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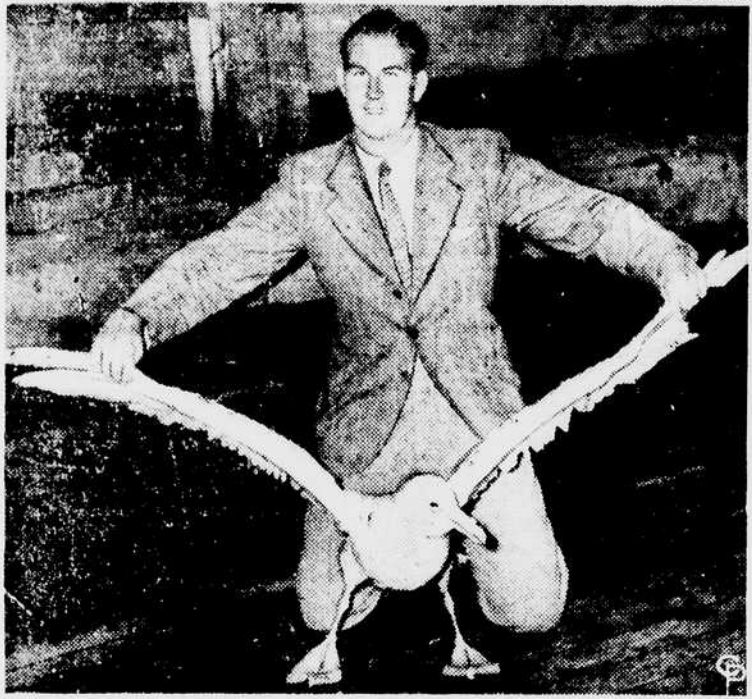
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Churchill Policies Approved

Knox Declares Navy Is 'Readier Than Ever' Only Three Opposing Votes Cast

Rare Arrivals from Antarctica



From the frozen continent at the bottom of the world come these arrivals, brought to New York by Herwell M. Bryant, biologist member of the Byrd Antarctic expedition. Top, three Emperor penguins stand majestically at the left, with four gentoo red-beaked penguins at center, and two polar sea gulls at right. Bottom, Bryant shows wing spread of a giant petrel. The birds will be sent to National Zoological Park in Washington.

Stimson's Speech Wins Approval

In Senate, Vandenberg Announces Information That "Only Eight Out of 205 Ships" Carrying Aid to Britain Are Sunk.

Washington, May 7.—(AP)—Secretary Knox said today that the Navy is "readier now than ever" to undertake the job of assuring delivery of war supplies to Britain—and when it is assigned to such duty.

The Navy department chief made the statement at a press conference in commenting on a speech last night by Secretary of War Stimson, in which Stimson advocated use of the United States Navy to assure a victory for Britain in the battle of the Atlantic.

At the same time Knox disclosed that the Navy was taking over "the sea going activities" of the Coast Guard. The process, he said, amounts to a "transfer bodily" of the Coast Guard's ships and their crews.

Knox was asked by reporters for comment on Stimson's plea for naval action "right now" and he said "I thought it a fortuitous, courageous and very enlightening talk animated by a high spirit of patriotism."

Shortly before Knox's press conference, Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, announced that Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission had informed him that "only eight out of 205 ships that left our ports with supplies for England were sunk in the first three months of this year."

Quoting a letter from Land, Vandenberg told the Senate commerce committee that these were the "first facts I have been able to obtain from any responsible official as to how much of our magnificent aid to Britain is actually going to the bottom of the sea."

Vandenberg charged that many loose figures about ships sunk were being used to "whip up support for convoys" and that he proposed to try to learn the facts.

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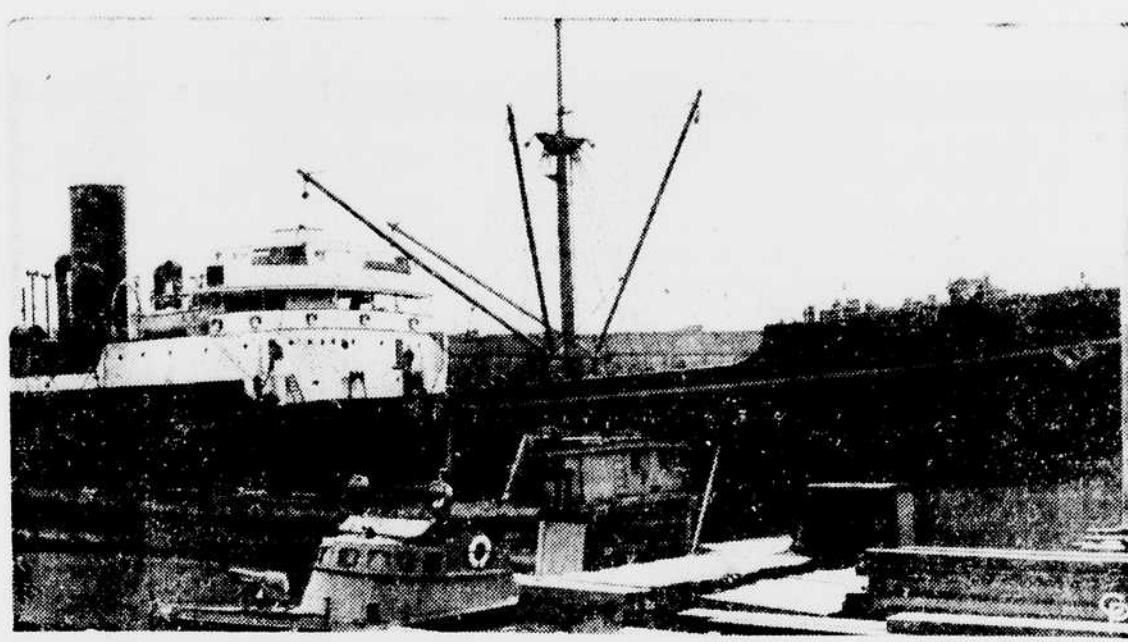
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no applicable law which provides for the manner of choosing nominees under existing circumstances.

But it has become abundantly clear—as it really ought to have been all along—that the committee is master of the situation. Hence the importance of the makeup of the Congressional district groups. A candidate who can control the committee can become the party nominee with practically no difficulty.

There was an instance of this fact last year, but nobody seems to have paid much attention to it. It happened in the First, where Lindsay Warren, the then-sitting member, was permitted to name the district com-

Yugoslav Ship Under U. S. Guard



A Coast Guard patrol boat, with cannon mounted on its foredeck, guards the 3,147-ton Yugoslav freighter Sreca at her pier in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Sreca was one of several Yugoslav ships in American waters placed under "protective custody." The precautionary move was designed to head off possible pro-Axis maneuvers by officers or crews.

Nazi Threat Is Repeated

Warning Follows Stimson Address; In Rome, Gayda Sees War Threat in Address.

Berlin, May 7.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson's suggestion that the United States fleet be employed to protect shipments of material to England prompted in Berlin today the comment "the execution of such a policy would be clear."

Authorized spokesmen referred again to the oft-stated German warning that any ships sailing through the blockade to England "which comes within the range of our torpedo tubes will be sunk."

At Rome, Virginia Gayda, the fascist editor, said that Stimson's advocacy of United States naval protection for shipments to Britain could be considered a preliminary announcement of open American intervention in the war.

German spokesmen appeared most interested in a statement attributed to Stimson that the German blockade of England is contrary to international law.

"How come?" was the gist of the

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Idle Foreign Ship Bill Passes House

Greenberg In The Army

Detroit, May 7.—(AP)—Big Hank Greenberg, baseball's most highly paid star until today, is in the Army now—at \$21 a month.

He was inducted at 9:50 a. m. (e. s. l.) by Captain C. C. Curtis, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Mich., executive induction officer for Detroit.

Greenberg was pronounced fit for military service, flat feet and all, after a final physical check-up with other early birds appearing at the induction center. The physician's findings confirmed his draft board's medical report which reversed the medical recommendation of a Florida draft examiner that the otherwise husky outfielder be deferred because of his flat feet.

Deportable Aliens 'Free' In America

Washington, May 7.—(AP)—Attorney General Jackson said today there were 6,000 deportable aliens who are still "free" in the United States because the ground up at the G. I. camp, the government, the Justice department, including that officers, had been directed to round up the enemy, who were supposed to be in the camps.

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Reynolds' Plug For Rucker Seen In Raleigh As Prelude To 1944 Hoey-Reynolds Race

Daily Dispatch Bureau
In The Sir Walter Hotel
By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, May 7.—It may be different in the hinterlands, but here in Raleigh political practitioners and observers are laughing out loud at special stories from Washington that eyes are centered on the "Hoey-Rucker fight."

Reason for the amusement is that, as it looks in the state capital, there isn't any "fight." Hoey is in as national committeeman and Rucker is still a nice, jolly fat man from Greensboro.

The plug which U. S. Senator Reynolds has put in for his ardent and loyal supporter from the Piedmont, however, is viewed as a prelude to a Hoey-Reynolds race for the upper federal house in 1944. Here again it is the capital's judgment that this wouldn't be a race as of today, but a complete walkover for the Swirey man who returned the first of this year from the governor's mansion as

Senate Gets Measure to Permit President to Requisition Ships; Limiting Amendments Defeated by Representatives.

Washington, May 7.—(AP)—Legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defense was passed by the House today and sent to the Senate.

Approval came on a roll call vote after the members had defeated two attempts to prohibit the President from transferring any ship taken over from one belligerent to another.

The legislation specifically would authorize the President to purchase, requisition or take title to any idle foreign merchant ship deemed necessary for national defense "for such use or disposition as he shall direct."

It would apply to 83 foreign ships, including two German and 23 Italian vessels, and would expire June 30, 1942, unless the present emergency ended sooner.

While the legislation still was before the House, conditioning of 23 axis ships found damaged when taken into custody continued apace.

ELECTION IN FIFTH DISTRICT JUNE 14

Raleigh, May 7.—(AP)—Governor Broughton, after conferring with Chairman W. A. Jones of the State Board of Elections, announced today that an election to name a member of the United States House of Representatives from the Fifth Congressional district would be held June 14.

Losses in the district made it really a toss-up for the Hoey-Rucker fight.

the most popular sentiment of that big, ugly structure in its these many years.

Nevertheless, it is recognized that "Hoey" was designated by many who were affectionately prefixed "Our" to the first name as a redoubtable vote getter and it is admitted that things can come to pass in the next three years which would change the complexion of prospects four or five times.

In this connection, it is pointed out that the current clause for the national committee will be looked upon by the Washington administration and by New Dealers in North Carolina in a manner diametrically opposite to the viewpoint which would have been adopted even one year ago.

Turn back a couple of dozen leaves on the calendar and it will be recognized that then Senator Reynolds was something of a fair-haired child

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Opposing Votes Cast

House of Commons Told That Nearly 500,000 Imperial Soldiers Stand Guard Against Axis In Middle East.

(By The Associated Press)
The British House of commons gave Winston Churchill a overwhelming vote of confidence today after he had disclosed that nearly 500,000 imperial soldiers stand guard against the axis in the Middle East and that Britain expects enough new American merchant ships to see her through 1942 in the battle of the Atlantic.

The vote was 447 to 3, and thus ended a critical two-day debate on Britain's grave reverses on both shores of the Mediterranean.

Lloyd George Critical
It was clinched by a sharp dual of words between Churchill and David Lloyd George, who was prime

London, May 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill won today from the house of commons a tremendous 447 to 3 vote of confidence despite a charge from David Lloyd George, World War premier, that "America has got to do more" if she is to enable Britain to beat Germany.

The elder statesman in his most outspoken utterance in many months, warned the government against exaggerating the speed or amount of U. S. aid and declared American war organization traditionally is "full of disappointments" for the British.

He demanded a "real war cabinet" and "an end to the kind of blunders which have discredited and weakened us."

However, Lloyd George cried: "I thank God" for Secretary of War Stimson's speech of last night and said it was clear that President Roosevelt by his "changed" attitude and Stimson both realize the gravity of Britain's position.

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Candidly, Churchill declared "We have every reason to believe we shall be successful" in holding the Valley of the Nile, Suez and the mid-Mediterranean island of Malta.

The prime minister proclaimed, too, a halt to the British retreat in the Mediterranean with the flat declaration:

"We intend to defend to the death and without thought of retirement from Crete and Poland."

At the same time Captain A. J. M.

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Iraq Forces Driven Back

British Wrest Control of Mosul-Haifa Pipeline From Opposing Forces.

Cairo, May 7.—(AP)—British imperial forces yesterday rejected the enemy from positions overlooking the British-occupied airbase at Habbaniyah, Iraq, the Middle East general headquarters communique said today.

Besides breaking the Iraqi's encircling front at Habbaniyah on the fifth day of siege, the British reported they had wrested control of the vital Mosul-Haifa oil pipeline from the troops of Rashid Ali Al Gailani.

The general headquarters communique reported that Iraq troops under the British colors helped in an assault on a plateau from which anti-British Iraqis had been throwing shells into the British base.

In this successful action the enemy suffered heavy losses whereas our casualties were slight," it said.

Headquarters said the royal air force bombed and machine gunned the Iraq troops, "keeping them on the move" in their withdrawal toward Falluja.

In the Libyan fighting around besieged Tobruk, the British claimed a successful attack on axis posts but said operations again were hampered by a severe sandstorm.

Henderson Predicts Huge Defense Costs

Spending for Defense During Coming Fiscal Year Estimated to be "At Least \$18,000,000,000 and Probably \$20,000,000,000"

Washington, May 7.—(AP)—Leon Henderson, defense price administrator, predicted today that the "total amount of costs" would increase defense spending during the coming fiscal year to "at least \$18,000,000,000 and probably to \$20,000,000,000."

The present, higher than any previously made officially, was presented to the House ways and means committee in a discussion of the relation of a proposed new \$3,500,000,000 tax program to the big defense war effort.

Budget estimates in January were that defense costs in the next fiscal year would be \$19,000,000,000.

The price administrator expressed agreement with the Treasury's new revenue goal of \$3,500,000,000 but opposed excise levies on what he classified as "goods and services of mass consumption" and on "luxuries" on the ground that they were "destructive and unnecessary."

At the same time, he said that the Treasury proposal for "stiffer income taxes on luxury and middle income brackets" seemed "fair and equitable at the present." The Treasury proposal would add a new and higher system of income tax levies.

Navy Supply Bill Signed

Washington, May 7.—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had signed the annual Navy supply bill totaling \$3,435,321,750.

Another development was approval by the House naval committee of legislation authorizing a \$57,750,000 aircraft station development program for use by Navy patrol blimps.

The measure would authorize six

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Italian Sailors Testify

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Fifth District Nomination Stresses Importance Of Congressional Committees

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Raleigh, May 7.—First important reaction to the death of Congressman Lon Folger of the Fifth district has been, of course, the matter of selecting a successor and the unusual legal problem presented in that selection; but another significant, if secondary, point is the importance of the personnel making up the various Congressional district committees of the Democratic party.

Action of the Fifth district committee yesterday in naming John H. Folger as the party nominee—rejecting Governor Broughton's suggestion for a primary—serves to call attention again to the fact that there is

State Supreme Court Upholds Convictions

Raleigh, May 7.—(AP)—The North Carolina supreme court today upheld the conviction of Tom Meikin, Negro convicted in Wayne county of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Itby Holmes, a white man.

Unless Governor Broughton intervenes, Meikin will be executed May 22.

Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell, who wrote the opinion, said there was no error in the charge of the presiding judge, Clawson Williams, "to the effect that there was no evidence of insanity in the case and that the jury would not consider any."

An alleged confession introduced by Holmes after Mrs. Holmes had pro-

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