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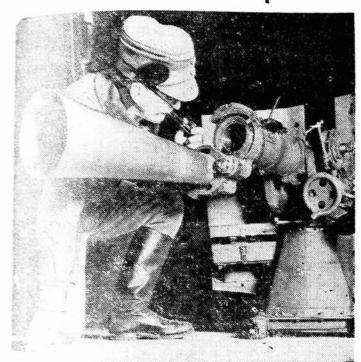
HENDERSON, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 24, 1940

Over 200 Negroes Burn

To Death In Dance Hall

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### Red Gun Puzzles Experts



soldier examines the mystery field gun captured by the Finns o recent Russo-Finnish war and placed on exhibit in Helsinki. gement, swung aside here to show the breech, puzzles xperts. They believe it may be used to utilize explosion gases
to offset normal recoil of the weapon.

(Central Press)

## Bailey Warns Against Pork Barrel Tactics

Senator Says Entire Italian Newspaper Rivers and Harbors Bill Might Be Endangered By Turning it Into Grab Bag For Favored Projects.

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## 135 Indicted In Detroit

Former Mayor Heads List Charged With Graft, Corruption and Conspiracy.

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# Forecasts Victory

Rome, April 24.—(AP)—A Bologna newspaper today forecast a Ger-man victory in the European war and power de-well as Germany's is at stake in

Discussing the question "should we fight for Germany" the newspapered projects, lest should imperil the "we will not fight for Germany' but

'beside Germany'."

The newspaper continued:

"If we enter the war we will do it senate commerce com-ked passage of the au-I which in its present concern us. Quite the contrary. We d solely to navigation believe in a victory of German arms Bailey told his coland the forces of the Reich have all our good wishes, since we know well that in this conflict our future and

### these onto the mea-Clark Incensed eting the Tennessee over Senator Van-Statement

Washington, April 24.-(AP)-Senator Clark, Democrat, Missouri, asserted today that Rear Admiral Joseph K. Taussig's prediction of e a proper subject for a court mar-

Clark, talking to reporters, added, adid. Some attorneys however, that he did not believe present statutes made a court martial possible under the circumstances.
"I don't know of any statute he has violated, but I think it was a very

unseemly and disgraceful procedure," the senator said. Taussig's statement, made in testimony before a Senate committee, drew an immediate comment of Secretary Hull that Taussig's views did the situation.

not represent those of the State de-"We ought to stop this sort of thing," Clark declared. He noted that he had introduced a bill which would prevent army and navy officers from commenting on questions of international policy when they appeared be-

fore Congressional committees.

### **Germans Claim** former Mayor of De-thous nersons were in-South Norway

McCrea and Harry authorities announced today that all indictment on charges Stavanger was under control of the Stavanger was under control of the selected their party standard by to protect gambling and German army and that the Reich's selected their party standard bearon of illegal enterprises air and sea forces had taken heavy ers in the legislative derby. toll of the British navy in the Nor-

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ered large units of the British fleet November balloting as well as May's approaching Narvik, Norway's far voting. northern port, apparently planning Of th

## NAZI INVASION OF SWEDEN IS BELIEVED NEAR

German Troops Reported Embarking at Baltic Ports Far East of Routes To Norway; Other Developments In War.

(Ey The Associated Press.) Growing fears of a German in-vasion of Swedon were expressed today in Paris, where German troops with munitions were reported offi-cially to be embarking at German Baltic ports opposite Sweden.

A French war ministry spokesman issued the statement and called the embarkations an "evident menace to

He said the Germans were leaving harbors far east of the routes for transport to Norway.

The allied supreme war council, meeting in Paris yesterday, drafted plans to counteract any German invasion of Sweden.

DNB, official German news agency.

meanwhile listed 57 British naval units as having been put out of ac-tion—29 by sinking or fire—since the beginning of the Scandinavian cam-

This was in answer to official figures in London acknowledging Brit-ish losses of only 18 warships, in-cluding submarines, since the war

The British government informed the house of commons it had invited Soviet Russia to put forward concrete proposals for a trade agreement, For Nazi Forces recognizing Britain's paramount objective of encircling Germany within an airtight blockade.

Great Britain amounced that her bombing planes had attacked five German air bases regarded as "available to the enemy for use in the in-vasion of Norway."

The British bombers, said an air

ministry announcement, streaked out in last night's darkness and attacked the big air base on the North sea island of Sylt and sank two patrol ves-sels and also attacked German bases at Aalborg in Denmark and at the Norwegian cities of Kristiansand, Oslo, and Stavanger. The German high command an-

north of Trondheim on Norway's west coast, shortly after Stockholm advices had reported that British forces had reached and then retired from the town.

This transfer is stocked mary-picked delegates, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio said today that he expected to enter the Republican national convention with more votes than the New York prosecutor.

Taft did not mention a specific fire

sections of Norway where German would have between 300 and 370 of forces were fighting against combined the 1:000 delegates when the con-Norwegian and British troops. The other two were at Narvik and in the His strength vicinity of Lillehemmer and Rena,

### Nazi Attack Is Repulsed

London, April 24.—(AP)—The war office announced today that British ventual war with Japan "might well troops in the Trondheim area had beaten off a strong German counter attack "after some sharp fighting" yesterday and had reestablished their

The communique follows: "In the Trondheim area a counter attack which was referred to in yesterday's communique was delivered



Mrs. May Banta Losey

Capt. Robert M. Losey, 31. The U. S. military air attache in Norway was killed by a bomb splinter during a Nazi air raid on Dombas.

# Most Votes

Ohio Senator's Back- 000 to 20,000 migratory workers were attracted to the strawberry belt at ers Say He Will Have More Convention Strength Than Dewey.

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Despite Thomas E. Dewey's lead in primary-picked delegates, Senator Rob-

orces had reached and then retired tom the town.

This was one of three principal to the period of Norway where German would have between 200 and 200

His strength will be largely in uninstated southern groups, 52 from the forthcoming Ohio primary and an expected block from some of Negotiations Ohio's neighboring states.

The Republicans have picked 411 of their 1,000 delegates, the Democrats 328 of their 1.094.

President Roosevelt's lead in dele-

gate strength, including those pledged and claimed for him as a result of unbinding primaries, was raised to 275 as a result of the Pennsylvania and Sweden are negotiating in Stockholm for a settlement of economic The President's name was

unbinding primaries in Illinois and Nebraska and his managers also Dienst Aus Deutschland, authori-

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man troops landed from ships in the Trondheim Fjord.

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Widowed by Nazis



C. P. Phonephoto

Widowed by a Nazi bomb, Mrs. May Banta Losey, of Hollywood, Cal., was grief-stricken at death of

## Migrants To

gratory Workers To Be Subject of Congressional Investigation, With Those of Other States.

Washington, April 24.—(AP)— North Carolina's migratory worker register and its effect on communi-ties where it is prevalent will be studied by a special House committee of five authorized to investigate the situation in the nation as a whole. Representative Tolan, Democrat. California, sponsor of the investiga-

tion which was prompted by the migratory worker problem in his state, said studies by the Works Projects Administration and the Farm Security Administration indicated the situation in North Carolina, too, might be serious. He said these studies pointed to the strawberry fields of the south-

eastern part of the start and the sweet potato fields of the northwestern section as "sore spots."

Tolan estimated that between 15,-

picking season whereas the potato harvest attracted between 5,000 and 10,000 migrants.

whether this was part of the "great situation.

emphasis on habitual migrants, adding the committee would study the problem of destitute migrants mov-

# Under Way

Berlin, April 24.—(AP)—Germany voting yesterday.

Of the Republican delegates chosen so far Dewey has 24 pledged from Nazi arounding of Nazi arounding so far Dewey has 24 pledged from Wisconsin, 64 claimed as a result of mark, it was authoritatively reported dorsed him for a third term. Guffey never lost his ear

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### FBI's Mystery Aide

Mrs. Genevieve Long

Mystery of what her duties were went unexplained as it was testified in Brooklyn Federal Court that Mrs. Genevieve Long, of New York, was paid \$150 by the F.B.I. to aid in roundup of 16 men on trial for plotting to overthrow the U. S. government.

government,

**Guffey Holds** 

Heavy Test Vote

The President's name was placed

Guffey never lost his early lead over his chief rival, Walter A. Jones,

Republicans with a registration of

2,572,100 to the Democrats' 2,046,-129 were polling heavier totals.

Republican organization - backed candidates won by wide margins. Heading the slate, Philadelphia City

Chairman Jay Cooke added steadily

to his first lead over his chief opponent for Republican nomination

for United States senator. Unefficial returns from 4.928 of 8,-

Wide Lead

Fire At Natchez, Miss.

# Be Subject Of Study

North Carolina's Mi-

He explained the purpose of the investigation would be to determine

drift of migrant workers up the east coast" because of destitution and, if so, what could be done to remedy the Tolan pointed out there would be

ing from one state to another

#### Nazi-Swedish vania Primary. Philadelphia, April 24.—(AP)— Senator Joseph F. Guffey, down-the-line supporter of the New Deal held a steadily widening lead today for Democratic nomination for United States senator, in the Pennsyl-

## No Attempts To Identify Victims

Total of Dead Expected to Reach 250 From Deaths in Hospitals; Flames Sweep Through Spanish Moss Decorations.

Natchez, Miss., April 24.—(AP)— More than 200 Negro men and women burned to death here late last night when flames racing through decorations of dry Spanish moss trapped them in a one-exit dance hall.

Coroner R. E. Smith said he and Sheriff Hyde R. Jenkins had counted 212 dead. He expressed the belief a score or more others in hospitals might die, bringing the total to almost 250. Hundreds of dancers were in the

hall when the fire broke out and flared suddenly. There were no rear or side doors in the building and windows had been boarded up.
The coroner said "bodies were
piled up like cordwood."

"The skin was peeling from faces, blood oozed from mouths and the flesh was broken. From my examination it appeared that most of the people died of suffocation. A ma-jority of the victims were about 15 or 16 years old. There were about as many men as women victims. "The bodies were piled up in fun-eral parlors and no identifications had been made yet. The undertak-

ers told me they would embalm the bodies and then line them up and let relatives file by to identify kins-Julius Hawkins, Negro employee of the Nachez Democratic, who was

at the dance, said he managed to es-"I was standing near the door and Given President Roosevelt In Pennsyl-

out and crushed each other as the fire was burning them. All were crying and yelling and after a while

#### DR. WILLIAM E. HILL DIES AT RICHMOND vania primary which gave President

I could smell the burning meat."

Richmond, Va., April 24.—(AP)— Dr. William E. Hill, 59, a leader in the southern Presbyterian church and pastor emeritus of the Second Presbyterian church of Richmond, died at his home here last night after an

extended illness.
Prior to moving to Richmond, Dr. Hill had served a pastorate at Fayetteville, N. C.

### Witness Says Communists Control Radio

Washington, April 24.-(AP)-Fred M. Howe, who said he had been "kicked out of office" in a marine radio union, told the Dies committee today that "high officials" of the American Communications Association (CIO) were communists who planned to help set up a soviet system in this country in event of war.

He testified also that he had seen a man named Stano, whom he identified as a communist, in the radio room of the yacht Sea Cloud, owned by Joseph E. Davies, former United States ambassador to Belgium and Russia.

Davies was ambassador to Bel-

Howe charged that the internationin which the Democrats are not offering a candidate. The G. O. P. will not have candidates in perhaps half Republican incumbents without party fights are: Cherokee, Clyde H. Jarrett; Davie, J. Brewster Grant.

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"High officials of the American Communications Association are members of the communist party and have been for years. Their sole purpose is to get control of communications and in event of war to tie them up and help the party take over industries of the United States and set up a soviet system."

## Girl Found Today

ence ballot.

In these statistics no account has want of any opposition:
been taken of the Republicans seek-ling Democratic seats, nor of Demo-ling Democratic seats, nor of Demo-ling Devices trying for G. O. P. places. Ruark: Davidson, Leroy Hughes:

Wilmington, April 24.—(AP)—The gium at the time, Howe said, and body of Shirley Mansfield. 14, who drowned while wading in Moore's Inductional decoupling of the control of the Republicans seek-ling decoupling the control of the Republicans seek-ling 15, was found eight miles to the north

Stockholm, April 24 .- (AP) -Three Norwegian bus drivers, pressed into service to transport German troops, were reported today to have driven their vehicles over a cliff, killing themselves and most of the 180 German soldiers.

## North Carolina's 1941 House Will Contain From 25 To 70 Repeaters

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, April 24.—North Caro-lina's 1941 House of Representatives

will contain a maximum of 72 members who sat in the 1939 body; while in the absence of miracles (politically speaking) it will have a minimum of 25 repeaters.

Berlin, April 24.—(AP)—German authorities announced today that all southern Norway between Oslo and Standard way to conventions and which have not be conventions and which have not be conventions and which have not be conventions.

The bottom figure is much lower than it actually will be; as by no means every incumbent who has oppair of sitting Republicans who have attempt to some that ports of a group of indivispecifically as operational policy rackers and policy rackers attempt to some that ports of the high command said, had discoving a group of indivispecifically as operation of the high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of indivithe high command said, had discoving a group of individual said.

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publicans seek the seven G. O. P. cubents, will be declared their party seats of the last assembly.

crats trying for G. O. P. places. Ruark; Davidson. Leroy Avery appears to be the only county Graham. Donald B. Sherrill; Jackson,

the state's counties. The following Democratic incumbents are unopposed for the May primaries:

Anson, U. B. Blalock; Caldwell, J. A. Pritchett: Clay, Lee Penland; Cleveland, O. M. Mull; Craven. D. L. Ward; Currituck. G. C. Boswood; O. P.'s to the 1939 House are: Madivoting.

Of the 70 incumbents who want to retain their seats 67 are Down

In all there are 220 Democratic candidates for the 111 seats which were Democratic in 1939. Eleven Rewere democratic in 1939. Eleven Re-Taylor and J. Leslie Crawford; Wil-

Republicans without primary opposition in counties which sent G.