State and National News

nSuspending O-Hour Week

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odd Undo Gains Of Many Years He Tells Memhers Of House

fer a bitter debate, the House end for the duration of the federal laws calling for a 40week and extra pay for over-

(D.Va.), raked "arbitrary or leaders" who, he said, were "for silly reasons" m Rep. McCormack of Masusets, the democratic leader, mendment to a measure eral populated places" during the

eame obvious that debate on bor clause alone would exfar into the night. A score or speakers remained to nd at adjournment.

istration leaders were rete time to rally their forces would have a better chance to linder the amendment, seven

estates prescribing maxim wit hours and requiring the pay for overtime would be

Denying that the amendment must lake away most of labor's of the last fifty years, Smith if it would not interfere with existing or future contracts en labor and employes. The Virginian said he had no that extra compensation for time would be agreed on by diation between labor and em-

Need More Time as since Pearl Harbor had provthat the necessary production ogram could not be carried out b limited working hours. McCormack characterized the nament as "anti-labor, to

ose our heads.' hen McCormack told the House Smith last week had attempt- ritory. add "anti-labor" legislation a war supply bill, the Virginian lenged the assertion as "unand McCormack shot back:

aion Ray Warren.

MION, Feb. 26.—Marson Ray 3-year-old son of Marson In Joy Justice Warren, was bjured in his father's garat 3 o'clock this afternoon truck owned by Loddie and driven by Hudson's to over him while he was about his father's garage. tuck, upon which mechancis ben working, was being backof the garage at the time

Claude Warren and Mr. and meral services will be conducthiday afternoon at 5 o'clock the residence on Ferrell street

Rev. S. Louis Morgan, Jr., me see them." Mating, Burial will be in the on cemetery.

u Follows Farmer; Sends Him To Hospital

WOODWARD, Okla., Feb. 26.—

The little girls, who weighed totized by the hospital Chapiani and
tized by the hospital Chapiani and
the formula for the Wounding him in the chest.

The car careened into a culvert. as he found he had suffered lactile with that he planned to move very care any surgery was contemplated, Dr. that he planned to move very care any surgery was contemplated, Dr. that he planned to move very care. Timpone declared. He said the fully in preparing for any possible father, a New Brighton butcher, so father, a New Brighton butcher, so the wreck. He walked a half strength to a form house, then was successfully separate them.

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Jouse To Vote Soviets Close Trap On 96,000 South & aingrad

Encircled Army Pounded Relentles In Furious Battle

MRMICK RAPS PLAN Nazi Forces Reported To

ADVANCES CONTINUE

Be Disintegrating Under Onslaught

By EDDY GILMORE forces in the strategic Staraya Rus- virtually stalled today, but in the sa area 150 miles south of more important country southward the situation was not so clear. on 96,000 men of the second Ger-Brockdorf, triumphantly-worded dis-stantial advance. British and Chinpatches from the bitter cold front ese troops in this sector have said tonight.

pounded relentlessly in a furious have long since been demolished. battle, now two weeks old, for control of a vital area at the heart of a triangle formed by Moscow Leningrad and the Latvian border. The regular midnight communique reported merely that the Red army "advanced against heavy was offered enemy resistance and occupied sev

ing the government's war day, but a supplement said that three enemy infantry battalions had ar, after an earlier announce- been "annihilated in a night battle" of intention to finish the on the western front where an imbill today, was reached when portant locality was recaptured. The Soviets said they had a 21 to-5 plane score over the Germans during yesterday's aerial combats.

The German forces were declared to be disintegrating under the onslaught, the 290th division losing especially heavily. And their posited to believe that if they had tion was described as hopeless. Soviet airmen dropped leaflets to

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CANADIANS CAN FIGHT FOR U.

Prime Minister Says They Can Battle In Alaska Or U. S. To Oppose Invasion

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.-(A)-Prime Minister MacKenzie King told the House of Commons tonight that

micapping the effort to save repel any invasion attempt.

In aution in its hour of emer-The prime minister pointed out that the government's pledges not to conscript Canadians for over-He declared the 40-hour week seas service would not be a techni-dilation was enacted when the cal barrier to sending troops to the was not at war, and condition the continental United States or Gasoline Curfew the Alaska territory adjoining Can-

King said he could have parliament amend the national resources mobilization act and would do so ment as "anti-labor," and in the event of invasion of North America and the consequent necessity of using Canadians on the continent outside of Canadian ter-

> The act now provides only for compulsory service within Canada or on its territorial waters.

King made his statement after The gentleman from Virginia is interrupting a speech by Conserva-3 tive Leader R. B. Hanson, who was criticizing the government's handling of the plebiscite by which it will seek release from pledges Clinton Is Killed not to conscript Canadians for

overseas service. The prime minister had described the old pledges as a moral obligation not to be ignored even

in wartime.

APANESE DRIVE IN BURMA STALLS

Situation Improved On Hilly Frontier, But South ern Status Not Clear

BY DANIEL De LUCE

MANDALAY, Burma, Feb. 26 .-(P)—The Japanese offensive against the hilly, bush-covered Shan front-MOSCOW, Feb. 26.—(P)—Soviet ier in eastern Burma appeared

The slow-moving Japanese offenive aganst the Shan frontier apparently had not made any subheavily mined the few roads and The trapped forces were being bridges over frontiers streams

Trained in bush warfare, British commando shock troops are itching for a chance to fight the Japanese and may get it in the Shan country.

Some unofficial observers doubted whether the Japanese Shaw drive was meant to be more than a holding movement to occupy the Allied forces there and thus prevent a further diversion southward, where the enemy hopes to find riches. The oil fields on the Irrawaddy river about 160 miles southwest of Mandalay bay be presumed to be the current upper limit of Japanese ambitions.

Should the enemy then continue due westward to the Bay of Bengal at Port Akyab he would have Burma sewed up with only tough trails left to the British and Chinese for supply routes to India.

There has been no confirmation that the enemy had landed on the Irawaddy delta from the sea. Although it seems a logical maneuver with the Japanese in con-

the rail junction of Pegu, 54 miles pointpoint where it is joined by ing. the rail line southeastward to Martaban.

There was no assurance, howcan't understand why mempersist in resisting a suspension of those things which are disapping the affort to gave a suspension of those things which are disapping the affort to gave a suspension of those things which are disapping the affort to gave a suspension of those things which are disapping the affort to gave a suspension of the sunset Park structure. Structure, and in the Sunset Park structure, about five miles west of the Sitter to gave a suspension of those things which are disapping the affort to gave a suspension of the sunset Park structure. Suppose the suspension of the sunset Park structure, and in the Sunset Park structure. LeGwin. The motion of Councilman ing in the Sunset Park structure. LeGwin. The motion was seconded about five miles west of the Sitter to gave a suppose the suppos Japanese were reported operating as early as last Sunday, attempt- at \$22,340 for heating in the Lake ing to cross the river on improvised barge bridges.

Proposed To Avoid Rationing Board at noon Friday to discuss accept-

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-(A)-Closing of all retail gasoline stations between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. daily and all day on Sunday to avoid the necessity for national rationing of gasoline was advocated today by the Eastern States Executive committee of the gasoline dealers conference.

Sol A. Herzog, committee spokesman, declared that "we urge the promulgation by the Federal government of mandatory nation-wide 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. and Sunday closing of all stations. We think that Secretary of the Interior Ickes's request for a 15 per cent reduction in gasoline consumption can be met in this way."

cruisers, along with other dras-tic naval and air losses, the newspaper Soerabaja Handels-blad said today. (Jane's fighting ships lists 35 Japanese cruisers of all types, and there are others of unknown number presumed to have been completed secretly. An Associated Press tabulation Thursday showed 8 Japanese cruisers sunk by Dutch and

American forces, 4 probably sunk and 20 damaged). "Let there be no talk to the effect that the enemy's losses are of no concern to him," the paper said. "In the air his losses are equally heavy. He still has many aircraft, but our air force makes itself felt not only at Bali island. In the region of Soerabaja — the big Netherlands East Indies Naval Base — the enemy every day shows high respect for our air

Dutch Claim Japanese

Have Already Lost

BATAVIA, Friday, Feb. 27.

— (49) —The Japanese already have lost one-third of their

"The enemy must in the circumstances attack, and as he attacks he incurs losses which must give him something to think about. This is no time for being despondent . . ."

BIDS FOR SCHOOL **BUILDINGS OPENED**

Committee Will Meet Friday At Noon To Consider Acceptance

Low bids for the second half of the New Hanover county school board's \$868,023 building program, submitted Thursday, totaled \$417,-754 or \$108,000 in excess of esti-

Contracts are to be let by the The new schools will be Lake For-Forest Hills school.

The P. S. West Construction com trol of the Malacca straits between for the general contract at \$346,705. Sumatra and the Malay peninsula. All alternates—unecessary fixtures Military quarters insisted thatt -were removed from the plans.

R. H. Taylor of Wilmington was by road north of Rangoon, had not low for heating and plumbing in been captured. Pegu is on the Ran- the Forest Hills building at \$3,252 goon - Mandalay railroad at the for heating and \$2,741 for plumb-

Other low bids were: W. W. Way and Son of Wilmington at \$9,400 for plumbing and J. L. Powers of Ben-Plumbing company of Wilmington

Forest school. The bids were referred to a committee composed of Superintendent H. M. Roland; Leslie N. Boney, architect; and John Marshall, business manager of the board. The ORDER TO RESUME committee will meet with the board

ance of the bids. Although the total was in excess of estimates, Mr. Marshall said first three projects at a sum \$50,-000 less than estimates, and sites for three new schools have been purchased at \$40,000 less than esti-

Eleven general contractors received plans and specifications for the projects, but only three submitted bids. Mr. Marshall said that uncertain conditions in the build ing supply trade were undoubtedly

The building program is being carried on be the board of educa- the War Labor Board, declared tion aided by a \$614,00 grant from CIO welders who walked out at the the Federal government.

In Thursday's bidding, W. A. Hoboken yard were failing in Simon of Wilmington was high on "their plain duty to their country the general contract by \$5,500, and in its present hour of peril".

WEATHER

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours nding 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Sunrise 6:43a; sunset 6:06p; moonrise 3:05p; moonset 4:19a.

ColeAndGuion TWO MORE JAP SHIPS One Third Of Cruisers **Get Contracts** ToErectTanks

Installations Will Be Made To Improve Water System Here

BIDS TOTAL \$316,471

Lewis Stein Awarded Contract For Police Department Uniforms

Contracts totaling \$316,471.76 for erection of two overhead water storage tanks, piling, piping and connections for the tanks and for underground mains, valves and hydrants were awarded to low bidders by city council at the Thursday afternoon

Contract to erect the two storage tanks, one to be placed near Seventeenth and Grace streets and the other about Ninth and Dawson streets, was given R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., of Newman, Ga., on a low bid of \$163,600. The award was made on motion of Councilman Robert LeGwin and seconded by Councilman Ronald Lane.

A. H. Guion and Co., of Charlotte, was awarded contract to lay the foundation for piling and installation of piping, connections for the tanks and installation of underground mains, valves and hydrants on the streets on a low bid of \$152,871.76. The storage tanks will be of 750 000 gallon capacity, shallow depth type, and constructed of steel with a high water line of 157 feet above

Included in the award to A. H. board for construction of two new Guion and Co. was installation of schools and an addition to another. 27,530 feet of water system pipe and cafeteria are to be added to the Guion company, seconded by Councilman Lane.

the ground.

Firms submitting bids on the difpany of Statesville was low bidder ferent projects were: Eure Brothers of Beaufort; R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., Newman, Ga.; Chicago Bridge and Iron Company of Chicago, Ill.; Boyle Construction Company of Sumter, S. C., and A. H. to move all San Diego county Guion and Company of Charlotte. Purchase Uniforms

Contract for furnishing summe uniforms for the police department, including 55 pairs of pants, 55 caps and 110 shirts, was awarded to ever, that the Rangoon-Mandalay nettsville, S. C., at \$19,881 for heat-

said the uniforms, which will be vices came from an authoritamanufactured for Mr. Stein by the tive source. Hirsh-Tyler company, will have in-

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WORK IS GIVEN

Thursday night, bids were let in the Government Officials Cite Labor's Recent 'No Strike' Pledge

Government officials, pointing to labor's recent "no strike" pledge, fornia, bordering the ocean, effectived be. yesterday demanded immediate resumption of work in a Pittsburgh steel plant, a Hoboken, N. J., shipyard, and Pheonix, Ariz., woodthe reason for the high bids and working mills where production the fact that more firms did not has been affected by labor dis-

putes Bethleham Shipbuilding company's

The welders quit work Wednesday because, they said, a foreman Dr. John R. Steelman, head of

work to employes of the La Belle works of the Crusible Steel company, Pittsburgh, and of the Southwestern Sash and Door Company Class Company, both of Phoenix. ton, prepared for delivery before they could be used. The La Belle works closed yes- the overseas press club and broad-

terday after pickets from the CIO cast by the Mutual Broadcasting theater of military activities, which steel workers organizing commit- System, the Soviet ambassador must certainly be considered the representative said negotiations on warned that the opportunity for a had been "hanging fire for be missed and said: grievances involving about 100 men "Only by simultane other workers from the plant. A of and that is why Hitler would company spokesman said there dislike such operations."

TORPEDOED BY ALLIED FORCES OFF BATAVIA

Thousands Of Allied Troops Stand Ready To Fight For Java stimson is GRATIFIED

U. S. Will Evacuate

BANDOENG, Java, Friday, Feb. 27.—(P)—American, British and Australian troops now in Java prepared to defend this Allied outpost against the expected Japanese direct onslaught now number "many thousands," Lieut-Gen. Hein Ter Poorten, commander-inchief of The Netherlands East Indies Army, declared in a broadcast last night.

The Dutch commander, welcoming the Allied forces, urged them—in English—"to fight like wildcats and fight like hell.'

Presence of the Allied troops in Java had been announced to the outside world a few days ago, but tonight's remarks by Dutch commander contained the first official reference to figures. American air units have

been in Java for some time. Gen. Hein Ter Poorten acknowledged that the situation of Java, with the Japanese closing in, was perilous. He

Says Order

sibly within the next 48 hours.

al defense.

Neukom also reported that the

the waterfront now is barred

said there was no reason for light-hearted optimism, but added that on the other hand there also was no reason for pessimism.

Welcoming the Imperial and American troops, the Dutch leader said

"I know your gallant record in the history of fighting. I know I can rely on you Americans. Australians and British to fight equally gallantly now alongside us Dutch."

"The enemy," he said, "is at the end of long lines of communication, seeking desperately food and oil. . . We are fighting for our existence and our families. Up to now our resistance has gone ac-cording to program. Nowhere has the Japanese new order succeeded in getting the products so badly needed

"The Japanese will go hungry amid the smoking ruins, and the coming battle for Java will go according to plan alOne Enemy Cruiser Also Believed Hit In Close Action

Dutch Troops Continue Delaying Action In Isolated Areas

By WITT HANCOCK BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Feb. 26.—(AP)— Two more enemy troop ships, a naval auxiliary and a freighter, have been torpedoed by United States submarines in the great Allied counter-offensive against Japanese invasion trains massing in these waters, the Dutch command announced tonight.

It added that aside from these successes, American submarines had closed also with a Japanese squadron of cruisers and destroyers and though forced to dive before the results could be observed, were believed to have hit one

of the enemy. While the invader's already tremendous sea losses were thus being extended-and U. S. Secretary of Washington that the Allied defense and been "magnificent"—the Dutch command reported that for the sevnth successive day Japanese bombers had been generally ineffective n their intense efforts to knock out this island's airdromes as a probable prelude to an attempt at mass in-

Delaying Action

Afield, in the outlying islands of the archipelago, Dutch troops were continuing their persistent delaying actions-fighting on Celebes with unabated fierceness; falling back in west Borneo but struggling on and ignoring a Japanese ultimatum to surrender or die, and quite possibly maintaining a rear-guard action, even on Amboina, which long since had been claimed by the enemy.

"At any rate," the Dutch command said proudly of the little garrison of Amboina in illustrating the unbroken tenacity with which the defenders are buying time, "the battle on this island has lasted at least three weeks."

The probable fall of the enemy of the Island of Bangka off southeastern Sumatra and of part of Benkoelen residency in western Sumatra was acknowledged, however.

It was disclosed, too, by an announcement that enemy storage yards had been bombed near Telokbetoeng, in extreme southern Sumatra, that the Japanese had thus pushed their Sumatra advance to a

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out of prohibited areas of Cali- America and their country," if Laurinburg Farmer Is Fatally Injured

LAURINBURG, Feb. 26.-(A)-Eugene C. McCall, 64, farmer and company, was killed at 9:30 this morning when the truck he was driving and the engine of an Eastbound train collided at Laurel Hill. Funeral services vill be held at

the McCall residence at Elmore at 4 p.m. tomorrow. Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Bertha K. Keels of Virginia, and four children, Calton McCall, U. S. N., Andrew McCall, a student at the University of North Carothe U. S. Concilation Service, ad- im Litvinoff, Russian ambassador armed forces and identical sorts lina, Mrs. Edwin L. Gibson of dressed requests for continued to the United States, declared to of arms are not required on all Laurel Hill, and Miss Sadie Mc-

Walter Blue Will Die On Friday, The 13th

RALEIGH, Feb. 26.-(P)-Unless Governor Broughton intervenes, Walter Blue, 37, of Asheville, will most important, the struggle with be the second man in two suctee appeared at the gates. A union summer victory over Hitler might Hitler will reach its peak, and we cessive months to be executed in Central prison gas chamber on Fri-

The State Supreme Court yesterthe Allies to be put into action by day denied Blue's appeal of his convention of raping a nine-year old girl in an Asheville public park last November.

Ship Landed In Guiana

Siamese Twins Born To Couple In · Jersey L. J. Soleman of Wilmington was high by \$3,500 on Sunset Park, the only school on which he hid

we the garage at the time be accident.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(F)—Face to determine whether they have to face and joined together, two baby girls rested tonight in a single baby girls rested tonight in a single warren; one sister, Joy Warren, and his grandparents, crib at St. Vincent's hospital, Statistics are joined from a point just below the chest to about an inch below the navel — a distance of about three inches. en Island, while in another room three inches.

heir mother kept asking:

"Where are my babies? Are my

Disclosing that many physicians had called him to offer their astheir mother kept asking: babies all right? They won't let added:

Finally, hospital attendants advised Carmine Picciotto, the 29-year-old father, to tell his wife that she had given birth to Siamese twins. When he informed her, nurses said, she expressed astonish- after its birth about 18 months

were being fed another mother's book it up, the gun dischard milk through a medicine dropper children," Dr. Timpone said. b pick it up, the gun discharg-were being led another interest in the charge of the pick it up, the gun discharg-the gun discharg-the gun discharg-and given oxygen as a precaution-"They're being treated as normal ary measure.

a hospital here. His He said extensive X-ray examor to talk about the matter in any 3 inations would be made this week | way.

"I have in idea of how Dr. Da

couple, a baby which died shortly ment but quickly became recon- ago. He said delivery of the twins was not difficult. They were baptized by the hospital Chaplain and

babies.' The Terrel regained consciousthe found he had conscious-

FORECASTS:
NORTH CAROLINA — Continued cold, somewhat lower temperatures east and central portion Friday; scattered light snow.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Colder Friday.

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William H. Davis, chairman of

used abusive language to them.

ion which has been on strike for tions should concentrate an uner on exclusive rights. We are disclosed, nor was it made known some time against five roofing efforts on the Russian front to the prepared to let others have a share disclosed, nor was it made known where she had been torpedoed.

All San Diego Japs The new schools will be Lake For. 1,519 feet of chain link lence. est on South Thirteenth street and Councilman J. N. Brand, Jr., moved that the award be made to the East Of The Sierras,' TAKES OFFENSIVE

SAN DIEGO. Calif., Feb. 26.-(A) Numerous Japanese Ad--Norman Neukom, assistant U. U. Attorney, said tonight orders vance Positions On **Bataan Captured** Japanese, including those of second generation. "somewhere east of the Sierras" would be issued, pos-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- (P) General Douglas MacArthur's men on Bataan peninsula have suddenentire San Diego waterfront area ly taken the offensive, capturing numerous Japanese advance posito enemy aliens. A major portion tions, and in one sector forcing the to them. The attorney said his admeters, the War department reinvaders to retreat

ported today. Far from beaten, the defenders Such wholesale transfers would of the Philippines "attacked sharpbe made under President Roosely all along the line." The surprise velt's authorization to the army to thrust was apparently successful move any or all persons out of generally, but particularly so on areas deemed important to nation- the right where the deepest enemy withdrawal took place. Main ene-To Safeguard Holdings my positions were not penetrated. the communique said, but at last Confirming reports that some

persons were trying to force aliens reports the fighting was till in progress and local successes continto dispose of their property at ridiculous prices, Neukom said the ued. At a press conference. Secretary government would safeguard the of War Stimson disclosed that the holdings of any persons moved leader of 20,000 bolo-swinging Moro out of the coastal area. He said tribesmen on the island of Minhis advice was to "sit tight and danao had pledged a "fight to the await the government's action." last" against the Japanese and de-All enemy aliens were ordered clared their readiness to die "for

Praises Defenders

tive at midnight last Feb. 24. Curfew hours exist for aliens in other Stimson also took occasion to restricted areas to which they are praise the defenders of the Nethadmitted by permits. erlands East Indies. They were Sentiment in favor of the re- making a "magnificent stand," he manager of the Elmore Fertilizer noval of all Japanese, either said, and had inflicted losses upon

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) Litvinoff Expects End Of Hitler By Summer

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-(A)-Max-1 "But identical quantities or "be destroyed by the summer."

"Only by simultaneous offensive operations on two or more fronts separated by long distances could

Litvinoff declared that the com- This applies also to military maing spring offensive of the Gerterials, which should be sent to Survivors Of Torpedoed man armies in Russia would be the places where they are most a make or break effort for the needed. . . Officials in Washington said Axis and added that "we should "It would be deplorable if we

night that he believed Hitler could gitimate to desire that the forces V which cannot be used on one front, In his first public address since should not be kept in idleness and and the Arizona Sash, Door and taking over his post in Washing- inaction, but should be sent where "Next spring, on the Eastern

should like to have the utmost possible aid by then. "We should like all the forces of pany, he charged, then ordered Hitler's armed forces be disposed then, and that, by then, there should be no idle armies, immobile navies, immobile air fleets.

their understanding was that emtheir understanding was that employes of the two Phoenix concerns ployes of the two Phoenix concerns were not striking, but had refused act accordingly."

The ambassador asserted that he to lose the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. We are proud that it has fallen to survivors from a torpedoed ship our lot to smash Hitler's war maintained to see the little out lose and timely support. tablished by an AFL roofers' undid not mean that the United Na- chine but we by no means insist were expected to arrive later. ion which has been on strike for tions should concentrate all their on exclusive rights. We are quite