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## Italo-French Armistice Signed

### Navy Ready To Let Contracts For 68 Additional Vessels

#### Contracts To Be Let By Negotiation

Secretary Edison Says Navy Will Save by Negotiating; Aircraft Carriers, Cruisers, Destroyers and Subs Included.

Washington, June 24.—(AP)—The Secretary of the Navy Edison announced today that the Navy is ready to let contracts for 68 additional vessels costing \$750,000,000 as the President signs a bill authorizing the President to authorize negotiation of contracts without competitive bidding.

The bill was passed by Congress and is expected for the Republican National convention. The last press conference before the party was held in New Jersey on the Democratic side. Edison stated that the Navy would save \$23,000,000 by negotiating contracts for the additional ships.

#### City Extension Fights Sure To Be Renewed

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, June 24.—The 1940 census in North Carolina, showing a "flattening out" of urban population, makes doubly certain the renewal in next January's General Assembly of the bitter "city extension" fights which bob up in every legislative session.

#### Cotton Market Little Changed

New York, June 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 4 cents. Prices ranged 1 point lower to 1 higher. At the end of the first hour, prices had advanced to 2 points lower. Futures closed 2 higher to 5 lower. Cotton contracts: 11.04, up 2.

**Weather**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, preceded by scattered shower showers this afternoon or early tonight; slightly cooler.

#### G.O.P. Platform Builders in Philadelphia



Here is the committee writing the 1940 Republican campaign platform, in Philadelphia. They are members of the drafting sub-committee of the resolutions committee of the Republican party. Left to right, rear: Thomas J. Gunther, of Des Moines, Iowa; Henry P. Fletcher, of Newport, R. I.; O. G. Saxon, of Hartford, Conn.; and Herbert K. Hyde, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Left to right, seated: Robert Williams, of Maine; Alfred M. Landon, of Kansas, and George W. Pepper, former senator, of Philadelphia, chairman. (Central Press)

#### Willkie Gets More Votes

#### Bloc of 14 Delegates Favorable to Willkie Develops in Pennsylvania Group.

Philadelphia, June 24.—(AP)—A new Willkie invasion of another candidate's camp developed today, in this 1940 Republican convention called to choose a presidential nominee and frame a party policy. A bloc of 14 favorable to Wendell Willkie developed in the big Pennsylvania delegation of 72 which was pledged to Governor Arthur James. Already inroads had been made by the utilities man into the forces of Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Senator Taft of Ohio.

#### Tar Heel Officials Appear To Be Solidly In Favor Of National Defense Program

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, June 24.—North Carolina officials here in Raleigh appear to be solidly and wholeheartedly behind the national defense program advocated by President Roosevelt — in fact there is almost no program so large that it would not meet with their approval, it seems.

#### New Nazi-Italian Offensive Begun

#### Polish Troops In French Fighting

Irun, Spain, at the French-Spanish frontier, June 24.—(AP)—Reports reached here today that Polish troops had taken fortified positions north of Bayonne, France, some five miles north of here, to protect the embarkation of British and Polish troops at nearby St. Jean de Luz.

#### Front and Rear of French Alpine Army Attacked by German and Italian Forces; French Try To Reach Toulon.

Chancy, Swiss-French frontier, June 24.—(AP)—The Germans and the Italians launched simultaneous offensives today against the front and rear of the French Alpine army. The Germans, moving from the north and east, attacked the powerful L'Etectue fort, east of Bellgrade, where a garrison of about 1,000 kept watch just outside the Savoyan border.

#### Japan Protests To Britain

Tokyo, June 24.—(AP)—Japan protested today to Great Britain against the arms traffic to China by way of Burma and demanded the right to station inspectors to enforce a ban on the flow.

#### Browder Verdict Upheld By Court

New York, June 24.—(AP)—The U. S. Circuit court of appeals today confirmed the conviction of Earl Russell Browder, general secretary of the communist party in the United States, of willfully using a passport obtained by false statements.

### Hostilities Will Cease At 6:35 Today; Armistice With Germany Also Into Effect

#### Urges U. S. as Haven

Germany Acknowledge That Some French Units Are Still Putting Up Stiff Fight, But Claim New Cities Taken.

Berlin, June 24.—(AP)—Getting poised to battle Britain singly, Germany sent her troops crashing on new inroads into weakened, battered France today.

#### Biddle Sent To London

Washington, June 24.—(AP)—Secretary Hull announced today that Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, ambassador to Poland and the government's chief contact with the French government in Bordeaux, had been directed to go to London and resume his duties as representative to the exiled Polish government.

#### Explosion In Rumanian Arms Depot

Bucharest, June 24.—(AP)—An undetermined number of soldiers were killed today by an explosion in a munitions depot in a Bucharest suburb.

#### Italians Captured By French Force

Nice, June 24.—(AP)—A force of 200 Italians attempting a landing under cover of naval guns at Menton, France, on the Mediterranean ten miles northeast of here, were reported today to have been surrounded and captured by the French.

#### Hundreds Suggest U. S. Take Over French Fleet

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J. Roland Robinson, Member of the British parliament, in Washington, D. C., asks that the U. S. allow evacuation of millions of British children to this country. He declares the children should be removed from what may be a fight "to the last street in the last town, to the last man and woman."

#### Ambassador Ordered from Bordeaux to Resume Duties As Envoy to Exiled Poles.

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#### ITALIAN SUBMARINE REPORTED DESTROYED

London, June 24.—(AP)—The British admiralty announced today that an Italian submarine had been destroyed by British naval forces east of Suez. This would mean in the Red sea or Indian ocean.

#### France Appeals To U. S. For Understanding

Bordeaux, June 24.—(AP)—A member of the French government, in an appeal for understanding in the United States, declared today that France's decision to seek peace with Germany and Italy was taken with full independence of action.

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#### Conditions of French-Italian Pact Not Disclosed Immediately; French Cabinet to Meet Tomorrow Morning.

Rome, June 24.—(AP)—The envoys of beaten France tonight signed an armistice with Italy. Hostilities will cease at 1:35 a. m. Tuesday (6:35 p. m. e. s. t. Monday).

The signature of the French-Italian armistice brings into effect the French-German armistice signed Saturday in the forest of Compiègne, which provides that hostilities would cease six hours after the German high command had been notified of the signing here.

Ministers considered the terms in a session beginning at 8 a. m. (2 a. m. e. s. t.) but recessed after 15 minutes and began a second session at 9:30 a. m.

After deliberating for 30 minutes the government telephoned its delegates in Rome, but what its decision was was not disclosed.

There was no immediate indication here as to the measure of the demands which were given France's four representatives last night at a villa near Rome, during a 20-minute meeting some four hours after they arrived by plane from Germany.

France fought on with waning strength while her government took the final steps toward the armistice with Italy, which at the same time fulfills a condition of the armistice with Germany, an agreement which Premier Marshal Petain defended stoutly against British criticism.

Informal sources reported that a protocol would be signed with Germany after signing of the Italian armistice which would permit the removal of the government and French military command from Bordeaux.

Seven Italian submarines now have been "disposed of," the communique said.

The statement disavowed all former members of the government who fled France and those who were attempting to carry on the government from elsewhere.

(This apparently referred to the French national committee whose formation in England was announced last night by Gen. Charles De Gaulle, former undersecretary of war in Premier Feytaud's cabinet.)

The statement attacked "the present British failure to understand" and claimed that when the French first advised the British they would have to seek an armistice, Churchill told Paul Reynaud, then premier, that "Britain would understand."