

U.S. Engineers To Start River, Harbor Work Soon

TOTALS \$750,000

Improvement Of Cape Fear At And Below Wilmington Is Planned

Work on three quarters of a million dollars in rivers and harbors ingrovement projects in eastern North Carolina will get under way shortly by the U. S. Army Engineers, it was announced yesterday by Col. E. E. Haring, district engineer here.

Among the extensive rivers and harbors work planned is improve ment of the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, Col. Haring announced.

It is proposed to dredge in the ocean bar channel for about two months, restoring the channel to project depth and width of 30 feet and 400 feet respectively. This work was formerly performed by the district-owned seagoing dredge Comstock. The latter is now engaged on war duty, and it is expected that the dredging will be done by another seagoing hopper dredge of the Engineers, accord

ing to Col. Haring. Will Remove Shoals There are also a few shoals in

iver channel which will be re-

London Receives Rest From Robot Bomb Raids

LONDON, Aug. 26 - (AP) --London and southern England went through the second straight day without a robot bomb attack, the longest quiet interval since the assaults began in mid-June, and there was some cautious hope that the Germans had abandoned their launching bases across the Channel as a result of ter-

rific Allied aerial bombardments and the outflanking of Nazi lines east of the Seine river. Unofficial reports circulated

but, many persons believe that even if this is true the Germans will be able to launch their flying bombs from more distant bases by merely in-creasing their fuel.

mission, said that German troops in Bulgaria already had been disarmed by Bulgarian for ces and confirmed that Bulgaria had approached the United States and Britain for terms on withdrawing

from the war.) Bulgarias formal withdrawal from the war was expected hourly, from the war was expected hourly, but the Moscow radio indicated she already was as good as out, announcing that she had adopted an attitude of strict "neutrality' and planned to disarm any Germans who did not leave the country

peaceably. that the enemy's robot per-sonnel was being evacuated, Bulgarian ability to enforce this position was an open question but there have been reports of exten-

sive withdrawals of German forces from that country in recent weeks so that those remaining might not be able to put up effective resistance, while those seeking to flee **BOMBERS ATTACK** NAZI OIL CENTERS

their way into doubtful sanctuary. The broadcast Soviet statement, most concrete of the many curkans, said Bucharest was firmly sands of imperial soldiers isolated

tain passes and did battle

with their former allies who

were trying to escape the

(The Bulgarian domestic radio

in a broadcast recorded by the U.

S. Federal communications com

Ability Questioned

Russian onslaught.

ROUTES TO JAPAN Tokyo Bemoans Fate Of

As the military cleaned out

the last resistance, French po-

litical leaders moved to reor-

ganize the Paris government,

and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Brad-

lev's forces began the great

task of helping to feed and run

Food stocks enough to feed

the city.

Thousands Of Troops **Isolated On Truk**

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor Sizeable forces of American Liberators smashed at strong points from Romania would have to fight on the approaches to Japan and rent reports concerning the Bal- radio bemoaned the fate of thou-

Also Strike Supply Depots And Communications And Co

under arrest in King Mihais pal- loaded 85 tons of bombs at mid-

said.

There was an answering volley, but the shot was reported to be an accidental one, and the crowds remained calm. The first 3,000 tons of food arrived in Allied convoys, and French authorities began organizing to feed the population in communal restaurants.

Russians Reconquer Bessarabia;

Others Drive Into Carpathians

PURSUE GERMANS

reported.)

Even as the final shots of liberation echoed through the city last night, Paris threw itself into a carnival of celebration that equalled any in its long and often gay, often turbulent history. Hundreds of thousands of

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14 MORE TOBACCO

MARKETS TO OPEN

Sales On State's New

Bright Belt Get Under

Way Tomorrow

operations Monday and during the

next three months will market ap-

proximately 35 per cent of the na-

tion's total production of fluecured,

or cigarette-type tobacco.

in a race to cut off the flee- the Seine river barrier on a ing German forces below 200-mile front, herded the Lyon.

SUPREME HEADQUARonce-indomitable Germans be-

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's fore them today in a battle fast-rolling Seventh Army already of pursuit that swirled steadihad freed all of southern France east of the Rhone below newly- ly nearer to the Reich's froncaptured Avignon and Briancon, tier.

the latter only five miles west "The elimination of the German of the Italian frontier, and now controlled more than 9,000 square Seventh army as a fighting entity has decided the battle of France," miles of territory.

The German high command declared supreme headquarters in said, "in the Rhone Valley severe warning the little Duchy of Luxemfighting is in progress with enemy bours and the French frontier provmechanized formations which are inces of Alsace and Lorraine that trying to intercept our movements they soon "may become a theater of war." "What there is left of the Gerin the direction of Lyon."

No Comment mans in northwest France is hang-

There was no comment from ing like meat on a butcher's hook, Patch's headquarters on this or waiting to be cut down." said a on a German report that an Amer- high officer at British field headican column from the east had quarters. broken into the Rhone Valley

Brisk Fighting

near Montelimar, nearly 50 miles Southeast of Paris there was north of Avignon and less than 85 brisk fighting on the northeast below Lyon, and was astride the bank of the Seine between the Amhighway and rail routes of Gererican bridgeheads at Corbeil and Melun as the enemy strove to deman retreat. lay the American advance. The ragged remnants of the Ger-

It was perhaps significant, however, that the Allied command had mans remaining on the southwest RALEIGH, Aug. 28 - Four- given no intimation whatever for teen eastern North Carolina tobac- three days on the activities of the bank of the river at its mouth were Aug. 15 invasion drove 140 miles frenziedly trying to cross in daybright, or eastern belt, will begin deep into the enemy's east flank light as Canadian and Belgian to Grenoble. kill. (Some unconfirmed border re-

But all the German efforts were ports have placed this force as of a sporadic nature born of the far northward as the Swiss-French knowledge of their ultimate futilifrontier, but a swing southwestty.

The war food administration and ward down the Isere river from Only the harried survivors of the Normandy debacle and a handful of divisions of the once-mighty 15th period, including five Romanian di-visions numbering some 30,000 1939 in total production, and have mor was counterattacking the stood before the Americans, Bri-Army guarding the rocket coast

Approximately 61,000 German And Romanian **Prisoners** Captured By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 27.—(P)— Russian troops yesterday recon-quered Bessarabia, reaching the

Danube waterway from the Prut river down to the Black Sea, while other Soviet forces struck westward into the Carpathian mountains in pursuit of an enemy flee-

ing toward Hungary and leaving the Philippines, Pacific command- behind scores of thousands of capers announced yesterday as Tokyo tives and great quantities of war material. Moscow's nightly bulletin an-

moved with a hydraulic pipeline dredge. The work of these two dredges is expected to make proj

ect dimensions available from the can heavy bombers, operating on a ocean to Wilmington, as well as restoring a depth of 30 feet in the schedule of 100 sorties per hour since 8 p.m., Friday night, joined inchorage and turning basin here. Restoration of project depths in tactical air units today in a series of smashing assaults at Germany's the river and on the bar will peroil production centers as well as mit passage of all but the very supply depots and communication largest oceangoing commercial in France. vessels, Col. Haring declared. The bombers lent a massive

Other projects planned by the engineers include: Cape Fear River, above Wil-

mington: The work of maintaining Reich borders. Enemy air opposition in the past the upper Cape Fear river consists of dredging shoals in the river be-24 hours was slight after a brief tween Navassa and Fayetteville, flarcup in the preceding three removing snags, trees, and other days.

obstructions, and operating three From the heavy bombers over locks and dams. Freshets in this Germany, the Mediums over northstream result in shoaling quickly eastern France and fighters and board's high command resulted toand the accumulation of logs and fighter bombers over the Seine the night in expressions of congressionsnags which must be promptly re- reports were identical-few if any al concern lests it hinder both war moved to insure safety in navigat- Nazi fighter planes anywhere. The and output and reconversion, and ing the upper river. The three locks on the river, at Kings Bluff, Eliz-many ranged from light to intense. (D-Colo) that WPB Chairman Doabethtown, and Tolars Landing,

Inland Waterway from Norfolk, fighters. Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C .: (Sec-Beaufort Inlet.) .- This section of

North Carolina, all of which is used

81; Minimum 65; Mean 73; Humidity 74; 7:30 am, 74; 1:30 pm, 4

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm

Tides For Today

since the first of the month

In France LONDON, Aug. 26.- (R) - Ameri- es that had been the Germans istrative center, despite fierce in

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JOHNSON ASSERTS **NELSON 'DITCHED**

hand to the ground troops rapidly obliterating the Nazi seventh ar-my and driving closer to the Upheaval Develops In War **Production Board's** High Command

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-AM-An upheaval in the war production One Nazi fighter was destroyed ald M. Nelson is beeing "ditched"

8 - foot low water depth at Fay-etteville, the head of navigation. Germany and American losses for mission to China with his status the day were 10 bombers and six when he gets back an open question, Executive Vice Chairman

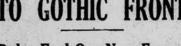
Some 1,500 heavy bombers and Charles E. Wilson has quit, and a from the N. C.-Va. state line Beaufort Inlet.) - This section of wide area of Germany battering Cmdr. J. A. Krug, a former WPB vital oil targets for the third day executive, out of the Navy and inthe inland waterway connects with the Inland Waterway from Beau-for to the Grand Waterway from Beaufort to the Cape Fear River, which teamed with Allied warships' son told a reporter:

conjects with the waterway from eavy artillery in a final assault the Cape Fear River to Winyah to wipe out the stubborn German nique. Nelson is being ditched-Bay S. C. State and the stubborn German nique. Nelson is being ditched-"It is the regular Roosevelt tech-Bay, S. C., forming a complete 12- garrison holding out in the port of North Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

Indies.

ace, and that Romanian troops now day on Koror in the Palau islands,

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Metauro River

of the eighth army are feeling out

new enemy positions north of the

the Italian front and Polish forces rest.

held the' Carpathian mountain pass- Japanese Southwest Pacific admin-Marines Land

terception by Zeros. One Libera-A midnight supplementary communique said that Soviet Marines year and total production is expecttor was shot down. The relatively heavy bombardment followed two landed at Valcov, Black Sea port weeks of nightly reconnaissance at the mouth of the Danube, and per cent more than the 267,543,271 raids over Palau, 600 miles east joined land forces in seizing huge pounds of producers' sales market of the Philippines

stores of material in that town. Other Southwest Pacific bombers The Germans threw away their raided airdromes and wrecked a arms and fled across the Danube, large freighter in the Dutch East the bulletin said.

farther upstream, also fell to the officials of the flue-cured tobacco The old fortress town of Ismail, Another squadron of Liberators, operating from the Marianas islands, struck within 750 miles of Red Army, which now controls a Tokyo hitting Iwo island in the vol- 75 - mile stretch of the lower Dancano group in a daylight raid. Ten ube.

Japanese planes intercepted. Three front other Red Army units struck

TO GOTHIC FRONT

the heart of the Balkans. **Positions North Of**

ROME, Aug. 26.- (P) -Germans visions southwest of fallen Chisi-

are retreating to the shelter of the nau, now far to the rear of ad-

Gothic line in central portions of vance units driving toward Bucha-

The Nazi withdrawal was con- Continued on Page Five; Col. 5) ments.'

with all their arms and equipment aron since 1919 with all their arms, and equipment. crop. since 1919.

The belt's total acreage has been increased by 16 per cent over last



layed one week while growers and Administration Formulates Post-War Plans For states attempted to get an increase Agriculture in the ceiling price of 43 1-2 cents a pound set by the office of price

administration. Growers had asked In the middle of the Romanian for a 45 1-2 cents ceiling. The agriculture department's Postwar agriculture policies now by swarming warplanes whose pi to within 2 miles of Galati and The agriculture department's Postwar agriculture policies now of said thehy were in full retreat to within 5 miles of Fostwar i crop reporting service on August being formulated by the Roosevelt toward Belgin and the Bhine to within 5 miles of Focsani, op-nosite anchors of the Calati non-1 estimated the belt's crop at 344,-administration would establish a The German air force possil GERMANS RETREAT to within 5 miles of rotsain, or 1 estimated the beit's crop at 344, more aggressive export program defense line guarding the road to 000,000 pounds, an increase of 44, more aggressive export program designed to push extra production 000,000 pounds of a July 1 forecast. designed to push extra production Bucharest, the Ploesti oil wells, and The belt was mid-way in a drought into world markets instead of alin late May, but received relief lowing it to pile up in this country threw its planes into some of the

Swiftly exploiting one of the from general rainfall early in July under government ownership. war's greatest victories, the Rus- and August. The crop generally These plans do not envision there sians on the seventh day of their made a remarkable recovery. turn of the rigid production control

Will be operated throughout the in the air and another on the permanently. Year. The work will result in an ground in the operations against Nelson has left on a mysterious Poles Feel Out New Enemy lightning offensive aimed at trapping entire Nazi armies in the Bal- Goldsboro, Greenville, Kinston, which attempts were made to re- today, indicating that the groggy kans had killed or captured nearly 275,000 Germans and Romanians, Smithfield, Farmville, Wendell, try's own needs and to the small keep up such furious infighting. and were hacking to pieces the Washington, Wallace, Wilson, Wil- quantities which could be sold aboard at our prices which, in the remnants of 12 encircled Nazi di- liamston and Tarboro.

DENIES RUMORS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 26-(A)- action. Under the programs of the from Rouen The Argentine government press of- thirties hugh surpluses were accu- Amiens and Reims, and pouncing fice issued a communique denying mulated by the government. Most of the Romanian prisoners rumors of an uprising attributing Instead, the United States would tanks and 549 vehicles in the last probably will be reorganized into them to "a plan prepared by com- employ a broad two-price system 24 hours. munist and other similar ele-

(Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4) heads northwest and southeast of Paris.

Force Crossing

The British in a spectacular 40mile forced march in six hours forced a crossing of the Seine at Vernon, ten miles northwest of the strong American bridgehead at Mantes, and turned loose another powerful force against the Germans scrambling from their channel forts.

And these forces-supreme headquarters said they now were capable of fighting only delaying actions from here on into Germany-WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 -(P) were being ponded night and day

> The German air force, possibly sensing that the game is up in France and these forces may have trouble even reaching Germany, greatest aerial battles since D-day and lost 93 Friday, most of them in

northwestern France. Few enemy planes were sighted

Le Havre Abandoned

The big port of Le Havre was case of most products, were held being abandoned by land and sea, above world levels by government huge convoys were on the move and Dieppe toward Allied warplanes shot up 56 more

Scores of motor vehicles and (Continued on Page Five; Col. 2) railroad cars were blasted by fighters returning from escort duty to-

> The Germans, with the Seine bridgehead threatening them with encirclement, were pulling out of the formidable channel fortifica-

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Captured Near Belin

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 26- (AP) -

Corbett said OPA immediately Hendaye said tonight.

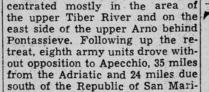
(Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) Extension Of European WEATHER Advisory Body Favored NORTH CAROLINA: Scattered show-tes and thunder storms Sunday and moderate temperatures (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours toding 7:30 p.m., yesterday. 1:30 am. 68; 7:30 am. 67; 1:30 pm, 80; 1:30 pm. 73.

commission and broadening its arguments:

power is being advocated by Am- 1. Though German resistance crossings and front hill positions erican officials, it was learned to- can be prolonged, it may collapse heavily mined and boobytrapped. and a 21 - year - old girl were identity.

mate. agency

Diplomatic measures have been developed for continuing the commission with its Russian-American Brtish membershp, into the peace period. They could be adopted by The Tide For Today From the Tide Tables published by S Coat and Geodetic Survey) Figh continued on Page Five; Col. 1) Survice, 1:34 p.m.; Moonset, From the State Highway patrol last of Brno. From the Tide Tables published by three, powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Survice, 1:34 p.m.; Moonset, From Minister Churchill. From the S Could be adopted by three, powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Survice, 1:34 p.m.; Moonset, From Minister Churchill. From the S Could be adopted by three, powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Survice, 1:34 p.m.; Moonset, From the S Could be adopted by three, powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Survice, 1:34 p.m.; Moonset, From the S Could be adopted by three, powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Maneican and French forces are traditionally quarrelsome three powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Maneican and French forces are traditionally quarrelsome three powers either through reg-ular diplomatic channels cr in a Maneican and French forces are traditionally quarrelsome three powers will have to enforce it and an airdrome at Brno, Czecho-slowalia and Prostejov airdrome, Maneican and French forces are traditionally quarrelsome are traditionally quarrelsome are traditionally quarrelsome to be any order in Europe the big powers will have to enforce it. Summer traditionally quarrelsome to be any order in Europe the big powers will have to enforce it. Summer traditionally quarrelsome to be any order in Europe the big powers will have to enforce it. Summer traditionally quarrelsome to be any order in Europe the big powers will have to enforce it. Summer tradition channels of Brno. From Minister Churchill. From Minister Churchill. From the traditionally quarrelsome to be any order in Europe the to be a



of the Metauro, found roads, river

ters said today.

Will Be Reorganized

OPA, said today that two men but OPA has not made known her tensive investigation in Wilson,

day, as the best way to bridge the expected gap between the end of the war in Europe and the pro-posed creation of a world security agency. RAF Mustangs shot up four trains yesterday on the Zagreb-barova Jaruga rail line in Yugo-there this afternoon following a an autumn victory and the Ger-mans trying for a winter stale-loaded with troops—and strafed a



Kinston and New Bern. Albert A.

RAF Mustangs shot up four placed under \$15,000 bonds each In the lining of the automobile Corbett, chief investigator for OPA Ten thousand Germans encircled

2. The end of the war is almost motor convoy near Arta, Greece. of serially - numbered counterfeit 32 and 40 sugar coupons amount-certain to be followed by internal Thirteen enemy planes were de- "C-4" gasoline coupons yet discov- ing to 134,280 pounds.