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Hitler Back

In Capital

After Trip

days hence

from Italy and Will

Conferences in Italy

came shortly after the official an-

Goering, chief lieutenant of the

fuehrer, is expected to report to

Hitler on his Rome conversations

with Premier Mussolini and Foreign

Wendell Man

Mexico City, April 18.—(AP) —Enrique Zepeda Ruiz was ar-

rested today on charges of at-

tempting to swindle R. B. Whit-

ley, wealthy business man of Wendell, N. C. His capture fol-

lowed an extensive investigation asked by United States Ambas-

sador Josephus Daniels, who said

several other Americans here

and in the United States had

Ruiz was alleged to have ask-

ed Whitley to send him \$4,000 for information that would lead

to a large fortune which Ruiz

said he was unable to acquire for

himself because he was a pri-

Wendell, April 18.—(AP) — A

mall town banker and his tobacco-

R. B. Whitley, banker here, and

his son, Philip, who runs a tobacco

warehouse, and is Wake county

Democratic chairman, cooperated with United States and Mexico au-

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and
Wednesday, preceded by light
showers in north central portion

and near the coast this after-

noon or early tonight; somewhat

cooler Wednesday and in south

portion tonight.

OF LETTER HE RECEIVED

SMALL TOWN BANKER TELLS

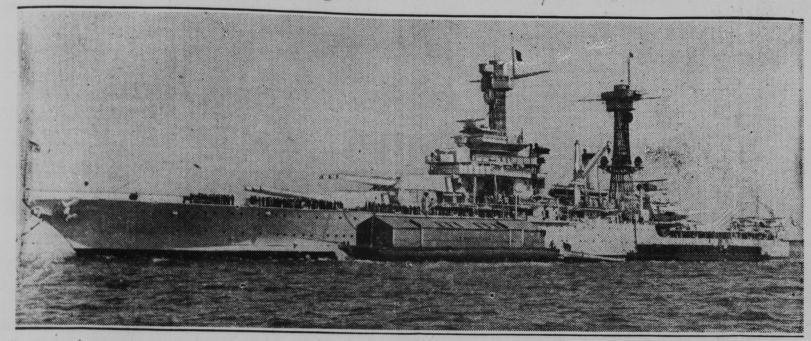
tempting to swindle them.

made similar complaints.

In Mexico

Hitler birthday celebration.

Flagship Prepares for Dash to Pacific



Supply barges tie up alongside the United States fleet's flagship Caliparture for the West Coast from Norfolk, Va., in accordance with fornia as stores are hurried aboard preparatory to the battleship's de- President Roosevelt's surprise order. (Central Press)

Families Prepare To Flee in Face of Rising mobilization of his Spanish army, with an order sending home the first Waters in Cincinnati with an order sending home the first crowded with singing soldiers, many

Cincinnati, April 18—(AP)—Home ed their possessions into trucks tody as the river neared the crest of
another minor flood. Residential settlements along the bottom lands of

Newport Ky where the Lighter of

Newport Ky where t Newport, Ky., where the Licking enters the Ohio, were abandoned and refugees given aid. At Catlettsburg, Ky., confluence of the Big Sandy and the Ohio rivers, store-owners moved

ington, W. Va., where United States Half Hundred Chile Areas of 51 feet would cover only low districts on the outskirts of the city. A forecast of cooler weather and only occasional showers over the fourstate area dispelled threats of more serious damage. The week-end death toll of four was unchanged. A crest of 60 feet here was expected by tomorrow. Flood stage is 52.

Fed by scores of overflowing streams, after a record April rainfall, the Ohio continued to rise down United States Meteorologist J. L. Kendall at Louisville forecast a crest of six to seven feet above flood stage by Thursday. Kendall declared there was no danger of widespread damage, adding that the usual river front buildings would be inundated.

Hatteras Park Commission Jobs Sought

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 18—Proving the ex-ception to the rule that there is little paying places on State boards and East After commissions is current speculation over personnel of the Hatteras National Seashore Commission soon to be named by Governor Clyde R.

Hoey.
The interest comes, however, from the fact that the project the commissioner will control is unique in America and is forecast by Federal est park attraction in the nation.

mable the commission to proceed im- his own corner. mediately with its work of putting together the acreage necessary for for a thrill, got it in short dynamite smoke eaters put it out before much Work upon receipt of 10,000 additional acres. One proponent of the They weren't enough. park, closely identified with it from the beginning, predicts that within by the other two, moved in for the Not that I doubt Herr Hitler's longsix months the State will be able to, kill. He got it with a right smash to time ambition to horn into Latin acquire and turn over 20,000 acres. the head, followed by a left.

A maximum of 6,000 acres of shore
There were other blows before the to have been too premature to ap-

line is regarded as desirable. gon Inlet to Ocracoke Inlet, was se-

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Homes Along Gen. Franco Starts Ohio River Demobilization Of Are Vacated His Spanish Army

Burgos, Spain, April 18.—(AP)— areas—are to remain until after the 200,000 troops from all sections of of them going home for the first time since the war started. Scores (It has been estimated the na- of parades and victory celebrations tionalist government had at least were scheduled to greet the soldiers

upstairs as water was expected to pour over Front street during the lin South Near Again Hits

Little Rock, Ark., April 18.—(AP) —Fatalities in the tornado-marked A heavy earth shock was recorded South pushed toward the half hun- at 2:30 a. m. today in the area dred figure today, with rising streams around Coquimbo and at Atacama offering a new threat to life and pro- province. perty. Relief workers moved to clear away debris and give succor to the of 25,000 inhabitants 200 miles north Minister Count Ciano at the first homeless in eight states where 49 of Valparaiso. perished and 351 were injured. Property damage approached the \$1,000,-

woman; a 70-year-old Hayesville, ince. Considerable property damage La., filling station operator; a 50year-old woman and a 13-year-old Wabbeseka, Ark., Negro.

In Arkansas, hardest hit by the twisters, eleven highways were closed by the high water from rainfall of near cloudburst proportions, and six major streams were rising rapidly Damage to roads was estimated at

One hundred WPA workers were dispatched to Newport, on the White river, and Morrilton, on the Arkansas river, to bolster levees.

Louis Starts Roper Defeat

Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—(AP) Joe Louis began packing up his park men as likely to be the great- belongings today to head east for his next odd job of defending the world's Estimates now are that within six heavyweight championship. Louis months final conditions for creation disposed of his California assignment of the park will have been met and last night in two minutes, 20 seconds, work will be actively under way. by the clock, leaving a game but

An appropriation of \$20,000 will battered Jack Roper knocked out in

the project. About 7,000 acres are doses. Roper, fulfilling a promise to damage was done. But I admit I already available and the National trade punches with the deadly punch Park Service will begin extensive ing Louis, landed three vicious hooks this alleged Patagonian grab.

I say "alleged" advisedly, because

Hatteras National Seashore will be for another chance to drop his sunthe first great national beach park. dae-punch on the Louis jaw. Louis The site, the Outer Banks from Ore-straightened the old warrior up with a few remarks to make concerning gon Inlet to Ocracoke Inlet, was se- a left upper cut. It started him out. it, but I supposed it would fizzle out The two finishers completed the job, a clean knockout.

Storm Deaths Heavy Quake

Santiago, Chile, April 18.—.AP)-

Coquimbo is an important seaport

Reports reaching the government telegraph offices here said a series of shocks lasting four minutes was Fatalities reported overnight were felt at the town of Copiapo, 12,000 a 64-year-old Pike Creek, Texas, population, capital of Atacama provwas reported in the area, but no reports of casualties reached Santiago. On January 24 a great area of southern Chile was devastated by an earthquake at a cost in lives estimated at from 25,000 to 30,000.

Nazi Plot On Patagonia Is A Boomerang

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, April 18.-A first class professional propagandist, doing his best to stir up anti-Nazi feeling in Latin America, couldn't have hit on a brighter idea than instigating the story of a supposed Hitlerian plan to grab Patagonia from the Argentine Republic. I know something about propagandizing in that section, for I handled Uncle Sam's publicity out of Buenos Aires during the nist son "smelled a rat" when they period of our participation in the got a proposal from Mexico City, World War. In that period, two or which supposedly would return three pro-ally riots were stirred up them \$95,000 for \$4,000, and Enriby it in Buenos Aires, in the course of which a number of German shops Mexico today on charges of atwere sacked and the office of the big local German daily (La Union) was Twenty-five thousand fans, eager set on fire—though the Argentine

> it's hard for me to believe that the America. However, this seems to me

Just after the story broke, I had

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Would Not Overthrow U. S. Government by Force, but Sees no Harm in His Affiliation; Cushion for Business if War Comes Is Falked

Tells Investigators

Washington, April 18. — (AP) — Herbert Benjamin, general secretary of the Workers Alliance, told the House committee investigating the WPA today he was a member of the

communist party.

In response to questions, he said he did not believe in overthrow of the United States government by force. He added that he saw nothing inconsistent in what he believed to be the philosophy of the communist party and the institutions and beliefs of the democratic form of govern-

Benjamin denied, in reply to a question, that he had reported to the third internationale that formation of the Workers Alliance represented the successful culmination of a fouryear campaign by the communist

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt called in his financial advisors to Goering Also Back survey tentative plans as to the conduct of security and commodity mar-kets in the event of a European war. Report to Hitler on Officials said the question already had been discussed in a preliminary way by department officials directly The survey was described as em-

Over Reply to Roosebracing the whole subject of world trade as it would be affected by an outbreak of hostilities. Those called to the White House were Secretary Berlin, April 18.—(AP)—Chan-Morgenthau and Under Secretary of cellor Hitler returned to Berlin by the Treasury Hanes of the Treasury; train late today as Nazi Germany Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, prepared to give him a tremendous ovation on his 50th birthday two struction Finance Corporation; Chair man Marriner Eccles, of the Federal The reichfuehrer's return after Reserve Board, and Jerome Frank, member of the Securities Commission ten days absence in his Bavarian retreat, Munich, and in Austria, Morgenthau, Wallace, Frank, Eccles and others went last week for a nouncement that Germany's modpreliminary discussion of how to ern fleet had put out to sea from soften the shocks of foreign cries on Kiel and Wilhelmshaven on its way to spring maneuvers in Span-ish waters. Field Marshal Her-mann Goering also returned to Berlin tonight to participate in the

American business The WPA said 12,000 WPA workers would be employed soon in a \$9,000,000 housing survey throughout the United States. Seventy-one surveys have been approached for 65 cities and counties in 26 states, including urban areas of North

Other developments: W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, proposed the national farm program be enlarged to place more emphasis on marketing. He laid before Secre-

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Gets Swindler \$108,000 Of Securities Disposed Of

Local Government Commission sold followed by a disarmament and \$28,000 worth of bonds and \$80,000 of revenue anticipation notes for four local governmental units today.

ing bonds at par, with the first \$5,000 of maturities to be at four percent interest, and the remainer 41/4 percent interest.

Wilson county was authorized to issue \$40,000 school refunding bonds, and new school bond issues were authorized as follows: Franklin county, \$10,000; and others.

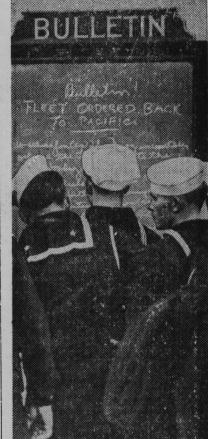
16 Highway Bids Opened que Zepeda Ruiz was arrested in

Raleigh, April 18.—(AP) — The State Highway & Public Works Commission opened proposals today for construction or betterments on 16

Low bidders announced this afternoon included:

from north of Route 39 to northeast of Contentnea creek, roadway, Laven re-elected chairman of the board, der Brothers, of Earle, \$37,132.40; and executive vice president, and their sixth week of conferences. structures, Bowers Construction, of George B. Elliott, of Wilmington, N. There have been growing reports of Whiteville, \$26,080.90.

The Fleet's Out



Disappointed bluejackets study the bulletin board order posted at Norfolk, Va., cutting short their projected vacation in eastern waters as President Roosevelt, in a surprise order, directed the fleet to return to the Pacific Coast at once. (Central Press)

FDR's Offer TurnedDown By Italians

Mussolini's Newspaper Speaks People's Berlin Axis

Rome, April 18.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini sought today to draw Hungary closer to the Rome-Berlin axis, while his newspaper asserted President Rosevelt's peace appeal tion of the road that the body was already had been rejected by the thrown from the vehicle and peas 'Italian national conscience.'

No formal reply had been made to Mr. Roosevelt, but the comment in Mussolini's Milan newspaper was said in newspaper circles to represent Il Duce's views, if not written by Mussolini himself, on the President's proposal of non-aggression Raleigh, April 18.—(AP)—The | pledges by Germany and Italy, to be economic conference

The fascist press had characterized Mr. Roosevelt's move as "part of George I Griffin, of Raleigh, bought an attempted encirclement of Italy \$13,000 Louisburg municipal build-ing bonds at par, with the first \$5,000 scription of the "British and Frenchengineered anti-aggression" bloc. With cheers, the Italian Senate yesterday approved an address by ts president to be read to King Vittorio Emanuele in response to

the monarch's formal acceptance of

the crown of newly-conquered Albania, in which this declaration occurred: "The Rome-Berlin axis divides the continent with a dominating block of military forces, against which it is no longer possible to re-peat successfully the old maneuvers of encircling coalitions."

Roper Again Made A. C. L. Director At Stockholder Meet

Richmond, Va., April 18 .- (AP)-Daniel Roper, former United States secretary of commerce, was re-elect-County 151, Pitt, grading, structures and surfacing, 2.92 miles between the Wilson county line and Fountain, C. O. Martin & Sons, of Summerfield, \$32.155.90.

1998 Johnston-Wilson, grading and structures on 10.62 miles of Route 42 from porth of Route 29 to northese.

Lyman Delano, of New York, was C., was re-elected president.

Head Of WPA Union Chamberlain Is Widening He Is A Communist Peace Front

France Moves Swiftly Further To Strengthen Her Defenses; Complete Agreement With Soviet Russia for Defense Ring Near

London, April 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told a cheering House of Commons today that Great Britain welcomed "with great satisfaction" President Roosevelt's appeal to Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini.

In a brief statement on foreign affairs, Chamberlain said Britain was continuing conversations with Soviet Russia to widen the British-French peace front, but added he had nothing new to report.

A British pledge of help to Tur-

key had been expected, but was be-lieved held up pending the outcome of the British-Soviet negotiations. Chamberlain said, amid prolonged

"I should like to take this oppor-tunity of informing the House of the great satisfaction with which His Majesty's government have welcomed the recent initiative of the President of the United States of Amer-

In reply to a question, he stressed the British interests in the independence of The Netherlands, Switzerland and Denmark, but stated that Great Britain had entered into no specific engagement to assist any of those

Chamberlain indicated that Britain was considering the establishment of

some sort of supply ministry.
"Steps are being taken, both to accelerate and widen the basis of production in Britain's war industries," he said. He was urged to say whether staff talks had started be-tween Britain and her new allies in the anti-aggression bloc, but said "His Majesty's government will maintain all necessary contacts in military as well as in all matters

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Creek Overflows From Heavy Rain At Fayetteville

Fayetteville, April 18.—(AP)—A two-inch rain in about three hours last night sent Cross Creek, which Verdict as He Angles for Hungary in Romehighway was reported covered at several points. Although the road was not blocked, traffic moved slow

y through the inundated areas. One minor accident was attributed to the high water. A produce truck driver stopped so suddenly when he came on the flooded secwere scattered over the road. No one was hurt.

Rain stopped this morning and little further damage was expected.

U.S. Mediator To Umpire Coal Strike

New York, April 18. — (AP) — James F. Dewey, Federal labor conciliator, announced today he had been accepted as mediator in the deadlocked negotiations to reach a new contract for the bituminous coal industry. The contract under which 338,000 miners in the eightstate Appalachian area had been working expired March 31, and for the past two weeks the mines, with few minor exceptions, have been

Dewey proposed today that he meet with the sub-committee of eight miners and operators to discuss the deadlock. He entered the conference room at the Hotel Bilt-more shortly before 11 a. m., making it clear to newsmen he was acting for the Labor Department and not for the White House.

Later he talked separately with both the miners' and operators' delegations, and then arranged for a further conference this afternoon with the miners alone "to continue nego-

Asked if he was acting on his own initiative in thus entering the dispute, he replied: "I am. Both sides have accepted me as mediator. The conferees yesterday began

prospective or present coal shortages.