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## President Off on "Mystery" Fishing Trip



President Franklin D. Roosevelt waves farewell from the rail of the destroyer Lang, which carried him on a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico. Details of the voyage have been kept secret. At right is Commander F. Johnson, of the Lang. This is a phonograph.

## Finns Evacuate All Women And Children From Viipuri

Men of Class of 1898 Called to Colors; Russian Bombers Indicate Peak of Fury in Fighting on Karelian Isthmus.

Helsinki, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Finnish high command today announced an evacuation of all women and children from Viipuri, a city on the Karelian Isthmus, which has been the scene of a great battle on the eastern front in which 1,800 Russians were killed.

The great battle on the isthmus, in its 17th day, continued unabated, tonight's communique said, admitting that "our forces withdrew in some places to new positions further back."

The battle in the Kuhmo sector lasted several days, the Finns declared, and ended in complete destruction of Russian special skiing groups consisting of three battalions and reconnaissance detachments.

Helsinki, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Finnish army ordered removal of all remaining women and children from Viipuri today, it was reported as the gigantic Soviet Russian offensive continued.

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School Buses Lost In Snow

1,836 Federal Retail Liquor Permits To N. C.

plank down the \$25 fee and explained many legitimate dealers who disperse wine and beer buy the liquor licenses rather than separate permits to dispense wine and beer.

It was admitted that perhaps some bootleggers may buy the liquor dealer licenses but officials said a warning was stamped across the permit that the license does not authorize violation of state liquor statutes.

## Bankers Favor Vote On Tobacco Control

### France Sends Arms To Finns

Paris, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Military sources said today France has opened her stocks of war materials, both old and modern, to help the Finns fight Russia.

Planes, anti-tank guns, heavy artillery, automatic weapons and large quantities of other munitions have arrived in Finland, these sources said.

The statement by military sources was the first comprehensive report of French aid to Finland since the League of Nations approved assistance.

Many French planes have joined the Finnish squadrons, the military spokesman said.

The French declined to give exact figures on various types of material because such information would be of use to Russia.

They said, however, that at the request of the Finnish government French artillery of World War type, and modern anti-tank guns had been dispatched.

### Representative Bankers From Flue-Cured Area Vote to Ask Referendum on Three-Year Program; Form Association.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Twenty representative bankers from Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia voted unanimously to request a referendum in July for a vote by growers on a proposal that the tobacco control program be continued for three years after 1940.

The bankers, meeting simultaneously with AAA officials and growers and warehousemen from the flue-cured belt, also organized the Bright Tobacco Bankers association, covering all tobacco growing sections of the southeast.

Wales R. Harrison, of Danville, Va., who was named president of the organization, said it would "coordinate all bankers in the bright tobacco districts in cooperative efforts to promote the welfare of tobacco growers and tobacco growing communities."

This afternoon the bankers planned to meet with the growers and warehousemen and to ask them also to vote in favor of the control program.

Following the meeting, J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, expressed the opinion that resumption of tobacco buying by the British was

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## British Destroyers Attack Nazi Ship In Norwegian Fjord; Bitter Protests By Norway, Germany

### Violation Of Neutrality Is Protested

Norway Asks Return Of Prisoners, Indemnities, And Future Respect Of Neutrality; Nazi Spokesmen Are Bitter.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Authorized German sources today described as "one of the most dastardly actions in history," the attack by British warships on the German ship Altmark and the shooting of members of her crew.

A German spokesman said the attack in Norwegian waters had evoked the sharpest protest against any action taken by any country in the war—apparently referring to the Norwegian protest to Britain.

The German spokesman declared the affair was comparable to a German U-boat's suddenly entering New York harbor, boarding the Queen Mary, now anchored there, and lustily shooting down her crew.

The German minister to Norway has made a strong protest to Norway, asking return of the prisoners and indemnities for the men killed and injured.

"I protest most sharply against this unexampled violation of international law," the German minister

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### Canadian Weed Exports Are Doubled

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A Dominion agriculture department report just received here showed today that exports of flue-cured tobacco from Canada to the United Kingdom for the January-November period of 1939 more than doubled exports for the corresponding eleven months of the previous year.

As shown by the official publication of the tobacco division, Canadian flue-cured exports to England totaled 27,730,022 pounds for the eleven months of 1939 compared with 12,232,236 in the same month of 1938.

Largely attributed to the British embargo on American tobacco, England took only 101,636,502 pounds of American flue-cured leaf through November, 1939, compared with exports totaling 220,555,739 pounds in the same period of 1938.

Ohio's Votes To Support Roosevelt

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Ohio's Democratic central and executive committee members formally declared today that the state's delegation to the national convention should support President Roosevelt if he desired renomination.

The meeting directed that if Mr. Roosevelt eliminated himself as a candidate the delegation should support Senator Donahay as the first choice favorite son and Charles Sawyer, national committeeman, as second choice.

Names of Donahay and Sawyer will be formally designated on ballots of the presidential preferential primary as the choices of delegates-candidates sponsored by the state organization.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA Cloudy, with occasional rain tonight and Sunday, probably mixed with sleet or snow in the interior. Slightly warmer in east portion.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK. Fair except rain about middle and possibly again toward close of week. Cool at beginning and warmer followed by colder in latter part.

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### GOP Leaders At Committee Meet



Republican party leaders are pictured above as they met in Washington to select the time and place for the party's nominating convention. Left to right, Harold W. Mason of Vermont, national committee secretary; John D. M. Hamilton, chairman; and Henry P. Fletcher of Rhode Island, general counsel. The GOP national committee set June 24 as the date for the opening of the convention and selected Philadelphia as the convention city.

## Farley Sets July 15 As Convention Date

### Vacation Cruise Details Closely Guarded Secrets

Aboard the U. S. S. Lang at sea, Feb. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is continuing his cruise on the cruiser Tuscaloosa—destination unknown—in a voyage apparently more productive of rough weather than news.

While the ships pounded through high waves, cruise details remained a closely guarded secret with even the course and speed undisclosed. The President ostensibly was bound on a fishing expedition expected to last ten days to two weeks.

### Grady Scores With Recent Statement

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Some other candidates may be ahead of Paul Grady of Kenly in the matter of routine organization work, but none has so far shown his ability to get votes.

Latest indication of the Grady celerity of thought and action was his pronouncement in favor of reappointment. It was very fine politics, in the opinion of everyone this reporter has heard express an opinion.

Strangely enough, not one of the six candidates mentioned this issue in his formal announcement, Willis Smith, who retired at the last minute after having been regarded as a certain entry, had a strong endorsement of reappointment in the platform he never got round to issuing.

The neat of a reappointment is that nobody on earth can quarrel with him unless prepared to recommend directly and flatly the Constitution of North Carolina; and while five legislatures in a row managed to ignore the plain language of that fundamental document, not a member of any one of them can be found who will say right out that there ought not to be a reappointment.

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## Prisoners Taken From Prison Ship

Is Climax of Vigorous Search For German Ship Altmark; Four or Five Germans Killed In Clash Aboard Ship.

London, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The British navy thrust its long arm into a placid Norwegian fjord to rescue some three hundred British merchant seamen after a hand-to-hand clash aboard the German prison ship Altmark.

Thereby Norway, in whose territorial waters the action occurred, was plunged into the vortex of the bitterest controversy involving a neutral thus far arising from the war.

The Admiralty announced today that the destroyer Cossack last night dashed into Josing Fjord, sent a party aboard the Altmark, and took off

Stavanger, Norway, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The German auxiliary vessel Altmark from which a British warship snatched nearly 300 war captives was reported late today stranded in the innermost reaches of Josing Fjord with British warships still keeping a close watch outside Norwegian territorial waters.

Indications were that the 12,000-ton vessel would not be able to leave soon regardless of what decision the Norwegian government reaches concerning her disposition.

men who had been captive for months since their capture in the south Atlantic by the now destroyed pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The British said four Germans (Continued on Page Five)

British Ships Must Be Protected

London, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today all British ships must provide protection against machine gun attacks from enemy aircraft for their crews before leaving any port in the United Kingdom.

Simultaneously Great Britain started registering an estimated 250,000 youths of 23 for war service.

The Admiralty order was effective immediately and while it was only announced today it was dated February 14.

The British stepped up their mobilization program to permit the quick absorption of the new recruits and place 2,500,000 men under arms before 1941.

## Barkley Believes No New Taxes Will Be Necessary

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, indicated today that he believed Congressional slashing of appropriations would obviate the necessity for new taxes.

President Roosevelt has recommended \$460,000,000 of new levies to meet emergency defense costs and thus keep the federal debt within the \$45,000,000,000 limit set by Congress. But Barkley told reporters "it looks now as if that fight can be avoided."

His statement was prompted obviously by the actions of both House and Senate in reducing appropriations from the budget estimates of President Roosevelt.

The House preserved its record in this respect yesterday when it passed a \$695,779,000 naval appropriation bill after cutting out \$1,300,000 requested to improve the harbor at Guam.

Almost without debate the chamber accepted the action of its appropriations committee in cutting the President's budget estimates.

The Senate and House and their committee have sliced about \$270,000,000 from Mr. Roosevelt's requests. Most of the appropriations have not been finally acted upon.