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# Var Hurts U.S. Foreign Trade

# Senate Votes Funds For Locks

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Roosevelt's budget to be permanent or even effective."

mencies and to expedite ws of such orders.

discussion with a ng that Congress di-State department to estabprotectorate over Greenland time as Denmark re-

ndependence." Harold R. Stark told the affairs committee that uld welcome a genuine

however, that if a disarmanaval strength.

#### British Bomb Norse Bases

don, April 17.—(AP)—The air ty amounteed today that royal acc bombers had engaged in operations at Trondheim, Norwegian port, and at an ie base nearby.

aring last night. Trondheim air-

as bombed by heavy bomboyal air force. A large fire to break out as a result of

beequently, a bombing attack a made on an enemy scaplane the vicinity."

## Hegra Guns Are Silenced headquarters for ed here Monday. Perhaps this sile

Heavy Bomb Attack paper the many "governors" seemed to be unanimous in agreeing with the old adage about "Silence is Golden" old adage about "Silence is Golden" who have what is known in everyday ress by Germans Appears Successful.

April 17 .-- (AP)--A bamb attack on the 50-year-orwegian fortress at Hegra, 25 miles east of the Germanat Atlantic port of Trondheim, d today to have silenced the batteries.

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ich the nazi are consolidatitential line of defense,
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## rease In State GOP Adopt **Economy Platform**

#### Taft Favors Non - Military Func- Local Relief Appropriation Administration

Washington, April 17.—(AP)— Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, declared today that the administration of relief should be turned over to April 17.-(AP)- the states and municipalities, with proved today a \$15.—
appropriation for the approximately two thirds of the a third set of locks total cost.

the federal government supplying approximately two thirds of the initiative.

discontinuance of "the ruthless system of taxation that is destroying initiative".

a Canal.

came on a committee
to the \$223,302,517

The senator, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, spoke before an American Federaappropriation for tion of Labor organization of ope-

The present federal relief program, he said, is inadequate. He also obtained by the bill carriers for lie works construction projects.

Taft declared that experience did provide \$19.889.950 any attempt to meet the work relief problem "by a large scale public" and \$2,069,917 more works program is far too expensive

"It is much better to adopt a pubse worked toward a vote and work and let it be handled by ingle pattern for issuance and regulations by adminute and regulations by adminute and regulations are successful.

#### sachusetts, broke into the large More Troops To Norway

Paris, April 17.—(AP)—Allied reinforcements to Norway to bolster the Norwegian defenses against the disarmament when the German invaders are steadily increasing, it was understood here to-

It was said that French as well as States sould insist that other

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Some estimates placed the number of French troops at about 20,000.

Two companies of German infantry sustained a "severe" defeat when they attacked a sector of the when they attacked a sector of the section of the

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

sun, but so far none has broken the

so far as the Roosevelt movement is

Which is more or less astonishing,

as it would seem the natural thing

tempt to catch hold of the tail of the

Roosevelt kite and go soaring aloft

with it. It may be, perchance, that they do not think the kite is going to soar very high, though that would be at wide variance with what

seems the best-informed comment on

came out into the open.

In one of his speeches this week

Nor so far as this reporter knows, mother.

concerned.

about almost everything under the way or the other.

Gubernatorial Candidates

Unanimously Silent About

Roosevelt Drive In State

brooding silence that has gripped po- chance that any of them will be mis-

liticians of all classes about the North Carolina Roosevelt loyalty drive—headquarters for which were open—loyalty to the head of the current

Perhaps this silence may have been broken by the time these lines get legy to plump strongly and loudly for

into print, but up to the moment at FDR, who has the great mass of the which your reporter put them on Democratic voters behind him.

The objection lies in the fact that

to do for one or more of them to at- paign begins to take the status of a

Opens At Charlotte With 1,500 Delegates Attending; Applause Greets Platform Planks.

quickly adopted a platform that called for economy in government and ders.

initiative' Clifford Frazier of Greensboro, chairman of the platform committee, presented the document to 1500 Republican delegates and several thousands of others amid round upon round of applause. W. H. Barkley of Morganton, offered a resolution supplementary to the committee's, inviting old line Democrats to join with the Republicans in a "return to first principles"

The resolution was tabled and the German convention proceeded to vote on the platform, which was carried.

every qualified voter a free ballot resist Germany had been scattered and an honest count." The platform asked for a "nonpartisan judiciary", a "state support-ed uniform system of public schools protect the national security as a re-

as provided for in the constitution with free education opportunities for every child in the state. On the controversial topic of liquor the platform said:
"We oppose the legalized manu-

facture and sale of intoxicating liquors in any part of the state unless approved by the people in a statewide referendum. The platform said that "through

the so-called economy of scarcity and international trade agreements the farmer has lost the cotton markets of the world."

They said that despite heavy artillery support the attackers were unable to penetrate the British line. The Germans, estimated at about were soon in it. Will we permit his600 men, withdrew after violent fighting, it was said, leaving a terably opposed to a third term" for

has any of the others.
Chances are that all the candidates

There isn't even a Chinaman's

Administration; and it would seem

velt Democrats include most of those who have what is known in everyday

Now dough is one of the things

without which a gubernatorial cam-

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Cotten Case

Nears Jury

parlance as plenty of dough.

## Yugoslavia Routs Spies

State Convention Many Germans Arrested; Foreigners Ordered To Leave Leave Country Within Ten Days.

Budapest, April 17.—(AP)—South-Charlotte, April 17.— (AP) — eastern Europe's little nations, fear-Whooping it up with gusto, Repub- ing that the German war machine licans opened their state convention may soon turn in their direction, took here today in a festive mood and stern measures today to eliminate Nazi sympathizers within their bor-

In Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria Greece and Turkey, police launched nationwide investigations of resident German groups and individuals.

Government action to stamp out "fifth column" activity (boring from within a country by foreign political interests) was accompanied by in-tensified military preparedness in Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Belgrade, April 17.-(AP)-The Yugoslav government began today to clear the country of hundreds of German "visitors" suspected of spreading propaganda and spying for the German secret police.

The cleanup was begun in Bel-The platform also called for new election laws "that will guarantee to grade, the capital, where thousands all parties equal rights and secure to of leaflets telling Yugoslavs not to recently.
Officials said that public opinion

> protect the national security as a result of the invasion of Scandinavia. Twenty Germans arrested immediately after the leaflet barrage were expelled from Yugosiavia and an order was issued today that all oth-er foreigners still in Belgrade must leave within ten days unless they prove

benefit to the Yugoslav government. A house-to-house search was de-cided upon by police of several

#### of the world." That the "supremely important DNB Describes Sea Victory

Berlin, April 17 .- (AP)-DNB, official German news agency, today described an air attack off the Norwegian western coast in which one British cruiser was sunk by a direct bomb hit and two other cruisers were seriously damaged by German

Augmenting earlier reports (and apparently describing an action of yesterday) DNB said the cruiser which sank was hit by a bomb of the heaviest calibre and went down

The agency said the other two cruisers were hit by three heavy calibre bombs and such serious destruction was wrought that presumably the ships will not be able to return to British harbors.

(The DNB report apparently amplified a passage in today's high command communique which re-ported the sinking of a British cruis-er and a British submarine in an air Raleigh, April 17.—North Caro-lina's multitude of gubernatorial candidates are attempting to talk before committing themselves one attack off Mold fjord).

### Nazis Score In Rumanian Trade Fight

give Germany a 30-year lease on al- "neither." most one hundred thousand acres of ize national defense.

was part of an economic understanding with Germany which greatly benefited Rumania.

Military experts said the vast for-

est reserve in central Rumania con-stituted a natural defense line. in almost the same breath with which he sang praises of the Hoey state regime. To this extent the Rabille have reached the Swedish which is about 50 miles on his principal rivals in declara-

on his principal rivals in declaration of loyalty to FDR.

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## Nazi Troops Land In Norway



Described in the propaganda bureau caption as "German troops disembarking from a warship at Trondheim", this picture was released by the German censor and was flashed by radio from Berlin to New York. The picture was probably made April 9 when Germany launched her blitzkrieg on Norway by occupying key points along the coaast. These troops must have been reinforcements for the initial landing party.

## British Submarine AcknowledgedLost Thieves Steal

#### Nose Counting Goes Over 100,000,000; Small Towns Gain

Washington, April 17 .- (AP) --The census bureau passed its count of the 100,000,000th American today with about 30,000,000

yet to go.
Officials figured that the doorto-door phase of the decennial population count which started April 2 ought to be finished in another week.

In the first four small towns report, the 1940 figures averaged 18 percent more than ten years

#### Auto Workers Ballot Today

terruption to production, cast their ballots at polling places inside the

timber—despite testimony of army attempted by the National Labor sources here said the German garofficers that the lease would jeopardRelations Board.

#### The minister of agriculture defended the bill on grounds that it Of Gunshot Wound Chamberlain

Tarboro, April 17.—(AP)—Crawford Bryant, 51, a farmer, died at the Edgecombe county hospital today of shot gun injuries received

Matt Mayo, another farmer who.
Sheriff W. E. Bardin said, admitted shooting Bryant "by mistake", is under \$1,000 bond in connection with the case.

London, April 17.—(AP)— Prime Minister Chamberlain today rejected in the house of commons a suggestion for a non-political war advisory committee. April 7. Matt Mayo, another farmer who,

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness followed by showers and thundershowers.

#### The Thistle, 1,575 Tons. Announced As Overdue From Operations in North Sea and Must Be Considered

disclosed the loss of one of her new submarines, the Thistle, today while her forces in Norway apparently were racing the Germans for control of the strategic port of Trond-

heim. The Thistle was a 1,575-ton ves sel intended for general service and normally carried 53 men. The admically merely announced that she was overdue from operations in the North sea and must be considered

lost.

She was the fifth acknowledged loss to Britain's underseas fleet since the war began.

Military observers expressed the view that a drive from Trondheim was developing as the first phase of British had operations in Norway. Detroit. April 17.—(AP)—A year-long battle between CIO and AFL | was developing as the first phase British land operations in Norway. They said that British forces alauto workers unions for dominance in ready in control of Narvik were be General Motors Corporation plants culminated today in National Labor Relations Board elections involving Oslo and Bergen in an attempt to nearly 137,000 employees.

The workers, leaving their jobs at times designed to cause the least interruption to production, cast their kingdom.

ing landed there in the first few hours of the invasion, but military learned. The election was the largest ever hours of the invasion, but military

the British.

visory committee.

"I see no necessity for the estab- rial reinforcements" to Norwegian lishment of a further body additional ports.
to those already established for the 5.—Forces ashore broadened the to those already established for the survey of economic and commercial problems thrown up by the war," he fenses and "fully prepared" forti-

## Blockades **And Hazards Cut Shipping**

Interruption and Hampering of American Trade Involving \$1.300,000,000 Is Estimated; Russia Now Blockaded.

Washington, April 17.—(AP)— Great Britain's blockades in the Atlantic and Pacific, coupled with President Roosevelt's extension of the combat area forbidden to American ships, has interrupted or hamp-ered American foreign trade involving nearly \$1,300,000,000.

Other wartime hazards and restric-tions—the threat of German raiders, a Japanese blockade in the Far East, and "cash and carry" provi-sions of the neutrality act—boost the figure ever higher. Experts here estimate that more

than one half of the country's foreign trade has been either eliminated or affected. The 1939 foreign trade total was \$3,177,344,138.

The combat area keeps American shipping from carrying goods to the country's principal market, northern and central Europe, where American exports totaled \$1,172,-948,023 last year. Soviet Russia is the object of

Britain's latest blockade measure. Ronald H. Cross, British blockade minister, told the house of commons yesterday that Britain is taking all practical steps to detain all American cargoes enroute to Vladivostok, the Soviet far eastern port, whenever it was suspected they were really destined for Germany.

Virtually all American shipments to southwestern and southeastern Europe—totaling \$113,046,432 in 1939—go through the Mediterranean and have to pass the Gibralter con-trol officials. The control is most rigid on goods consigned to neutrals

# Tons Of Scrap

Rocky Mount, April 17 .- (AP)-Thieves decided on doing things in a big way hereabouts and got away with 440,000 pounds of scrap metal before their thievery was uncovered.

Deputy Sheriff Shade Felton of
Edgecombe county said he had drawn warrants charging six men with the theft of most of the remains of several hundred freight cars which had Lendon, April 17.—(AP)—Britain been scrapped and sold. He said five men had been arrested but he revealed no names.

## Nazis Claim Sea Success

British Battleship Hit By Bomb, Destroyer Sunk and Transport Struck.

Trondheim, seaport and railroad struck in an aerial attack, Germany

Bucharest. April 17.—(AP)— The Rumanian senate provisionally accepted today a government bill to give Germany a 30-year lease on al-

A communique enumerated these successes for the German expedi-

1.—The sinking of a British destroyer by a submarine northeast of the Shetland islands.

2.—A large transport ship "hit squarely by the heaviest calibre air bombs."

3.—Norwegian forces in the north routed by Germans taking control of the railroad from Narvik east to

the Swedish border.
Authorized sources insisted Narvik

fications for defense of Oslo.