

Wallace Asks Vote For Bonds

City Manager Cites Need Of Approving Issue In Dec. 2 Election

U. S. GRANT AT STAKE

Question Of Water Source Supply Not Involved In Ballot

Promising that Wilmington voters would not be voting for any particular source of water supply when they go to the polls Dec. 2, City Manager James G. Wallace Thursday joined Mayor Hargrove Bellamy in saying that city officials held an open mind on the final selection of a supply source.

He issued a strong appeal to city voters to approve the bond ordinance.

"They will not be voting for Toomer's creek, or for any particular source of water supply—but only for the funds for a water system," he said.

This is important, he stressed, because the location of a new source of water is not stipulated in the ordinance. It provides merely for the issuance of the bonds for the payment of part of the cost of the new plant.

The importance of this election lies in the fact that a federal government gift of \$860,000 for Wilmington's new water and sewage system is tied up in it, officials pointed out.

At the same time, A. E. Jones, president of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, issued an appeal to all citizens of Wilmington to register for the municipal bond election.

"The bond issue vitally concerns you and the future of Wilmington," he said. "It is your civic duty to express your opinion either by vot-

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6 SHIPS TO CARRY NOTED N. C. NAMES

Gov. Broughton Reveals List Of State's Heroes To Be Honored

RALEIGH, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Six of the 12 cargo ships being built at Wilmington will be named for North Carolinians or men closely associated with the state's history, Governor Broughton said today.

The chief executive made public a communication from the Maritime commission, to which he protested when it was announced that none of the ships would be named for Tar Heel.

The first to be launched will be called the Zebulon Vance, for the state's Civil War governor.

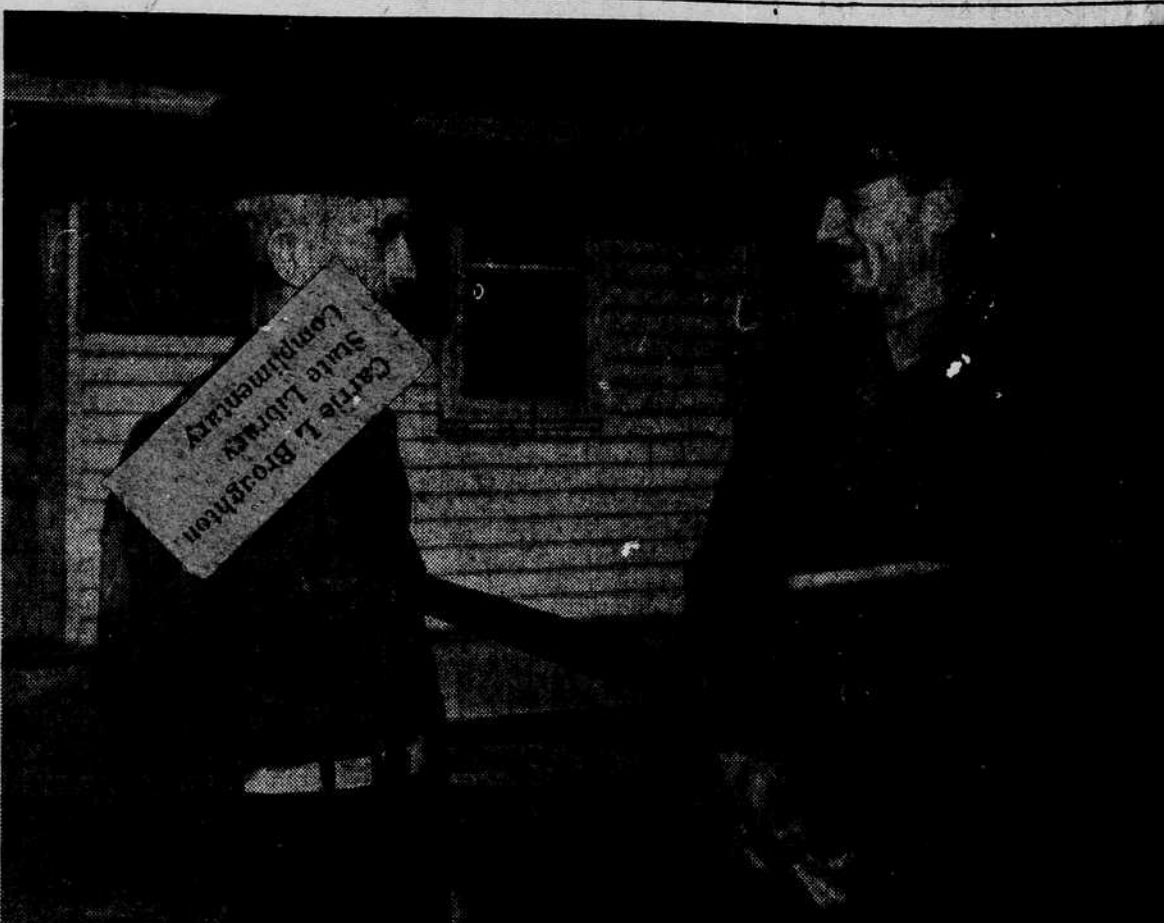
The others will be named for Nathaniel Greene, who led the Revolutionary forces at the battle of Guilford Courthouse; Virginia Dare, the first white child born on American soil; Joseph Hewes, William Hooper and John Penn, the state's signers of the Declaration of Independence; Daniel Morgan, Virginia frontiersman of the Revolution; Frances Marion, John C. Calhoun, Charles C. Pinckney and Edward Rutledge, South Carolinians; and William Moultrie, a Georgian.

RENTS FROZEN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Senate passed today a House-approved measure freezing rents in the District of Columbia at the Jan. 1, 1941, level. The bill now goes back to the House for consideration of minor amendments.

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina and South Carolina—Generally fair and slightly warmer Friday; Saturday, partly cloudy, not much change in temperature. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 30; 7:30 a. m. 35; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 54; maximum 68; minimum 35; mean 52; normal 57. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 99; 1:30 p. m. 26; 7:30 p. m. 74. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.19 inches. Tides For Today: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington High 10:52 a. m., 12:22 a. m.; Low 5:47 p. m., 12:41 p. m. Masonboro Inlet High 9:25 a. m., 11:51 p. m.; Low 3:23 p. m., 9:51 p. m. Sunrise 6:44 a. m.; sunset 5:09 p. m.; moonrise 1:29 a. m.; moonset 2:24 p. m. (Continued on Page Thirteen; Col. 2)



AND HE LEARNED ABOUT BALLOONS FROM AMERICA Col. Robert Arthur (left) commanding the Camp Davis Barrage Balloon Training center and school, and Capt. Malcolm B. Jenkins of the British General Staff were snapped Thursday afternoon while chatting informally in front of headquarters building. Captain Jenkins is at Davis surveying the work of the barrage balloonists. Davis is the only Army camp thus equipped.

British Staff Officer Visits Balloon School

Captain Jenkins High In Praise Of American Industrial Effort And Soldier Morale

For the last several days, a tall, friendly gentleman in a strange uniform has been talking to the officers of the Barrage Balloon Training center at Camp Davis. The gentleman was Capt. Malcolm B. Jenkins of the British General Staff in Washington.

The purpose of Captain Jenkins' visit was to learn "all he can about United States barrage balloons."

Captain Jenkins, who is an infantryman assigned to the North Stafford Regiment, has been in the service of his country for 15 years. During this time, he has served in such far-off places of the British Empire as India, Gibraltar and Egypt.

He described the barrage balloons as "giant scare-crows" and stated that they were extremely effective in England against German Stuka dive-bombers. He further stated that a V. C. (Victoria Cross) British pilot told him that barrage balloons prevented the Germans from accurate bombing of various installations in the Mediterranean area.

The captain spoke highly of the American defense effort—"incredible" (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

2 U. S. SOLDIERS HELD IN SLAYING

Pair To Face Court-Martial For Killing Icelandic Fisherman

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Privates Everett L. Farmer of Huntington, W. Va., and Charles H. Cox of McKee, Ky., were charged with manslaughter today and will be tried by a court martial Monday for the fatal shooting of an Icelandic fisherman in a fight outside a cafe.

Thorur Sigurdsson died Tuesday of a wound suffered Saturday night in the fight at Hafnarfjorder, 10 miles from Reykjavik. A report by the judge advocate's staff said death was due to a bullet wound in the stomach but there was "no evidence of premeditation." The shooting caused a sensation here, with newspapers recommending that Icelanders avoid American soldiers as much as possible to prevent further clashes.

State Merit Examinations Scheduled On December 6

RALEIGH, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Merit examinations for professional positions under the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and County Welfare boards will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 6. Supervisor Frank T. de Vyver of the Merit System announced today. Examinations will be given in Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Morganton, Greensboro, New Bern, Raleigh, Wilmington, Wilson and Winston-Salem.

FAMOUS PAINTER DIES EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Audley Dean Nichols, 66, famed for catching on canvas the glowing colors of the southwest's desert and mountains, died today.

ATTORNEYS CLASH AT POWER HEARING

Federal Counsel Demands Two Witnesses Take Stand At Once

RALEIGH, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Verbal fireworks flared for a while today in the Federal Power commission's hearing into reclassification of the Carolina Power and Light co.'s plant.

George Slaff, commission counsel, sought to put two company witnesses on the stand at the same time for cross-examination, and Douglas C. Arant, attorney for the firm, objected strenuously on the ground that "such silly procedure would lead to the utmost confusion."

Arant said he had never heard of such procedure, and Slaff asserted that it had been followed before. Cross-examination could be expedited by having the two witnesses on the stand, he said, since their testimony would be interdependent.

Norman B. Gray, who is conducting the hearing, allowed Slaff's motion with the provision that if any confusion should result, one of the witnesses would have to step down.

The two witnesses are Benjamin L. Smith and Douglas C. Black, consulting engineers.

WATCH FIRMS FACE ANTI-TRUST ACTION

Federal Indictment Charges Major Companies With Sherman Violations

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Three American watch companies were charged in a Federal indictment today with having violated the Sherman Anti-Trust act by allegedly restricting sale of their products and boycotting and black-listing certain dealers.

Named as defendants were the Hamilton Watch co., of Lancaster, Pa.; the Elgin National Watch co., of Elgin, Ill., and the Waltham Watch co., of Waltham, Mass. Named co-defendants in the three separate indictments were 25 distributing corporations and 73 officials of the watch companies and the distributing companies.

One count of each indictment alleged a combination and conspiracy to restrain interstate trade in preventing certain persons, partnerships and corporations from buying, selling, distributing or dealing in the watches.

'Petticoat' Lawmaker Endorse Senate Changes Sending Ships Into War Ports

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A majority of Uncle Sam's petticoat lawmakers are on record in favor of letting ships flying Old Glory sail where they please on the Seven Seas with cannon on their bows. As crowded galleries looked down, four women representatives—two Republicans and two Democrats—voted today for Senate amendments to the resolution revising the Neutrality act. Three Republican women legislators called out "No" and Mrs. Caroline O'Day, veteran New York Democratic member, absent this term because of ill health, was

House Enacts Ship-Arming Measure But Vote Cut By Strike Disputes; F. D. R. Warns Labor Of 'Big Stick'

PRESIDENT SAYS MINE SHUTDOWN MUST BE AVOIDED

Drastic Action Hinted As Strike Threats Bring New Crisis

MEETS LEWIS TODAY

Telephone Workers Delay Walkout For One Week; Rail Award Rejected

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, with a labor crisis obviously at hand, expressed belief today that the government had the backing of an overwhelming majority of the public, including workers, and declared: "The government proposes to see this thing through."

The chief executive's assertion was made in a letter to the House where, in the midst of a bitter debate over foreign policy, some members were bluntly expressing unwillingness to vote far-reaching amendments of the Neutrality act until the government took stronger measures against strikes.

To many, the communication seemed to carry a broadly-stated promise, although the only specific assurance it contained was that Mr. Roosevelt did not propose to permit a shut-down of the captive coal mines which supply fuel for steel mills.

This impression was strengthened when, in response to demands (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

FEARS INCREASE FOR STEINHARDT

U. S. Russian Ambassador, Litvinoff, British Aides On Plane

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—British air ministry sources tonight expressed great anxiety for the safety of Laurence A. Steinhardt, U. S. ambassador to Moscow. Sir Walter Monckton, British information service head at Cairo, and Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet ambassador to Washington, were reported to be on the plane two days ago, en route to Teheran, Iran.

"We are hopeful that word may come in any moment that the plane has landed safely somewhere," they said, "but we have no information concerning it except press reports that it is missing."

Part of the 1,300-mile trip from Kuibyshev to Teheran lies over the Caspian sea, and officials have clung to the belief the plane encountered bad weather and landed at some remote place where communications are lacking.

There was no official confirmation even that the plane was missing, but this was interpreted as an indication of Russian and Iranian unwillingness to heighten the alarm until they exhausted wartime communication facilities between the two points.

The plane was reported to have left Kuibyshev Tuesday and was due the same day at Teheran.

\$250,000 FIRE

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 13.—(AP)—An eight-hour, \$250,000 fire destroyed the two-story Central building on Main st. today and threatened for a time to spread over half-a-block.



AIDNAPER SOUGHT

A wide search is being pushed by Midwest authorities for the kidnaper of Marian Noel, Illinois rural school teacher, who is recovering at her home in Bettendorf, Ia., from the harrowing experience. She told of being kidnaped, robbed and assaulted by a bandit wearing an army uniform.—Central Press Photo.

GERMANS DRIVE RAPIDLY TOWARD CAUCASUS FIELDS

Anapa, Kerch Under Major Claim Wide Gains Bombing Attack; Reds

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—(AP)—German armies storming the outer fortifications of the Eastern Crimean port of Kerch were described by a spokesman tonight as "knocking at the gates to the Caucasus," while wasataka-marked bombers carried the war on to Russia's prized oil-fields.

German news dispatches said ANAPA on the Black sea coast of the Caucasus 50 miles southeast of Kerch already was under aerial bombardment.

(ANAPA is more than half way between Kerch and Novorossisk, one of the last remaining bases for Russia's Black sea fleet. Krasnodar, center of the oil fields in the northwestern Caucasus, is only 120 miles east of Kerch. The rest of the important Caucasus oil deposits are in the Baku region more than 600 miles to the southeast.)

Reports reaching here pictured the defenses of the southwestern Crimean port of Sevastopol as withstanding attack more successfully than those at Kerch. German bombers were said to be still pe-

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PAYROLL PADDING PROBED BY STATE

Highway Commission Also Investigating Fraudulent Charges

RALEIGH, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Highway commission officials said tonight they were investigating allegations that payrolls had been padded in the highway district engineer's office in Statesville.

In addition, Highway Commission Chairman Ben Prince said, "we are still investigating the possibility of fraudulent and padded bills about which some information has been brought to our attention."

The body of the district engineer, A. B. Gibbs, was found by friends on a hunting expedition on the night of Nov. 1, and the coroner's report held that death was due to the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

Gibbs had been in the employ of the commission for 22 years. Prince said that C. E. Young, (Continued on Page Four; Col. 3)

Amendment Adopted To Neutrality Act By 212 To 194 Ballot

Legislation Also Permitting U. S. Vessels To Enter Combat Areas Now Goes To White House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Responding to a dramatic last-minute appeal from President Roosevelt, the House voted 212 to 194 today to let armed American merchant ships carry cargoes through zones of battle directly into the harbors of belligerent nations.

By that 18 vote margin, it sent to the White House legislation repealing the remaining major provisions of the Neutrality law, and saved the administration from a disastrous and prestige-shattering defeat.

But slender though the majority was, it was more than large enough to surprise and delight the

administration leadership in the House. For two days, it had fought to avert what looked at times like certain defeat.

Largely because of displeasure at the strike situation and dissatisfaction with President Roosevelt's handling of it, a large segment of the southern Democratic membership—hitherto solidly behind the government's foreign policy—was threatening to oppose the legislation.

Personal persuasion proved insufficient. Speaker Rayburn and Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

OFFICERS INSPECT USO CONSTRUCTION

General Smith Heads Group On Tour; Completion Seen By Dec. 15

Maj.-Gen. Frederic H. Smith of Camp Davis and Brig.-Gen. Phillip H. Torrey, commandant of the First Division, Fleet Marine Force at New River, Thursday joined Lieut. Alden Spees, constructing quartermaster at Camp Davis, and Harry M. Wellott, representing the Federal Security agency, in an inspection tour of USO building projects in this section of the state.

In the morning, General Smith, Lieutenant Spees and Wellott inspected buildings under construction at Southport and Wilmington. General Torrey joined the group in the afternoon, when buildings at Swansboro, Jacksonville, Morehead City and New Bern were inspected.

The officials expressed themselves as gratified with the progress being made in the various communities. Lieutenant Spees, who is in charge of USO construction in this vicinity, said prospects are favorable for completion of most of the buildings by Dec. 15.

Special Japanese Envoy Boards Clipper For U. S.

HONOLULU, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Saburo Kurusu, Japanese special envoy flying to Washington in an effort to adjust Japanese-American relations, left Honolulu today on the California Clipper for San Francisco.

He arrived on the China Clipper yesterday from Midway Island and is due at San Francisco tomorrow morning.

KA-CHOO!

ROCHESTER, Ind., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Abbreviated skirts may add to the snappiness of girls' baton corps, but parents of the Rochester High school band club don't like for their daughters to have blue knees.

After the girls paraded Armistice day in a chill wind, the parents decided to purchase gold and black slacks for members of the corps.

BRITISH CHEER ACTION LIFTING NEUTRALITY BAN

Berlin Silent Pending Further Study Of American Lease-Lend Program

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Congressional approval of the United States Neutrality act amendments tonight brought expressions of pleasure in all sections of the British public, but some quarters plainly showed their disappointment over the relatively small majority in the voting.

Ambassador John G. Winant was attending a dinner of the R.N.V.R. auxiliary patrol club, when he heard the news. He promptly announced it to those present and loud cheers rang out.

(The London Daily Mail declared Congress's action was "a major victory for freedom," and added: "America may not yet be ready for full participation in the war, but she has come as near to it as she can without issuing a formal declaration. BBC broadcast this comment which was heard by CBS.)

Newspapers here had displayed stories saying some Southern Democrats were going to vote against the amendments—not because of inflexible opposition to them, but as a means of exerting pressure on the President to adopt a stronger stand against labor and strike problems. This helped somewhat to allay discomfiture over the lack of a big majority in the vote.

The vote was awaited eagerly (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

WIDESPREAD AID EXPANSION SEEN

Knox Indicates Army, Navy To Speed Means Of Delivering Material

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A general and rapid expansion of American naval and military activity along the sea and air routes to Britain is expected in authoritative quarters to follow revision of the Neutrality act.

With the Navy all set to start placing guns and gun-crews on merchant ships as soon as President Roosevelt gives the signal, and with the Maritime commission ready to extend its routes of commercial operations for the first time since the war began, Secretary Knox strongly indicated tonight the scope of enlarged operations.

In other quarters, probable steps in the expansion of operations were said to include:

(1)—Extension of naval and air patrols and convoy escorts the rest of the way across the Atlantic to the British Isles. These American protective measures now operate only to the waters adjacent to Iceland.

(2)—Establishment of United States bases on the British Isles, (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Ft. Bragg Soldier Dies Of Accident Injuries

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Pvt. First Class Joseph E. Johnson, 23, of Fort Bragg, died in a hospital here this afternoon from injuries received in an automobile-truck crash just south of the city, Armistice day. Death was attributed to a crushed skull and brain injuries