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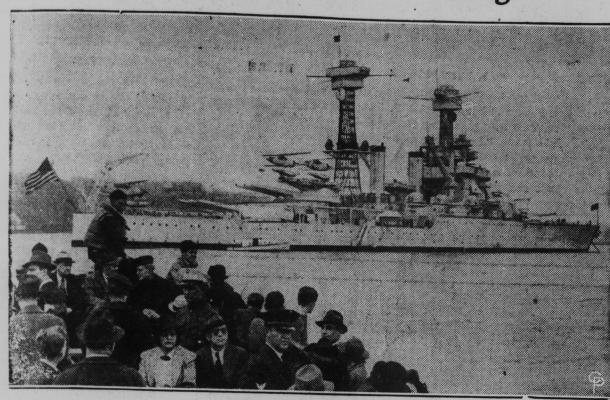
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Visitors Go Out to See a Battlewagon



Some of the thousands of visitors who inspected the battleship Tennessee, at anchor in the Hudson River, off New York City, are shown being taken out to the battlewagon in a Navy launch, anxious to see the big ship before she sailed to rejoin rest of Pacific fleet. Sudden orders from Washington sent the fleet units hurrying to San Pedro, Cal.

Negro Is Killed And Britain Will 15 Children Injured Set Up New In School Bus Crash Supply Post

Father and Son To Die In Chair

Columbus, Ohio, April 19 .er and son steeled themselves in the solitude of Ohio penitentiary's death row today for a march to the electric chair.

Harry and Henry Dingledine, of Springfield, Ohio, and Harry Chapman, of Chicago, were scheduled to pay with their lives shortly after 8 o'clock tonight for the slaying of two Springfield peace officers.

It will be third triple execution since the chair was installed in the penitentiary in 1897, and the State's first father-son exe-

Before 56-year-old Harry Dingledine was the added ordeal of seeing his son's march to the brilliantly-lighted death chamber. Chapman is scheduled to die first, followed by Dingledine's 29-year-old son, and then the father himself.

Fewer Born, Fewer Die In Quarter

Highway Deaths Rise Last Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 19.—Fewer North Carolinians were born and fewer fied during the first quarter of 1939 than in the same period of 1938, a compilation of State Board of Health vital statistics shows. Over the same period, the death toll in North Carolina from automobile accidents on the highways rose over the first three months of last year, the board's figures reveal. During March, for the first time this year, deaths increased over last year, while births, for the third consecutive month continued to de-

Last month's auto deaths (Continued on Page Two)

BOSTON BEES WIN IN SEASON OPENING

Boston, Mass., April 19.—(AP) -The Boston Bees opened their major league season today by taking a 12-inning Patriot's Day morning game from Philadelphia 7 to 6. Al Simmons, former American Leaguer, knocked in the winning run.

Fertilizer Truck from for Henderson and Bus Near Rocky Mount; Driver Held

Rocky Mount, April 19.—(AP)—A Negro was killed and 15 children were given hospital treatment today following a crash on the Tarboro highway near here between an Edge combe county school bus and a loaded fertilizer truck.

State Highway Patrolman R. L. Mashburn, who investigated the actified as Harry Murphy, 36, from Robersonville, an occupant of the truck, which the officer said was driven by another Negro, Major Brown, 24, also of Robersonville. Brown was taken to Tarboro to be locked up awaiting a possible manslaughter charge

The patrolman said that both the school bus, which was carrying around twenty children to the West Edgecombe school, and the truck apparently were headed toward Rocky Mount when the accident occurred. The officer said his investigation showed that the bus had stopped to pick up one of the chil-dren when the truck rammed the bus from behind, instantly killing Murphy. After hitting the bus, the officer said the truck ran to the left of the road and into a field.

county, held Brown under \$1,000 on (Continued on Page Two)

HUGH DORTCH WAS TEXAS CO. LOBBYIST

in First Three Months

Raleigh. April 19.—(AP)—H. P. LaGrange Junior Woman's Club, first; Richlands Woman's Club, first; Richlands Woman's Club, second and Whiteville Woman's Club of 1939; Suicides employe, lobbied for the Texas Company of New York during the 1939 ond, and Whiteville Woman's Club, third.

Fewer Than Period State Thad Eure was informed today.

The Period State Thad Eure was informed today. In a statement filed in Eure's office, poetry, to Georgia Pearsall Hearn, of C. E. Woodbridge, treasurer of the concern, reported that Dortch listed The Mart

Winston Churchill Robersonville Bound May Head New Department To Assem-Oxford Hits School ble Provisions Against Outbreak of War

> London, April 19.—(AP) — The British cabinet was reported today to have decided to establish a supply department to speed provision of war materials needed for Britain's vast re-armament program.

Establishment of an agency to coordinate the purchase of war materials for the fighting services, army air force and navy, was known to have been considered by the miniscident, said the Negro had been iden ters in a session lasting more than

Whether the new department would have the status of a government ministry, headed by a chief of

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Wallace Lady **Heads State** Club Women

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP)—Mrs. f the road and into a field.

Coroner J. G. Raby, of Edgecombe elected president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs here to-

Earlier, the federation announced award of prizes for outstanding work during the last year in club projects.

The list of winners included: The education awards for best

The Martha Davis cup for best vono additional expenses beyond his re- cal musical composition, to Mrs. I M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City.

\$2,500,000 Allocated To For Reforms Road Work By Governor

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP)—Gover- the regular highway appropriation. nor Hoey made \$2,500,000 available to the Highway and Public Works

Commission today for immediate expenditure on road betterments.

use during the best season, from now until fall," said the governor, "and ferred the money for immediate use may be used anywhere the commis- after conferences with R. G. Deyton, sion feels it is most needed. It may assistant director of the budget. He be used on primary or secondary said the money could be used safely, roads, and also for such purposes as apparently, even if it should become surface treating existing roads."

necessary before July 1 to transfer

nditure on road betterments. have around \$3,000,000 for operating purposes at all times.

The allocation made \$9,000,000 highway funds for general State purturned over by the governor for im- poses. He pointed out that there had mediate use on highway betterment been no such diversion since he asduring this biennium, in addition to sumed office.

U. S. Fleet To Leave Norfolk Paris Hopes 8 A. M. Tomorrow For Pacific FDR Plea To

Flagship Pennsylvania Arrives in Hampton Roads from Annapolis and Admirals Confer Immediately; Shore Leaves End Tonight

Norfolk, Va., April 19.—(AP)— The battleship Pennsylvania, flagship of Admiral C. C. Bloch, arrived in Hampton Roads at 10 o'clock today from Annapolis, and cast an-chor off the naval base. Vice-Admiral King, commanding

the aircraft squadrons of the battle force; and Rear Admiral Watts, commanding the base force; Rear Admiral Johnson, commanding the Atlantic squadron; Rear Admiral Secton, commanding destroyers of the battle force, and Rear Admiral Pye, commanding destroyer flotilla one of the battle force, went aboard the flagship soon after she anchored for a conference with Admiral Bloch, The movement of the fleet to the Pacific, ordered suddenly Saturday by the Navy Department, gets under way at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the departure of the supply ships

Bridge, Arctic and Antares. Officers and men of the fighting craft are enjoying their last few hours ashore today before shoving off for the Pacific tomorrow morning. All leaves are in tonight at 6 o'clock.

Although no definite hour of departure has been officially announced, it is understood the ships will be moving out tomorrow morning at 8

Jurors In Burlington Killing Named

Graham, April 19.—(AP)—Eleven of thirteen jurors had been selected today in the trial of four men here on a charge of slaying two officers last December at Burlington, when the venire of 150 was exhausted, and Judge N. A. Sinclair ordered a new venire of 25 to appear in court at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to complete the selection.

The venire used up today was also from Orange county, a change of venire having been granted on petition of counsel for the defendants, Roy Kelly, Wade Hanford. Ralph Hanford, and George Smith. The State contends they were companions of Roy Huffman, killed in an attempted service station robbery.
Sheriff M. P. Robertson, in office only two days, and Officer S. W. Vaughan died in the burst of gun-

Two Offers For A. & N. C.

Raleigh, April 19. - (AP)-Governor Hoey will meet tomor-row with directors and stock-holders of the State-controlled Atlantic & North Carolina railroad to consider proposals to lease the line.

Henry A. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen, has offered to pay the State a minimum of \$56,000 a year in rent for the road. H. P. Edwards, of Sanford, has offered to pay at least \$60,500 a year.

Raleigh Vote Shows Little

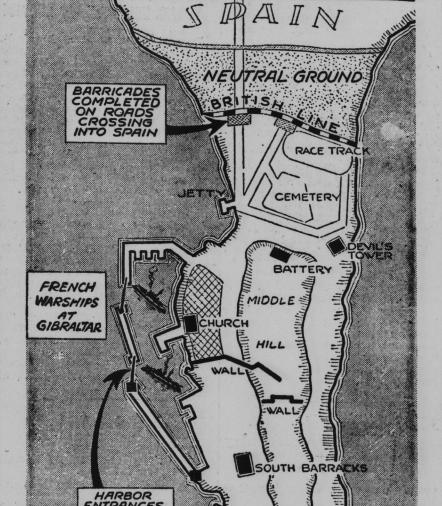
Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, April 9.—Raleigh's municipal election Monday, first major polling held since adoption of the election "reforms" of 1939, showed not too much of anything regarding effect of the elimination of absentees and tightening of provisions regarding markers.

One conclusion it probably justified is that the "reforms" will reduce the number of ballots cast and consequently, majorities. Even this

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and



Gibraltar—Crisis Center

This map of the Rock of Gibraltar gives a clear view of Britain's famed fortress commanding the Mediterranean. Observers fear an attack on the Rock may precipitate a new world war, and England is hastily strengthening its defences while France sends warships to its aid. Gibraltar covers a two and one-half mile area on the southern tip of Spain.

Foreigners Burned Great Liner Paris, Frenchmen Believe

of the French merchant fleet, keeled over and settled in 36 feet of water today hymned through her fire water \$500,000 worth of French art objects, today, burned through by fire which which had just been loaded for shipofficials suspected was set by for- ment to the New York World's Fair. eign saboteurs. Two persons were The art treasures were untouched by killed and two others seriously in- fire in a forward hold. jured in the night-long spread of the flames, which firemen said spread from two widely separated parts of told The Associated Press that in his

that the 34,000-ton liner was de- Le Harve. iberately set afire. An Italian dock worker was held

for questioning by Le Harve police. Airplanes made in the United States for the French army were taken off 13 hours after they had started.

Le Havre, France, April 19.—(AP) only an hour before the vessel listed -The liner Paris, one the flagship and sank at her dock. The Paris ar-

Secret Police Warned. Mayor Leon Meyer, of La Harve, opinion incendiaries were respon-One point of origin was behind sible. Two days ago the French secret locked doors.

Deliberately Fired.

Investigators said preliminary investigations strengthened the belief fort at sabotage would be made at

Firemen remaining aboard the nearly subbmerged liner said they had succeeded in putting out last of the flames at 11:30 a. m., more than

Immigration

Chiang Says Japan Cut To Ban Held To 2nd Status Be Mistake

Chungking, China, April 19.—(AP) -General Chiang Kai-Shek says that 'under existing circumstances peace is impossible" in the Chinese-Japanese war, now in its 22nd month. "In less than 22 months Japan has been reduced to a second rate power," the Chinese leader told news-

Far East, then a permanent pacific

men. "The moment surely is coming when she no longer can bear the dawn."

Chiang said yesterday peace also would be possible if Japanese miliever, these critics were pretty careful aggressive policy," but if Japan "persists in her dream that the cuteway is protesting According to the fleet steaming to the f

audibly in Washington. A few of our law-makers and administrative offithought we had left too narrow a

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 19 .- The theory

that our present immigration restric-

tions are too strict for our own good

at last is beginning to be argued quite

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Mean Peace

Bonnet Praises Roosevelt's Initiative A t Length; Hungarian Premier Gives Toast To Mussolini, Pledging Levalty to Axis

Rome, April 19. - (AP) -Italy, maneuvering with Germany for position in the current European crisis, appeared today to have bound Hungary firmly to the Rome-Berlin axis. The Hungarian premier, Count Paul Teleky, in an after-dinner toast to Premier Mussolini last night, declared his country was "faithful to the policy of the axis, which Hungary has spontaneously adopted."

Il Duce, in a similar speech, re-affirmed a friendship which unites the strength of each country in the defense of order and peace.

The axis diplomatic campaign, which began last week-end, with German Field Marshal Hermann Goering's visit to Rome, will con-tinue after the scheduled Thursday departure of the Hungarian premier and his foreign minister, with Yugoslav-Italian and Italian-Roumanian

FRANCE HOPES FOR PEACE
FROM ROOSEVELT APPEAL Paris, April 19.— (AP) —Foreign Minister Bonnet told the foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies today that the French government had "steadfast hope that the road opened" by President Roose-

velt's telegrams to Hitler and Mussolini would lead to peace.

A communique said Bonnet praised the American President's initiative at length. He also told the de-

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Cabarrus Man To Die After Losing Appeal

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld the conviction of James Dixon, in Cabarrus county, on charges of first

degree murder.
The court decided fifteen cases. Dixon, the opinion said, had a first fight with his wife, then later hit her in the head with an axe and set the house afire. A written confession was introduced in the testimony. Unless Governor Hoey extends clemency, Dixon will be executed May 5, under State law.

The list of opinions included: Vandiford vs. Vandiford, Greene, venire de novo. State vs. James Dixon, Cabarrus,

no error. Lamb vs. Smith et als, Sampson affirmed.

Tew vs. Hinson, administratrix, Sampson, modified and affirmed. Sansom vs. Warren, Sampson, reversed. Sparrow vs. John Morrell & Com-

pany, Lenoir, reversed. Croom vs. Petty, Wake, no error. Redwine vs. Bass, Franklin, no er-

Farris vs. Banks et al, Wake, error.

All Germany Celebrates Hitler Birth

Rumors persist Danzig Is To Be Handed Him as Birthday Present Tomorrow

Berlin, April 19.—(AP)—Germany relegated world-stirring politics to the background today and turned atcials have hinted all along that they tention to the two-day birthday celebration of its leader.

strictions were slapped on with a warships of the fleet steaming to-view to protecting American labor ward Spanish waters, columns of resists in her dream that the cutcome of war will be a new order in the from the competition of more and ports on the birthday preparations

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