



Mr. Chatham Tells of European Trip

BOAT WAS NEAR DOOMED ATHENIA

Empress of Britain Followed Zig Zag Course Home; Believes Should Aid Allies

By THURMOND CHATHAM

It's hard to express my happiness over being home again. North Carolina never looked quite so good—maybe once before when I came back in January, 1919, after serving with the American Navy in Europe.

When we reached France and England in late July, I was astonished at the preparations for war. We got off the ship in Cherbourg and the first thing that struck me was the blue color everywhere. Every factory window, every skylight and thousands of windows in homes and stores were painted a dark blue. The reason being that they would get some daylight, but at night the lights could not be seen from the air. We noticed this all the way to Paris—six hours by train. Every railroad window was fitted with new inside blinds that could be pulled at night. Along the tracks signal lights were masked and small crosses showing red or green in place. The names of stations and advertising signs such as our factories use, were all being taken down.

In Paris, there was no particular excitement but air-raid shelters were being built, the stores were putting steel shutters over their windows, concrete foundations for anti-aircraft guns were being laid in the parks and public grounds. The pictures in the famous Louvre Museum were being taken down and stored in deep cellars. Officers and troops could be seen everywhere, and the streets reminded me of the fall of 1918 when I was in Paris.

My second day in Paris I met my old friend, Harry Luce, who is President of Time, Life and Fortune. He had flown from England that morning (July 26) and was flying to Poland that afternoon, getting first hand information for his magazines. The first thing he said to me was "There's going to be war and it will be very soon." He told me that he had found the British and French people were worn out with Hitler and the German Government. He said the masses in Britain and France—not the

SAFELY HOME Pictured below is our president, Mr. Thurmond Chatham, who with Mrs. Chatham and their two children, arrived safely home from war-torn Europe after an exciting visit to France, Scotland and England, where they noted preparation for war going on on all sides.



rulers—were for stopping Hitler at whatever price. That Chamberlain had given and given and that each time Hitler had broken his word.

I found all this to be true. I talked to hundreds of people and without exception they were for war, if Germany went into Poland. I talked to farmers, labor-

ers, mill owners, women, young men in college or just out of college. In every case it was the same. Life will be unbearable if Germany rules Europe. Everything that the British have done for centuries in the way of free and democratic rule will be des-

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CLUB TO STAGE PHOTO CONTEST

T. C. U. Group to Award Prizes for Best Pictures; Contest Is for Employees Only

Russell Burcham

If you see one of the employees running around with a camera in his hand and a funny gleam in his eyes, do not get excited because he has no intention of doing you any harm. He is only a camera "bug" getting ready for the Photo Contest which the T. C. U. is sponsoring for all employees of the Elkin and Winston Mills.

There are many employees in both plants who are interested in photography as a hobby and realizing that this hobby is of great educational value the members of the T. C. U. Club believe that such a photo contest will arouse much interest on the part of many employees. Four cash prizes amounting to ten dollars will be awarded first and second place winners in the two classes—animate and inanimate.

Animate photos may include

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FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TO WAGONER HOME

Fire of an unknown origin Tuesday night caused damage estimated at \$200 to a house occupied by J. J. Wagner and owned by Chatham Manufacturing Company. Contents were not damaged. The loss is covered by insurance.

Actual fire damage was confined to the kitchen, but other portions of the house were damaged by the heat and repainting will be necessary.

Six hundred feet of hose were used to lay the water line. The frame structure was ablaze when firemen arrived.

L. H. C. CLUB IS TO SPONSOR BINGO PARTY

The Lucy Hanes Chatham Club No. 1 will sponsor a Bingo Party at the Club House, October 6. A nominal charge will be made and prizes awarded the winners. Tickets will go on sale September 25. Get your ticket and attend this party.