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# British Ships Invade Adriatic Carolinas Becoming Great Military Center Vital Port

### Government Spends Vast Sums Here

Army Expects to Have 138,500 Soldiers on Carolina Soil Within Few Months; \$55,-000.000 To Be Spent in Two States.

Dec. 20-(AP)-The re becoming the scene of reatest concentrations of lower in the United Uncle Sam is spending dollars to care for them. Bragg in North Carolina ekson in South Carolina nted by a replacement cen-Spartanburg, S. C., an anting range at Holly Ridge, man at Charl tte, N. C expects to have approxi-18,500 soldiers on Carolina

a lew months. olina also is bidding for ng range and the Navy ver sites in that state for an ai recouting base. The eady have a large continbase at Paris Island, S. ing expanded and the S. C., navy yard is live

hats estimate that even-0.000 will be spent on in the two states. Milacts already have been

lineup of anticipated to house Uncle Sam's

\$18,000,600 for barther facilities to take men

igg. \$18,000.000 to enlarge r a personnel of 60.000 next July. lidge, \$9,000,000 for 20,000 upg \$2,000,000 for 16.



Charles Mulrain (hat to face) is fined \$20 for assault and battery and \$5 for disorderly conduct in Chicago court for throwing an egg at Wendell L. Willkie. Mulrain, 53, scored a direct hit on the G.O.P. candidate when he appeared in Chicago during the presidential cam-paign. Mulrain lost his job as a result of the incident. (Central Press)



## No Decision **On** Revising Commission

**President Tells Press** Conference Nothing Has Been Decided About Revising Setup of Defense Group; Plans Studied.

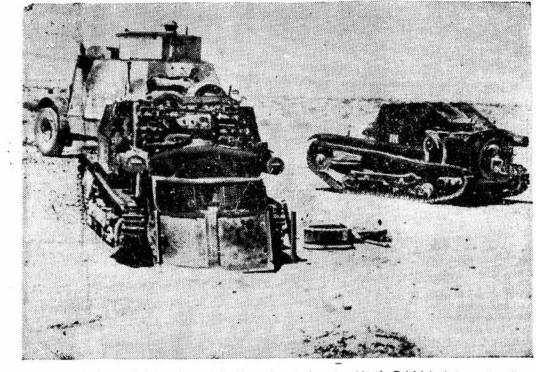
Washington, Dec. 20.--(AP)-Pres-dent Rocernit told a press confernee today that nothing had been deted with front revising the setup f the defen a commission.

Asserting that he was not ready a say anothing about it at this time. the President said he did not know whether any announcement on the ubject might be expected later in the day after an afternoon confer-once with members of the commis ion.

As for reports that some rearrange cent to out a three-man group in ebarge, the President characterized from as new paper stories. It was dickered ve torday that consideration was being given to the estab-stiment of a "bigh command" for the defense mogram, to be composed of Secretary of War Stimson, Secrery of the Navy Knox and William Knudsen, needuction chief of the effence commission. Mr. Roosevelt said that was one of four or five setupts and combina-tions under consideration and notn-

Ing had been decided on yet. He was informed that some per-tons had said his new tentative plan for a "lease and lend" system of supplying Britain with arms would re-quire repeal of the Johnson act which forbids loans to nations in default on their World War debts. The Chief Executive repeated

Auto Plants Get "Eduto Mobolize Industry what he had said last Tuesday—that congressional action would be need-ed, but that he did not believe re-peal of the Johnson law would be Italian Tanks Seized by British in Egypt



A captured Italian tank is towed to rest beside another tank captured by the British in their counter-offen-sive against the Mussolini legions in Egypt. Two Italian divisions and thousands of Fascist blackshirt sive against the Mussolini legions in Egypt. Two Italian divisions and thousand to London reports. militiamen have been bottled up at Bardia, ten miles inside the Libyan coast, according to London reports. (Central Press)

Britain Wants Ships

New England Federal Debt Now Over 45 Billions Enemy Ships Washington, Dec. 20.-(AP)-Feels Quake The Treasury disclosed today its debt has passed \$45.000.000.000, the former statutory limit which many persons thought would be a permanent ceiling.

The defense program, how-ever, caused the administration recently to get an additional S4.-000,000,000 borrowing power from Congress and Secretary Morgenthau now is urging that the ceiling be up to \$60,000,000,-090 or \$65,000,000.000.

**Of Valona** Is Shelled

Other British Naval Units Sweep Adriatic Without Encountering "Enemy Shipping"; Heavy Artillery Fire at Bardia.

(By The Associated Press.

British warships boidly sailing up the Adriatic sea past the "heel" of the Italian boot were reported by the London admiralty today to have thundered nearly 500 tons of shells into the vital fascist port of Valona on the Albanian coast.

Big guns boomed, too, in the twelve-day old battle of North Africa, Premier Mussolini's high command reporting heavy artillery fire ex-changed in the Bardia sector in Libya where an estimated 22,000 Italian troops are under siege.

British naval units lying off Bardia bombarded the town while General Sir Archibald P. Wavell's desert troops were reported tightening their trap on the Italians in the frontier post.

The British admiralty said that light naval units sank three Italian supply ships off Bardia and that "extensive fires have been burning in the town since December 15." In the unceasing air war between

England and Germany, royal air force bombers flew through bad weather during the night to attack "several targets" in the rich industrial Rhur and in western Germany, the London air ministry announced. While British battleships pounded While British battleships pounded Valona, described by the admiralty as a main supply port of the Italian army in southern Albania, a force of cruisers and destroyers "swept the Adriatic sea as far north as Bari and Durazzo" without encountering "enemy shipping", it was announced. On the Greek war front, a govern-ment sockesman in Athens said that

Casts Covetous Eye ment spokesman in Athens said that the hard pressed Italians were reon Foreign Ships Tied from Palermo Bay toward Chimara, Up in U S were tightening their grip on the

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and Charlotte, \$2,000,000 oldiers.

### **KobesonMan** Must Die

Supreme Court Up- <sup>ply.</sup> As presently visualized, motor car holds Death Sentence Imposed for First Degree Burglary.

sentence imposed in Robeson on George A. Johnson, conl of tirst degree burglary, court also upheld a five to year prison term imposed on

E. Dale, alias Jimmy Dale, in nburg county upon his conn of defrauding Rufus Bryant upson county.

nty-five cases were decided. Stacy and Associate Justices Barnhill and J. Wallace Win-

two Guilford county cases the ruled on the question of taxhurch and hospital property. It held that a lot owned by the Baptist church of Greensboro, e used as a site for a new church. tax exempt.

It was held that the real property the Piedmont Memorial Hospital,

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For Defense.

The inter-related questions of arms Washington, Dec. 20. - (AP)-Arming America called for the au-tomobile industry today to swing in-to test production of parts for a powto test production of parts for a power erful fleet of long range bombers. An estimated \$20,000,000 of initial reducation orders" decided upon by the War department and defense commission was expected to fam-iliarize automobile plant managers over town," as he put it.

with the manufacture of the intricate parts they will be called upon to sup-

necessary.

plants will be geared to help produce annually some 3,600 two and fourmotor bombers costing near \$1,000,-Mass orders must wait perfection

supreme court upheld today a supreme of an adcount requisite

motors. Possibly 15 months, by official es-timates, will be required to put into full operation the plan to employ fue automobile industry to supple-ment the aircraft factories in ex-panding the current output of planes for the United States and Great Britain.

000,000.

Current negotiations with the decision in the Johnson case Buick and Studebaker companies for tour-to-three vote, with As- manufacture of engines were said to the Justice Heriot Clarkson writ-the majority opinion. Vigorous forts were filed by Chief Justice of the scheme to assure a future aerial striking force for this country and presumably Great Brit-

production speedup and British aid were discussed at length yesterday in a specially called three-hour cabinet meeting, it was understood, but without any new decisions.



Washington, Dec. 20 .- (AP)-The possibility of import control by the United States—a hitherto unlooked for step in foreign trade regulations -aroused considerable speculation loday.

The first guarded hint that any such idea was under consideration came from Colonel Russell L. Max-well, administrator of export control,

auring a review of the work done by his six-months old agency in prevent-ing vital defense materials from be-

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#### Scott Stresses Marketing Program As Chief Need Of North Carolina Farmers

#### Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Agriculture W. Kerr Scott will list in the biennial report of his depart-ment a number of achievements hist he for the formation of agricultural market-ing work still heads the list of needs which he feels have done credit to of North Carolina farmers. An en-the state, to himself and to his subordinates; but he will also stress, in is essential to a well-balanced farm the same report his belief that a big- program. ger and better marketing program is

"Substantial contributions have all the divisions under his charge mers. ing facilities to the attention of Congress", he will say in his report. "The department will continue to cam-

paign for an enlarged marketing program, recognizing such a program as vital to the economic well-being of Raleigh, Dec. 20.-Commissioner of the national and state farm popula-

hend him.

In the report of his department's the chief need of North Carolina far- activities for the last two years the commissioner goes into the work of

been made by the department in and cities specific ways in which he bringing the need for better market- feels that service has been rendered. Here are some of the salient points:

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Boston, Dec. 20-(AP)-An earthquake centering in New England and felt from southern New Jersey to Montreal. Canada, early today shook heavy buildings, caused slight daniage and threw thousands of persons

Damage.

Thousands of Persons

Thrown Into Panic By

**Temblor Doing Slight** 

into panic. Professor L. Don Leet of the Harvard University Observatory said it appeared to be strongest just south Vichy Putsch of Lake Ossippee, N. H., and that it lasted 30 seconds.

Awakened by the rumbling as their homes swayed, men, women and children in cities as far west as Rochester and Syracuse, N. Y., arose in alarm.

Great Lesson Some New Englanders dashed scantily clad to the streets. Many reported that they thought there had been an explosion. Virtually whole communities were roused in some in-

Berlin, Dec. 20 .--- (AP) --- The Available reports of damage in French cabinet shakeup of last Sat-New England indicated it was con- urday, known here as "the putsch stances. fined largely to cracked plaster and of Vichy," has taught the German government one great lesson, men in broken windows. the know here say.

#### **FBI** Foils Extortion Attempt

tionist in a trap set in a cabbage patch near Santa Rosa.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy with rain near the coast, occasional drizzle or light

showers in the interior this afternoon and tonight; slightly war-

mer in the mountains tonight:

Saturday cloudy.

#### issue of new defense notes, in fact, that pushed the debt over the \$45,000,000,000 mark week. At its new peak, the Federal debt represented an average of approximately \$340 per person in the United States.

**Teaches** Nazis

It was a special \$53 London, Dec. 20.-(AP)-Britain's ninister of shipping today cast what he called a "covetous eye" on "a cer- W. P. A. APPROVES tain number of enemy ships in the United States" and declared that as-

signment of the and United States ships to the British service "are the Washington, Dec. 20 .- (AP)-The only ways I can see for replenish- Works Progress Administration notified Representative Barden, Demoment of any consequence."

Minister of Shipping

Coveted

Up in U.S.

The minister. Renald Cross, de-clared that Britain's "real struggle" President Roosevelt had approved with Germauy would come in 1941. allotment of \$168,811 to construct an The statement came in an interview airport for Goldsboro, N. C. The money will supplement \$50; the American press

He pictured the submarine menace 000 raised locally. s still the greatest threat to British The project had the approval of lifelines and said it could be over-the War Department, which held an come only by increasing numbers of airport at Goldsboro was necessary destroyers and by new shipping to national defense.

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Nazis To Issue Important News

That lesson, they assert, is that there is an influential group at work within the French government to within the French government to tomorrow an important news release scuttel ifpossible attempts at French- would be issued presenting an "in-German collaboration such as plan- teresting prospect of further develned bleween Hitler and the French opments of cooperation between nations united in the three power pact. former vice premier, Laval.

German government circles, they Officials were silent concerning rep.rted, long had suspected that not the contents of the release but one all who were giving lip service to general conjecture was that it might contain a rejoinder to President



Charlotte, Dec. 20-(AP)-Nation- give their employees the entire week atch near Santa Rosa. The suspect, described as an elus-re little man in a black overcoat. dustry for the Corolinas and other ive little man in a black overcoat. Was reported to have shown up at dustry fo the Carolinas and other mas as the heavy contract load they the bund, the Justice department

Wednesday night, snatched up a quickening effects of the revival. cigar box which he thought was fill- Operations have reached a pe necessary. Operations have reached a peak

for a short spurt in 1957. Inore and in the Caronnas, announced a tew tion of the citizenship. more mills are adding third shifts. days ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a Plants that have been idle for steam electric plant already under being studied by Federal Bureau of months are reopening. Gone for the construction at a cost of \$9,000,000. Investigation agents. The FBI here present, at least, is the problem of overproduction. Other factors which enter the has declined to comment on its part North Carolina picture are federal in the case

uniforms, underwear, tents, fabrics tary establishments in the country, office said, was a loose leaf book infor airplanes, shoe laces, blankets, the construction of an anti-aircraft dicating that 1.500 to 2,000 members base and other facilitie at Holly are in the Aamy, Navq, air force or mattresses and linen.

It is customary for the mills to Ridge, and probably other projects. Marines.

The Duke Power Company, which bund membership. In such a case the ed with money, and vanished into the unattained in years except perhaps darkness before agents could appre-for a short spurt in 1937. More and him, here adding third shifts days ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the material found at Chieve the serves ago a \$3,000,000 addition to a the serv

A wide variety of articles is being expenditures in developing Fort Among the records seized, an in-made for the government—tloth for Bragg into one of the largest mili-vestigator for the state's attorney's

Membership Lists Will Be Examined to Learn if Members Recently Naturalized.

**Records** Of

**Bund Seized** 

Washington, Dec. 20 .--- (AI<sup>5</sup>)--- An informed source said today records seized at Chicago headquarters of the German-American Bund yesterday will be examined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to see whether the membership in-cludes any recently naturalized Americans.

It was said that Attorney General Jackson had ordered the membership checked as a possible basis for de-

naturalization proceedings. The bund has restricted its membership to American citizens. If naturalization of an alien was followthe cabbage patch rendezvous late lines of business are feeling the are carrying makes prompt delivery might take the position that naturalization had been a preliminary to

