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Surprise Offer Gives Westminster Choir Congress Greater Control Over Aid Program; Knox Says heard in Greenville, February 27th, More Destroyers: Sen-Floor

Washington, Feb. 12.-Still seek ing more votes for the lease-lend bill, administration leaders in the Senate today offered its opponents a surprise concession which, they said, would give Congress firmer financial control over the aid-to-Britain program.

In essence, their proposal, approved late in the day by a Senate foreign relations subcommittee, would require that the President obtain both "authorizations" and "appropriations" from Congress. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic leader, explained that first the President could ask for authority to enter into contracts for the manufacture of supplies and their delivery to Britain. Later he would have to ask specific appropriations, listing the number Founders Day and kinds of equipment.

The modifications, its backers said, would remove any basis for charges that the lease-lend bill itself was a "blank check" to the President to spend unlimited amounts in supplying defense items to countries whose defense he deems vital to the defense of the United States.

Knox Dissents

England each month. Secretary Knox Teachers. "spare no more destroyers" and still this anniversary time with a pamaintain a "balanced fleet." As Sec- geant "As Told By Candies," at our retary of the Navy, he said, his posi- regular meeting Thursday night, tion was "against depleting our Navy | February 20th.

the less, reported to be receiving seri- ed during these 44 years. ous consideration in some administration quarters, and there was much Treasurer to assist in carrying forspeculation whether it might not ward this work which is so essenhave been discussed at last night's tial today. Let us show our faith in meeting between Willkie and Presi- the future by our Founders' Day dent Roosevelt.

In fact, Willkie told reporters in a telephone message from New York

"I was surprised to read Colonel Knox's statement. Information given - to be by high authorities in the government after my testimony yesterday confirmed my views that we are the Subcommittee on Coast Guard in a position, without any injury to and Coast Geodetic Survey by Conour Navy or national defense, to give Great Britain immediate effective assistance by furnishing to her ad- Fisheries. This was an unusual apditional destroyers."

The Senate foreign relations committee met during the morning, and Sub-chairmanships. Mr. Bonner's with administration forces in easy control, turned down a number of dealing with the Coast Guard and the opposition amendments to the lease- Coast and Geodetic Survey. lend bill. It prepared to report the measure to the Senate tomorrow after rewriting one or two sections.

So clearly dominant were the advocates of the bill that the opposing Senators quickly abandoned all hope of modifying the measure in committee. The closest they could come, one of them glumly reported to newspapermen, was a vote of 13-10.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Does the Army or the Navy get the larger amount of the money to be spent for defense? 2. When did the Nazis seize Den-

mark and invade Norway? 3. When did Cornwallis surrender

at Yorktown? 4. Who is chairman of the Com-

mittee to Defend America by Aid to the Allies? 5. Defense regulations prohibit the ringing of church bells in Eng-

land, except for two happenings. What are they? 6. Name three foreign news agen-

ciated Willkie Clubs of America? 8. Have most Presidents delivered Dudley, who told officers the woman their messages to Congress in per- said her husband had poison in his

the three-power pact require Japan according to officers. to go to war to help Germany or

(See The Answers on Page 4)

gram, is likely to result in higher Sugg of near Scuffletown. average prices for farm products and in higher incomes for farmers in 1961.

TOBACCO.

HIGHER

Sings For Roosevelt

Westminster Choir, which will be

Navy Can't Spare Any at 8:00 P. M., at Wright Memorial Auditorium, E. C. T. C., has sung twice at the White House, first at ate Bill Now Nearing the invitation if President and Mrs. Hoover, and again upon the request of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Last year, the choir was honored by being asked to participate in the convention of the Federated Churches of America, held in Washington, D. C., at which President Roosevelt was the principal speaker. On another occasion, the choir sang at the National Missionary Alliance dinner and broadcast, at which time both President Roosevelt and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland were honored speakers—Queen Wilhelmina's address being heard by means of international broadcast. Another important broadcast heard throughout America in which the choir took part was the Polish relief program, on which Padarewski spoke in behalf of he beleaguered country.

February 17th

Of all the events in the history of the parent-teacher movement, none in retrospect appears more dramatic and powerful than the first Congress, called by Alice McLellon Birney, February 17, 1897; the attendance was a large one; the motive a great one. Resolutions were adopted, Downtown, meanwhile, there was principles articulated, and thus come a sharp repercussion from Wendell into being the organization, which L. Willkie's proposal that five or was to be known far and wide as ten destropers be transferred to the National Congress of Parents

A birthday o'fering will be taken The Willkie suggestion was, never- at a tribute to those who have serv-

This gift will be sent to the State gift this year.

Hope Rollins, Pres.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER APPOINTED ON COMMITTEE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner today was appointed Chairman of gressman Bland, Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and pointment as members usually serve more than two terms before receiving Committee will handle all legislation

Woman Ends Life Leaping Into River

Body of Mrs. J. K. Tay- in oil installations." lor of Pactolus Taken Four Hours Later

Greenville, Feb. 12.-After writing a three-page note that revealed despondency growing out of domestic difficulties, Mrs. Katie Lee Taylor, wife of James K. Taylor of the Pactolus community, walked to the bank of Tar River near the bridge, removed nearly all her clothing, jumped into the river, and was drowned.

nquest would be held, as the

left her home walking and was siderable civilian casualties. Strong is the likelihood of an armed clash given a ride to Greenville by Ernest and well-aimed gunfire was said to with Japan. pocket. She did not tell Dudley of territory, it was stated, although hard work that is necessary to de-

the bridge. She was drowned ap- out gas masks that had lain forgotten a technical affair. The advent of tary information has been disclosed Weinesday brought down three ter 4 o'clock. Besides her husband, survivors Greater industrial activity, attri- are a three-year-old son, Claude

> COTTON Cotton consumption totalled 775, 000 bales in December as compared

Nazi Air Force Still Grounded: British Score New Gains In East Africa

Condon, Feb. 12. - German "Big Bertha" guns today flung salvoes of shells into an English coastal town after relentless night assaults by British bomber on an 800-mile stretch of Adolf Hitler's "Invasion Front" and his war centers of Bremen and Hannover.

Apparently delivering the first installment of Prime Minister Winston Chnrchill's promise to "drop three or four tons of bombs in Germany for every ton dropped on Britain," the R. A. F. was maintaining day-old aerial offensive.

ed with disclosure that secret British maneuvers, held recently, had indicated that Germany might be able to effect a landing on the English coast, but that the invasion probably would be crushed.

The maneuvers were held over a period of several weeks with "invading" and defending armies locked in sham encounters imitating the manner in which Hitler might be expected to attempt an invasion, it was stated.

In last night's bombing attacks, part of ever-intensifying raids heavier than any since last September, when the British claimed to have "shattered" German invasion preparations, industrial Hannover was attacked for the second con-

Bremen and that fuel was added to labor unions, while intensifying invast fires set at Hannover in a sixhour assault Monday night in which evolution of craft unionism and has between 200 and 300 tons of bombs been one of the patent forces in the by relays of bombers.

The attack on Hannover was the 28th on the industrial center since the start of the war.

Other targets in Northwest Germany, in Holland, Norway and Denmark felt the blows of the British attacks, which stretched from the Skagerrak at the southern tip of Norway down through the North Sea and English Channel to France's Normandy Peninsula, it was said.

German's "Big Bertha" guns planted along the French coast, mostly around Cap Bris Nez. began firing across the channel upon the Dover area during the night. Several shells whistled over during the morning and at 12:30 p. m., the pace was quickened.

Hitler's Luftwaffe meanwhile appeared to be virtually grounded and only a brief alarm was sounded in the London area during the day, when a lone Nazi reconnaissance plane approached from the south. The raider turned back when antiaircraft guns opened fire. The Air Ministry, describing the

sixth night of the new R. A. F. offensive, said that bombs dropped on the German-held Dutch port of Rotterdam "caused a heavy explosion

"During the early hours of darkness-sircraft of the coastal comseaplane base at Thisted in the Jut- are seeking economic goals,

land area of Denmark." trols, but saw "very few enemy Singapore and Australia. planes." One bomber and two fighters were listed by the R. A. F. as missing from the latest operations.

have turned back British planes to a city in northern Germany and "small rural fires" were started.

morning to night. This means that the British people butable in part to the defense pro- Taylor, and her mother, Mrs. C. L. not only believe that there will be them fear that Germany will resort to the use of gas, despite Hitler's assertions to the contrary.

EROSION It is amusing to observe what the land of the country, reports Soil March, applicate, form some men will do for the sake of a Conservation. Service. Chief LL E.



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

WAGE-HOUR LAW UPHELD. UNIONS OUTSIDE LAW. DEBT INCREASE CERTAIN. PRESSURE IN FAR EAST. PLANES TO THE BRITISH. NATIONS REGULATE COFFEE LEASE-LEND BILL. THE CONVOY QUESTION. U. S. PLAYS FOR TIME.

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court, upholding the Federal Wage and Hour Law, concludes the last major legal challenge to New Deal legislation. In his opinion, Justice Stone commented that while manufacture was not of itself interstate commerce, the shipment of manufactured goods in interstate tive of this section, comes to the commerce is "such commerce." "The Farmville church highly recommendthe destructive pace of its seven- power to regulate commerce," he said, "is the power to prescribe the The all-out serial blows coincid- rules by which commerse is govern-

> The Justice added, "The power of Congress over interstate commerce is complete in itself, may be exercised to its utmost extent and acknowledges no limitations other than are prescribed by the Constitution." The decision affecting minimum wages for millions of workers was unanimous and decisively overruled a twenty-two year-old decision holding the Federal Child Labor Law invalid.

Another recent decision of the Supreme Court held that disputes between labor unions do not come within the purvue of the Sherman Antitrust act. By a 5-2 decision, the The Air Ministry said that great fires and explosions were caused at dustrial strife, have marked the were said to have been dropped modern development of industrial

> The decision has far-reaching implications in connection with the Department of Justice's anti-trust law enforcement campaign. Justice Roberts, in a minority opinion, asserted that the Court was attempting to legislate "radically" in matters where Congress had refused to act.

Debate over the bill to increase the national debt limit from fortynine to sixty-five billions of dollars will be largely academic. The Treasury Department has reported to Congress that it has borrowing power sufficient to run for only a few months and far insufficient to finance the huge finance program which, it is now estimated, will reach thirty billion dollars. It is expected that the Secretary of the Treasury will be empowered to fix the denominations of securities and, accordingly, will soon announce a program for the sale of stamps of small denominations exchangeable for

The steady pressure of Japan in the Far East is expected by some observers to produce a complication in her relationship with the United States in the near future. From River About mand attacked shipping at Kris- It seems abundantly clear that, tiansand, South Norway, and the while the Japanese insist that they Japanese lose no opportunity In addition to making a daylight improve their military position in "sweep" of North France Tuesday, the Far East or to secure stronger R. A. F. fighters were said to have positions for further advances toengaged in a large number of pa- wards. The Netherlands Indies,

This is clearly evident from the results of Japanese intervention in One bomber returning from a raid the fighting between Thailand and crashed at Cambridge, killing three French Indo-China. Apparently the civilians. The crew escaped injury. United States will have to decide In Berlin, the official DNB news whether to surrender its commercial gency indicated that the raid on rights in the Far East or insist upon pose and with the effect of blocking sified bombing attacks, were said to Germany was a big one, causing con- them with the knowledge that there American development and creating have dropped explosives yesterday

there was "slight" material damage velop raw recruits into experienced the right to determine where and bombed Wednesday, but without soldiers. Modern warfare is so far how the American companies may damage, according to a communic removed from the old days of shot- sell certain military supplies. Thousands of Britons are taking gun fire that it has become largely "It seems probable that vital mili- Greek anti-aircraft batteries on parently about noon. The body was in homes for months and are going mechanization, airplanes, tanks and to foreign companies through the Italian air raiders, the high comremoved from the river shortly af- to depots to have them tested. These the multiplicity of armaments, comgas chambers are crowded from bine to make soldiering a technical royalty payments in patent license Describing Tuesday's night-time toes, string beans, corn bread, 10c; job, requiring trained men.

> sent to Great Britain, with wild ru- household appliance, clothing and of houses was demolished, killing 5c. more flying through the air. The drug and medical supply industries more than 20 persons and injuring. Wednesday-Collards with bacon, average American is concerned about as well as "combinations which are 11 others." these deliveries, with the majority destroying the balance of prices be- The Greek radio, heard in Buds- beans, corn bread, 10c; Chocolate apprehensive lest the British fail tween the things which the farmers pest, said that the Greek govern pic, 5c.

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Rev. William C. Royal of Maryland To Speak Daily

The revival meeting, to which the congregation of the Baptist church has been looking forward for several weeks, will begin Monday evening, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. William C. Royal, of

Frederick, Md., will be the speaker at the two services, which have been. planned for each day, the morning service of one half hour, beginning Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. B. B. Fordham, announces that the Rev. Mr. Royal, a North Carolinian by birth, and a naed as a Bible student, zealous in the cause of the Master, and a speaker of power and ability. The revival services will be

first services of this kind to be held in the handsome new edifice, which will seat 350 people, and is comfortably conditioned with modern ventilation and heating equipment. The church choir, which is an out-

standing musical group here, will give to the song services the needed spirit and inspiration to render it a feature of the evening program. The pastor and congregation wish

to extend through these columns, a cordial invitation to the entire community to attend each service. The new Baptist church was formally opened on Sunday, January 26, when five inspirational services were

Says Germans Control Vital Defense Pricetries: Alleges Fixing

Armold, cheif of the Justice Depart- how interested you are to be sure ment's anti-trust division, told the that the Bill in Section 2 includes monopoly committee today that a tobacco. grand jury in New York was "constantly uncovering startling instances sion is and, in fact, I am positive of German control of defense indus- that it does include tobacco; so you tries as well as illegal price-fixing can assure your constituents hat among American concerns."

dicated, he said, that "the United included. . States government has been charged excessive and urreasonable prices to say to you that I wish every Confor essential war materials as a re- gressman were as attentive and as sult of agreement between domestic interested in seeing in legislation of and foreign companies, and collusive this kind that the interests of his bidding on Army and Navy con- consituents is protected." tracts."

He asked the committee to recommend to Congress an immediate expansion of the government's antitrust activities aimed at price-fixing, collusive bidding and other monopolistic practices in defense industries and added that lack of funds was holding up investigation of at least 31 industries producing vital war materials.

"There are evidences of price inreases, artificial shortages and foreign control in this field," he told the committee. "For an effective attack upon these restraints, four grand juries should be impaneled in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles with the special duty of inves- mountain peaks on the Albanian tigating restraints of trade in the front, seizing Italian prisoners and production of war materials." Results So Far

Results of the anti-trust division's investigation so far, Arnold testified, RAF planes on Tuesday bombed

"Foreign companies have taken out front as well as the main road patents and entered into cartel ar- northward from Tepelim toward the rangements in the United States on essential war materials for the pur- Italian planes, maintaining interserious shortages. "There have been divisions of

world markets by patent agreements Most Americans do not realize the between domestic and foreign companies which give foreign interests island of Cephallonia also agreements."

in the number of airplanes being restraints of trade in housing, food, hardest, the government said a block Graham muffins, 10e; Banana ple,

The latest figures indicate that in scale or enforcement from the pres- the Albanian front had been re- paraley potatoes, carrot-cabbage ent intermittent attack upon one or pulsed Wednesday.



REV. WILLIAM C. ROYAL of Frederick, Md.

He will speak in the Baptist Reviva Series beginning Monday, Feb. 17.

two industries at a time to the level necessary to enforce the anti-trust laws systematically throughout American industry."

Congressman Bonner **Assured of Inclusion** of Tobaico In L-L Bill

Citizens of Farmville and community, who have been watching developments in the Lend-Lease Bill, pending in the National Congress, with a vital (Franco), the Duce and Minister of interest in the inclusion of tobacco Foreign Affairs Serrano Suner, an in this Bill, have observed the con- identity of views was reached besistent efforts of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner in this connection.

the Legislation was to include to- toric consequence and interest to the bacco, Congressman Bonner directed two countries." a letter to Congressman Bloom, Sees Nazi Peril Committee, and received a reply from the afternoon. below in part, and will be read with "LATIN BLOC" REPORTED great satisfaction by Mr. Bonner's friends here, who can be assured of Indus- his efforts to protect the interest of the people of this District.

"With reference to the conversation that you and I had on the Floor and also in regard to your letter con-Washington, Feb. 12 .- Thurman cerning the Lend-Lease Bill, I know

"I can assure you that my impresafter your inquiry and after a special An investigation already has in- investigation by me that tobacco is collaboration in such a Latin bloc.

"I want to take this opportunity

New Gains Mad

Capture Important Mountain Positions: More Italian Air Raids and a leader of the Spanish Falan-Made on Greece

Athens, Feb 13,-Greek troops

have stormed and captured "important positions" top 6,500-foot quantities of arms, the Greek high command reported early today. A British communique said that Tepelini on the central-southern besieged Albanian port of Valona. around the municipal hospital at Larisse, killing seven women and seven children, it was stated.

of the ministry of home security. Italian air raid on Uiraeus, the Peaches with cake, 5c.

Vichy Reports Latin Bloc' to Resist Britain In Mediterranean Discussed; Franco Talks To Petain Today; Axis Drive in Balkans Believed Imminent

Madrid, Feb. 12 - Premier Benito Mussolini and Generalissimo Francisco Franco, who conferred today in the Italian town of Bordighera, reached a complete accord on "problems of historic consequence" involving Italy and Spain, an official communique said tonight. Franco and Mussolini held two sep-

arate conferences during the day at Bordighera, which is on the Italian Riviera six miles southwest of San Remo and about 12 miles across the frontier from France.

Attending the conference was Ramon Serrano Suner, Spanish foreign minister and brother-in-law of Franco.

Nothing in the communique issued tonight suggested that Adolf Hitler. foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop or any other high German official had participated in the con-

Bordighera is a small Winter resort of 3,000 to 4,000 population, an ideal spot for the secrecy-shrouded conference.

Tonight's communique said: "In the conversations concluded late today between the Caudillo tween the Spanish and Italian governments concerning problems of a To be positive that the intent of European charcter which are of his-

Franco and Mussolini conferred Chairman of the Foreign Affairs first in the morning and again during

AS CONFERENCE OBJECT

Vichy, Feb. 12.-Proposals for creation of a "Latin bloc" challenging Britain's Mediterranean conquests were reported to have been discussed today at a secret conference of Premier Benito Mussolini and Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain somewhere in Italy. Tomorrow, Franco, en route back

to Madrid, will confer with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain in the Languedoc 'region of Southern France and perhaps seek a solution of several points of French-Spanish friction standing in the way of Petain's

Reports persisted that Adolf Hitler, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop or some other high-ranking Nazi official participated in today's conference in Italy, but they lacked confirmation.

In connection with the proposal for the "Latin bloc"-Italy, Spain, and France-to safeguard their mediterranean and African positions, there were persistent reports that Spanish Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suner, who is accompanying Franco, soon might become the master of Spain. Serrano Suner, advocate of closer

Spanish colobration with the Axis powers, is Franco's brother-in-law gist (Fascist) organization. The possible change in the leadership of the Spanish government was reported to be one of the fore-

most points of France's talks with Mussolini and with Petain. The newspaper Le Jour said that Serrano Sumer might soon become premier as a prelude to "an early modification of Spain's attitude to-

ward the war." Franco, although admitting Spain's gratitude to Italy and Germany for aiding him in winning the Spanish civil war, was said by the newspaper Le Temps to have several times affirmed his determination to keep Spain out of the war. "Nothing in the acts of the Franco government now authorizes a belief that Spain is disposed to modify this attitude," the newspaper said.

LUNCH ROOM MIDNE FARMVILLE SCHOOL FERRUARY 17-21

Monday-Macaroni and cheese, ap-Arnold also proposed immediate Port of Athens, when the poorer Tuesday-Lima beans with pork, Considerable interest is expressed grand jury investigation of alleged class workers districts were hit slaw, stewed prunes, sweet potatoes,

to receive sufficient planes and the sell and the things which the farm- ment had called to the colors all re- Phuraday - Ment long, tomato serve pilots of the 1933 to 1935 sauce, creamed potatoes, carrots managed in properties their telegraph of 775,000 bales in March, 1987. States more than \$8,800,000,000 a country be impaired by such ship. Urging also a long-range expannote proposed a "change of the Italian attacks north of Klishra on Friday - Hamburger, succestash