

ERECTION OF SHIPYARDS TO BUILD 24 VESSELS AT COST OF \$42,000,000 TO START HERE SOON

Broughton Outlines Legislative Program

New Governor Upholds F. R. Foreign Plans

Raleigh Man Takes Oath Of Office Before 4,000 In Memorial Auditorium

LARGE PARADE STAGED

Inaugural Speech Is Optimistic Regarding State's Financial Status

RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—(P)—In flag-dressed Raleigh, dotted with the somber khaki of armed forces which have been mustered in the national preparedness program, Joseph Melville Broughton became governor of North Carolina today. The new chief executive, a red carnation in the buttonhole of his morning coat, took his oath of office before more than 4,000 persons who filled every available inch of floor space in Raleigh's Memorial auditorium.

Upholds Roosevelt's Plans Then, in deliberate, careful terms, he outlined a legislative program for his four-year administration, pledging his support to President Roosevelt's social program and urging the legislature to adopt a resolution praising Mr. Roosevelt's stand on aid to Britain and for national defense.

Broughton's address was broadcast and was loud-speakered to thousands of persons who gathered in front of the auditorium but could not gain admittance. The 52-year-old attorney, first Raleigh native to become governor, took over the leadership of the state at 1:04 p. m., when he answered "I do" to an oath administered by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy.

Immediately following the ceremony, the new governor and his party left the auditorium with a 19-gun salute booming and he took his place on a reviewing stand to review the inaugural parade.

WORK ON TRADE BODY IS PUSHED

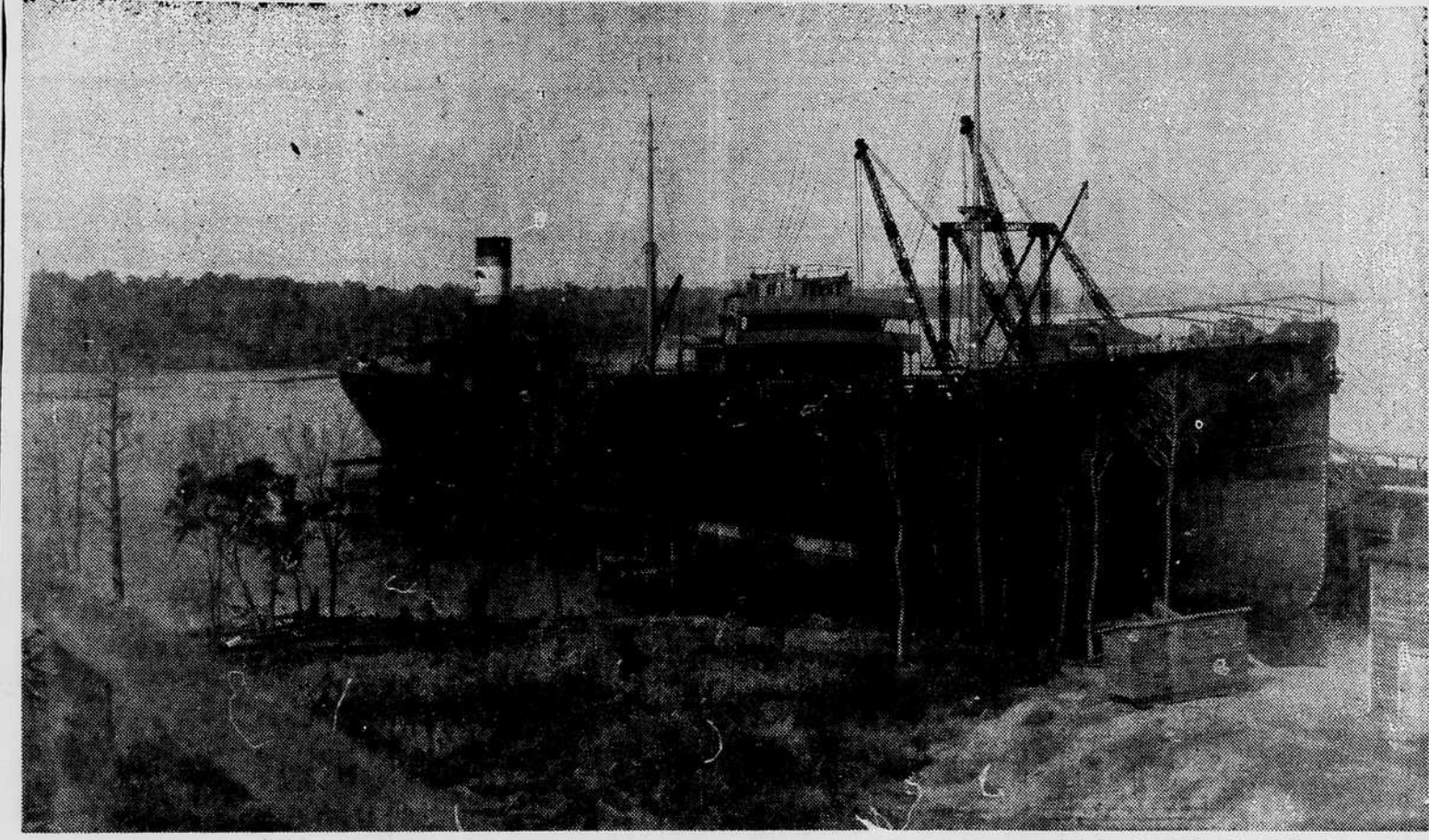
Harris Newman Says Every Effort Being Made To Revitalize Agency

Every effort is being made to bring the formation of the Greater Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington to the point where it will be effective in its work of aiding in the building of a greater Wilmington on a permanent basis, Harris Newman, in charge of the organization of the chamber of commerce, said last night.

N. C. Pay Increase Law Is Saved By Time Bell

RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—(P)—The time bell for the scheduled inauguration of Governor J. M. Broughton "saved" the first law passed by the 1941 state legislature when the house backed down today from its first real battle on the floor and ratified a senate bill giving an immediate 10 per cent salary increase to four elective state officers.

This Was Last Ship Built In Wilmington



The San Lamberto, a tanker, was the last ship built at Wilmington shipyards back in the World War period, but it will not hold the honor long for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company expects to start work soon on erecting yards for the building of 24 ships here. During the days of the old Carolina shipyards approximately 3,000 men were employed with a monthly payroll of about \$120,000 to \$140,000. The new company expects to employ 4,000 men or more at the peak of production. The first eight ships built at the old yards here were cargo ships and the last two were tankers. (Photo courtesy of Spurgeon Saxley)

MORE CARPENTERS NEEDED AT CAMP

Qualified Men Urged To Report To The Nearest NCSES Office At Once

HOLLYRIDGE, Jan. 9.—A call for more carpenters went out today as the tempo of construction work on Camp Davis was stepped up a pace with the turning on of electric lights on the reservation last night.

Flood lights on the southern end of the anti-aircraft firing center were turned on to allow work to continue on through the night and to enable workers to unload materials.

Meanwhile, in Wilmington the North Carolina State Employment office said that it had received an urgent call for a number of skilled carpenters who have the necessary tools. All interested qualified carpenters were urged to report to their nearest NCSES office immediately.

The NCSES office in Wilmington is now located at 814 Market street in the Cape Fear Artillery Armory and a representative will also be in Burgaw Friday to sign up workers for the camp. The employment office said that there is no call now for rough carpenters and helpers.

Work is proceeding at a rapid pace here, with men at work 24 hours a day. There is a comparatively small number at work on the last shift which begins at midnight but on the shift prior to that quite a number are employed.

Most of the early night work consists of tractor work and the

reading yesterday, if members had not been scheduled to appear at inauguration ceremonies at noon. Ex-Speaker Ward of Craven reminded the body as debate gathered steam that the house should report for the inauguration of Governor Broughton and other state leaders. The bill then was ratified quickly in a standing vote, 54 to 43. The house had convened at 11 a. m., presumably to adjourn in 15 minutes. However, Representative Cook of Cumberland moved that the salary bill be returned to the floor for consideration. Burt of

Improvement Of Roads To Camp Davis Is Asked

CONFERENCE IS HELD Increased Law Enforcement Measures Also Talked At Jacksonville Meet

BY BOB MATTHEWS (Staff Correspondent) JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 9.—A united effort to secure highway improvements, increased law enforcement measures, and rigid control of business places which may develop as the result of the construction of Camp Davis at Holly Ridge was launched here today at a meeting of county commissioners and sheriffs of Onslow, Pender and New Hanover counties.

The group adopted a resolution requesting the state highway and public works commission to widen immediately highway 17 from Jacksonville to Wilmington and improve highway 55 from Jacksonville to Burgaw.

Sheriffs of the three counties most affected by the erection of the camp were asked to contact their legislators and urge immediate passage of a law extending the jurisdiction of sheriffs.

The group discussed at length ways and means of promoting a joint effort to control business

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Partly cloudy and colder, preceded by light rains on the capes Friday; Saturday generally fair and continued cold, except slowly rising temperature in the mountains. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 35; 7:30 a. m. 31; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 48; maximum 56; minimum 30; mean 43; normal 47. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 51; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m. 25; 7:30 p. m. 42. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since first of the month 0.77 inches. Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Geodetic Survey.) High Low Wilmington 7:31a 2:12a 7:50p 3:52p Masonboro Inlet 5:16a 11:40a 5:36p 11:46p Sunrise 7:18a; sunset 5:21p; moonrise 3:14p; moonset 3:2a. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Jan. 9, at 8 a. m., 12.60 feet.

BRITISH BOMBERS SMASH AT NAPLES

ROME, Jan. 9.—(P)—Long-range British bombers smashed at the key Italian port of Naples early today, the Italian high command announced, in a series of raids that stretched from Italy proper to central Africa. The bombers swept over Naples, some one hundred miles south of Rome, in successive waves shortly after midnight, the Italian communique said. Five persons were killed and about 30 wounded. Some 15 buildings as well as a hospital ship in Naples harbor were hit, the Italians acknowledged. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

STRIKE AT PLANE PLANT IS AVERTED

Leaders Extend Deadline For Settlement Of Salary Dispute

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., Jan. 9.—(P)—Under pressure from Washington, a threatened strike at the Ranger plant of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane corporation was temporarily averted tonight as union leaders extended for 48 hours the deadline for settlement of a wage dispute.

As the original 7:45 p. m. (EST) deadline approached and negotiations continued, Duncan B. Cox, vice president and general manager of the company, said John Owens, a representative of the national defense commission, telephoned from Washington and talked with Walter Smetthurst, national director of aviation for the CIO.

"As a result of the conversation," Cox said, "it has been agreed between the company and the union that negotiations will continue and that operations in the plant will continue uninterrupted for the 48-hour period."

This was confirmed by Smetthurst. Cox said that Owens planned to leave Washington immediately and to participate in the negotiations to be resumed later tonight.

A two-hour meeting of company officials, representatives of the defense commission and local 661 of the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO) preceded the announcement.

Among those at the meeting, called after a high naval official had said a strike of the plant's 240 employees working on 1,000 airplane engines for the Army and Navy under \$7,750,000 contracts, would "seriously" interfere with the defense program, was Thomas Burns, representative of Sidney Hillman, labor member and co-head of the defense commission.

that had been put out of action by British bombers. British general headquarters itself rounded out the general picture in single sentence: "While preparations for the reduction of Tobruk are proceeding, our mechanized forces are now operating west of the town." These thrusts had been supported by one of the most general aerial offensives yet loosed in Africa. British bombs were declared to have fallen on Italian positions

Arms Lending Bill Is Ready For Congress

Authorizes Roosevelt To Lend War Equipment To Enemies Of The Axis

INTRODUCTION SLATED

Will Make F. R.'s 'Great Arsenal' Statement Future American Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—Described by administration supporters as a "blank check" both as to money and power, historic legislation authorizing President Roosevelt to lend war equipment to the enemies of the Axis was ready tonight for introduction in congress.

Late in the day, Mr. Roosevelt met with his cabinet and congressional advisors in his circular, green-walled office, and together they gave the measure, under which congress would approve an historic declaration of American foreign policy, a final and minute going-over.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky and Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, democratic leaders of the two houses, who were among the President's conferees, announced they would introduce the bill promptly at noon tomorrow, and issue a statement explaining its contents. However, in advance of its formal publication, several reliable sources said the measure took the following form:

Will Set Policy If enacted, it will, in effect, make the President's recent statement about converting America into a "great arsenal" for nations now at war with the Axis powers the official and congressionally declared policy of the United States.

Under its terms he is authorized to have instruments of war manufactured.

LONDON ATTACKED BY NAZI BOMBERS

Planes Seek To Repay RAF For Heavy Raids On Wilhelmshaven And Emden

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(Friday)—German bombers hammered at London and spread over all Britain last night and early today, ending a 3 1/2-night lull with an apparent effort to repay the RAF for heavy raids on Wilhelmshaven and Emden throughout Wednesday night.

The Nazi layoff was attributed to the recent bad weather,—though

War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON Prime Minister Churchill's extraordinary send-off to Lord Halifax, new British ambassador to Washington, deserves close attention for two prime reasons.

It put into words British fears that unless the American aid pledged by the Roosevelt administration is received the war may result in an inconclusive stalemate.

It revealed, also, that Britain is sending more than a new ambassador to replace the late Lord Lothian. She is assigning a key member of her innermost war council, a crown minister, a man who, as Churchill said, "knows all our secrets."

No Precedent There is no precedent for that, and the implications are inescapable. They make crystal clear the

WILL EMPLOY ABOUT 4,000 MEN AT PEAK

SHIPS WILL BE BUILT IN 24 MONTHS

Newport News Shipbuilding And Drydock Company Forms North Carolina Corporation To Carry Out Large Program

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SITE UNDER WAY

Firm Awarded Contract By U. S. Maritime Commission; Six To Eight Ways And At Least Two Fitting Piers Planned

The erection of shipyards to build 24 ships at a total cost of approximately \$42,000,000 during the next 24 months will be started in Wilmington "right promptly," the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, of Newport News, Va., informed the Star-News yesterday.

The ships, which are to cost approximately \$1,750,000 each, are to be built by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Newport News company in this state, the subsidiary to be known as the North Carolina Shipbuilding company.

Will Employ 4,000 At the peak of production the number of men to be employed will be 4,000 or more, Capt. Roger Williams, vice-president of the Newport News firm, said.

A site for the shipyards has not yet been selected, but officials of the company said that negotiations for a site are now under way. There will be six or eight ways erected, depending on the building schedule which is adopted. In addition there will be at least two fitting piers and shops, the size and number of the latter depending on the schedule of building to be followed.

WATERWAY TO AID IN SHIPBUILDING

Newport News Company Announces Designation To Construct 25 Vessels

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(P)—The Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. announced today it had been designated by the U. S. Maritime commission to build 25 of the 200 ships provided for in the federal government's emergency shipping program.

The company also disclosed it was negotiating for a yard site in Wilmington, N. C. and moving to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary in that state to be known as the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. The Maritime commission, the statement added, is expected to provide the facilities for this project.

Under the plan, the company said, the new organization "will undertake the construction of these vessels on a cost plus fixed fee basis. Not only direct labor communication, but also protected inland waterways will facilitate transportation of materials from shops at Newport News, Va., to Wilmington."

Newport News company gave no dollar estimate of its expected share of the business which was said to call for a total outlay of \$300,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

Shipyards To Be Larger Than Those Here In 1919

located where the Taylor-Colquitt Creosote company plant now operates. The former was much the larger, building steel ships, while the latter built concrete ships.

When the Carolina yards were first constructed it was planned to build 12 cargo ships, each capable of carrying 10,000 tons but actually the yards constructed only eight cargo ships and two tankers.

When the yards closed material for the other two ships was still on hand here. The Carolina yards employed 3,000 stands, and the Liberty Shipyards,

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