

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, September 19—"I wonder what they-all would be doin' if we really was in de war." That remark, dropped by a veteran colored messenger in one of the Government departments, expresses tersely the condition of feverish activity which pervades every branch of Government. If we were actually at war the Federal offices could hardly be more busy.

To every observer here who remembers Washington's activities in 1917 and 18, when we were at war, conditions in the nation's capital seem strangely familiar.

So far as public reactions have been analyzed by Washington observers, however, there is no more widespread indignation or warlike desire on the part of the American people now than there was in 1916 when Mr. Wilson was re-elected President on the slogan "He kept us out of war."

Seeks Neutrality Amendment

Nevertheless, the President has not abandoned his purpose of asking Congress to amend the Neutrality Act so as to give him wider authority to permit the sale of war supplies to nations which

are able to pay cash and carry them away in their own ships.

The impression observers here get from Senators and Representatives who have been consulted, is that there is a better chance of getting the whole 1937 Neutrality Act. repeated than to amend it.

Under an unprepared war statute of 1917, however, the President has authority to declare a state of national emergency, and he has acted on this to the extent of declaring that a "limited" emergency exists now. With that authority back of him, the President has ordered the increase of the armed forces of the nation—the army, the navy, the marine corps and the national guard—by the addition of 100,000 men.

In addition, the Federal machinery for curbing foreign propaganda and preventing sabotage has been strengthened. All peace officers, from rural sheriffs to city police forces, have been ordered to cooperate with the Criminal Investigation Bureau—the "G-men"—in a nation-wide spy-hunt. An entire brigade of additional troops and a large number of additional airplanes have been sent to Panama, and the Canal Zone has been placed under complete military control.

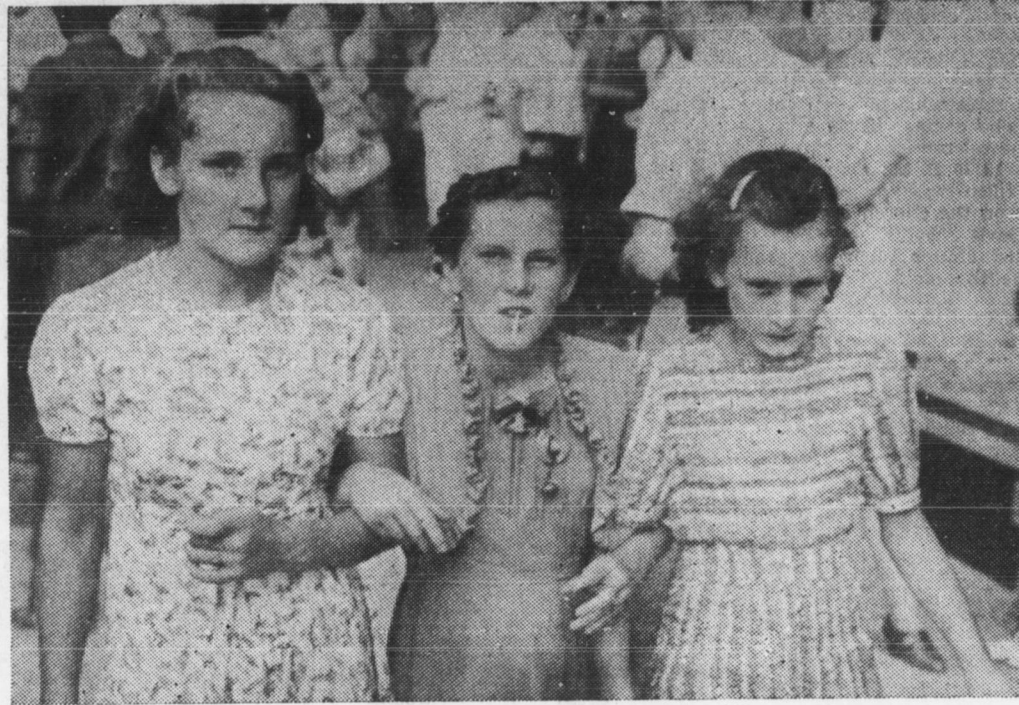
The naval air base at Puerto Rico is already being used, though not completed, and the Government has placed orders for 3,000 additional fighting planes. One hundred and sixteen World War fighting craft, destroyers laid up at the Philadelphia navy yard, have been ordered reconditioned for service, and extra crews working in three shifts are rushing work on five big battleships, the largest ever designed.

Passports Restricted

Under the emergency powers granted the President by the 1917 law, all passports of American citizens for foreign travel are being called in, and no more will be issued for travel to any European country without proof of the urgent necessity of the trip.

Every ship under the American flag sailing from now on must carry the ship's name and home port painted on the side in ten-foot letters, and besides a huge painted reproduction of the

Free Theatre Tickets For These Young Ladies



There are two free theatre tickets awaiting each of the young ladies pictured above at The Tribune. These tickets are good for admission to either the Elk or Lyric theatres. Next week three more people will be pictured in this space and more tickets will be given away.—(Tribune Photos.)

American flag on each side of the bow. All ships entering or leaving any American port are being searched for possible contraband of war.

There are more than a hundred telephone switchboards in Government offices, with more than 25,000 inside telephone connections and about 3,000 trunk lines. Every switchboard is now on 24-hour service, with 25,000 or more calls a day between the offices here and with other parts of the country.

Telephone service to Europe has been curtailed, but is now being routed through Italy. Washington believes in Mussolini's neutrality, which is partly demonstrated by the resumption

of service of Italian passenger ships to America.

Lights burn all night in most of the Federal offices. The State Department is busiest of all, trying to arrange for bringing stranded American back from Europe, and keeping tabs on war developments. Officers of the general staff bark orders from the War Department to every part of the country as they did in 1917-18. The Navy Department is even busier.

Profiteering Fought

There is as yet no Food Administration such as Herbert Hoover managed in the World War, but the Department of Agriculture is trying its best to prevent profiteering in food supplies and to organize the sale of American farm products abroad.

In the Treasury an augmented staff of assistant secretaries is working with Mr. Morgenthau to try to keep the international and internal financial situation under control. The Commerce Department is rushed with plans for diverting to this country the trade of South America which formerly went to Germany.

In the White House the Cabinet meetings have been enlarged by the admission to them of the administrators of the new loan agency, and a general reorganization and enlargement of the President's personal staff.

That is a brief and sketchy picture of Washington getting ready for war. Nobody wants it, nobody really expects it, but if war comes the United States will be ready for it.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View Sunday school has shown a gain in attendance the past Sunday. They welcomed with gladness a number of members who had been absent for several weeks.

Mrs. Nancy Wid Shore returned home Sunday after spending a week with her son, Mr. Lum Shore, of Jonesville.

Mr. Hugh West has returned to his home in New Jersey after spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James West.

Mr. Sam Dudley, of Yadkinville, Mr. Dan Dudley, Mrs. Lizzie Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Staley, of Winston-Salem, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wint Shore.

Miss Vernon VanHoy, of Winston-Salem, was the week-end guest of her uncle, Mr. Tom VanHoy.

Mr. Click Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Stokes, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stokes.

Mountain View revival meeting will begin Sunday, September 24, at 11 a. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Powers, of Elkin, and Rev. Reid R. Harris, of Mt. Gilead. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Mrs. Joe Cheek and children, Aldie James Henery and Bobbie Joe, are spending this week in Winston-Salem the guests of Mrs. Cheek's sister, Mrs. Jody Riley.

Little Miss Doris Procter spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Procter, of Union Grove.

Must Wash Hands

Aunt Maud—Robert, did you enjoy the book I sent you for your birthday?

Robert—I ain't looked at it yet.

Aunt Maud—Why, Robert; how is that?

Robert—'Cause Ma said I'd have to wash my hands when I read it.

DOBSON HIGH OPENS SEPT. 7

Attendance Is Approximately 900 with 240 in the High School

PLANNING SCHOOL FAIR

Dobson high school opened Thursday, September 7, with an attendance of approximately 900. Of this number there were 240 in high school and 660 in the elementary grades.

Extensive preparations had been made by the high school and grade principals, Clyde M. Forrest and Joe B. Cox. The organization for the year had been carefully outlined and was presented to the twenty-seven other teachers in a meeting prior to the opening. The appearance of the buildings was decidedly improved by the thorough renovation, which had been done recently.

Plans are being laid for a school fair or Parent's Day in October.

Urma—Mabel is getting a man's wages.

Helen—Yes, I knew she was married.

HIGHER
World wheat supplies in 1914 totaled 3,500,000,000 bushels, as compared with an estimated 5,300,000,000 bushels this year, according to a Triple-A announcement.

SUGGESTION
Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace is advising American farmers to go ahead with their farm plans just as they had planned before the war in Europe broke out.

Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!
Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—1/2 itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feet tired, nervous, all worn out. Frequent, scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance. The recognized and proper treatment is a diuretic medicine to help the kidneys get rid of excess poisonous body waste. Use Doan's Pills. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Are endorsed the country over. Insist on Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.

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News of Latest Events — Adm. 10c-25c

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TEX RITTER In
"ROLLING WESTWARD"
Serial - Comedy - Cartoon — Adm. 10c-25c
Monday-Tuesday, Matinee Monday—

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MAXIE ROSENBLUM-SIDNEY TOLER-Directed by LEWIS SEILER-Produced by WARNER BROS.

Latest Issue "March of Time" - Adm. 10c-25c

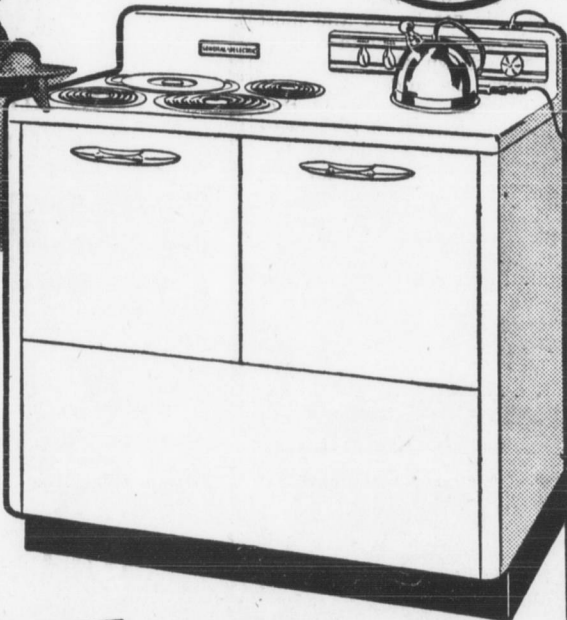
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