

Already Planning Changes In U.S. Neutrality Law

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Expires In May

Wish To Enlarge Neutrality Law To Include Other Products Than Arms

Although the present neutrality law of the United States does not expire until May, congress is expected to turn its attention to this problem soon after it convenes in January because of the prevalence of war threats in Europe.

Already congress leaders have been considering three major proposals for expanding the neutrality as it now stands, all of the proposed changes dealing with the subject of general trade outside the field of actual munitions. These changes must be settled at an early date to prevent our international policies from being in doubt or disturbed and also so that allowances for any possible effects may be made in the budget.

The three general proposals which have been brought forward for broadening the neutrality plan are:

1. Extension of the war-times arms embargo to such materials as iron, steel, copper, and cotton. Some would include food and clothing. Others would leave discretion with the president to decide which materials should be included.

2. Limitation of all exports to belligerent nations to the pre-war or "normal" level. Munitions would be excepted from this policy, being entirely banned.

3. Adoption of a "cash and carry" policy. Under this, belligerents could take goods in their own ships if they paid cash for them. Even then most proposals would limit their purchases to the pre-war level.

The present law, which leaders generally concede will be extended whether or not additional safeguards are enacted, provides for embargoes on munitions as soon as war breaks out between two nations abroad. It also limits American loans to belligerents and provides that citizens of the United States shall travel on belligerent vessels at their own risk.

Fire On Baptist Hill Christmas

A short circuit in the wiring of a Christmas tree in the home of Willie Hardie on Baptist Hill caused a blaze about 5:30 in the afternoon Christmas day, but it was extinguished with little trouble. By the time the fire company reached the house, its occupants had almost put the fire out, and the firemen were able to complete the job without the use of water.

Fire Chief Clarence Rush placed the damage at about \$25 to \$30. Some of the furniture was burned and the walls were blackened by smoke.

ROSS FAMILY FETE IN RALEIGH SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. George Ross and two sons, George Jr., and William Goley entertained at a Christmas dinner party at their Raleigh home Saturday evening. Nieces and nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Ross formed the guest list for this holiday fete. Those attending from Asheboro were: Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Lambert, Miss Esther Ross Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reese, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and Miss Anne Ross, and Arthur Ross, Jr., all of Asheboro and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bevis of Washington, D. C., who are in Asheboro for the holidays.

Radios Now Brighten Lives N. C. Prison Camp Population

Expanding a project which began three years when he and his mother, Mrs. W. J. Armfield, Jr., gave a radio to the Randolph county prison camp, William J. Armfield, III, has succeeded in his aspiration to put a radio in every prison camp in North Carolina for Christmas.

Associated with Mr. Armfield in this campaign to bring some pleasure into the restricted life of the state's prisoners and to afford them some contact with the outside world were several leaders of the textile industry in Piedmont Carolina. Ben Cone of Greensboro was treasurer of the funds.

Not content to let this humane work stop at this point, Mr. Armfield revealed that he and his associates are planning to equip Raleigh's Central Prison with a system by which the prisoners may use earphones. The impetus to all this effort came, Mr. Armfield said, from observing the beneficial effect the original gift had on the men at the Randolph camp.

Those who have made contributions to the fund to buy the radios are S. B. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armfield, Jr., W. J. Armfield, III, of Asheboro; Britt Armfield, of Burlington; Ben Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cone and Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Cone, Spencer Love, W. J. Carter and Frank Curran, all of Greensboro; Mrs. J. H. Adams, Earl N. Phillips, R. T. Amos and Seaborn Perry, of High Point; R. M. Hanes and W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, and Joe Gamewell, of Lexington.

AFTER MERRILL CHEATED DEATH IN STORM



Forced out of the air by wind and rain and with no emergency landing field reachable, Dick Merrill, veteran airlines pilot and transatlantic aviator, pancaked the big transport plane he was driving among the pines near Matamoros, Pa. One wing of the plane, which was on the maiden flight on the West Palm Beach-Newark route with passengers and mail, was crushed, but all aboard escaped without injury. Though trees were sheared off in making the hazardous landing pictured, the cabin of the ship was virtually intact.

Ramsaur News Of Varied Interest

Miss Lucy Wylie Is Married To William Henry Leonard In Atlanta

Christmas Quiet

Music Department Program; Dr. Tate's Poems Beloved By His Many Friends

Ramsaur, Dec. 26.—Announcements were received by many friends of the marriage of Miss Lucy Wylie to Mr. William Henry Leonard December 23rd.

The ceremony took place in the city of Atlanta, Ga., where they had motored Wednesday, and to which place they were accompanied by Miss Nellie Wylie, sister of the bride, who is visiting friends at Thomasville, Ga.

Mrs. Leonard is the accomplished and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wylie of Ramsaur, and is a member of the faculty of Ramsaur high school, having received her education at Ramsaur high school, also graduating in music here, and graduating from Greensboro college for Women. She is one of Ramsaur's finest young ladies and earnest Christian workers and social leaders. Mr. Leonard is the youngest son of the late Joe D. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard of Ramsaur, and is one of the most highly esteemed young men of our city. He holds a prominent position in Asheboro and is a zealous leader of the young people in his church and community.

After a motor trip to Florida Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will reside at Ramsaur. The people of Ramsaur were awakened, not rudely, but pleasantly Christmas morning by the singing of Christmas carols by the choir of the Pilgrim Holiness church. Brother Phillips and his choir make it a practice to bring the spirit of the season to us on each Christmas day by these beautiful songs that we love so well.

All the churches gave splendid programs of varied nature at some

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News Flashes from Everywhere

MARSHAL CHANG HELD PRISONER FOR KIDNAP Nanking.—Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek is back in Nanking after having been held prisoner for two weeks. Meanwhile, Marshal Chang, rebel leader, was held a virtual prisoner, charged with kidnaping the Generalissimo, whose release was attributed to the effort of his American-educated wife.

N. C. ASSEMBLY MAY ATTEND INAUGURATION Washington.—Congressman Lindsay Warren has made arrangements for the entire membership of the North Carolina general assembly to attend in a body the inauguration of President Roosevelt for his second term. There are 120 members of this body. Governor Clyde R. Hoey also plans to attend.

ARTHUR BRISBANE DIES IN HIS SLEEP DEC. 25 New York.—Arthur Brisbane, famed editorial writer, died in his sleep early Christmas morning at his New York apartment about 5:30 a. m. Christmas morning. Suffering a heart attack the afternoon before, he recovered sufficiently to write his usual column of editorial comment on the news of the day. Brisbane, who was 72, had been a newspaper man for 52 years starting as a "cub" reporter on The Sun.

FORMER KING READS STORY OF NATIVITY Vienna.—Edward, Duke of Windsor, surprised many people by his sudden decision to read the story of the Nativity from the lectern of Vienna's English church on Christmas day. His part was that of lay reader, reading the second scripture lesson, the Rector, Sir Walford H. M. Selby, reading the first lesson. The reading was in clear, distinct terms, revealing the fact that he was entirely familiar with the passage.

FIREWORKS STORE IN ASHEVILLE EXPLODES Asheville.—Two people are dead and ten were injured when an unexplained explosion occurred in a fireworks store at Asheville Christmas eve. Some believe that heat or sparks from a stove ignited causing a series of explosions followed by a fire. Clerks and customers alike were injured. Mrs. Maude Stepp, a customer, and "Red" Corn, a clerk, were burned to death. A coroner's jury failed to fix the blame of the fire.

MANY DEAD AND INJURED ON SHIP IN AFRICA Rome.—Official communication from Rome revealed twenty-six persons dead and one hundred injured from fire on December 23rd following an explosion aboard the steamship Cesare Battisti in the port of Massa, Italian Eritrea on the east coast of Africa. Identification of the dead and injured was delayed because all documents aboard the steamer were destroyed.

The New England shilling was the first coin issued in this country by American colonists. Distributed in defiance of royal British decree, it was highly popular as a gesture of independence.

Guilford College To Celebrate, 13th

Will Pause To Celebrate 103rd Charter Day On Wednesday January 13th

School's History School Was Outgrowth Of Alarm Over Educational System Of The State

On January 13, 1937 Guilford college will pause in its 100th year of uninterrupted educational service to celebrate its 103rd Charter Day. The centennial year is being celebrated by appropriate observation of significant days and events throughout the college year.

In 1830 Nathan Hunt and Jeremiah Hubbard, alarmed at the state of education in North Carolina and in the south and fired by a desire to improve opportunities for study laid before the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends at New Garden a concern that a college and center of learning be established by members of their faith. The yearly meeting grasped their vision and began the formulation of plans for a school. On January 13, 1834 New Garden Boarding School, destined later to become Guilford college, was chartered by act of the State Legislature.

It was in recognition of the spirit and conviction of the men who chartered Guilford that Charter Day programs were planned, which have in succession paid tribute to Guilford's Contribution to Co-education; Guilford's contribution to religious service; Guilford's contribution to social service; and this year Guilford's contribution to education.

Authorities at Guilford, mindful that colleges are evaluated by the

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Holiday Accidents Over The Nation Take Very Heavy Toll

Always is the nation's death toll a deplorable matter at a holiday season and while this section of the state was unusually blessed, countless homes throughout the nation were saddened from the result of accidents. There were 193 deaths reported on Saturday morning. Of this number 157 were killed on the highways of the nation. Reports indicate that the pleasant, clear weather was responsible for so many cars on the nation's highways over the Christmas holiday.

Carelessness and ill fortune in train and airplane mishaps, with gunshot wounds, stabbings, fifteen drownings in Jamaica and fire-cracker explosions adding to the toll. The state of Illinois reported 26 fatalities, two of which were men whose automobile plunged into a river on Christmas eve and remained until noon Christmas day.

Five persons were killed at Benton, Ark., when their car plowed into a filling station fuel pump and burst afire. At Newport News, Va., a 10-year-old boy, shooting fire-crackers in a cave of the James river bluffs, died when a landslide covered the cave. A nine-year-old boy was injured fatally by an exploding Christmas

Heaviest U.S. Mail Since Year 1929 Official Report

Chicago And Other Places Set Unusually High Record For Season

Many Yule Cards

11,300 Extra Clerks Hired In New York To Dispatch Holiday Mailing

From Chicago comes the report of the heaviest Christmas mail since 1929 while in many sections of the country the greeting cards set up an all-time high record.

There were millions more packages and letters in the mail this year than there were in 1935, carrying the spirit of the season to all points of the compass. The government's cash registers worked overtime, jingling the tune of a boom business in stamps.

Postmaster Goldman of New York hired 11,300 extra clerks and carriers to handle the biggest volume since '28 and '29. Both parcel post and first-class mail was 20 per cent greater than a year ago. Manhattan and Bronx receipts for the first 21 days of December topped by \$500,000 the total for all December, 1935.

At Cincinnati 2,260,000 pieces of mail had passed through cancelling machines in 24 hours ending last night for an all-time high.

Assistant Postmaster Peter Wiggle said Monday and Tuesday business at the Detroit postoffice was the greatest in history. Volume was 29 per cent and receipts 22 per cent ahead of 1935 for the first 19 days of December.

Postal officials at Washington said "all indications are that Christmas mail this year is exceeding the volume of preceding years." National roundup figures were unavailable until the first of the year. The capital's postoffice broke all records for receipts Monday when \$72,967 passed through the windows, \$10,000 more than the previous one-day high.

Staley School In Holiday Pageant

Staley, Dec. 26.—The Staley Parent-Teacher Association met on Thursday night with a large attendance of parents and patrons. A very entertaining and instructive program was presented by the elementary grades. The first three grades led the program by singing appropriate Christmas songs while the remaining four grades presented a Christmas pageant. Mrs. L. C. Siler, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. J. J. Pike, treasurer, reported a total of one hundred dollars in the treasury. Mrs. J. T. Warren, finance chairman reported that shrubbery had been purchased for the school grounds and that it had been planted around the building.

The Staley high school senior class presented "Deacon Dubbs," a three act comedy drama to a very appreciative audience on Tuesday evening of this week.

The Staley school closed on Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. School will resume on Monday, January 4.

Thirty three new library books will greet the Staley high school students when they return after the holidays. These books have recently been purchased so the students will have a better selection from which to select their parallel reading.

Asheboro Beautiful In Christmas Dress Inside And Outside Decorations

Visitors Lavish In Their Praise

General Decorations Of Varied Types Inside And Outside Homes

Woman's Club The Contest Sponsor

Mrs. J. D. Ross And Mrs. Ross, Jr., Are Prize Winners; Honorable Mention

Never before has Asheboro been so attractively decorated as this Christmas. Not only are there more homes decked up with trees, lights, and Christmas scenes, but the quality and appropriateness of the decorations are more apparent. Visitors who have motored through many neighboring towns declare that none of them approaches Asheboro in beauty at this Christmas season.

Much of the increasing interest of Asheboro home owners in beautifying their premises at this time of the year must be credited to the Woman's club and its annual Christmas Home Decorations Contest sponsored by the Civics department of which Mrs. Dan Burns is chairman. This year the judges, Mrs. F. C. Sutherland, Mrs. W. D. Stedman, and Mrs. W. C. Hammer, selected the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross on Worth street as the best decorated. With the award went a prize of \$5. To Mrs. Joseph Ross, Jr., goes the credit for this lovely, appropriate and artistic decoration of the Ross home.

The decorations of the Ross home centered around a scene in an upstairs window representing the three wise men. In subdued tones of blue and gold the wisemen, their camels, and the sands of the desert were depicted while overhead shone the clear white star of Bethlehem. Other windows were decorated with ble lights with here and there a faint tracing of red, and on the door was a cheerful green wreath with a red bow, adding color to the effect.

A close second was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCrary, where the brilliance and cheerfulness of Christmas was stressed. On the lawn were two trees ablaze with brilliant lights, red candles warmed the windows, and the door carried a welcoming wreath.

Other homes which ranked high in the final judging were the Dan Burns, where a silvery motif predominated in trees and doorway decorations; the Neely Hunters', where a large red star was outstanding among a colorful array of lights; the Charles Bossongs' home, which had evergreen twining around porch columns in addition to a brilliant tree; the home of Mrs. W. C. Hammer, cheerful with red wreaths, candles, and lighted trees; the W. J. Armfields', which blazoned a welcome to all passers-by with a "Merry Christmas" in lights.

The home of Coble Maness on Stowe street had an unusual and most effective arrangement of six trees, one lit with various Christmas colors, while each of the remaining five bore lights of one of the colors used in the first tree. This home and that of Donnie Bean were the only ones of the many observed by the judges whose lights flickered on and off at regular intervals.

Also worthy of mention were the homes of F. J. Phillips, L. E. Milks, Boyd Hare, King Moore, the W. C. Hendrix, the Murray Fields, the W. A. Underwoods, Jr., the D. B. McCrarys, the Frank McCrarys, the Frank Aumans, the Clarence Allens, the C. C. Cranfords, the James Neelys, the T. R. Farlows, and the J. S. Lewises.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FAMILY REUNION

Dr. L. R. O'Brian, Mrs. O'Brian, and their daughter, Miss Margaret O'Brian, visited Mrs. O'Brian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Murray, in Durham Christmas. Many members of the Murray family were gathered for a Christmas reunion, including R. B. Murray of Baltimore, Dr. W. E. Murray of Laurinburg, and Elijah B. Murray of Durham.

FIRE CRACKER CAUSES BENSON MATTHEWS' INJURY

Benson Matthews of Ulah is suffering from a badly burned hand on account of a fire cracker explosion Christmas day. Mr. Matthews was attempting to light the fire cracker when it exploded in his hand resulting in the loss of a finger and badly burned and mangled hand.

Name For Amos' Baby Wins \$5000



Too good to believe was the news that brought this smile to Mrs. Joseph L. Smith, of Youngstown, Oh. But it was true. She had been awarded first prize of U. S. bonds with a maturity value of \$5000 for suggesting the best name for Amos' and Ruby's baby girl in the "Amos and Andy" radio contest. The name? "Arbadella."

Liberty School Excels In Sales

Christmas Seals Amounting To \$18 Sold By Faculty And Teachers

Girls Win Honors

Honor Places At Two Colleges; Personal Items Of Wide Interest

Liberty, Dec. 21.—A check in the amount of \$18 for 1800 Christmas Seals sold by the Liberty school has been mailed to Miss Sally McCain of the Randolph county health department and who is Chairman of county committee to fight tuberculosis. The school is to receive a set of portable scales as a reward for having sold the seals.

At the assembly period Friday Prof. Holt announced the success of the sale and gave due recognition to the leaders in the campaign. The fifth grade under the direction of Miss Bertie Cash led in room sales with 325 to its credit while Mrs. Albright's room came second and Miss Fuller's room (sixth grade) was third. Jean Brower of the sixth grade led in individual sales with 150 and received an "appreciation" gift from Mr. Holt in recognition of distinctive service.

Two Liberty young women, members of the high school class of 1935, have been honored at their respective colleges during the fall of 1936.

Maxine Garner, sophomore at Woman's college of the University of North Carolina, has received two signal honors. She has been selected as a member of the editorial staff of the college paper, "The Carolinian", and is taking her place with other leading editors. She has also been chosen as intercollegiate debater representing the college in the recent meeting of the Southern College Forensic League at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

Francine Holt, two-year senior (Please turn to Page 5)

Asheboro Observes Christmas In Unusually Quiet Fashion

Asheboro's quietest Christmas in many years was reported by Police Chief Dewey Bulla. From his own experience Chief Bulla said that people were more law abiding and less troublesome this year than any Christmas for nine years, and that it was probably longer than that since the town had such a good record.

It was not necessary to take a single person to the lockup on Christmas day this year, although in recent years as many as 20 have had to be put in jail until they could cool off or sober up. There were no wrecks, fights, or more serious trouble in the town

Annual Courier Baby Contest Is Again Announced

Several Business Firms Join In Welcoming First Baby Of Year 1937

Rules Are Simple

Shower Of Gifts Will Greet The Young Gentleman Or Miss Of Randolph

The annual Courier Baby Contest is again announced—open to any citizen of Randolph. Several of the town's representative business firms join in greeting the county's first citizen born nearest the beginning of the new year (in 1937) and give the future citizen a shower of presents.

The rules of the contest are quite simple and only involve reporting the birth with sufficient proof. A doctor's report or birth certificate sent into The Courier office before noon Monday, January 4th, is the first requirement. The report, or certificate, must have the name of the parents, their address and the exact hour of the birth. If the baby is named, this newspaper should be glad to have the name also.

The shower of gifts offered by the business folk of the town will greet this first citizen and the parents as soon as the reports are in. The gifts are interesting as they are varied. Garland Pritchard, owner of Garland Lake Dairy, would have the baby start off right and is offering ten quarts of milk for feeding. Pugh's Funeral Home would have the mother and infant return to their home from the local hospital in their ambulance, as a gift from the company. The Ideal Cleaners, realizing the importance of sanitation offer to clean a garment—two if twins. Grimes and Hollingsworth, local jewelers, are offering a silver baby knife and fork set for use a few months hence. To save trouble while the baby is quite young, the Model Laundry offers \$1.50 worth of laundry work for this first citizen.

Knowing the importance of keeping babies warm, Henry Jones of W. W. Jones and Sons, offers a baby blanket for Miss or Mr. 1937, adding to the comfort of the child, the Randolph Drug Co., will give a hot water bottle—invaluable in winter. Continuing the practical gifts, Huntley-Stockton-Hill will give a crib mattress so the child may have a comfort mattress for uninterrupted sleep. While the baby sleeps, it is the idea of Roy Champion, manager of the Carolina Theatre, that the parents should have a bit of diversion and he offers a two-weeks' pass to the theatre. It is never too early to teach children to save and the Bank of Randolph offers a "nest egg" of a silver dollar to this first baby born in Randolph in 1937.

Xmas Sometimes Not So Pleasant

In contrast to the fine weather Asheboro had for this Christmas, people in the county 60 years ago woke on Christmas morning to find snow two feet deep everywhere. That snow, John T. Brittain says, commenced to fall the night of December 23, 1876, and fell all day, the 24th and into that night.

After that the weather turned cold and the snow remained on the ground, increased by falls about once a week for two months. Finally on February 2 the weather moderated, and the snow vanished almost overnight.

That year, Mr. Brittain said, many farmers had just killed their hogs when the snow and cold weather came, and the pork froze up so that they could not get it out.

Never since has there been so much skating or sleigh riding as in that bitter cold, snow bound winter of 1876-77.

The largest retail market in Canada is provided by the Province of Ontario.