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## Axis Protest Rejected By U. S.

### Bill Passed Extending Soft Coal Act

#### Ensign Roosevelt Reports



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Ensign Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., is shown (right) reporting for duty aboard the destroyer *Mayport* at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston. Greeting him is Commander A. E. Taylor, Roosevelt, third of the President's sons to go into active service, left behind in New York his wife, the former Ethel DuPont, and their son, F.D.R., 3d.

### Broughton Names Retirement Board

#### Five Appointive Members Named to Commission to Administer State Employees' Retirement System; Selections Are First Made.

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today named the five appointive members of a seven-member commission to administer the state employees' retirement system.

The appointees, the first new group to be announced by the governor, are:

John L. Schmitt of Charlotte, superintendent of the Mecklenburg county schools—a two-year term.

R. Bert G. Dayton, assistant director of the budget commission—two years.

John H. Folger of Mt. Airy, former state senator—three years.

Lorraine Midgett of Elizabeth City, Pasquotank county commissioner—three years.

L. C. Gifford of Hickory, editor and publisher of the Hickory Daily Record and president of the N. C. Press Association—four years.

State Treasurer Charles Johnson and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Kavin are ex-officio members of the commission.

#### NAMED DIRECTOR

Columbia, S. C., April 4.—(AP)—A. B. Bass of Taboro was named a director of the Carolinas Cotton Warehouse Association here today.

### Cottonseed Price Peg Is Asked

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The Agriculture department was asked today to peg the price of cottonseed.

Senator Bankhead and Representative Hobbs, Alabama Democrats, urged department officials to make these commodities a part of the program announced yesterday to buy pork, dairy and poultry products in the open market to establish price floors.

Bankhead said he had found the Department's attitude "rather favorable."

He said that the price of cottonseed oil, which controls the price of cottonseed, was considerable below parity. He said many tenant farmers in the South had virtually no income except that from cottonseed.

### Casualties Are Great

Alexandria, April 4.—(AP)—Italian casualties in the battle of the Ionian sea probably were the heaviest of any single naval engagement since the World War battle of Jutland. British naval authorities said today.

Thus they asserted the original British estimate of 3,000 Italians lost in the engagement last week-end may actually be considerably higher.

In the battle of Jutland the British lost 6,271 officers and men and the Germans, 2,545. However, this battle was on a much larger scale than the Ionian sea engagement, in both the number of ships engaged and those sunk.

### Subpoenas For Fords

#### Attorneys For Strikers Obtain Court Papers Naming Henry and Edsel Ford.

Detroit, April 4.—(AP)—Attorneys for striking CIO unionists who have closed the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant obtained subpoenas for Henry and Edsel Ford this morning in a move to combat a federal restraining order obtained by the company.

The court order forbade members of the United Auto Workers and the CIO from interfering with Ford employees entering or leaving the plant.

Ernest Goodman, attorney who obtained subpoenas for the founder and president of the company and also for Harry Bennett, Ford personnel director, said that "we intend to show the affiliation between the Ford company and fascist governments."

Bennett said today the Rouge plant, largest industrial unit in the world, would remain closed "until this labor problem has been entirely solved."

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain, warmer in the northeast and north central portions. Tonight, Saturday mostly cloudy.

### Minimum Prices Set Under Law

#### Action Speeded on Legislation in Effort to Aid in Settlement of Industry's Wage Dispute Now Going on.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the White House today legislation to extend for two years the bituminous coal act, under which minimum prices are fixed by the federal government.

Unless renewed, the law expires April 26.

Besides renewing the act, the legislation passed today would reestablish an independent consumers council division.

Such a division was created by the original act, but it was abolished along with the original coal commission by President Roosevelt under his government reorganization powers. The functions of the office were transferred to the Interior department.

Majority Leader Barkley obtained unanimous consent to consider the legislation the same day it was approved by the Senate interstate commerce committee because members had been informed that speedy action might aid in settlement of the soft coal industry's wage dispute.

Under the act the bituminous coal division of the Interior department is required to fix minimum prices for sales at the mine. These prices must be equal to the weighted average cost of the production for particular areas.

### Two Italian Destroyers Scuttled

London, April 4.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight the scuttling of two Italian destroyers and the sinking of another in the Red Sea, bringing to five the total of Italian destroyers sunk in that area in the last few days.

An admiralty communique said: "The communique in chief of the East Indies reports that two destroyers have been scuttled by their crews off the coast of Saudi Arabia, and that the destroyer left in a sinking condition yesterday has now sunk."

"This brings the total Italian destroyers sunk in the Red sea in the last few days to five.

"The Leone was sunk by naval aircraft on April 1. The Sesto and the Danubio were sunk by naval aircraft on April 3. The destroyers scuttled were the *Pandora* and the *Tigre*."

"One of the two captured and retaken is just showing above the water. The other is lying on the bottom with her mast and part of her foremast showing above water. A number of Italian prisoners of war from these destroyers have been landed."

### Sabotage Credited To Admiral Lais

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt pinned responsibility for widespread sabotage directed by the Italian navy at the day as Secretary Hull "certainly rejected" axis protests against American seizure of 30 German and Italian ships.

It seems to have been proven, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference, that a great deal of sabotage of Italian merchantmen was on order of Admiral Roberto Lais. Lais' immediate recall was demanded yesterday.

Asked to comment on this demand, the president said the newspapers had had all the facts. He then added that the sabotage was of course illegal.

### Yugoslavia Rushes Fortification Of Vardar Valley

#### To Serve Yugoslavs



Ruth Mitchell Knowles

Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Knowles, sister of the late General Billy Mitchell of the U. S. Air Corps, was reported in Belgrade to have been sworn in as a member of the Revolutionary Committee, Yugoslavian guerrilla soldier organization. Mrs. Knowles is qualified as a full-fledged sea captain.

### Strike Move Is Imminent

#### Something Has Got to be Done About Allis-Chalmers Shutdown, President Says.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he arranged the closing of the Allis-Chalmers plant at Allentown, Pa., a very bad situation, and added that something has got to be done about it.

He said he had a hunch for a little time and very much before taking further action.

The president, speaking on the strike situation, said in response to a request for comment on the Vinton bill to prevent the government from taking over the plant, he had not yet decided whether to take over the plant and plant. He said he had not read the bill and added that he had only a general impression of the bill's content.

He said he had been consulted by the defense production board today.

Mr. Roosevelt said he would like to see the plant employed as a plant for the production of war material, but he did not want to consider it.

Asked whether any government activity was being considered in the strike, he replied in the affirmative.

To a query whether he regarded the Ford plant as a strike situation, he said that of course, Mr. Ford's refusal to give them a day of grace.

He described as "a question" as to whether the government was planning to take over any plant.

### NO NAZI COMMENT ON SHIP SEIZURE

Berlin, April 3.—(AP)—Official Germany, according to authorized sources, is no longer to make public its standpoint with reference to the seizure of ships in American harbors.

When such a reply comes, however, it will be accompanied by action, these sources intimated. They said Germany will permit nobody else to prescribe the tempo which her government deals with a situation.

### More Men Called to Colors as Cabinet Delays "War or Peace" Declaration of Foreign Policy Until Tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press.) Yugoslavia's general staff rushed fortification of the Vardar river valley, key route to Greece, and called more men to the colors today as a cabinet session to consider the nation's "war or peace" declaration of foreign policy was postponed.

A decision apparently had been reached, but the country was prepared for the worst under the fighting slogan "one mountain is worth ten thousand soldiers."

The cabinet's verdict, it was said, would probably be made tomorrow.

Military experts of the Balkan kingdom—which is roughly the size of Oregon and criss-crossed by forty ranges, and only about one-fifth of the country was level enough to permit Germany's famed blitzkrieg operations on wheels.

A Yugoslav communique said Belgrade and Zagreb would be proclaimed "open and undefended cities" in the event of war.

Troops were rushed to key points opposite German concentrations in Austria, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. Air raid precautions were raised, blackout of lights, and civilians were forbidden to travel so as to stop communications needed by the military.

### Haste Made Confusion In Wine Bill

Raleigh, April 4.—The existing difficulties in determining the exact legal effect of the "fortified wine" law passed by the late General Assembly are being rather generally blamed on the hurry of Governor J. Melville Broughton to get away from Raleigh for a vacation after attending a governor's conference in New Orleans.

The whole thing seems rather a tangle in a tangle, or maybe a little better, in view of the subject matter, so no vital or essential element of the bill is involved, but it has been played almost to death by news men covering the Raleigh front.

The points at issue involve effective date of the act and the quantity of fortified wine, if any, which may be shipped from ABC counties into legal dry areas. The fact that of course, highly important to those engaged in the wine business, is (Continued on Page Five).

### Babson Says Hard Workers Always Win Out In Solving Their Employment Problems

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Richmond, Va., April 4.—Naturalists, I get a lot of letters from readers, and most of them are good letters. I often wish that space would allow me to quote from at least one every week, but I fear this would get me into too much trouble. I, however, must quote from a letter recently received from M. C. Yates of Pueblo, Colorado. The gist of the letter is as follows:

Using Spare Time.

"I am employed in the steel mill here in Pueblo, have worked for this company fifteen years. My father died when I was six years of age. I never hired out as a carpenter, although I have spent many hours reading books on carpentry work. You may call it my hobby, as, of course, I have not neglected the process of tool making and black iron practice, which are in main

### Unites Yugoslavia



Vladimir Machek

Announced entry of Vladimir Machek, Croat leader, into the new government at Belgrade makes Yugoslavia a united nation in the face of the threatened war with Germany. His acceptance of a position in the cabinet followed recall to Berlin of all but two members of the German legation staff.

### New Roads To Be Built

#### Governor Broughton Discusses With Highway and Public Works Commission Today a Huge Road Building Program Which Will Follow in the Wake of Establishment of Military Training Camps in North Carolina.

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—Governor Broughton discussed with the State Highway and Public Works Commission today a huge road building program which will follow in the wake of establishment of military training camps in North Carolina.

The governor's remarks were made at an executive session of the commission. He later told newsmen that he expected road improvements to be made in the vicinity of Marine Corps camps in Onslow county and near New Bern.

Broughton added that he had asked the same dual commission, which will go out of office May 1, to study the defense road situation in North Carolina.

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### Hull's Note Makes Blunt Refusal

#### Secretary of State Declares Seizure of Ships Was Necessary to Protect the Vessels From Sabotage by Crews.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—United States today rejected German and Italian protests over the seizure of 30 ships, saying the action was necessary to protect the vessels in American harbors from sabotage.

The State department made public today notes replying to the two nations' protests, each received from the German and Italian embassies, which demanded release of the 30 Italian and two German vessels seized last week-end.

Secretary Hull, in rejecting these demands, promised to communicate further with the two embassies upon investigation of other phases of their complaints is completed.

Bluntly Secretary Hull expressed surprise at the "extreme assertions and demands" and declared the German embassy had failed to support its contentions of violations of international law or a treaty of friendship and commerce between the United States and Germany.

"I know of no principle of international law," Hull informed the German embassy, "which permits the masters or crews of vessels of a country which have sought refuge in or entered the ports of another country, to commit acts of destruction in disregard of local law and of the hospitality which they have been permitted to enjoy."

Hull declared further there was no provision in the treaty between our two countries which lends color of support to any argument.

The State department released only the American replies to the axis notes.

The two Italian notes have not yet been made public and only the first of the two German notes has been released.

### Lease-Lend Funds Allotted

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today he had allocated another \$800,000,000 from the \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend act for 212 new merchant ships and about 50 or 60 new ship yards.

He told a press conference he also had authorized expenditures of another \$800,000,000 for existing military equipment to be turned over to nations resisting aggression.

At the same time the President disclosed that if his fighting as taking place in the Red sea, the U. S. government might approve that area from being as a combat zone and permit American vessels to carry supplies there.

Reports already printed to that effect, he said, were a little premature. But, he added, such a step might be taken in two or three days.

### RAF Attacks Axis Forces In Libya

Cairo, April 4.—(AP)—The night air force struck today, for the first time, German and Italian forces moving up the Mediterranean coast in Libya, the British east headquarters said today.

The axis mechanized force, estimated at 10 divisions or about 200,000 men, had driven the British back 100 miles from the most advanced point of the British invasion of Libya, when the RAF struck.

"Bombing aircraft of the RAF made a heavy attack on enemy motor transport convoys in the Mersa Brega area of Tripolitania during the night of April 2 and 3," the RAF communique said.

"After dropping bombs which were seen to burst among the vehicles, setting a number on fire, our aircraft descended to low altitude and stopped several more vehicles by machine gun fire. A successful bombing raid was carried out on Tripoli."

Mersa Brega is about 150 miles north of Benghazi, from which the British have retired.