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WORLD'S LARGEST

Merchant Marine Bigger

Than That Of All Allies

Combined

WASHINGTON, March 8- (A) -

volume was bigger.

ing hour of decision."

sia and China

Lease Act. Any change, the Ad-

miral said might imperil the sup-

ply of Allied forces in the "com-

Crowley reported a steadily in-

lease, mostly from the British

the French National Committee,

At the beginning of this year, he

said the United States was received

ing reverse lend-lease from the

United Kingdom, Australia, New

Zealand and India at the rate of

\$2,000,000,000 a year, nearly double

that for the year ended June 30,

Last year, Crowley said, Rus-

RIVERSIDE. Calif., March 8-

(P)-The deaths of three persons-

Beaufort Swancutt.

more in the officers club.

SWANCUTT'S GUN

ESTABLISHED 1867

'GOOD RESULTS'

83 Enemy Aircraft Are

Knocked Down By

Allied Aerial Fleet

LONDON, March 8-(P)-U. S.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators

with a tremendous fighter escort, which made up an armada esti-

mated at between 1,600 and 2,000

planes, struck at Berlin today for

the third time in five days with

what a conservatively - worded

communique called

Water Rates Increased By Wilmington Council U.S. Armada Of Over 1,600 Bombers Water Rates Increased

By action of the city council departments, for a period of sev-wednesday morning, city water eral months to a year before a April 1, to bring about an estimat-

has been made necessary by the

The measure passed the coun-Mayor B. B. Cameron, and Councilmen Robert S. LeGwin and Robert R. Romeo favoring the increase, and Councilmen Garland S. Currin and W. Ronald Lane opposing it "at the present time." LeGwin introduced the motion. and was supported by Romeo. Currin and Lane indicated a desire to watch operation of the gallonage allowed under the new water and Sewer department, as unit separated from other city (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4)

wednesday included, effective change in the rates is effected.

According to a statistical memo-April 1, to bring about an estimated 10 per cent increase in the total revenue of the Water and Sewer department.

The increase, which it is said will cause relatively little advance will cause relatively little advance in the individual consumer's bill, and the said of the water and Sewer and S the individual consumer's bill, gallons per month to 3,750 gallons, has been made necessary by the propect of a \$40,000 deficit in the department by the end of the fisdepartment by the end of the first bull by the end of the fir those using up to 15,000 gallons, 45 cents more each month; those a three-to-two vote, with above 30,000 gallons, 72 cents more

a month. The new prices, it was pointed out, will still keep Wilmington's rate considerably below the average for 174 North Carolina cities. For example: The average minimum for the 174 cities is \$1.17, whereas Wilmington's minimum charge will be \$1; Wilmington's

DEMAND FOR FR'S **GOP PARTY HAILS** FILES IS DROPPED COLORADO WIN

Committee Fails To Back Claim Election Shows Up Counsel's Request In REA Probe

WASHINGTON, March 8.-(A)-A

the White House records was an. al trend. the White House records was announced after the committee had abandoned formally its plan to cite Jonathan Daniels, Presidential as-Roosevelt's approval, answered answered committee questions yesterday on his efforts to persuade Slattery to resign Previously he had declined to talk about matters which he said concerned his confidential relations with the Chief Executive.

Before taking action to drop contempt proceedings, the sub-committee got into the record a statement from Daniels, that he saw no effort on the part of this committee to embarrass the President." Daniels, on the stand again and 7th Illinois. today, gave that answer to a ques-

to subpoena those files," because members believe the records would show nothing pertinent to the inquiry into REA.

He said Daniels had answered all questions on the matter satisfactorily. Beedy asked Daniels for the complete files at the close of

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Free Button Service Is Offered At Davis By Red Cross Workers

CAMP DAVIS, March 8 -Chevrons, patches and buttons sewed on free while you wait ill be a new series offered GI's at this post on Saturday afternoons in the game room of Service Club One. Beginning this Saturday, Red Cross workers from nearby communities will brandish needle and thread from 1300 until 1700 to relieve soldiers of troublesome sew-

The first Camp Davis "sewing circle" will be four women from Wallace, N. C., and on rollowing Saturdays other groups will be brough through arrangements made by Mrs. John D. Robert-Son, chairman of the Red Cross Council for this area. The Camp Davis Special Service Office is cooperating with the Red Cross Council by furnishing space and a sewing machine for the new service.

The 'New Deal'

WASHINGTON, March 8.- (A) -Senate Agriculture Subcommittee Republicans rejoiced today over declined today to back up its coun- another special Congressional elecsel's demand for access to White tion victory—this time in Colorado abandoning tanks, guns and trucks House files on efforts to oust Harry where a business man defeated a in the mud," it said. "Particular-F Slattery as Rural Electrification war hero-political neophyte. Demo- ly fierce engagements are going The decision not to press for concede that it indicated a nation-ro-Konstantinov, which is a vital

sistant, for contempt. The Dan- five more are coming up. They iels case was dropped after the White House aide, with President 216 for the Democrats, with 218 a clear majority. But they have no hopes of organizing that branch this year through future special 42 tanks destroyed.

> The GOP leaders are counting on winning the 19th Illinois district seat vacated by the death of a Republican, Rep. Wheat, and believe they have a good chance of capturing one of the four Democratic vacancies, the 2nd Okla-homa where Rep. Nichols resigned. Special elections also must be held

man of the National Republican the forces of Marshal Josip Broz of an extension of the Lend-Lease the counsel.

The victory of Dear M. Gillegric. Senator Gillette (D.-Iowa) said the victory of Dean M. Gillespie, (Tito) appeared tonight to be senator Gillette (D.-Iowa) said
after an executive meeting of the committee that the group had decided "that no effort will be made decided "that no effort wil with the new deal."

and its sponsors . . . whenever and ed shortly for further conferences. wherever they have had the op- There are indications that unless portunity" and added the issue in the Cairo regime agrees to back Colorado was clearly drawn - he the Partisan forces of Tito and called it "constitutional govern- rids itself of its anti-Tito elements,

Harrison E. Spangler recalled he and joins Tito, or if he reshuffles had predicted a Republican presi- his cabinet to inclus Partisan dential victory in November. He members and eliminates Premier said he would repeat that forecast Bozhidar Puric and Gen. raja Mion the basis of the Colorado vote hailovic. and recent returns from New York's 21st district where a democrat won by a reduced margin in a Tammany district.

A Democratic spokesman, Victor Hunt Harding, executive secretary of the Democratic House Cam paign Committee, made no attempt to hide his disappointment, but said in all special elections so many local factors are involved that it is "difficult to detect a general trend."

FIRE CHIEFS MEET

AIR RAID WARNING

Trend Of People Against

crats, while unhappy, refused to on in the area of the town of Sta-

elections.

decorated World War II flier, evi- M. Grisogongo. dence that the people are "through They came at the "urgent invi-

SALISBURY, March 8.—(P)—The North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association opened its annual conven tion here today with approximately 100 chiefs, about one-half the departments in the state, attend-

LONDON, March 8.-(A)-An air raid warning was sounded in London tonight.

RED

Nazis Reported andoning Tanks, Guns And Trucks, Stuck In Mud

LONDON, Thursday, March 9 .-(AP)-Moscow announced early today that a furious battle was raging in the town of Staro-Konstantinov, a "vital ϵ nemy base" in the southwestern Ukraine, after the Red army yesterday battled its way into the suburbs and, 30 miles to the southeast, captured the dis-trict center of Cherni-Ostrov on

the Odessa-Llow railway.

More than 3,000 Germans were killed, two regiments of German infantry routed and 100 communities were captured by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian front forces, said the midnight Moscow bulletin, recorded by the Soviet Monitor from a broadcast.

Vital Enemy Base "Retreating under blows of the Soviet troops the Germans are enemy base."

army troops which captured Cherniostrov, the Russians said. In another sector the Germans counterattacked with about 100 tanks, but were declared thrown back with

Far to the north in Estonia the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

tation" of the British government, Halleck said that of late the peo- and others-possibly including the ple 'have struck at the new deal young king, himself-are expect-

ment vs. bureaucratic dictator- it may forfeit Allied recognition. A solution is considered likely

Republican National Chairman either if Peter ditches his cabinet

Longergan's New Trial On Murder Charge Set To Begin On March 20

NEW YORK, March 8-(A)-Wayne Lonergan's second trial on charges of killing his heiress wife, Patricia, is sched-uled to begin March 20, it was learned today from the office of District Attorney Frank S.

It also was learned that the case has been assigned to a section of general sessions court presided over by Judge James Garrett Wallace.

Judge John J. Freschi, who presided at the stormy first trial-which ended with dismissal of the special jury panel last Friday, had expressed hope he would not be called upon to serve again.

Britain Reported Ready To Agree To U.S. Domination Of The Pacific

It is expected that this subject ference.

Japanese agression was reported which, on the basis of past experitoday to be one of the topics likely ence, is sure to provoke a legisla-

great detail in aviation conferences ago by the House naval sub-com- from publication.

LONDON, March 8.—A guar-[likely to outline the United States' ing conferences underscored by the domination of the Pacific in the form of island bases — stepping stones to security agreed that "certain other matters agreed that "certain other matters agreed that "certain other matters lapse," Lt. Klein told the inquest concerning allowances peculiar to South Wales would be considered" after the men have gone back to stones to security agreed that "certain other matters concerning allowances peculiar to South Wales would be considered" after the men have gone back to expectation that they will last at stones to security against future of the Lend - Lease Act, a subject discussions, saying, "the sky's the

Thus the coming get -together to be discussed in the forth-coming British - American talks here.

It is a second to the topics likely tive demand for the acquisition of bases in advance of any peace contact to the increasing effort bases in advance doubts regarding each other's ob- had forced an Army sergeant at about 20,000, miners still were at will be explored on a preliminary Stettinius will bring to the conjectives — will be interwoven with gun point to drive him from the work.

in which Joseph C. Grew, former mittee.

American ambassador to Japan, is With the importance of the com- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) court on murder charges.

U. S. CARGO FLEET Bismarck Sea Virtually Held By The Allies Now

The flag-draped body (arrow, right) of a naval machine-gunner killed by anti-aircraft fire over Truk in the Carolines is tilted at the edge of his carrier's flight deck at sea in the Pacific as riflemen stand poised to fire the farewell salute. Note the dead man's crewmates grouped near the body, his shipmates in ranks at attention, the band ready for the traditional roll of drums. (International soundphoto)

And Fighters Raids Smoking Berlin;

'Visious Battle' Raging In Ukraine

Pacific Is Grave For Truk Attack Hero

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, March 9.—(A)—The Bismarck Sea, strategic body of water that symbolizes control of the South-Southwest Pacific, now is virtually an Allied lake. The southeast entrance through narrow St. George channel leading past Rabaul is commanded by Am-*

Positions On North-

ern New Britain

A more powerful attempt by a

strong force of Japanese moving

out from Talasea failed to keep

United States Marines from con-

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By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

NAPLES, March 8.-(R)-A grim

Jan. 30 and by noon of that day

Even now all that is known of

their fate is the fragmentary pic-

ture framed by the few who re-

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Radio Says Wednesday

LONDON, March 8—(P)— Jean Paquis, commentator on

the German-controlled Paris

three years of patient waiting. Next Wednesday, unless Churchill changes his plans,

the Anglo-Americans will have

landed in the west. The great

Anglo-American offensive will

"This is the last week of

radio, said tonight:

Is Day For Invasion

Commentator On Paris

had been swallowed into oblivion.

HEROIC SCOUTING

The southwest gateway, through ENEMY ATTEMPTS erican warships. Rear Admiral Emory S. Land declared today that the United the Vitiaz Strait between New Gui-States merchant marine is bigger mea and New Britain, has been that of all the other United dominated for some time by Al-Nations combined, and should lied ground forces on both flanks, be preserved after the war even as well as by Allied warships.

if some of the ships have to be Yesterday, Gen. Douglas Macin the 3rd Alabama, 4th New York, and 7th Illinois.

Rep. Halleck of Indiana, chairman of the National Republican the cabinet of King Peter and the Cabinet

within range of Japanese whipping seeking to enter the Bismarck Sea "dry" cargo from this nation last the northwest. It virtually closes for Los Negros island in the Ad- sumably to incorporate changes. year, 42 per cent was lend-lease the Bismarck Sea to enemy ship- miralty group were battered down The note was believed carefully was 'lost', he said, compared with 5 per cent in 1942, and the over-water distances between Moing garrison, General Douglas material. Less than 2 per cent mote and Kavieng, New Ireland, to MacArthur reported today. the east, and between Momote and Land joined Leo Crowley, Forthe New Guinea coast to the southeign Economics Administrator, in west. advocating extension of the Lend-

Further strengthening the Allied grip on the southern flank of the solidating their newest beachhead Bismarck Sea, American ground on northern New Britain. The enforces advanced 110 miles along emy counterthrust from Talasea the northern shore of New Britain came Monday against Marines creasing volume of reverse lendtoward Rabaul. This advance was paced on the southern shore of the Commonwealth but some frome island by an American push of 24 170 miles from Rabaul miles eastward from Arawe toward Belgium, The Netherlands, Rus-

the Japanese base of Gasmata. These overland advances and front on the shores of the Bisseaborne thrusts brougat measura- marck Sea, giving them control of bly nearer fulfillment of MacAr- 35 miles of the northeast New Guily after the surprise landing on their invasion started ten weeks role of an intermediary. Los Negros last week, that "the ago. end of the Bismarck campaign is now clearly in sight."

Marine units of the First Division sacrificed warship protection (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) for speed and surprise in their leap - frog advance around ene my - held shores to within five

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SPREE IS PROBED **BRITISH MINERS REACH AGREEMENT** two 18-year-old girls and a River-

side policeman-were laid by a LONDON, March 8- (A) -Maj. coroner's jury today to 2nd Lt. Gwilym Lloyd George, minister of The verdict climaxed a drama- fuel, removed one of the chief out on what for them was a routic story of the shooting last Sun- obstacles to settlement of a strike day night by 1st Lt. Elizabeth G. of 80,000 Welsh coal miners to-Klein, chief nurse at the camp night by accepting an agreement hospital, who was near the two between the miners and the operaofficers, Swancutt and 2nd Lt. tors permitting extra pay for Harry J. Light, and the girls, Dor- those working in excessive dust othy Douglas and Lourdine Liver- and water.

At the same time, Lloyd George "I saw one girl falter and col- agreed that "certain other matters

The mothers of the two victims More than three-fourths of the were in the courtroom.

Arthur B. Simpson, 34, the positive for England's fuel have shut rich coal fields which supply one-

basis when Edward R. Stettinius, ference his background of experiU. S. undersecretary of state, arrives, probably late this month, for to and will have available retor and will have av The miners' answer was not ex a review of the problems of the search on island bases which was diplomatic discussions so delicate announced that the 31-year-old back-to-work movement would be two countries, and discussed in ordered undertaken nearly a year that reports of them are banned Swancutt, who has a wife and two started which would restore by would be tried before a military tion of 65,000 tons a day lost through the strike.

FINLAND REPLIES TO PEACE TERMS ruined capital, the disclosed, and this devastating load was estimated at approxi-

Answer Believed To Have Requested Opportunity For Negotiation

Russia's peace terms, it was reli-down. ably reported tonight, and Swedish LOS NEGROS PUSH circles speculated that the an-U. S. Marines Consolidate men troops now within Finnish ed on Germany's air defenses.

The Finnish government's note was dispatched to Moscow yester-Associated Press War Editor day, a creditable source said, after it was prepared for delivery POISON GAS USE seize the offensive in the battle last Friday and then held up, preping for Allied planes easily can by American troops who have phrased to avoid any break in contact between Helsinki and Moscow.

pressed the opinion that Finland gas, American military men think would seek to negotiate the Ger- it may be employed first against man problem, which Finland has any Allied attempt to land invasaid is impractical so long as the sion forces in western Europe. Norwegian back door is open, and questions involved in the Soviet demand for restoration of the 1940 peace treaty, which would entail yielding Viipuri and the demobiwho landed five miles away on lization of the Finnish army. The Stockholm Aftonbladet said

Willaumez Peninsula, less than earlier that Rickard Lindstrom. Sixth Army troops advanced Swedish editor of the Morgon Tidthree miles on the third battle ningen, had talked with Russian use of toxic gases as at least 50-50. legation officials on the armistice Their thought is this: terms and was expected to go to thur's pronouncement, immediate nea coast line from Saidor, where tion that he might be playing the cide on gas, particularly to aid in

The Finnish press lately has fol-

Out of the huge fleet 38 bombers and 16 fighters were lost, but the escorting planes alone knocked down 83 enemy aircraft; gunners aboard the bombers destroyed oth-

'good results."

ers yet untabulated. Factory Is Disclosed The communique named the Erkner ball-bearing factory in an eastern Berlin suburb as one of the primary targets for "a concentrated attack by divisions of B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Libera-

tors of the Eighth Air Force"

and said that other industrial and

military targets in the capital area also were bombed. Ten thousand high explosive bombs and 350,000 incendiaries were cascaded down upon the ruined capital, the communique

mately 2,000 tons.

In plunging 600 miles into the heart of the Reich again, the American air fleet proved its ability to pound back within two days from the savage battle it fought along the same route Monday, STOCKHOLM, March 8.—(P)— when a record of 68 U. S. bombers were lost and a record of Finland has formally replied to 179 enemy aircraft were shot

Losses Are Reduced The fact that today's losses were reduced almost half-38 bombers swer probably asked for an op- gut of a force of probably 800 to portunity to negotiate such ticklish 1,000—indicated the strain that the points as the internment of Ger- repeated Allied attacks have plac-The two great American punches at Berlin this week have

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WASHINGTON, March 8 .- 4 -If the Nazis choose to use poison

In general, the War Departments at Washington and London incline to the belief that the Germans will not try again the weapon they used in World War I, this view being predicated apparently on the belief that the Allies are equipped to heat the enemy at his own game. But there are experts in gas warfare who look upon the chance for

With the war going against him, Helsinki. There had been specula- Hitler might, in desperation, derepelling invasion.

First, he may reason, correctly lowed a more modified tone after or incorrectly, that if he uses lethal the first, fierce attacks on the gas only against troops, the Allies

terms, which some papers char- would react in kind, turning it only (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

OF RANGERS TOLD Fly Says FCC In Clear Regarding Dec. 7 Attack

secret kept locked in the hearts of This new chapter concerned two lost battalions of Rangers who set tine assignment to "raise hell" in ful, a House committee was told tions. Cisterna di Littoria at 1 a.m. on today.

gating the Federal Communica- lines, he pointed out. tions Commission.

wire which were not censored.

'hundreds' of Japanese employed as "funny if they weren't so seriat the yard and any one of them ous."

felt responsible in any way for pleted.

WASHINGTON, March 8.- (#) - part of the blame of the attack. Allied troops in Italy for over a month now has been placed in the record of heroic but hopeless "last the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard may the military authorities through have supplied the enemy fleet with 1941 and spread a radio detection the vital information which made network over the whole area withthe Dec. 7, 1941 attack so success- out finding any clandestine opera-

A Navy academy graduate, Fly The possibility that the Japanese said radio intelligence would have obtained their information on the been extremely valuable to the disposition of the ships in the har- Japanese fleet but that it was not bor and the weather from that imprative. U. S. task forces strike source was suggested at hearings successfully without such short of the LEA committee investi- wave aid from within the enemy's

Miller hinted that the FCC gave FCC Chairman James L. Fly a U. S. task force in Alaskan wasaid it was "quite improbable" ters wrong information about the that enemy short wave transmit- location of Japanese combat ships ters supplied the information; that with unfortunate results. He asked most likely it went from the Japa- Fly if he knew what happened to nese consulate to Tokyo "over the the group of American destroyers regular channels" of cable and light cruisers. The chairman said he knew nothing about the Representative Magnuson (D.- incident, and classed it with the Wash.) remarked that there were other charges which he described

The whole Pearl Harbor situamight have been able and willing to keep the consulate informed.

The whole Pearl Harbor situation at the time of the attack is The discussion came about when now the subject of a new Navy Representative Miller (R.-Mo.), a report which is being put togethsharp critic of Fly, asked him to er, Magnuson disclosed. He didn't say bluntly whether he or the FCC know, he said, when it will be com-