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By BUREAU

Mighty Battle Being Fought In Greek Area

U.S. Ships May Meet Raiders Few Details Of Conflict Available

Zone Opened By F. D. R. Hold Danger

Hitler Has Warned That Every Ship Attempting to Carry Supplies to British Will Be Sunk; Italian News Agency Is Critical.

Washington, April 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's opening of a pathway to Suez for American ships carrying war cargoes raised serious questions today concerning their possible search and seizure or even attack by axis submarines or airplane raiders which might operate in that African fringe of the war.

By eliminating from the combat zone a narrow watery strip between Italian Somaliland and the Arabian coast, the President opened a gateway for American vessels into the Gulf of Eden, the Red sea and the Suez canal. All have been closed to United States commerce since Italy's entrance into the war.

While the area touched by that water route have been freed of actual warfare by British victories over the Italians or are neutral and non-belligerent, it was pointed out in informed quarters here that there

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Clear Skies Promised For Easter

(By The Associated Press.) Weather prospects favor Easter parades in most sections of the nation. Church goers in the southeast and midwest may get new hats wet in April showers, but most of the South, New England, and part of the north Atlantic seaboard could expect generally fair weather and mild temperatures.

The nation's capital made ready for an estimated 200,000 visitors at the annual cherry blossom festival. Despite sunny, warm weather, the Japanese blooms were tardy and may not be out in force until Wednesday.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who usually presides at the Easter Monday egg rolling on the White House lawn, expects to be in Los Angeles and Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, wife of the vice president, will act as hostess to the children.

Strikers OK Ford Peace Terms



Strikers of the giant River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company at Dearborn, Mich., cheer after voting to accept the peace terms that ended the nine-day struggle. They voted to empower their leaders to negotiate with the Ford Company for a final settlement.

(Central Press)

Sen. Capper Leads Fight

Kansas Solon is Most Effective Isolationist in Congress, Stewart Says.

(By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist) Washington, April 12.—Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas seems to me to be about the most effective isolationist in congress.

He's effective largely because he's so gentle in his fashion of expressing himself. Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, who led the fight against the lend-lease plan, is a terrific scrapper, but he carried his campaign to a point of becoming vituperative rather than argumentative.

Senator Capper said exceedingly ugly personal things and had "em said back to him. In a cussing match Burt's fully competent to hold his own, but cussing can get so fierce that it ceases to be convincing. Cussing back may not be convincing, either, but it's pardonable in a cussie; he's in a position to say that the other chap began it, so he has to cuss, in self-defense.

Such senators as Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota and Hiram W. Johnson of California haven't been as venomous in debate and interviews as Burt Wheeler has, but they have records as outright fanatical isolationists, and consequently have been discredited a bit.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri and Robert A. Taft of Ohio haven't exactly cussed, but they've been mightily severe—enough so to give an impression that they're as much anti-administrationistic as iso-

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer extreme west and north central portions tonight.

British Meet Axis Forces At Tobruk

British Dispatch Reveals No Details of Engagement; Tobruk Only 80 Miles From Egypt; British Force Is Strong.

Cairo, April 12.—(AP)—British desert troops in Libya, reinforced by a flood of battle-wise veterans of the ebbing east Africa campaign, were reported engaged west of Tobruk today with the axis divisions which Prime Minister Churchill has termed a threat to Egypt.

Throughout the 400-mile advance of the axis forces in the last three weeks the British have insisted they were merely withdrawing light covering forces to a concentration point where they could fight with "assurance of success."

Today it appeared this battle of Cirenaica would be fought on the rolling tableland between Tobruk and the Gebel el Achdar range, "home grounds" for the British, who know every water hold and gully in the area.

Beyond a terse official announcement that "our troops are in contact with the enemy west of Tobruk," no details of the British operations were disclosed. Tobruk is only 80 miles from the Egyptian border.

GENERAL CAPTURED Rome, April 12.—(AP)—It was officially announced today that one of the British generals captured in north Africa by axis forces is Major General Carl A. Dewar, who commanded British troops in central Norway a year ago. He is a veteran of the World War, in which he was wounded eight times and lost an eye and an arm.

Nazi Panzer Column Raided

Cairo, April 12.—(AP)—British and Australian air fighters destroyed or damaged nearly 100 vehicles in a panzer column of German and Italian transports in Libya, the royal air force announced tonight.

Many casualties were caused, it was said. In a communique the British air force declared 16 German fighting planes definitely were destroyed on the ground and a bomber was destroyed as it was attempting to take off. The total toll of axis aircraft was put at 21.

REPORTS OF GREEK LOSSES ARE DENIED

London, April 12.—(AP)—Reuters, British news agency, reported from Athens today a statement by a semi-official Athens news agency branding as "most exaggerated" reports that the number of Greek troops cut off and captured east of the Vardar river exceeded 80,000.

"Greek forces in this area were much smaller than this and furthermore thousands of them were able to withdraw in time and reach free Greek territory," the report said.

Nazi Raiders Do Damage

London, April 12.—(AP)—German air raiders did severe damage and started many fires last night in attacks confined almost entirely to the west, south and southwest coasts, the government said today.

The Germans declared Portsmouth was one of the principal targets. The assault was described as particularly severe in the west and a communique said casualties there were "rather heavy." The number killed and wounded elsewhere, however, was said to have been comparatively small.

Tar Heel In Washington Finds Warren And Hancock Making Fine Public Record

(By ROBERT A. ERWIN, Washington, April 12.—People with an acute sense of justice can derive great satisfaction from the records of two North Carolinians in high public service here.

Both Lindsay C. Warren and Frank W. Hancock, Jr., respectively former First and Fifth district congressmen and now comptroller general and member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, have been busy looking after the interests of their employees in the lower salary brackets.

Mr. Warren, for 15 years a power in Congress, became comptroller general last November. After orienting himself in the new job, he ordered up the list of efficient clerical and

stenographic workers who hadn't had a salary break in a long time. With this list, he ordered raises all down the line, in conformance with limitations of his general accounting office budget.

Hancock, member of the Home Loan Bank Board for the past two years, has done the same thing. The board has five members—three Democrats and two Republicans. John Fahey, 70-year-old Bostonian and Democrat, is chairman. T. D. Webb, 75, a Tennesseean, and Mr. Hancock are the other Democrats. Mr. Fahey's term expires in July, and it has been rumored that Mr. Hancock, rising young member of the

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Abernethy Is Placed On Probation

Goldboro, April 12.—(AP)—Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., New Bern lawyer convicted of conspiracy to violate the election laws and attempting to interfere with Craven county election officials, was placed on probation for a period of five years today.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville, presiding in Wayne superior court, placed Abernethy on probation after first giving him 30-day suspended sentences on each of the two convictions.

Judge Nimocks said he thought

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Ford Strike Peace Brightens Outlook

Senator Norris, However, Warns of "Drastic Action" to Come from Congress Unless "Unjustified" Strikes Stop.

(By The Associated Press) Prospective opening of the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant, largest industrial unit in the world, has brightened the labor picture today, but Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, still viewed the general problem seriously enough to warn that "drastic action" would come out of Congress unless "unjustified" strikes and "labor racketeering" are stopped.

Norris, co-author with Mayor La-

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Income Tax Collections Show Gains

Greensboro, April 12.—(AP)—Income tax collections through March totaled \$28,453,000, Federal Revenue Collector Charles H. Robertson said today.

This represented a gain of approximately 40 percent over collections for the same period last year.

Ordinarily the last quarter of the year is the biggest from the standpoint of collections.

Collections this fiscal year thus far topped income and excess profits tax returns for the 1930-40 period by \$1,574,985.91.

Vocational Education Hit By Drafting Of Teachers; Deferment Will Be Sought

Early Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 12.—Like many other private and governmental agencies, the division of vocational education finds itself confronted with a real problem in the selective service act which makes young men from 21 to 35 liable to military service at any moment.

It's a fly in the ointment which the division had not had seriously brought home to it until the 1941 leg-

islature eggie through with a really fine boost in the appropriations for vocational education in North Carolina.

That meant that the division will be financially able to add numerous teachers of vocational agriculture and home economics throughout the state—although even with the fund boost it isn't possible to meet the urgent demand for more teachers.

So Director T. E. Browne (what

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Allied and German Forces Meet in Phlorina Sector, South of Bitolj Gap; Yugoslav Premier May Be In Moscow.

(By The Associated Press) Allied and German armies met today in a mighty battle in the Phlorina area of Greece, 16 miles south of the Bitolj (Monastir) gap, the British radio reported, while in northern Yugoslavia Nazi units, according to the German high command, were advancing from several directions on Belgrade.

Details of the battle in the rugged Greek mountains were lacking. The Germans asserted that Yugoslav resistance in Croatia had collapsed and that "the Serbian northern army is dissolving."

British bombers were said to have pounded Germans in southern Yug-

Bern, April 12.—(AP)—British planes were reported swarming into Greece today, bombing and machine gunning bridges, roads and tunnels along Germany's line of march toward the British-Greek defense line across the Hellenic peninsula from Phlorina east of Mount Olympus.

Slavia and northern Greece before the land forces joined battle.

There was a diplomatic development of interest: A German radio broadcast heard in Bern, Switzerland, said Yugoslav premier, General Dusan Simovic, had left on a mission, presumably for Moscow.

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Wallace Sees Victory For Britain

Winston Salem, April 12.—(AP)—It is a foregone conclusion that Great Britain, with the material aid of the United States, will win the war, Vice President Henry A. Wallace said in a press conference here this morning.

The vice president is in Winston-Salem to address the stock holders meeting of the Winston-Salem Federal Home Loan Bank tonight.

"The Germans just can't win," Wallace replied to the question: "Is the administration worried by the turn

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Nazis Raid Bristol

Waves of Bombers Batter Way Through Intense Defenses To Bomb British City.

Bristol, April 12.—(AP)—Waves of German raiders battered their way through intense British ground and air defenses last night, subjecting this southwestern English port to a "very heavy raid."

The Nazis unleashed their attack by the light of a full moon and used

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