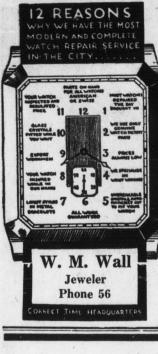


Washington, Nov. 4 - With election anxieties off their minds Washington officials, in and out of Congress, are turning atten-tion back to the more serious

business of defense preparations. How seriously the international know most about it, from this country's point of view, can hardly be put into words.

One has to talk to the men



national armaments, who will have the fighting to do if it comes to that, who are trying to keep the troubled waters of dip-lomacy properly oiled, to get a true impression of the gravity of the crisis which confronts the United States, as those who are closest to it regard it. It isn't so much what any of them says, as the way it is said, which impresses the listener.

There is more public attention being centered upon the beginnings of something like mobilizing the nation's manpower than upon what the best-informed men here consider of far greater immediate importance, the speeding up of munitions production. situation is taken by those who For, no matter how fast we can train and equip an army, the prospect of having to send it into action depends upon how fast we can supply Britain with airplanes. powder and shot, ships, food and nedical supplies.

That is the official view, not as openly expressed as it might but much more openly than it was before election. To all intents and purposes, we are committed to giving the British every possible aid short of sending an armed force of our own menwhich they couldn't use and don't

To Help British To help the British by giving them all the planes and other fighting tools that we can spare is looked upon in Washington as a cheaper way of staving off a possible direct conflict with Hitler than it would be for the United States to take the attitude that the conflict between England and Germany is none of our concern. We can't afford to let England be defeated, is the way men in high position are now putting the matter. There is no fear of possible adverse election results to keep men's lips sealed

It is difficult to offer a picture

Will Provide "Music of the Moderns" Featuring New **Musical Instrument**

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The Doris Peterson Company, headed by vivacious, attractive, and dashing Doris herself, comes here on November 8 to provide Homer. the music of the moderns in the third program of the Collins Festival, sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis club, benefit of underprivleged children's fund, and she will, of course, especially feature the music of the marimba.

Miss Peterson's own musical career is at once astonishing and reassuring to those who are looking forward to an evening of unusual and thrilling enjoyment. She began in 1933, in Chicago, as a member of the World's Fair Marimba Band, and in 1935 was one of the youngest members of the International Marimba Symphony Orchestra, played solo parts on their European tour, and also at a concert held in Carnegie Hall, New York.

city-wide marimba and xylophone contest in Chicago, district, state, and finally, na- plans free to farmers through tional contests. A triumph last their county agents and he anyear was her appeaarnce as a nounces that 150 or new guest of Bing Crosby on the Kraft Music Hall program, and proof of her popularity and the appeal of her unique instrument their county agents and he annunces that 150 or new plans are available.

The new plans are illustrated in a book just published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, ba, newest of concert discoveries, has proven to be the ideal in dwellings to hog troughs and something different for musical programs, and the Collins Festi-

of the actual progress of the rearmament program. While nearly \$10,000,000,000 of planes, guns, tanks and other munitions have been contracted for, it will be months, and in some cases years before the materials thus ordered will begin to be delivered. The ones which will come quickest are those for which factories are already equipped and have been turning out the identical articles for some time. That is true in the case of certain types of airplanes, the production of which can be increased rapidly because the basic development work has already been done.

Standardization Sought But it happens that most of our American military planes have been produced, so far, on an experimental basis. Only a few types, mostly of training planes, been standardized. And American manufacturers supplying planes to Britain have been called upon to make machines different in many important respects from anything American military men will accept.

Now such obstacles are being straightened out. Over loud roars of protest from some of our own military and naval experts, agree ments have been arrived at for reduction of military planes to a limited number of standardized types which will be used by the British as well as by our own Similar agreements are said to have been made in respect to other war supplies, such as tanks, anti-aircraft guns and the like, so that replacements of parts for British equipment can be made by using parts of American weapons.

While there is little in the way of surface indications to suggest that anybody in Washington is concerned greatly over the Japanese situation, there are a good many questions to be answered before anybody can say there is no danger of hostilities between

this country and Japan. The best diplomatic brain in our foreign service is Joe Grew, our Ambassador to Japan. He is understood to have personal access to the Mikado himself whenever he desires it. And the understanding in Washington is that the Mikado is trying to conciliate the war party which is in control of the Japanese government, and if he fails to appease them he is likely to assume his personal authority as Son of Heaven and throw the warmong-

ers out Minor Busisess Boom

In the meantime, while the Na-tional Guardsmen and the recent volunteer recruits of the Army are being housed in encampments reminiscent of World War days cantonments are under construction for the first batch of draftees and the problem of clothing and equipping them is already starting a minor business The Army's plan of organization will mingle drafted men with National Guardsmen, volunteers and the old-line Regulars so that every Army division will contain an equal proportion of all and there will be no such thing as there was in the World War, when drafted divisions were separate from volunteer divisions. val brings this community the gates. The U.S.D.A. book was ed list of plans in the new U.S. ultimate in this type of per-prepared to illustrate and list D.A. book, and then studying the plans agreed upon by agricultur-electron will be all engineers of State Colleges and the North Carolina bulletin, he should be able to select exactly featured Robert Fitzgerald and Extension Services of 12 South-

his robust and dramatic tenor voice. He has appeared in both grand and light opera, with actlong line of musical personages; tension architect, his mother was Mary Billsbury, Trimbles—a famous singing family which produced also Louise

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Building Plans Given Free to N. C. Farmers

Prof. David S. Weaver, head of the Department of Agricultural At 17, Miss Peterson won the Engineering at N. C. State College, has renewed the offer of his won department to supply building

was her recall for an encore containing a wide range of de-within a few weeks. The marim-signs for farm buildings and equipment — from eight-room

ern states

"With these new plans, and many others drawn during the ing parts in several outstanding past year especially for North productions. He comes from a Carolina conditions by our Ex-James H. Walsh, we are better prepared to the stage. well-known prima donna with than ever to serve Tar Heel farm the Aborn Opera Company, and people," Prof. Weaver declared. his grandmother was one of the He emphasized, however, that all requests for blueprints should be made through county farm and home agents of the Extension

"This will eliminate extended correspondence," he said, "because we have, for instance, 15 farm dwellings in the new U.S. D. A. list and 52 farm dwellings in our North Carolina list. They range from two to eight-room When a farmer writes in for a set of plans for a dwelling, we seldom have any way of knowing which of the 67 blueprints on file to send him.

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