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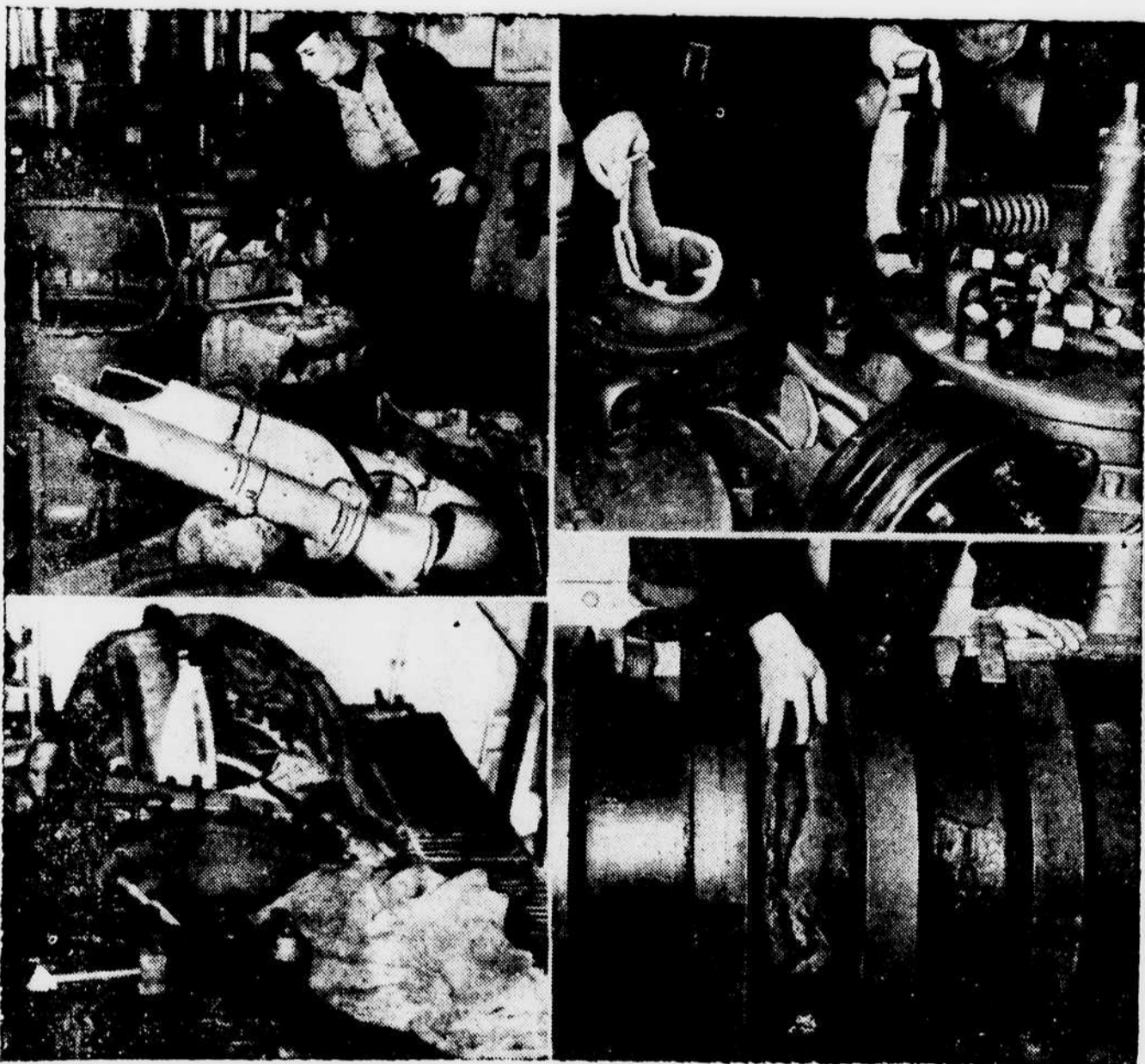
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## Sabotage Which Caused Seizure of Italian Ships



Here is photographic proof of the sabotage aboard Italian vessels which led to seizure of 23 Italian ships and two German vessels in American territorial waters. The action was taken under a World War statute providing that a ship sabotaged by its own crew in an American port may be declared forfeited to the U. S. As a "protective measure" 35 Danian vessels also were taken over. Top left, a Coast Guardsman examines the main air pump on the freighter Alberta, cracked with a sledge hammer. The pipes were ripped out with a crowbar. The Alberta was docked in Port Newark, N. J. Top right, wrecked slide valve on the Alberta. Lower left, a wrecked triple expansion engine on the Pietre Campanella in Baltimore. Lower right, the Alberta's main drive shaft hooked with chisels. At least 20 ships were damaged.

## Yugoslavia Considers Joining Russia And Turkey In Treaty

## RAF Uses New Bomb

## Devastating Result Said Observed

Four German Cities and Rotterdam Kaided by Bombers; British Shipping Losses Lower In Week Ended March 23.

(By The Associated Press) British royal air force raiders were declared today to have smashed at five cities of Germany and German-occupied territory, injected a new type of high explosive bomb into aerial warfare with "devastating" results, and bombed and machine-gunned German troops on parade. The London air ministry said the RAF made assaults on four cities in the Reich, and the Nazi-held port of Rotterdam, Holland. Berlin said that British night raiders, flying over western Germany, bombed the Bethel charity hospital, killing eleven patients and injuring five.

A London communique said the new type explosive bomb was introduced in the raid on Emden, Nazi port and industrial city. "Houses took to the air when the bombs burst," the British

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## TRAIN EXPLOSION FATAL TO THREE

Roanoke, Va., April 1.—(AP)—Three members of the crew of an eastbound Virginia coal train were killed by the explosion of the locomotive boiler at Stewartville Station, ten miles east of here.

The explosion tore up several rail lengths of track but none of the 150 cars of coal left the rails. Cause of the explosion was not determined immediately.

## Trailer Homes For Workers

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—After an inspection by government officials, 50 auto trailers, the first of 365 to provide temporary shelter for defense shipyard workers at Wilmington, N. C., moved out of Washington this afternoon en route to the North Carolina city. The trailers, each towed by an automobile, were expected to begin arriving in Wilmington tomorrow and officials said all probably would be there by Thursday. Meantime, another group of 30 was reported on the way by another route from factories in Michigan. The trailers are furnished with stoves, bunks, electric lights and other conveniences.

## Vinson Would Take Over Strike Plants

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the House naval committee, introduced today legislation to permit the government to take over the Allis-Chalmers and other strike-bound defense plants upon determination merely that such stoppages are interfering with the defense program. Authoritative sources have hinted that such a measure might be offered with administrative backing Vinson said, however, that "I am doing this on my own hook." In a statement to newsmen he added that the legislation was designed to apply to strikers what the conscription act now applies to plant owners.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight.

## Envoy Sent To Ankara And Moscow

Union With Two Powers in Neutrality Declaration Would Have Important Psychological Effect on Balkan Situation.

Belgrade, April 1.—(AP)—Government circles said today Yugoslavia's new government was seriously considering joining Soviet Russia and Turkey in a neutrality declaration. Such a declaration was said to have been proposed by the Soviet Union, but ignored by Regent Prince Paul, who was ousted last week with the government that signed the axis three-power treaty. Belief was expressed in informed quarters here that such a declaration could have an important psychological effect on the critical relations between Germany and Yugoslavia.

Gabrilovic, former Yugoslav minister to Moscow and now minister without portfolio in the Yugoslav cabinet, was said to have been sent to Ankara as a special envoy to discuss the question, and then headed to Moscow. Premier General Simovic, gradually reorganizing the country, appointed four men friendly to his regime as district governors. The government also delivered its offer to the demands of the Croat minority. Terms were

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A \$7,000,000,000 Autograph



He isn't often in the headlines, but when Lindsay Warren, comptroller general of the United States, signs something, he does it in a great big way. The document he is signing is the warrant for the \$7,000,000,000 recently appropriated by Congress for Lend-Lease operations. The money can't come out of the treasury without Mr. Warren's signature and that of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

## Roosevelt's Return To Speed Aid Plans

## One Killed By Explosion

Kearny, N. J., April 1.—(AP)—One workman was killed and two were seriously injured today in an acetylene gas explosion in the hull of a U. S. Navy destroyer under construction on the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company yards. The cause of the accident and extent of the damage had not been determined.

## President Hints Of More Defense Posts For State

Raleigh, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, while inspecting Fort Bragg yesterday, indicated that additional defense training posts might be established in North Carolina. Governor Broughton said today that the President had expressed gratification about the progress made at Fort Bragg and other defense posts in North Carolina, justified the location of other posts in the state.

## Compromise Offered

Measure Would Permit Purchase of Foreign Food Under Certain Restrictions.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado, sought today to compromise a Senate controversy over Army and Navy purchases of Argentine canned beef and other foreign products by offering an amendment to a \$4,000,000 defense appropriations bill permitting such purchases under restricted conditions. With the administration planning to seek reconsideration of yesterday's 34 to 29 vote for prohibition of such

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## Prompt Series of Steps to Increase Flow of Supplies to Britain and Greece Expected; May Act to Halt Defense Strikes.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, rested after a short fisherman's holiday in southern waters, returned to the White House today. He was met at the station by his son, James Roosevelt. The President had indicated his return would see a prompt series of steps to increase the flow of military supplies to Britain and Greece. There also was reason to believe that Mr. Roosevelt's homecoming might impart renewed impetus to efforts to end labor disputes which have been troubling industries contributing to the national defense program. This belief was encouraged by the fact that the President, while en route, brought his personal influence to bear in an effort to forestall a threatened tie-up in the soft coal industry—a number one fuel source for the steel mills so essential in the defense production scheme. The hints were strongest, however, on the subject of a quick-

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## Bill Would Freeze Cotton Under Loans

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, said today that the Senate agriculture committee had unanimously approved his bill to freeze stocks of cotton on which government loans have been made. The measure directs the secretary of Agriculture to take title to all cotton under government loans and hold it until Congress orders otherwise. Smith said that the government had title to about six million bales and loans on another 4,800,000 bales. The Smith bill would permit the secretary of agriculture to use the loan cotton, providing this did not interfere with normal market channels, for relief purposes, for national defense, or for exchange.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Further extensive advances into Eritrea and Ethiopia were reported today by British general headquarters. Hundreds of miles to the northwest in Libya, British advance elements were reported to have been in contact with "enemy"—presumably Italian and German infantry and mechanized units—in the Mersa Beraga area. The latter, indefinite as it was, was the first report in several days of movements in the north African phase of the campaign against Italy's African empire. The Ethiopian campaign was said to be rapidly nearing Addis Ababa, capital of that part of Italian East Africa, with British forces astride both the Addis Ababa-Jibuti railway and a highway.

## Axis Demands Ships

## Protest Is Lodged

State Department and Axis Embassies Decline to Make Notes Public.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Germany and Italy have demanded that the United States release axis ships taken into protective custody during the week-end and also release members of the crews, it was reliably learned today. The demands were made in notes of protest lodged with the State department by the axis embassies late yesterday. The State department and the embassies alike declined to make public the contents of the notes. In neither note was there any mention of sabotage—the grounds which the government gave for taking over the ships—it was understood.

Secretary of State Hull indicated that the protests were receiving scant consideration and would have no effect on the government's policy.

## PERUVIAN TROOPS OCCUPY BASE OF GERMAN AIR LINE

Lima, Peru, April 1.—(AP)—Peruvian troops have occupied the workshop and hangar of the German air line here. There are two Junkers airliners at the hangar. The occupation was carried out last night.

## South Boston Hit By Fire

South Boston, Va., April 1.—(AP)—Twelve business structures, including a large warehouse, were destroyed today by fire which was brought under control shortly before noon. City officials estimated the loss would exceed \$100,000. Origin of the fire had not been determined. The fire was discovered in the rear of the Big Four warehouse where more than 40 used cars were stored. Exploding gas tanks in the cars helped to spread the flames along the nearby avenue and down a street.

## Two Wounded In Harlan Strike Riots

Harlan, Ky., April 1.—(AP)—Two men were shot and wounded today as picket lines formed in the Harlan county coal fields after the United Mine Workers of America ordered miners to quit work last midnight until a new working contract is negotiated for the Appalachian area. Earl Jones, about 52, a mine guard, was wounded at the Mary Helen Coal Corporation. At the Harlan-General Coal Corporation, Frank Joyner, 34, identified by the police as a picket, was shot in the leg. It was not immediately determined how Joyner was wounded, police said. The sheriff arrested and charged with the shooting of Jones a man he identified as Bill Gibbs, about 50, a miner from the Black Mountain mines.

## Tar Heel Tax Collections For March Zoom To Record With \$16,744,655.63 Total

Raleigh, April 1.—North Carolina's tax collections for March zoomed to a new high for all time, as the grand total reported by the Department of Revenue soared to \$16,744,655.63. That was \$2,738,748.70 above the previous record of \$14,015,906.93 set last March, making the proportionate increase 19.63 per cent, so far ahead of the old mark that there can hardly be said to be any second place. The tremendous March increase sent the cumulative total for the first nine months of the fiscal year up sharply to \$68,833,892.28, a 13.19 per cent increase over \$60,833,313.63 poured into the state's coffers between July 1, 1939 and March 31, 1940. As was to be expected because of the big rise in income tax collections, the "revenue division" (general fund) collections were up much more than those of the "motor vehicle bureau" on a basis of total revenue, but on a percentage comparison basis the motor vehicle division outstripped the general fund, 20.7 per cent to 19.49. Total revenue division receipts in March were \$14,065,423.98 as compared with \$11,771,362.03 for last

## U.S.-Mexico Pact Ready

## Defense Agreement Provides for Reciprocal Use of Air Fields and Bases.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—The United States and Mexico today signed a convention providing for reciprocal use of air fields which will permit American military planes to speed to Panama in the shortest possible time. Washington, April 1.—(AP)—The United States and Mexico, it was learned authoritatively today, have concluded negotiations of a defense agreement providing for reciprocal

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March, while motor vehicle receipts were \$2,709,231.65 as compared with \$2,244,544.90.

For the first three-quarters, total

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THE DETAILS.	
Here are the items which went to make up North Carolina's biggest month of all time in collection of taxes:	
Revenue Division.	
Inheritance	\$1,109,367.24
Privilege	123,823.35
Franchise	213,064.37
Income	10,096,845.35
Sales	1,049,636.58
Beverage	238,516.62
Gift	81,263.66
Intangible	1,252,796.61
Miscellaneous	10.00
Total	\$14,065,423.98
Motor Vehicle Bureau.	
License	\$ 286,729.61
Driver's License	10,612.78
Title Fees	17,487.50
Bus & Franchise	19,613.84
Gasoline	2,261,490.65
Inspection Fees	113,297.27
Total Motor Vehicle	\$2,709,231.65
Gand Total	\$16,774,655.63