

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 26 — Those who have been in the best position to sound out the temper of Congress are swinging toward the belief that the outcome of the special session which began on September 21 will be a complete repeal of the whole Neutrality Act of 1937. In any event, that part of the existing law to which the President objects most strongly, the prohibition against selling arms and munitions to any nation at war, will be wiped off the statute books, appears practically certain.

That this would work to the advantage of the British and French and to the disadvantage of Germany is conceded by the supporters of both sides of the controversy. That aid to the democracies against the dictatorships is the purpose of the Administration is also conceded by both sides.

But the President and the others who favor repeal of the present law say that the United States will be more truly neutral if it makes no attempt whatever by law to discriminate between warring nations, but spreads its war supplies on the counter and

says to all concerned "come and get it." If Germany can't pay for the merchandise of death and take it away, that's Germany's hard luck and not our fault.

Taking Sides

The opponents of the repeal of the Neutrality law contend that to let down the embargo on arms shipments would amount to taking sides in a war which may involve the United States in any event, but would be much more certain to involve us if we removed the legal barriers to furnishing weapons for either side.

The whole question, as Washington observers see it, is clouded by third-term politics. A considerable proportion of the Senators and Representatives who believe that the United States should not discriminate between customers for war supplies are opposing the plan to repeal the arms embargo because of their fear that public sentiment could be swayed by the ancient plea: "Never swap horses while crossing a stream," and so be inclined to keep the Executive of the moment in power.

There is no possible doubt of the earnest desire of every member of the Government, Senators, Representatives and the President and all of his aides, to keep America out of the war. The only argument is how best to do that.

In his recent radio address, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh surveyed the European situation unemotionally and expressed with great clearness the reasons why America should not let itself become involved in Europe's quarrels. He was expressing his own personal views, and neither advocated nor opposed changing the present neutrality laws. That his appeal is being quoted by both sides in the present controversy in support of their respective beliefs is as good an illustration as any of the confusion of thinking on the part of the men who will have to make the decision in Congress.

Avoiding "Incidents"

Numerous "diplomatic incidents" arose in the early days of the World War from the detention by the British of American ships carrying cargoes to neutral countries, and the seizure of many such cargoes as contraband of war.

The Administration is determined that there shall be no such "incidents" in this war. No protest has been made, for example, against the action of the British in taking several American ships into port and searching them, and the seizure of a shipment of American phosphates carried in an American ship but destined for Germany.

President Roosevelt pointed out in a press conference that the doctrine of the right of a nation at war to seize merchandise intended for the enemy, even though it was first shipped to a neutral nation, was an American doctrine, first promulgated by the United States in our own Civil War, to justify the seizure of supplies intended for the Confederacy, although they had been delivered in Bermuda or the Bahamas. This doctrine is now an accepted tenet of international law, and it is upon the general principles of the law of nations that President Roosevelt prefers to stand, rather than on the Neutrality Act with its embargo provisions.

Preparations for war, meanwhile, are continuing at a pace which reflects a genuine fear of being called upon to fight for American rights, though nothing thus far suggests any intention or desire on the part of any other nation to violate those rights. Col. Benedict Crowell, who was Assistant Secretary of War in the Wilson Administration and in charge of the production of arms, ammunition and military equipment, has been placed at the head of the Government committee for promoting the preparation of American manufacturers to produce war supplies again. The committee is beginning to place "educational" orders for various types of munitions and supplies, so that manufacturers will be ready to start in high gear if the emergency comes.

Watching Latin-America

There is really more concern in Washington over possible German interference in Latin-America than of any direct threat to the United States. Under the Monroe Doctrine this country is bound to aid all other American nations against foreign aggression. Recent statements of the President have extended the interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine to include Canada.

The best opinion of the military experts here, backed up by reports of military attaches of our European embassies, is that the present war is likely to be a long-drawn-out conflict. Public opinion will be the determining factor, it appears, in deciding whether this country gets in or stays out.

Find Out Mistake

Minister's Wife — Wake up! There are burglars in the house, John!

Minister—Well, what of it! Let them find out the mistake themselves.

WINSTON FAIR ALL NEXT WEEK

Address: Attractions Expected to Make Event More Attractive Than Ever

MANY NEW FEATURES

Next week is Fair Week in Winston-Salem. On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the gates will open for the fortieth annual exposition of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Fair Association and from that time until midnight Saturday there will be attractions galore to interest and entertain the people of all Piedmont North Carolina.

In some ways this year's fair will differ little from the forty previous expositions, yet added attractions will make it more alluring than ever before. The grandstand features are better than ever before presented; the horse racing each afternoon will have more interest than ever; a lavishly produced and extremely novel revue each evening will be given by a real New York company; the fireworks will feature "The Men from Mars," an awesome spectacle that nobody should miss; there will be automobile racing on Saturday after-

noon while for entertainment of the lighter sort there will be fifty rides and shows on the midway by "The World of Mirth" carnival company.

In keeping with its policy of many years the Winston-Salem fair this year will feature the agricultural and livestock competitive displays for valuable cash premiums and these displays will prove a valuable illustration of the diversity of Piedmont crops and farm life.

Next Wednesday will be county school day at the Winston-Salem fair when all children from Forsyth and eight surrounding counties, will be the guests of the fair management. Tuesday will be city school day for Winston-Salem. Each day during the week will have special features to make the whole five days and nights memorable in the history of Winston-Salem expositions.

MOUNTAIN PARK

Miss Truth Isley spent the week-end at her home in Graham and attended the football game at Chapel Hill.

Miss Theima Whiteley spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Ethel Whiteley, at Woman's College.

Miss Hilda Lee Heatwole spent the week-end at her home in Burlington, visiting her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heatwole. She had as her guests Miss Ruth Nixon and Miss Emma Jane Linville, seniors of Mountain Park school. While there they viewed four colleges, Elon, Duke, Chapel Hill and Woman's College. Saturday, they attended Carolina Day at Chapel Hill.

The Mountain Park seniors, together with 15,000 other seniors from the high schools of North Carolina, spent Saturday, September 23, at Chapel Hill.

After a picnic lunch J. S. Gentry took the group on a tour of the grounds and buildings of our State University, the library and gymnasium.

From one to two o'clock bands from a number of high schools in North Carolina gave a concert in the stadium and Citadel's trained military group gave a beautiful drill.

The football game, although North Carolina won by the score of 50-0, proved to be very interesting to us.

The following from Mountain Park made the trip: Mr. J. Sam Gentry, Mrs. H. T. McCann, Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kinzie, Mr. R. W. Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gentry, Miss Hilda Lee Heatwole, Miss Theima Whiteley, Miss Truth Isley, Dicy Simmons, Pauline Cockerham, Ruth Southard, Alice Thompson, Gladys Collins, Arvil Lundy, Dorothy Southard, Jack Swift, Kemp Lewis, Clyde Royall,

Kent Haynes, Ralph, Stella and Wilma Mounce; Buford Laster, Charles Swift, Freda Hanes, Gertrude Smith, Annie Lee Harris, Josephine Stonestreet, Lois Southard, Doris Snow, Emma Jane Linville, and Ruth Nixon.

On September 19 the Mountain Park senior class held their first class meeting of the year. The following officers were elected: President, Clyde Royall; vice-president, Charles Swift; secretary and treasurer, Emma Jane Linville; reporter, Alice Thompson.

For the first entertainment of

the year the class voted to have a weiner roast at Kapps Mill, Tuesday, September 26.

Although a cow's mouth is only three inches wide, she can mow and store away 150 pounds of grass in a day.

NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. tfo

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are now Brokers for the Federal Housing Administration, The Federal Land Bank and other loan agencies. Loans negotiated 10, 15, 20 and 25 years for the construction of new homes, or refinancing dwelling, or business property in Elkin and vicinity, also we make loans on farm and farm land. Interest rate from 4½% to 6%.

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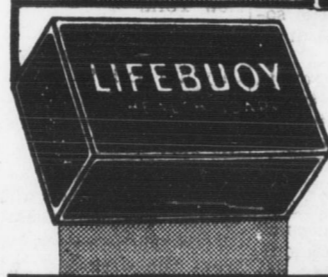
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