NLAND GIVEN HOPE OF SAVING INDEPENDENCE BY MAKING DEFENSE TREATY WITH NEIGHBORS

tacks Failure To Send

Troops To Finland

Warning To Former War

Chief's Criticism

BY DREW MIDDLETON

action" in the dispatch of large-scale

aid to Finland during a stormy ses-

sion today of the house of commons

which showed the makings of a

In the dismal light of the Finnish

demanded a review of the govern-

ment's "whole conduct of the war

with Germany, and denounced as

Adds Warnings

The commons approved 192 to 2

800,000,000) for war purposes.

earliest possible moment.

"tremendous slaughter begins."

Reliable sources reported that

berlain presenting a general review

"Too Late"

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HATCH AMENDMENT

Hardly had Hore-Belisha demand-

Reds Plan T Step To Win New Friends ls Indicated

Germany Agrees To Supply Italy With Most Of Coal Needs By Rail

WAR BUDGETS OKEHED

Russian Trade Group May Go To Rome Soon To Start Work On Treaty

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

POME. March 13.—(P)—Russia reported to following up her sucion of her war with initiating trade nego

impending after a day in agreed to supply of her coal needs all to circumvent the British wreckage kade, and in which the fascis ber approved army and nav ets totaling \$378,000,000.

Group May Visit Rome thoritative sources said a Rus trade commission, which has parters at Milan, may come me shortly to start negotiafor a new treaty. The head he commission was reported alto have left for Moscow for

re was speculation at once lefinite move might be under assian relations such as German eign Minister Joachim Von Rib op was reported to have urged Mussolini early this week.

ineral Ubaldo Soddu, under-sec-Mary of war, introducing the de-Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4)

an quarters said.

ENGINEERS URGE MOORING BASINS

One Of Six Proposed Stations Would Be Located At Wrightsville Sound

ufort, N. C., to the Cape Fear follow. vements is \$24,000.

leut, Col. George Gillette, district engineer, said here last night t, Myrtle Grove Sound, Cape capacity. river and Wrightsville Sound. gressional action on the pro-

WEATHER



Eight patients were injured, 80 others shaken up and the entire neighborhood rocked by a gas exsion in the Booth Memorial hospital in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. Above, searchers examine the

Miss Coleman Addresses PROPELLER CLUB **Baptist Women's Meeting**

CALLS FOR CONFIDENCE

Election Of Officers Scheduled At Closing Session This Afternoon

With an address on "Confidence in God" by Miss Inabelle Coleman, of the Richmond Foreign Mission the German agreement dims the board, the second day of the 50th of Italy obtaining coal annual convention of the Woman's the United States because of Missionary Union of North Caroth shipping costs, informed Ital- lina came to a close last night at the First Baptist church. More than 700 women from throughout the state have registered at the meet-

> Miss Coleman emphasized comprehensively and at length the great import of a continuing and unvarying confidence and faith in the Almighty and the principles set up by His disciples.

> Only Way "In this way and in this way only," she said, "can we find that place in eternity designated for the true believers."

She continued, saying that it takes strength and courage to cling to the faith through strife and through hardship, but added that Army engineers in a report to con-ultimately it is the only course a ess yesterday recommended the thinking person can take—the only struction of six mooring basins the intracoastal waterway from the dictates of Jesus Christ can line only the dictates of Jesus Christ can line Harnett Sign II.

And in the end, she said, that Estimated cost of the navigation enduring and unchanging faith in God will lead the believer to eternal

happiness. The meeting was held in the main ne basins are as follows: beautifully decorated with flowers terday with the entry of 50 school points in this and nearby states be proposed location of the six auditorium of the church. It was

come to a close this afternoon at announced last night, s expected within the next few about 3 o'clock following the elec-

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Welles Confers With David Lloyd George

LONDON, March 13.-(AP)-Sumner Welles, winding up a four-day fact-finding visit in London, talked so long today with David Lloyd George, Britain's World war prime minister. that his closely packed schedule

was disrupted. What they talked about was a secret as have been the rest of the conferences held by the undersecretary of state on his swing through Europe to obtain information for President Roose-

When Welles and Lloyd George stayed together beyond their alloted time, the American envoy's other appointments were postponed till later in the day. Welles rounded out his visit with a chat with Prime Minister Chamberlain over the dinner table at Number Ten Downing

STUDENTS ENTER **GARDEN CONTEST**

lius Harnett Sign Up For Annual Event

River, Stumpy of various kinds and was packed to children from Cornelius Harnett was also adopted by the club. school in the contest, Carl Rehder, The 50th annual convention will originator and director of the contest, rangements for the visit of the U.

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SEEKS PROJECTS

Group Renews Efforts For never were sent; Finland made peace Wider Turning Basin And Other Improvements

The Propeller club of the United gruntled conservatives and liberals night renewed efforts to secure tion laborites around the two stateswidening of the anchorage basin, men. reflected buoys at Masonboro inlet, and more equitable freight rates request for 700,000,000 pounds \$2, out of Wilmington. It also completarrangements for the visit of the U. S. S. Roe, new naval destroyer, here from April 8 to 11. The club, in monthly dinner session at the Cape Fear Country club, also heard T. R. Jones, superintend-

ent of the Standard Oil company terminals here, make an appeal for urther advancement of facilities of he Port of Wilmington. The club appointed the following

ommittee to promote efforts towards securing the widening of the turning basin and the lengthening aroused house of commons. of the anchorage basin as a means of enabling the Port of Wilmington to maintain its leadership in port facilities along the South Atlantc seaboard: E. Fleet Williams, Roger Riley, and Peter B. Ruffin.

A committee composed of George Rountree, Jr., Roger Riley, Julian Morton, and Mike Brown was named to contact the Norfolk divisional headquarters' office of the U. S coast guard in regard to the establishment of reflected buoys at Masonboro inlet as a further aid to navigation interests.

A resolution urging the renewal The 1940 Star-News school garden of efforts to secure more equitable the 1940 Star-News school garden freight rates by rail and truck out contest definitely got under way yesof the Port of Wilmington to other

The club perfected details of ar S. S. Roe, new naval destroyer The first entries came after the which is making Wilmington its

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BEATEN IN SENATE Proponents Of Bill Pound Tenaciously Toward An

Early Showdown

WASHINGTON, March 13-(AP)roponents pounded tenaciously today toward a senate showdown the Hatch bill to circumscribe the political activities of state employes paid with federal funds. They listened unmoved to a warn-

ing from Senator Minton (D-Ind) that passage of the measure would "destroy the democratic party." Opponents failed in an effort to attach to the bill an amendment by Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) to make it unlawful for any person to conthe United States army and navy. tribute more than \$1,000 a year to any candidate or campaign commit-

> The vote was 45 to 36, with 35 democrats and Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis) supporting the amendagainst it. A solid bloc of republican votes provided the margin to defeat the proposition.

Minton took this occasion to tell democratic supporters of the Hatch bill that they were helping the republicans play a smart political

Talks With Italy GOVERNMENT LEADER Hore-Relisha ASKS ABSOLUTE UNITY; RUSSIANS HAIL PEACE

Flays Allies SOVIETS SEIZE VIIPURI For Inaction

Finnish City Taken In Two-Hour Assault Shortly Ousted British Minister At-Before Armistice

BRITAIN IS ASSAILED

REBELLION THREATENS Kremlin Satisfied Dictated Peace Greatest Blow To Lloyd George Adds Somber London In Century

MOSCOW, March 14 .- (Thursday) -(P)-The Russian military comnand early today announced its roops, in a two-hour assault just LONDON, March 13 .- (P) -- Former before yesterday's armistice, had captured the city of Viipuri, which goes War Secretary Hore-Belisha angrily to Russia anyway by the peace challenged the allied "excuse for inreaty with Finland.

-While the Soviet people and press nailed the peace treaty as a great riumph for Joseph Stalin's full-fledged parliamentary rebellion of peace' and a shattering blow to British and French "imperialist" plans to spread the war over all of Europe, the Leningrad military com

and issued this communique: Russian peace, the volatile minister "13th March: At 7 a. m., after two nours of storming, the Soviet troops whom Chamberlain fired on January occupied the town of Vilpuri. Or other sectors of the front there wa 'pure technicality" the allied stand nothing important up to 12 noon that troops, aithough ready, could not be sent to Finland until Finland At 12 noon Leningrad time hostili ties ceased on all sectors of the from in conformity with the peace treaty. formally asked for them. The troops

Siege Started Feb. 24 The Russians laid siege to Viipur immediately after the fail of the White-maned David Lloyd George Koivisto forts on Feb. 24. added somber warning to Hore- The Kremlin made no effort to

conceal its satisfaction that the dic-Belisha's cutting criticism, and distated neace with Finland was the States, Port of Wilmington, last appeared to be uniting with opposi- greatest defeat to Great Britain in Not only did the Soviet gain in

territorial and military advantage by its treaty with Finland, but also se-(Continued on Page Four)

This vote was despite a plea of the leftist firebrand, J. McGovern, for an **CLAUDE TOWNSEND** attempt to end the war before the declared his independent labor party DIES IN ROBESON proposed there should be an armis tice and world conference at the

full debate on the war situation would be held March 19 with Cham-Oldest Living Graduate and replying to questions of an Of Trinity College

LUMBERTON, March 13.-Claude passed on to Finland. ed such debate before he was joined B. Townsend, 89, oldest living grad by Lloyd George who intoned: "It uate of Trinity college, now Duke is the old trouble—too late. Too late university, and former Robeson the Kuusamo areas, and the pro for Czecho-Slovakia. Too late for Pocounty clerk of court, died at his posed new railway connecting Rus land. Certainly too late for Finland. "It is always too late or too little (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 3)

Scandinavians Wonder If Finland Gambling On Help From Germany

COPENHAGEN, March 13 .-(AP) — Scandinavians asked themselves tonight if Finland, in submitting to a stern peace, was gambling on German help against further Soviet encroach-

Only time will answer the question as to whether the Rus-so-Finnish peace involves some form of German guarantee for the new borders of Finland. And, Scandinavians said, if such a guarantee exists the realistic Finns must know that it will never be effective unless it is in Germany's interest.

Mixed relief and anxiety was Scandinavia's emotional reaction to the drastic terms of the treaty, giving the whole Karelian Isthmus, the shores of Lake Ladoga and the "Gibraltar" peninsula of Hanko into Soviet hands, facilitating Soviet transport by land and air and rail to Norway and Sweden.

There was relief that Scandinavia, for the moment at least, has been saved from becoming a battleground of Allied-Russian-German war.

GUNTHER ASSERTS

Sweden's Foreign Minister Hints At North Countries Defense Accord

STOCKHOLM, March 13- (AP) Foreign Minister Christian Gunther warned tonight that the "danger is tect the independence and boundanot over" for Sweden and hinted at ries of Sweden, Norway and Finland a possible defense alliance of the north countries as a result of Finand's peace with Russia.

Addressing a special meeting of the Swedish parliament, Gunther aid the question of strengthening cooperation among the northern sountries should be submitted to "ar unbiased examination."

At the same time he disclosed final Russian peace terms to Finland differed from those first sub mitted by Russia and which Sweden

The ceding of the eastern Finnish area about Salla's battlefields and here tonight following a sia with the Swedish border, he said, (Continued on Page Four)

F. R. Avers Reds Should Let Finns Live In Peace

in effect, today that Russia should force.' let what remains of Finland live to peace and not try to swallow it up now that its defenses are weakened. In a formal statement, the Presi dent said that the people of the Baltic republic "have won the moral right to live in everlasting peace and independence in the land they have so bravely defended." The President also said that "the

ending of this war does not yet clarify the inherent right of small

WASHINGTON, March 13.-(A)-| nations to the maintenance of their President Roosevelt served notice, integrity against attack by superior

> 'yet" in this sentence indicated a belief on the President's part that later developments in struggling Europe might clarify the right of intended to signify that some day Finland's losses would probably be restored was not stated, however-His remark about the right to

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Some observers believed the word

New Washington Writer Joins Wilmington Star

One of America's outstanding | homa. While a cub he covered newspapermen joins the Wilmington Morning Star today as Wash- nee, Oklahoma, flood, working 24 ington columnist for it and the AP unbroken hours on an injured leg. Feature Service. He is Jack Stinnett, who goes to Washington with eyes and ears sharpened from a and prosecution of the Okesa train a dozen years of covering everything from kidnapings to night clubs.

Stinnett succeeds Preston Grover, who has been assigned by The Associated Press to Europe. The new writer of the Washing-

ton Daybook started newspaper to handle a series of big mail fraud work in 1924 after studying at the Universities of California and Okla-

single-handed the disastrous Shaw His interest in crime reporting

started with covering the capture robbery gang, last of the big southwestern gangs to use the methods of the James boys and the Youngers. For several years then he was in business before returning to journal-

ism on the Daily Oklahoman in time (Continued on Page Four)

'UNHAPPY PEACE'

Tanner Says Talks Looking To Alliance With Sweden And Norway Planned

MINISTER THANKS U. S.

Some Of Fiercest Fighting Of War Took Place An Hour Before Peace

By LYNN HEINZERLING

HELSINKI, March 13 .- (AP)-Finand, mourning its peace with the rief of the vanquished, was given ope tonight of saving its independence and protecting its shorn orders through the prospect of a efensive pact with Sweden and Norway and was exhorted by its government to rise from its "state f mutilation" through unity.

Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner, after a national broadcast to the people, told the foreign press that onversations looking to a defensive lliance with the two large Scandinavian states, already arranged but nalted by the war, would be started oon. The initiative in this, he said,

came from Finland. Earlier, with their mourning etch d black against a background of softly falling snow, the Finns had heard Tanner declare that Finland's lefense against Russia had foundered on the "unwillingness or inabili-ty" of Sweden and Norway, (and behind them the western Allies,) to

send troops or allow troops to cross their soil. "We Are Too Small" "All that can be said against us," he added, sadly, "is that as a na-

tion we are too small." The defensive alliance, if it is effected, would be intended to profrom aggression-mainly, it is presumed, Russian or German. Tanner, to the newspapermen, de-

nied that the western powers had (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 1)

MANNERHEIM SAYS FINLAND HAS PAID

Leader Estimates 300,000 Reds And 15,000 Finns Slain In War

HELSINKI, March 14 (Thursday) .- (P) -Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim in a final order of the day declared bitterly early today that Finland has "paid to the very last penny any debt we may have owed to the west."

The aged leader, who estimated that 200,000 Russians and 15,000 Finns were slain in the 105-day-war ending yesterday, said however: 'We are produly conscious of the historic duty which we will continue to fulfill: Defense of that western

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which he spoke. Whether it was Reading The Want Ads Rewards Star and News Readers

Here are a few of the money saving offers which are available to readers of today's

Special trade-in plow sale! Old plow and five dollars buys new plow Limited time only.

Split bamboo surf casting rod, 6 1-2" tip, Agatine guides; reversible tip, only \$5.95.

Radio-Phonograph combina-tion; built-in aerial Beautiful cabinet. \$26.50. Terms.

3 Pc. Overstuffed living roci suite; used. Excellent bargain. Bargains in Poultry Supplies Two 260-egg capacity incuba-tors, \$19.95 each. Regularly \$26.95.

Why pay high prices for good motor oil? We have a 20c grade for only 8 1-2c.

Release Of Fast American Warplanes h Carolina: Cloudy with rain, T east and central portions Say: Friday partly cloudy, coldical data for the 24 hours

p. in. yesterday). Temperature 36: 7:30 a. m. 36: 1:30 p. p. in. 42: maximum 43: 5: mean 44: normal 52. Humidity 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. Precipitation hours ending 7:30 p. m., total since first of the

Tides For Today High 1:05a 8:40,
nlet 1:25p 7:40p
1:44a 4:58a
11:04a 5:11p
00set 11:29p, moon-

To European Nations To Be Probed By EDWARD E. BOMAR WASHINGTON, March 13.—(P)— officers and technical experts con- asked a senate investigation to de-The release of 400-mile-an-hour cerned with the war orders. There

43; belligerents resulted today in a con- was said at the conference. gressional inquiry. Secretary of War Woodring was asked to appear before a house mili-lease of American military planes tary affairs subcommittee early and reports of Allied pressure on the next week to explain a war department policy which has permitted American manufacturers to sell manufacturers. They included: Low duplicates of some of the air corp's

be asked to testify. his attention to problems arising er was released earlier. from Allied war orders—problems The navy said permission had which have developed differences been given to sell foreign nations tional defense is not interfered with which have developed differences four of its new planes. among some of his advisers. He four of its new planes.

army fighting planes to European was no immediate word as to what

The day saw numerous other de velopments resulting from the re-

The army disclosed the release for newest war planes to Great Britain foreign sale of a second high speed and France. Major General George fighter, a Lockheed P-38 two-motor foreign sale of a second high speed C. Marshall, chief of staff, also will interceptor pursuit craft credited President Roosevelt also turned in a test flight. A Curtiss P-40 fight-

Senator La Follette (Prog-Wis) termine whether foreign orders had delayed delivery of armaments to Reports circulated that the reason the Allies are in a hurry for planes is that their combined output

many. Charles Edison, secretary of the navy, and Louis Johnson, assistant ment and 23 democrats voting secretary of war, denied that "pressure" had been brought to sidetrack American military orders to speed planes for the Allies, but added that the navy had "adjusted schedules" by request without delaying its own new planes.

now is less than half that of Ger-

"We are taking care that the na game that would wreck a democratic in any way," he said

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