill, expressing confidence that the navy's a vessel which picked them up aft-"staggering" program would be er they had drifted for 38 hours "with unbelievable in a lifeboat, told newsmen that

Releasing a lengthy transcript of testimony by high naval officicials, the committee disclosed the navy's belief that 1942 would be the critical year in the battle against

"If we can hold our own, and even advance a little, then we will be ready for whatever the expanded production will enable us to do

in 1943 and 1944." Four Great Objectives enable the navy to accomplish that time and when the second torthese four great war objectives: pedo struck us we were ready for

1. Increase plane and ship forces it as much as you can be ready to such an extent that they would for such a thing." 2. Gain complete command of the seas by destroying naval forces

3. Cooperate with other branches of the United States armed forces (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

WILMINGTON BOY DIES OF WOUND

Jimmy B. Williamson Accidentally Shoots Self While Cleaning Gun

Jimmy B. Williamson, 21 years old, an employe of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, was fatally wounded Monday night at 9:45 o'clock when the gun he was cleaning at his home, 702 Park avenue, Winter Park, accidentally dis-

charged. The bullet lodged in his A. W. Allen, New Hanover county coroner, who viewed the body, said young Williamson was shot "accidentally while cleaning his gun' and an inquest was deemed unnec-

According to the family, Mr. Williamson had cleaned one of his guns, laid it aside and had taken up another one when the accident oc-

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williamson, Wilmington; one brother, Wayne Williamson, a medical student at the University of Maryland; two sisters, Mrs. E. R. Hill, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. E. R. Mitchell, of Knoxville, Tenn., and an aunt, Miss Estaline Williamson, Wilmington.

The body was removed to Andrews Mortuary where it will remain pending completion of funeral

Waccamaw Bank Board Reelects All Officers

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 26 .- At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company held here, all members of the board of directors were re elected. Officers elected included K Clyde Council of Wananish, presi dent; J. N. Coburn, of Whiteville, executive vice-president, and cashier for the Whiteville unit, Dr. R. C. A small boy pointed to a piece Sadler and Glenn F. Strole, of of rope dangling from a telegraph Whiteville and Chadbourn, respec-

U-Boat Sinks Wilmington WillHold Ore Freighter Air Raid Test Tonight

JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER

IN MACASSAR STRAIT BATTLE

U. S. SUBMARINE TORPEDOES

day night at 6:45 o'clock-this time to determine how well and how far the alarm signal

City Manager James G. Wallace announced late Monday that when the raid test comes, an entirely new signal will be used—just what kind however is being kept a well guarded secret by Mr. Wallace and Air Raid Warden Casteen. But in any event, every citizen is urg-

ing With Great Power,

Smash Convoy

BATAVIA, Netherlands East In-

dies, Jan. 26.—(P)—The allied air

and naval arms, falling with ter

rible power upon invading Japan-

new signal and officials will appreciate reports on how far and how well it is heard.

Mr. Wallace especially requests that all citizens of Wilmington respond to the new signal as rapidly as possible. Adoption of the new form of signal, whatever it may be, will depend very largely upon the strength of reports that are received as to how well and how far the signal is heard

23 Others Heavily Battered Since Great Engagement Opened By WILLIAM R. SPEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .-(P)—An American submarine torpedoed and probably sank a Japanese aircraft carrier in the battle of Macassar strait today while surface warships Allied Forces Exact and big flying fortresses took further terrific toll of an in-

Surface Warships, Flying

Fortresses Take Fur- -

ther Toll Of Convoy

11 SHIPS DESTROYED

vading enemy convoy. At least 11 ships have been positivelysunk and 23 others heavily battered by American and Dutch forces since the great engagement began last Friday between Borneo and Celebes islands.

Northward in the Philippines, a tiny torpedo boat zipped again into Subic bay, past net and boom defenses and heavy shore batteries, and sank another 5,000-ton enemy vessel, duplicating a similar daring attack of last week.

So fierce was the action and so brilliant the success of American The Schutt property valuation arms, supported by Dutch forces, ontroversy received another air- against the Japanese invasion coning Monday at the meeting of the voy i the Macassar strait apcounty commissioners when John proach to Hava that a Navy com-A. Stevens, attorney, appeared be- munique late in the day said it was "still impossible to estimate sideration of the offer of \$11,000 total damage inflicted by our commade by the commissioners for bat vessels" but that "the known the property which is needed to results are substantial."

Believed Sunk

It also was not ascertained whether the torpedoed aircraft carrier went to the bottom but it was here credited the Nipponese last keystone in the East Indies arch ers, might not reflect the true October with eight aircraft carriers Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, said the expanded production was designed to enable the navy to accomplish

The sinking of the second 5,000-So widespread was the action volved. Situated on the property ton enemy ship in Subic bay and so tremendous the allied suc- are a two-story frame residence brought the count of Japanese ves-Some of the survivors said they cesses that it was yet impossible and two five-room frame dwellings sels definitely sunk by American to tell the whole story. Nor was it and some small outbuildings. An impossible as yet to estimate pre- appraisal committee of the Wiltack to 51-or 52 if the aircraft

previously appraised the property A torpedo boat commanded by The known successes were divid- at \$15,650 but this figure was re- Ensign George Cox of Watertown (Continued on Page Three; Col, 4)

Before setting the \$11,000 figure. the commissioners considered the recommendations made by a sperecommendations made by a special committee of experienced JAPANESE RAIDERS building contractors which included L. T. Rogers, Frank Cox and L. J. Coleman and who set a valu

ation of \$7,100 on the property. Flight Of 40 Bombers Turn The commissioners valued the Tail Before Reachof \$1,500. To this sum was added \$500 for estimated landscaping and ing Target other improvements and \$1,900 to cover the expense of locating, buy

RANGOON, Burma, Jap. 26.-American volunteer pilots added still another stunning defeat to the Japanese air force today in the utter rout of 40 enemy raiders approaching Rangoon while on the land front in southern Burma British Imperial forces held the invader to a standstill.

The Americans boosted their growing bag of Japanese craft by downing three enemy fighters and next Monday afternoon at 3:00 forcing the others to turn tail before reaching their targets. One of the challenging Curtiss Tomahawk fighters was lost.

RAF pilots, heretofore using American-made Brewster Buffaloes, got into the scrap for the first time with their own hard-hitting Hurricanes.

In recognition of their achievements the American volunteers, Board Proposed To FDR who are attached to the Chinese air force, have been named the "Fighting Tigers" by the Chinese press. A Sei-official Chungking WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(R)— tion of working-power be carried compilation listed their score as Creation of a manpower mobilization of working-power be carried compilation listed their score as creation of a manpower mobilization. What policy should be followed to only five

Friday, 15 more Saturday.

On the Tenasserim front in the south the British command announced there had been no change in British positions established over the weekend east of Moulmein, which is about 100 miles across the Gulf of Martaban from Ran-

Prospects of an offensive thrust against the Japanese meanwhile

were brightened further by reports of an increasing flow of Chinese troops into Burma and along the northern border of French Indo-

North Carolina and South Carolina: Continued mild; showers in the moun-tains. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours

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

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

1:30 a. m. 56; Maximum 64; 7:30 a. m. 49; Minimum 47; 1:30 p. m. 60; Mean 56; 7:30 p. m. 56; Normal 46.

1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m. 46; 7:30 p. m. 53.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches, Total since the first of the month 1.26 inches.

(From Tides For Today

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

Wilmington

High Low

Wilmington

such problems as: (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

County Stands Firm On Reconsidering Price Tendered For Tract

being entirely too high.

ing, and moving to new homes,

and Commissioner Coleman debat-

To Execute Contract

OFFER UNCHANGED

vors brought ashore at Norfolk by have exacted the highest price yet paid by the enemy in a single operation since the Pacific war be-Dutch bombers and submarines and American flying fortresses, cruisers and destroyers by today had certainly sunk at least ten Japanese transports and one destroyer and had certainly damaged 17 oth-Admiral Ernest J. King, com-her. We started toward her, still five cruisers, two destroyers and thinking she was the lightship nine transports, for a minimum complete the north runway of the Wilmington airport. Mr. Stevens, appearing for the owners of the A recapitulation of communiques property, voiced the opinion that covering this great running action the valuation placed on the prop-

Heavy Toll Of Japs

Air And Naval Arms, Strik- \$11,000 AIRPORT

around to our port side and a tornedo hit us. A general alarm was the water approaches to Java, the
praisers named by the commissionhad gone down, and possibly fer the owners of the Schutt prop- plement of 30. more.

erty \$11,000 for the ten acres incisely the thousands of Japanese mington Real Estate Board had carrier be counted. lives lost.

ed they were unable to go to the aid of the others because their own boat, with 21 aboard, was overed to date at a ratio of about two jected by the commissioners as (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

The Venore, which was carrying 22,000 tons of ore, was the Tanker Charles M. Black prior to her conversion to an ore carrier. She was version to an ore carrier. She was owned by the Ore Steamship com-ALL OF EUROPE Peter Karlson, 62-year-old quartermaster of Baltimore, who was

at the helm when the attack be-Frigid Weather Adds To The commissioners valued the property at \$150 an acre, a total gan, said he remained at his post until Captain Fritz Duurloo took Woes Of Ill-Fed, Poorly over and ordered Karlson into a Clad Millions The captain still was in the wheelhouse when last seen by the

BERN, Switzerland, jan. 26.-(A) and for the discomfort of those Praising the skipper for his con--From Spain to Turkey and from who would have to give up thei duct under fire, Karlson said Duur-Stockholm to Naples a bitter cold homes. loo was "cool as a cucumber." today added to the woes of Eu- Discussion on the valuation of Other crew members said the masrope's ill-fed, poorly clad people the property waxed warm at whether they were in fuelless times, especially when Mr. Stevens ters only chance to have escaped was to have launched a life raft homes or on the battlelines. In many places communications ed the question of appraisal knowl-

and traffic were interrupted or missioners decided to stand pat on broken, while ice-locked rivers cur- their offer of \$11,000 for the proptailed electric power production erty and gave the owners until and reduced war output. Moscow reported German sol- o'clock to accept or reject the ofdiers freezing by thousands on the fer.

The Basel National Zeitung said | The Commissioners also instruct-

lated, and lowered three boats, one the Germans were operating sev- ed County Attorney Marsden Bel-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Five; Col. 1)

with 19 men aboard. This boat was swamped as the ship moved ahead

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) Manpower Mobilization **WEATHER**

war has been proposed to President Roosevelt by Paul V. McNutt, Federal security administrator, it was learned today.

The proposal, assailed by some union sources as a plan to conscript workers, was said to be urder study by the cabinet.

As outlined in a memorandum

prepared by the security administration, the proposal calls for a board of seven authorized to fix policies concerning labor controls, compulsory registration, and transfers. The board would deal with

How should a national registra-

tion board with far-reaching pow- lowed if and when skilled men in of their ow nlosses through last ers to say where and how men the military services are needed Saturday. Over Rangoon alone and women should work during the in industry? What controls should they knocked down 23 raiders last be established to assure maximum and immediate utilization of the available labor supply in critical defense occupations? Should advertising by employers for persons in critical defense occupations be reg-

> Should employers be required to obtain employes for critical defense occupations through the United States Employment Service; should employers be prohibited from discharging employes in critical defense occupations without

ulated or prohibited?

good cause; should workers in crit-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)