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Nazis Will Not Discuss Peace

Russian Army Closes In On Deserted Viipuri This Word Is

Swarms Of Planes orting **Drive**

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Britain May Shirt Buying Of Cotton

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Allied Experts To Discuss Blockade

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cement said they would French and British am-

Nazis Strike Telling Blow At Shipping

British Convoy Attacked at Sea, Nazi Planes Raid East Coast; Britain Announces Plane Flights Over Berlin.

London, March 1 .- (AP)-Bombers and submarines, Germany's twin weapons against Britain's sea-borne a mile sep-inguard from in communi-An authoritative British source acknowledged that a British convoy had been attacked at sea, Nazi planes raided the east coast and the 7,418-ton British liner Pyrrhus was reported sunk off the west coast of England. Meanwhile Britain announced

that her big reconnoissance planes had flown during the night over Berlin and other German cities in the most extensive scouting flight of the war.

The authoritative source said the convoy had been attacked "but no ships were hit". It was understood the attack took place "someway out" over the sea—to far for British fighters to go into action effectively.
(The official German news agency asserted that German bombers had

ain air atracked "numerous" British ships, enemy convoys and armed merchantmen today, dispersing a convoy and sinking several large ships.) Caught in the bomb and machine gun attacks on trawlers was the Norwegian steamer Brott, 1,583

The 5,340 ton Italian steamer Mirela sank within two minutes af-From United States ter striking a mine off the Suffolk coast last night.

Prohibition DaysDecreed

Rules For French Belt-Tightening Include Three Days Weekly Without Lig-

Paris. March 1.--(AP)-Three 'prohibition days" a week were de- by the fast moving steel business, increed today as the government an- dustrial activity has dipped six per nounced details of its wartime regi-

mentation of civilians.
Among 17 decrees published in the official journal were these: The public sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks was forbidden

reat Britain for acquisi-reat Britain for acquisi-muda. New Providence the Bunini slands in the A general census as a prelude to the Bunini Islands in the the issuance of ration cards was ordered completed by April 1. First of the ration cards

expected to be for bread. The decrees were part of the gen- the keynote of my annual Mid-wineral belt-tightening program an- ter Business Conference held here nounced yesterday which included a gold revaluation bookkeeping operation which put a 22 percent higher value on France's gold supply and provided about \$1,120,000,-000 addition to her war funds. Other decrees provided for rationing of gasoline and order restaur-ants to limit meals to two plates of which only one can be meat.

WPA Projects Legislature **Approved**

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—Apports that he was considering call-proval of 13 projects to cost \$642,- ing the special session to solidfy his 267 and to provide employment for claim to the office of the secretary 1,150 persons was announced today of state in the administration to be by C. C. McGinnis, State WPA adheaded by Sam Jones, newly elected

grounds at Red Springs, \$26,462, and Washington in examin-problems with various drainage facilities at Lumberton, Conway, died, Long had himself government depart- \$36,983, and 131 workers; improve nominated by the Democratic cenand would arrive waterworks at Lumberton, \$76,274. tral committee. Jones rejected the and 107 workers.

Flooded Upper California Takes to Boats



Boats become the only means of transportation in Kentfield, as flood waters sweep northern California, where between 3,500 and 4,000 persons were made homeless. Height of water can be determined by the abandoned automobiles, derelicts of the storm which swept the state.

Drownings Reported As 5,000 Made Homeless By Floods

Babson Says Reversed

Industrial Activity which a family of and overturned it. Dips Six Percent Six hours later, after five of the occupants had been given up for Hold Up.

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Bureau Babson Park, Fla., March 1.--Paced ent under the ten-year peak reached in December. Statistics show that retail trade and service businesses. however, have been holding at the nigh levels of late 1939. Most people with whom I talked on my trip to Boston during the past fortnight believe that the current sag in industrial activity is no more than a natural reaction from the too rapid rise last fall. They believe the down trend will be abruptly halted and the trend were reversed in the next month or two. This same optimistic outlook was

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Long Calls Louisiana

Baton Rouge, La., March 1.—(AP)

—Governor Earl K. Long called the Louisiana legislature to meet special session at 4:30 p. m. today. The governor's action followed re-

governor. ministrator.

Projects included: Robeson county, remodel school and improve ty, remodel schoo When the newly elected and in-

appointment.

California Floods
Take Toll of Lives
And Property; Loot-Slump To Be ing of Victims' Homes Brings Posses to Seek Might Veto

> San Francisco, March 1.-(AP)-Flood waters, rushing through a bursted dike, caught up today near Meridian with an automobile in which a family of six was fleeing,

Since December Peak, drowned, four were found perched in a treetop. Mrs. Frank Flehart; re-But Retail Trade And mained missing and was believed to have perished. The 6th person, Frank Service Businesses Fleharty, was rescued by a motorist. Mrs Fleharty's death brought to five the tall of the five-day flood

in California. Mrs. Fleharty's death brought to

after midnight. The 500 residents of the town fled to higher ground. Four other deaths by drowning have occurred as a result of the fiveday California floods. Three additional deaths have occurred in

The flood, spreading destruction as (Continued on Page Eight)

Oregon.

Rumanian Army To Full Strength Of 1,600,000

Bucharest. March 1 .- (AP)-Two hundred thousand citizen soldiers answered Rumania's call to the colors today, raising her army to 1,600,000 men against a broadening of the European war in the spring. A minimum of confusion at-

tended the unprecendented concentration because the new contingent had been informed months beforehand of the frontier points where they should report. At the same time Ramania announced that "great numbers" of peasants soon may be released

from the army for sowing crops. Their places will be taken during leave of absence by non-agricultural conscripts. The heaviest concentration of

Rumanian strength is along the Russian border where a fortification program has been hurried.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and warmer to-night; Saturday mostly cloudy followed by rain Saturday night and in mountains in afternoon. Warmer on coast and in southeast Saturday.

House Is Told That Stream Pollution Control Bill Not Acceptable In Present Form; Other Congressional Actions.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—The House was told today that President Roosevelt might veto a pending against the United States. stream pollution control bill providsional ratification.

As the House moved toward a vote on the legislation which would set up a pollution control division of the Public Health Service and would empower it to cooperate with the states on control measures Representative Mundt, Republican, South Dakota, announced the House rivers and harbors committee had agreed to a re-vised form of his amendment to pro-

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Tobey Still Fights Census

Washington, March 1.—(AP)— Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, foe of the census bureau's plan to ask citizens about their incomes in connection with the decennial counting of noses this April, broadened his attack today to include questions about divorces. He asked a senate commerce subcommittee to consider the conse-quences which might follow a leak

in census information if "it means the loss of a job for a woman to tell she was divorced" Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, census bu-

status is 'married'.' After Tobey had protested the contempt. the census bureau has placed on

the census law, Chairman Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, said he also was "a little afraid of it." so was "a little afraid of it."

both times, explaining ne was acting use goods would be laid before a ing under orders of Governor Rivers. use goods would be laid before a ten-state conference of the federapolitics in connection with the census", Earley said.

Pay System Is Denounced

Organizer For Tenant Farmers Union Says Southern Landlords Turn Share Croppers Families Out On The Road.

Washington, March 1 .-- (AP)-An organizer for a tenant farmers union testified today that the presgovernment farm ent system of benefit payments had caused Southern landlords to "turn thousands of share cropper families out on the

D. A. Griffin, Fair Oaks, Ark. winess before a Senate agriculture sub-committee considering restrictions on benefit payments, said land owners had evicted tenants in order to get all the soil conservation and parity payments for them-

selves.
"You are suggesting a mammoth fraud on the part of southern farmers," Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, told Griffin after pointing out that the farm act prohibited payments to landlords who ousted tenants to avoid sharing benefits.
"I know what the law said," Griffin replied. "But I also know what is actually happening. In three southeastern Missouri counties there have been evictions of 309 families

in our membership alone." Sub-committee members agreed with Griffin that the payment provisions of the farm act needed tightening up or stricter adminis-tration to prevent ouser of ten-

Yarnell For Pending Bill Jap Embargo

Former Commander of Asiatic Fleet Says Embargo Would Not Mean Hostilities.

Washington, March 1—(AP)— Rear Admiral Harry F Yarnell, retired, former commander of the Asiatic fleet, expressed the opinion

against the United States. "It would be suicidal for Japan to ing for interstate compacts unless the compacts were subjected to Congres-major power," Yarnell wrete Sen-

ator Schwellenbach. "As for our interest in the Far East the question arises whether our nation can afford to see the domina tion of that great area by a power inspired by the ideals of fire and

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Governor Of GeorgiaCited AFL Finds

General Stoddard

Macon, Ga., March 1.— (AP) _ South. Judge Bascom Beaver today cited Governor E. V. Rivers and Adjutant General John Stoddard for civil conserved, has done away with threetempt of the United States district fourths of the opposition in the avercourt here in their defiance of or-ders against interference with W. L. plant or industry.

would not have to bring up the the two state officials to show cause still pretty tough for our organizers", past because "their present marital at a hearing March 8 at Columbus, George declared, "but there has been Ga., why they should not be held in a definite change of attitude in the

both times, explaining he was act-

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Farm Benefit Given Welles At Berlin

Von Ribbentrop Understood to Have Told Undersecretary That Britain's "Stranglehold" Must Be Broken.

Berlin, March 1.—(AP)—Ger-many is not prepared even to discuss peace until and unless Brit-ain's "stranglehold on the economic life of the world" is broken—this in effect is understood to have been the central thesis of the first talk today between President Roosevelt's fact-finding emissary and Adolf

Hitler's foreign minister. Moreover, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is understood to have told Undersecretary of State Summer Welles that until Britain's dominance is ended Germany is not ready to entertain Secretary Hull's idens concerning elimination of antarchy, regimentation and totali-tarianism from the post-war economic world. Sources in von Ribbentrop's con-

strongly to this correspondent that there can be little doubt that Rib-bentrop himself gave this line of talk to Welles, with whom he was closeted soon after the American's arrival this morning.

The talk began at noon and lasted until 2:30 o'clock. Later Welles announced that his interview with Chancellor Hitler

had been set for 11 a. m. tomorrow (5 a. m. EST). The American was non-committal on his talk with von Ribbentrop but said "it was very interesting and I was shown every courtesy by the German government."

Bailey to Press Farm Marketing Appropriation Bill

Washington, March 1.-(AP) -Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, proposes to press for Congressianal ap-proval of his bill to authorize \$5,000,000 for facilitating the marketing of farm products. Bailey, with Representatives Cooley and Barden of North

Carolina, conferred yesterday with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Wallace, Bailey said, is "neither encouraging or discouraging."
The secretary recently announced the Bailey bill was op-

posed by the department ex-tension service. He proposed changes but did not say whether he would approve the measure if the changes were made.

Under the Bailey bill the authorized appropriation would be apportioned among state departments of agriculture who sponsor marketing programs.

MRS. T. J. WILSON DIES AT DURHAM Chapel Hill, March 1.-(AP)-

Mrs. Thomas James Wilson, Jr., 62, wife of the University of North Car-olina deal of admissions and registrar, died today in a Durham hospital after an illness of three weeks. Funeral services will be held here at 4 p. m. tomorrow. Surviving are four sons, two sis-ters, two nieces and a number of

Rivers And Adjuctant More Favor

Atlanta, March 1.-(AP)-South-Face Contempt ern Organizer George L. Googe said Charges In Highway today the American Federation of Labor was meeting less opposition than formerly in it organization efforts in most small towns of the

Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, census bu-reau statistician, advised Tobey and Miller as Georgia highway chairman. "The single industry town or what Judge Beaver issued an order for we call a 'company owned town' is Twice this week the deposed of ficial sought vainly to enter the state highway building in Atlanta. A national guardsman denied admission both times explaining he was son

tion starting here tomorrow.