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Not a Rivet in 'Er



The first all-welded hull of a steamship ever built in an American shipyard is launched at Pascagoula, Miss., on the Gulf of Mexico. The ship was built for the U. S. Maritime Commission and was purchased by the navy. (Central Press)

Nazis Gain In Crete

FDR Signs Crop Loan Bill More Troops Reinforce Invaders

Says Prices Should Stay At Parity

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation providing for loans on major farm crops of 85 per cent of parity, but declared that he had done so with the understanding that farm prices should not be permitted to go above the so-called parity level.

The legislation provides for mandatory loans on cotton, corn, wheat, rice and tobacco.

Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement that the legislation reflected the government's objective for eight years and the fact that farmers did not have and have not as great a share of the national income as other groups.

But he noted that when the bill becomes law farmers cooperating with the government farm program will be able to receive 85 per cent parity loans, plus cash parity payments, plus cash conservation payments in cash.

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Court Ruling Extends Power

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Blanket Visa For Survivors Of Zamzam

Lisbon, May 26.—(AP)—A United States legation spokesman today said that Portuguese authorities had been asked for a blanket visa for 133 American survivors of the ancient Egyptian liner Zamzam, who are in a refugee camp in France.

(Two other Americans, wounded when the Zamzam was sunk by a German U-boat, are said to be aboard a German hospital ship. When, or how many, of the other survivors are freed by the Germans, has not been ascertained.)

The legation hopes to have the visas in order within four or five days, the spokesman said.

Original plans were to send the party back to the United States aboard the freighter Cold Harbor but these were dropped because of the ship's inadequate facilities.

It is expected the survivors will be quartered at nearby Sidiya, where many American refugees removed by the U. S. Navy are housed until plans are available to send them to the United States.

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In the face of a seemingly inevitable invasion, Portugal is reported evacuating her army to the Azores, 1,500 miles away. New defenses in the island are being built for a possible stand against the Nazis. (Central Press)

Reynolds Loses Tax Controversy

Nazi Warning Lays 'Cards On Table'

Berlin, May 26.—(AP)—Grand Admiral Erich Raeder's warning that American convoys for Crete would be met by the guns of the German navy, if necessary, removing "all possibility of misunderstanding over the significance of convoys and what Germany holds to be an act of war," authoritative sources declared today.

The statement of the commander-in-chief of the German navy, made in an interview with Domei, Japanese news agency, and published here yesterday by DNB, official news agency, puts in precise, unambiguous language what has been generally known for some time, especially through the tinier's words, in the opinion of the Wilhelmstrasse.

Raeder described the American patrol system as "aggressive" and said German warships would be justified in engaging any American naval units trying to protect convoys of contraband for England.

His utterance has been released by the verbatim reproduction in the entire German press. "We have laid our sea cards open on the table," authorized sources further commented.

Gibraltar Offers Obstacles To Hitler, Stewart Declares

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—The Vichy government will not be able to do much to help Hitler's forces in their drive on Crete, according to a statement by the British ambassador here today.

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RAF Destroys Nazi Planes

Crete, May 26.—(AP)—At least 21 planes were destroyed and others were badly damaged in new raids by British fighters and bombers against German forces on the island of Crete, the royal air force said tonight.

The raids were staged yesterday and last night.

The German-held Malena airbase and adjacent fields used for landing gliders and air transports were the principal targets, the command said.

Bombs falling among large concentrations of troop-carrying planes were said to have caused "great destruction and damage."

RAF fighters also destroyed a number of German planes on the ground.

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Early Believes Berlin Is Trying To 'Becloud' Chat

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said today he had an idea that Berlin is trying to do anything it can to "becloud" President Roosevelt's debate chat tomorrow night.

He made that statement when he informed him that the German foreign office was commenting on an interview in which Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, commander of the German navy, warned the United States against war, and parading "early" reports of Roosevelt's debate chat tomorrow night.

The speech had begun to take on new significance from world developments, such as the Raeder declaration and Japan's seizure in French Indo-China, of \$100,000,000 worth of American products belonging to American firms.

The debate chat is scheduled for 9:30 o'clock (e. s. t.) tomorrow night.

Exciting 1942 Congressional Races Predicted For North Carolina

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERRE.

Raleigh, May 26.—Before twelve months are past conditions of today may have changed so that 1942 will be an entirely different era, but unless the shifting tide of events is really of tidal wave proportion, the Hecks who are interested in politics will have ringside seats for several exciting congressional races.

This may seem a rash forecast in view of the probable fact that no one and sitting congressman has been defeated for re-nomination within the memory of the current generation of North Carolina folks; yet it seems warranted by the current outlook.

To begin with there's a brand new congressional district in which there will, of course be a mad scramble for the seat in which nobody is sitting. That's one. Then there are

RICHMOND BALL PARK GRANDSTAND BURNED

Richmond, Va., May 26.—(AP)—A blaze which swept the grandstand and a section of the right field bleachers of the home ball park of the Richmond Cubs, was brought under control late last night.

The blaze started the afternoon of the 25th, when a Port-James version of the flame, which one of the American newspapers in the party had reported.

Arrangements have been completed with Spanish and Portuguese railroad companies for the 24-hour trip to Lisbon from the frontier and the group may actually be ready to depart in Spanish and Portuguese planes which may be completed by Wednesday, they said.

Cotton Closes 1 To 5 Higher

New York, May 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 3 lower to 1 higher.	July	13.26	13.22
Values were 1 to 5 lower if noon.	October	13.32	13.27
Futures closed 1 to 5 higher, mid-day spot 13.65, up 2.	December	13.39	13.45
	January	13.36	13.43
	March	13.40	13.44
	May	13.39	13.43

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, warmer in west portion tonight.

Marine Plane Crashes

Jordan, May 26.—(AP)—A large Marine plane flying in a low altitude, developed engine trouble and crashed into a field of tall corn near the town of Jordan, where it was destroyed.

Iraq Regime Tottering

Reports in Ankara Say Arabs Rioted and Looted in Basra, Endangering U. S. Goods

Amman, Jordan, May 26.—(AP)—Reports suggesting that the two-month-old Iraqi government of Premier Nuri al-Said might be breaking up under the stress of a week of fighting against the British, circulated today in Ankara.

Simultaneously, a telegram to the Turkish Agricultural Bank said 10,000 Arabs had rioted and looted in Basra, Saturday, endangering \$2,000,000 worth of American farm machinery purchased for Turkish co-operatives and awaiting delivery on Basra docks.

(There was no immediate indication as to whether the riots were instigated by the Iraq government or against the British, who claim to

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