

Wilmington Morning Star

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA—Monday cloudy, windy and slightly colder. Freezing temperatures expected Monday night in interior.

**REMEMBER
PEARL HARBOR
AND BATAAN**

Small Vessels Score Victory Over U-Boats

6 NAZI SUBS SUNK

Triumph Acclaimed As Modern Battle Of Trafalgar By British

LONDON, March 19. (AP)—Five British naval sloops have scored the war's greatest single-ship victory of the battle of the Atlantic by sinking six German U-boats within 20 days, the Admiralty announced today in acclaiming the triumph as a modern battle of Trafalgar.

Five of the undersea marauders were sent to the bottom of the North Atlantic with their entire crews and the sixth victim's 51 crewmen were captured before it was sunk by gunfire after having been driven to the surface with depth charges.

One Craft Lost
Only one of the light, speedy craft failed to return from the record cruise — H. M. S. Woodpecker — which foundered in heavy weather after sustaining a torpedo hit. But even that loss was tempered with the announcement that every member of her crew was saved.

The four surviving sloops returned to Liverpool recently to a gala and noisy welcome, with bands blaring out the submarine hunters' theme song, "A Hunting We Will Go" and to the personal audits of First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander.

First Lord told the 800 officers and men of the victorious Woodpecker, Magpie, Starling, Wildcat, the ill-fated Woodpecker — "was the greatest ever undertaken in escort group."

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OLL TAX FIGHT BREWS IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The bitter sectional feud over the right of states to levy poll taxes is on the point of being renewed in the Senate despite the certainty of a filibuster.

Advocates of anti-poll tax legislation — already approved by the House last year 265 to 110—are becoming restive over the delay in Senate action. Cloak-room strategists for the past week have been urging a showdown, which now appears likely within the next fortnight.

Apparently only a decision by the Democratic Steering Committee to read softly in the interest of keeping some semblance of party unity can forestall the move to bring the matter out for its annual airing.

At least two sponsors of the bill are known to have discussed with Majority Leader Barkley the lodging of a motion to call the bill before the Senate. Each was impatient of counsel to wait a while longer before demanding action.

The bill would make it unlawful for any state, municipality or other governmental subdivision to prevent any person from voting for President, Senator or member of the House on the ground he had not paid a poll tax. Eight Southern states now have poll tax laws — Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and Tennessee.

The death of Senator Van Nuys, California Democrat who headed the Senate Judiciary Committee, transferred the prime responsibility for the bill to the new chair — Sen. Senator McCarran (D-Nev.). Both McCarran and Van Nuys voted for the bill when it was reported favorably last November, 12 to 6.

Proponents of the measure are building their hopes on obtaining closure — a parliamentary procedure which limits debate of two-thirds of the members present — after paper notice. But they are jealously guard their unlimited debate, and they are determined to favor the poll tax measure.

Swallows Return To Capistrano

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., March 19.—(AP)—Despite wartime travel difficulties, a flock of swallows fluttered down on the San Juan Capistrano Mission today, maintaining a strict schedule of their traditional St. Joseph's Day arrival.

As usual, a half dozen advance agents made their appearance yesterday to scout housing conditions. The rest of the travelers showed up at 6:50 this morning, just 10 minutes later than last year. They immediately began to renovate their adobe residences with an occasional squabble to evict sparrow squatters.

Legend relates that the swallows have arrived on St. Joseph's day every year since the Mission was founded by the order of St. Francis in 1776, with only rare infractions of schedule. Guesses have placed their winter quarters in the Aguascalientes region of Mexico, Central America or even Palestine.

GOP IS STUDYING REVAMPING PLAN

Republicans Act To Streamline Congressional Proceedings

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—An ambitious plan to streamline the cumbersome machinery of Congress is being eyed by the Republicans, who confidently expect to win control of the House in the November election and are dreaming of a Senate majority.

Because a shift from Democratic to Republican control would mean an automatic reorganization members said the Senate Minority Steering Committee probably will order a full investigation of the possibilities of junking dormant committees and outmoded procedures.

Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) said he thought the Republicans might have a chance next January to sweep away some of the cobwebs which have gathered on the legislative machine and Senator Danaher, (R-Conn) envisioned the reform opportunity as "just around the corner."

Individual members of Congress have been talking a long time about modernizing a legislative process that is built primarily around seniority.

But seniority — custom that elevates legislators to chairmanships on the basis of their length of service — always has been an insurmountable obstacle. Committee heads are jealous of the prestige, patronage and added accommodations that go with a chairmanship.

Usually they won't vote to abolish any committee for fear the ax next might fall on theirs. Also the who are immediately in line for chairmanships are loath to see eliminated a committee on which they have spent years working toward the top.

Two streamlining proposals now are before the Senate Rules Committee, offered by Senators LaFollette (Prog-Wis) and Maloney (D-Conn) but the Republicans are likely to write their own.

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Mt. Vesuvius Erupts, Wiping Out A Part Of Scenic Railway

NAPLES, March 19.—(AP)—In the worst eruption since 1905, Mt. Vesuvius sent three big streams of smoking lava rolling several miles down its slopes today, wiping out 100 feet of its famed scenic railroad.

There was speculation tonight that some of the villagers living on the mountain's south slopes might be evacuated if the action continues.

The lava was still slowly descending the slopes this afternoon, with the stream on the southern slope the farthest advanced and within two miles of the village of Bosco Trece.

White House Reveals Sentiments Of Governors Regarding Vote Bill

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The White House tonight made public the replies of 42 governors to President Roosevelt's inquiry whether their state will accept Federal ballots from the armed forces, but gave no intimation whether the President will approve or veto the service vote bill now on his desk.

Of the governors said their state laws will permit the use of Federal ballots but one of those attached significant reservations. Of the others 13 indicated no action is planned to validate Federal ballots. Several of the governors said they would recommend state laws to conform with the Federal act if Mr. Roosevelt signs the service vote bill.

Thousands Of Soviet Troops Smash Across Dniester Into Rumania On 31 Mile Front Nazi Forces Are Surrendering At Cassino

Glad To Be Home



Among the 663 American repairmen brought back to the U. S. on the exchange ship Gripsholm is Douglas C. MacArthur, nephew of the general. He was a secretary at our Vichy embassy. With him is his dog "Mike."

Shells Went Screaming Into A Hotel, Which Is Resistance Center

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 19.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. 15th Air Force winged their way across the Alps today and attacked the important Klagenfurt air-drome and war factories outside Graz in Austria.

Other heavy bombers blasted German-held railway yards and installations at Knin, in Yugoslavia. Graz is 90 miles southwest of Vienna and Klagenfurt is 60 miles southwest of Graz. Knin is 70 miles southwest of Banja Luka and a few miles inland from the Dalmatian coast.

Nazis Surrendering
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, March 19.—(AP)—Large numbers of Germans surrendered in Cassino late today and more prisoners were coming as Allied tanks ploughed through rubble of the town to within 30 yards of the Continental Hotel, the chief center of resistance.

The tanks pumped shells into the lobby where two German tanks were parked for the purpose of lobbing missiles into the ranks of attacking New Zealanders, and one of the enemy tanks already had been knocked out of action.

It was the biggest bag of prisoners taken in a single day since the latest battle for Cassino opened with an historic roar of 1,400 tons of bombs last Wednesday, and seemed to indicate that the struggle had taken a fresh turn in favor of Allied arms.

Headquarters disclosed that Allied airmen had destroyed 130 Nazi planes aloft and a ground of 100 Nazi bases in northeastern Italy.

Today's communique said the Fifth Army had occupied all of the town "except the extreme western tip."

The Continental Hotel, which cleared' of enemy troops. Allied units pushed from three directions toward Myitkina, north Burma nerve center of Japanese wedged stacked in India and the only road leading to China.

Tokyo issued a cooperative-ultimatum to Hongkong residents in an indirect admission that shipping losses make it difficult to supply the little island off the China coast.

After April 15 rice will be supplied only to persons the invaders consider essential to maintaining the fortress and war industry. Hong Kong is to become "self sufficient," a step which Tokyo radio said "contains epoch-making significance from the standpoint of military necessity."

In daily central Pacific raids, American bombers hit Kusaie and Ponape, Caroline Island stepping stones toward Truk, and three by-passed atolls in the Marshalls.

Huking valley of North Central Burma was reported "completely

President G. T. Dunn of Local No. 183 of the International Tobacco Workers Union of America disclosed tonight that a conciliator from the Federal government is expected in Durham tomorrow to begin a settlement of the bitter dispute between the workers and the company.

Dunn voiced the opinion tonight that the case involving the Durham controversy may be in the hands of the National War Labor Board in Washington by this weekend, or the early part of next week.

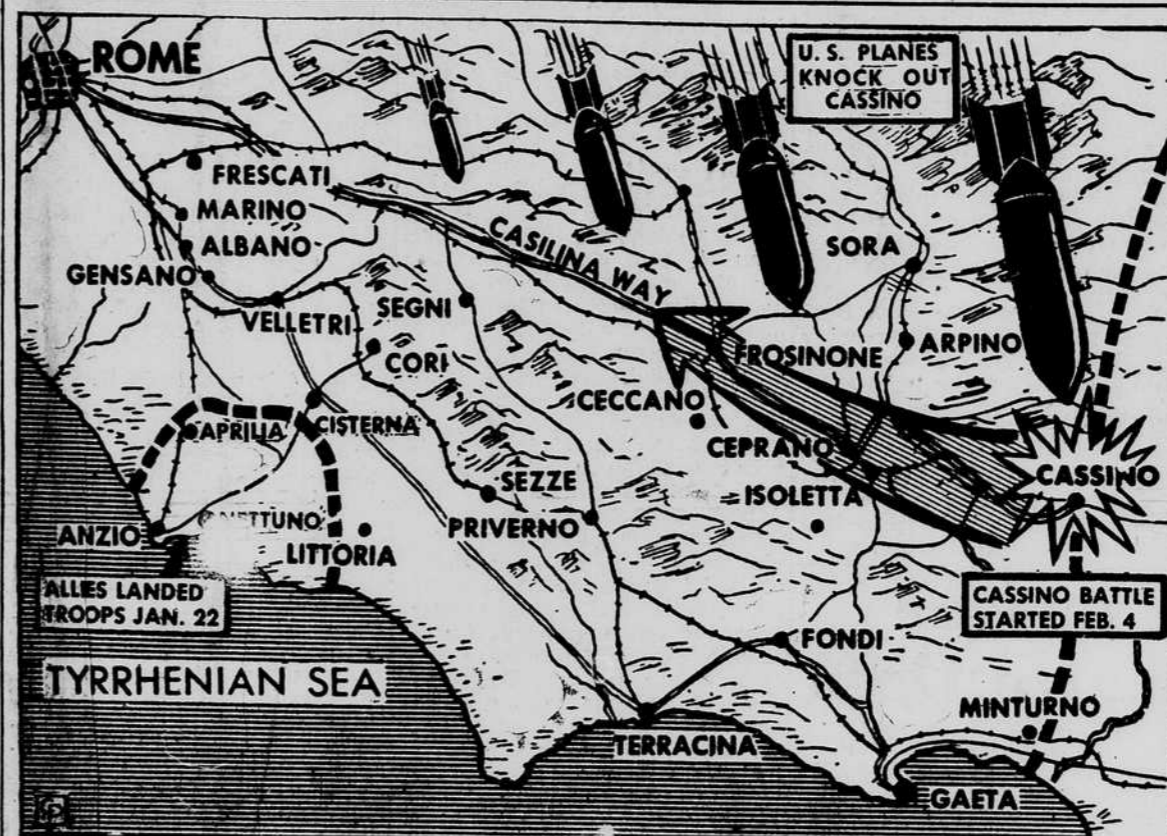
This will occur, he said, if the WLB keeps its promise to grant the local dispute a priority hearing. In the meantime the Durham branch of the tobacco firm is reported in complete readiness for its re-opening tomorrow, inasmuch as several hundred workers of the company returned to their jobs Saturday to make preparations for the resumption of work.

received up to 3:15 p.m. today. They showed that Federal ballots can be accepted now in California, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Washington and Kansas.

But the governor of Alabama said they would be acceptable only if the Federal service vote bill is constitutional — many Southern Congressmen contend it is not.

The governor of Washington said he didn't believe it would be necessary for him to certify validity of Federal ballots because of liberal state election laws. Under the bill the governor must make the certification or the ballots can't be counted.

Allies In Cassino After Record Bombing



An Allied all-out drive on Rome has started after our bombers destroyed Cassino with more than 2,500 tons of bombs dropped in the most concentrated aerial assault in history. This record weight in explosives was concentrated in about one square mile. Heavy guns finished the job, then ground troops moved in. While this was going on, RAF planes struck the Nazis at our Anzio beachhead.

2-Tons Of Bombs Each Minute Are Being Dropped On Hitler's Europe

American Troops Finish Conquest Of Admiralties

By EDONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

LORNGAU, Japanese Headquarters in the Admiralty Islands, was captured Saturday by American troops, climaxing a lightning four-day invasion of Manus island.

"This completes the occupation of all 14 areas in the Admiralties," general Douglas MacArthur said today in announcing the action.

Parashiro island, Japan's first defense against invasion from the noi, was bombed for the third successive day by the Navy's Aleutian-based Venturas.

Japan's troops in considerable force assed the Chindwin river in several places, apparently preparing a major offensive toward central Burmese-Indian border.

FLA EXEMPTION COUNTY IS TOPS IN LIQUOR SALES

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—You're'nly worth a \$500 tax exemption if the new simplified tax bill comes law.

But it is the jobless brother-in-law wllives with you, also the 19-year-old daughter in college, and thabdy.

The vision for a flat \$500 exemptor person — wiping out a host complex dependency allowance — was disclosed today as thep. 1 point which sold the Treasu on taking over the tax-calculag headache for 30,000,000 taxpayers.

With it the Treasury said it could begin to do the job. Under the proposed act, taxpayer's wage and salary incomes would be \$5,000 a year would file a pple "information return" and tnternal Bureau would do the rest the figuring. The March 15 cho of the remaining 20,000,000 taxpayers would be eased drastically.

Who who have had more than a peat the legislation, drafted by the House Ways and Means say thiat per capita exemption will split a host of questions conceg marital dependency status.

Thrsparate exemptions now apply \$500 for a single person, \$1,200 for a married couple or head of a family (excluding one depend) and \$350 for each "allowab dependent. The streamlined l would eliminate the need a legalistic analysis to deterie the proper tax credit.

Sinply, the bill no longer would require a legal definition of dedency, since it presumes everyperson to be worth a \$500 exempn and Uncle Sam

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Three Heavy Air Blows Are Dealt Continent In Less Than 24 Hours

LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—American and British bombers prosecuting a two-ton-a-minute offensive around the clock from both Britain and Italy dealt German Europe three heavy blows in less than 24 hours today.

U. S. Flying Fortresses plunged through a heavy barrage at dusk today to give the Pas de Calais coast of France one of its worst poundings while 15th Air Force Fortresses and Liberators from Italy attacked the important Klagenfurt airdrome and war plants outside Graz, Austria. These blows followed an overnight assault by more than 1,000 RAF heavy bombers on the chemical center of Frankfurt, Germany, toward explosives factories at Bergerac, France, and other targets.

For good measure, the American heavy bombers from Italy also attacked railway yards at Knin, Yugoslavia, today, while medium bombers raced across the Channel from England for their third straight day of attacks along the west coast of the continent.

The RAF announced loss of 22 bombers. Total American losses were not announced at once, but only one bomber failed to return from the Pas de Calais raid.

Without any confirmation, the German radio said 20 four-engine American bombers were shot down in the Austrian attack.

It was the fifth consecutive day of the heavy aerial onset. In the five days, in more than 10,000 sorties — the majority of them by heavy bombers — the RAF has

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At Least 440 German Planes Were Destroyed During The Past Week

LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—At least 440 German planes were put out of action in the air and on the ground against the loss of 195 Allied aircraft during the week beginning Monday, March 13, and extending through last night's operations, a compilation from Allied announcements disclosed tonight.

This better than two-to-one superiority was run up by Allied air fleets operating from Britain, in the Mediterranean theater and in the Middle East.

40 TOWNS CAPTURED

Russians Are In Hot Pursuit Of German-Rumanian Legions

LONDON, Monday, March 20.—(AP)—Thousands of Russian troops smashed into pre-war Rumania on a 31-mile front yesterday, crossing the Dniester River and capturing 40 Bessarabian villages in hot pursuit of German-Rumanian legions so shattered that they left bridges intact, Moscow announced early today.

The Russians were cutting down Germans and Rumanians by the thousands, Moscow said, blocking their escape routes, hurling them into the broad Dniester to die, and capturing great quantities of German tanks, guns, and other equipment.

Huge German forces falling back in the Odessa sector, far to the southeast, appeared to face a major disaster as the Russians pouring into Bessarabia headed for the Danube estuary in an effort to block their retreat into lower Rumania. Other Soviet units attacking down the railway from Novoukraina steadily herded the Germans back toward the Black Sea port of Odessa, a Soviet communique announced.

In old Poland the Russians also lashed out to topple Kremenets, hilltop fortress 70 miles northeast of Lwow, and swept on to take one village only 60 miles from Lwow.

"The offensive of the Soviet units," said the broadcast-bulletin telling of the Dniester crossing, "was so vigorous and shattering that in a number of places the Germans had no time even to destroy bridges. The enemy was pressed back to the river and suffered enormous losses."

The capture of Kremenets, hill-top fortress 70 miles northeast of Lwow, vital Axis communications center in pre-war Poland, was among the important victories of the day. Its fall was announced in an order of the day by Premier Marshal Stalin, and the following communique said 40 other villages were swept up by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukraine Army fanning out north of embattled Tarnopol.

But the greatest strategic stroke for the Russians, both militarily and politically, was the successful crossing of the Dniester near Yampol, and the overland strike toward Buharest, capital of the Axis-Allied but wavering Rumania. Bucharest is less than 270 miles from the advancing Red army, and the vital Ploesti oil fields are less than 250 miles away.

The broadcast communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, also announced that the Second Ukraine Army under Marshal Ivan S. Konev now held a 62-mile stretch of the east bank of the Dniester, were fighting in the outskirts of Mogilev-Podolski, east bank rail bridgehead 31 miles northwest of Yampol, and were menacing another Axis retreat route across the Dniester — the Slobodzya-Balti line to the southeast.

Finnish Government Is Reported Ready To Move Its Records

STOCKHOLM, March 19.—(AP)—Finnish government ministries are packing their records for movement to the north to a prearranged temporary capital, persons returning from Helsinki said today.

Helsinki was said to be a city without children, because they had been removed to the country.

Army Proposes To Tell Wounded Men of Battles During Which They Fell

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The Army proposes to tell the wounded soldier what happened in the battle during which he fell.

The decision to issue, primarily for the benefit of wounded soldiers, a series of official accounts of the campaigns and battle of American forces is the result of a visit by General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, to wounded men in hospitals.

"In the thick of battle, the soldier is busy doing his job," Marshall said in a foreword for the first of the series, on the Bizerte campaign. "He does not have time to survey a campaign from a foxhole. If he should be wounded and removed behind the lines, he may have even less opportunity to learn what place he and his unit had in the larger fight."

Death Of Jones Won't Be Probed

WHITEVILLE, March 19.—(AP)—Coroner H. Hugh Nance, of Cerro Gordo, today announced that he would not hold an inquest into the death of John Paul Jones, 44, skidder foreman of Sledge and Sons' lumber company at Brunswick, who was killed Thursday night when he fell 90 feet from the top of a water tank.

Coroner Nance, who investigated the accident, said that Jones' home was at Bennettsville, S. C., got up a two-dollar bet with J. F. Jacobs, of Brunswick, as to the height of the water tank. To settle the bet, Jones started climbing to the top of the tank with a steel tape in his hands.