

Senate Would Ban American Flag For Foreigners' Ships

Provision in Neutrality Bill Seeks to Avoid Custom of British in World War; Penalties Provided Are Relaxed.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Senate inserted into the neutrality bill today a provision designed to prevent ships of foreign nations from sailing under the American flag after it was told that British vessels used the device during the World War to escape German submarine attacks.

This argument was advanced by Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, who disclosed that he had taken the matter up with Secretary Hull. The secretary, he said, advised him that there had been no indications that the British were making similar use of the flag in the present European war.

Tobey, who originally proposed the provision, although the Senate acted upon a less severe substitute put forward by Majority Leader Barkley, argued that the use of the flag by foreign vessels would endanger American lives and property.

The flag issue came up at a Senate session along toward a final vote on the neutrality act tomorrow.

Barkley objected to penalty provisions included in the Tobey amendment and his substitute relaxed the penalties. Under it, any foreign vessel which flew the American flag would be prohibited from entering American territorial waters or ports for a period of three months. Any vessel which violated this regulation could be seized and its master fined up to \$20,000 and imprisoned for not more than two years.

Tells Legion Stand



Raymond Kelly

National American Legion Commander Raymond Kelly, of Detroit, on visit to New York, declares "The Legion is against war." He made it plain, however, that the Legion would fight if the United States were invaded, the Monroe Doctrine violated, or our national integrity threatened.

(Central Press)

U. S. Seeks Ship Return By Soviets

Hull Calls On Russia To Turn Over Crew And Cargo of City of Flint Also; Germany Claims She Will Take Possession.

Bergen, Norway, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Reports received here today indicated that the American radio operator of the City of Flint, United States ship captured by the Germans, escaped the craft at Tromzo, where survivors of the sinking of the British steamer Stonegate were put ashore.

The reports said he mixed with members of the British crew and wandered off the City of Flint unnoticed by the German prize crew as the Britains were sent ashore. The present whereabouts of the radio man and his name were not immediately available.

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Secretary Hull announced today the American government had demanded of Soviet Russia the return of the City of Flint and her cargo to her American crew.

The demand, Hull said, was presented by Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt and no reply has yet been received.

The American demand, he said, was based on the United States conception of international law.

(In Berlin, authoritative persons declared that Soviet Russia had agreed to permit the vessel to leave the Russian port of Murmansk in charge of her German prize crew as soon as they considered the vessel seaworthy.)

Hull said this country's views of the international law on the matter embraced a United States Supreme Court decision in the case of the British steamer Appam, which was sent by a German raider into Hampton Roads, Va., in 1916, with a German prize crew aboard.

The Supreme Court's decision called for release of the vessel on the grounds that Germany had no

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Fireworks Blast At Zebulon Kills One, Injures Two

Zebulon, Oct. 26.—(AP)—One man was killed, another was seriously injured, and another was shaken up in terrific blast at a fireworks manufacturing concern here today.

Dr. Charles E. Flowers said that the dead man was Philip Reglia, 49; that George Wells, 20, was injured so badly he was rushed to a Raleigh hospital, and that William Ceglia, 20, son of Philip Ceglia, suffered slight hurts.

The three, Dr. Flowers said, were mixing powder outside the plant of the Dixie Fireworks Company, when it "accidentally" exploded.

The doctor said the blast was "terrific." "It shook practically all the windows in town," he said. "We all wondered what had happened. We thought maybe it was an earthquake or that the Germans were coming."

Liberals In Quebec Win War Voting

Quebec, Oct. 26.—(Canadian Press)—The Liberal party swept into power in Quebec province today with an election victory acclaimed by Dominion officials as an endorsement of the Canadian government's war policy.

The vote overturned the Union Nationale government of Quebec's Premier Maurice Dublessi, who had called the election after challenging war expenditures approved by the Ottawa administration.

Dublessi, who carried his own constituency to retain a seat in the provincial legislature, will be succeeded as premier by Adelard Godbout, who headed the Quebec government for two months in 1936.

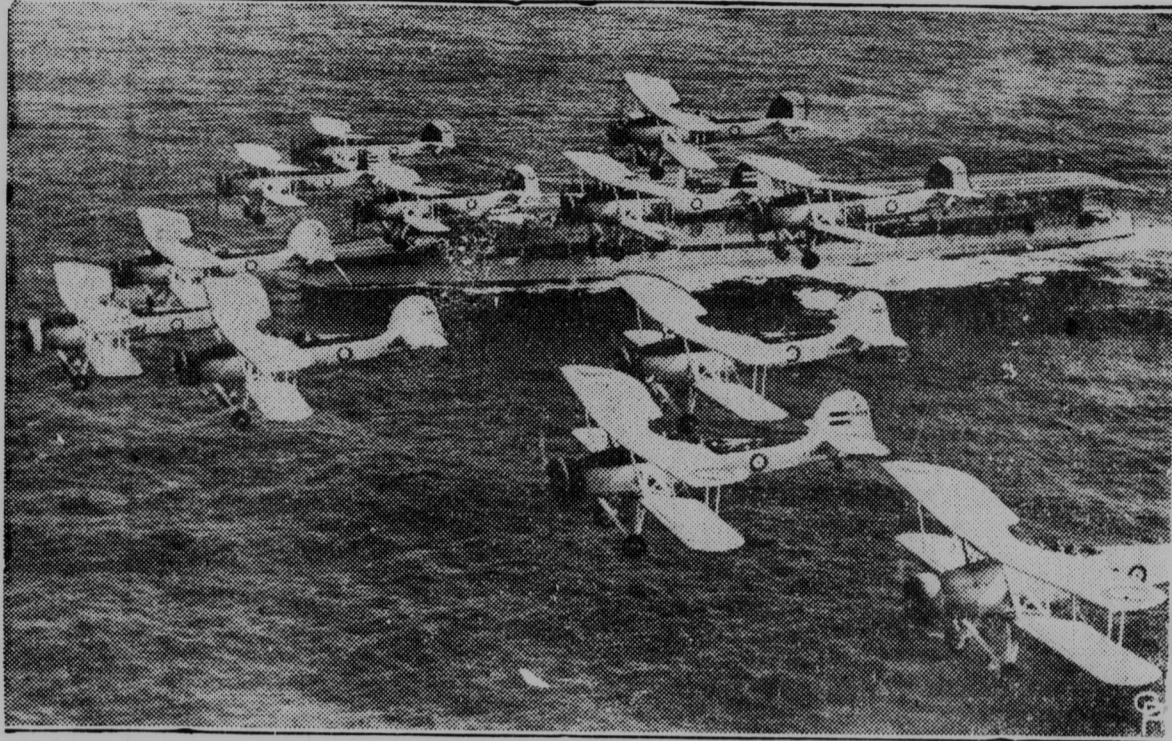
Dominion Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, under whose Liberal government Canada went to war at the side of Great Britain, said at Ottawa that it was "impossible to exaggerate the significance" of the voting yesterday.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and unsettled; possibly light rain in the mountains and in southwest portion tonight and Friday; slightly warmer in southwest portion Friday.

Chamberlain Declares Britain Is Ready For Germany's Worst

Eyes of King's Fleet—On Watch For Subs



Britain is determined there must be no repetition of the carrier Courageous' submarine torpedoing, so maintains eternal vigilance for sea raiders. This picture, cleared by the British censors, then flown to U. S. by Clipper, shows a group of British planes in flight above the Glorious, an English aircraft carrier.

Germans Are Fully Prepared For Big Push On West Front

His Ship Seized



Capt. Joseph A. Gainard

Captain Joseph A. Gainard, skipper of the City of Flint, reported interned with his crew in the Russian port of Kola Bay, is a veteran of international sea incidents. In World War he was officer aboard a vessel sunk by the Germans and recently his ship rescued survivors of the torpedoed Athena.

French Scouting Planes Return With Data On Huge Concentrations of Troops; 1,500,000 German Soldiers At Front.

Paris, Oct. 26.—(AP)—French land and air patrols were reported today to have returned from reconnaissance assignments with information indicating the Germans were fully prepared for a big push on the western front.

The French said their scouts told of huge troop concentrations and supply arrangements, usually regarded as forerunners of a major offensive. They estimated the Germans now have 1,500,000 men on the front and in support areas.

Actual fighting, meanwhile, was limited to minor patrol clashes between the lines on the northern flank—the only sign of action along the front since the German counter drive into the Saarland ten days ago.

French military sources said their patrols were seeking to take prisoners for questioning on the possibility of an enemy attack. German patrols, they said, were met with firm resistance in attempts to filter through French outposts and barbed wire.

For the first time since the start of the war, snow fell in the Vosges mountains and cold swept the entire front, hindering infantry operations and grounding air forces.

Dies Group Draws Fresh Criticisms

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Dies committee encountered fresh criticism from one of its own members today for publishing what it termed a "membership and mailing list" of the Washington branch of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

In the wake of a dispute on the House floor over the action, Representative Voorhis, Democrat, California, told reporters that the committee to which he belongs had done

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Germany at Last Admits Sinking of Patrol Boat Este

Berlin, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The first public announcement here of the sinking of the German patrol boat Este 7 off the Danish coast October 21 asserted today that possibly 50 of the crew of 55 went down with the ship, which struck a mine in a German mine field.

(Danish official spokesmen said 71 members of the crew were lost and five rescued.)

The supreme German navy command announced 28 bodies had been washed ashore on the Danish island Moorn, and 22 still were missing.

Grand Admiral Eric Raeder expressed thanks to the Danish navy for its "magnanimous and comradely support" in rescuing survivors.

Death Decreed For Alsatian Leader by Courts of France

Nancy, France, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Karl Roos, 60-year-old Alsatian autonomist leader, was condemned to death by a military court today on charges of having turned over French military secrets to German spies.

(Dr. Roos, a veteran of home rule for Alsace, was arrested February 7 when French officials accused him of being in close touch with Nazi party officials in Berlin.)

Labor Party Dropped By Rival Groups

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Proposals for peace between the AFL and the CIO appear to be getting little attention from labor leaders, back in the capital after their rival conventions in Cincinnati and San Francisco.

Their energies are being poured into other channels—law suits, grand jury investigations and bigger organizing campaigns—and the problem of a labor truce seems to be awaiting some new move by the Roosevelt administration.

The AFL's chief concern now is a Federal court injunction which has tied up the federation's basic powers to settle jurisdictional matters. It

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Finns May Refuse New Red Demands

Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 26.—(AP)—An authoritative source declared today that Soviet Russia's new modified demands on Finland still contained points on which Finland refused to yield.

After Dr. Juho Paasikivi had spoken for an hour today with President Kyosti Kallio, the foreign minister and prime minister, a foreign office spokesman said there was "no doubt" negotiations with Russia could be continued, and that Finnish delegation headed by Dr. Paasikivi, would go to Moscow for the third time.

Dr. Paasikivi and the entire delegation returned to Helsinki this morning, bringing the new demands with them.

Berlin Warns Britain Of Red Protest

Berlin, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The German press today interpreted Soviet Russia's rejection of Britain's contraband list as a "sharp protest against blockade warfare" which might lead to serious trouble between the two powers.

Commenting on what to Germany is one of the war's most serious aspects, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels' newspaper, Der Angriff, said: "Moscow's note contains a clear warning susceptible of causing far-reaching consequences unless it is observed."

The paper declared Britain had two alternatives—either to alter her contraband list or take the consequences which might result from any seizures of Russian ships. (Russia, in her protest, called the British contraband list a violation of international law and objected to inclusion of foodstuffs, fuel and

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British Navy Hunting For Sea Raiders

London, Oct. 26.—(AP)—British fighting ships went ahead today with the most active phase of the war.

Confronted with the loss of five merchant ships this week, bringing the war's total to 45—amounting to 399,319 tons, by the government's own figures—the British navy scanned the seas for a glimpse of one of Germany's pocket battleships.

(Recent reports of the war at sea indicated that at least one of Germany's three pocket battleships had slipped through the North Sea

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Finish War In Prospect In Struggle

Commons Is Told Ribbentrop's Distortion of Truth Is Deceiving No One; Premier Says England Has Not Challenged Germany.

London, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that "there can be but one reply" to German declarations of war to the finish, and "we are prepared to give it."

He referred specifically to the Danzig speech Tuesday of German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop.

"Ribbentrop has announced an intention of seeing the struggle through with all their (Germany's) energy and strength," Chamberlain said. "If that is indeed their decision, there can be but one reply, and we are prepared to give it."

"No one in this country will be deceived by its distortion of the truth, and there is already abundant evidence that Herr von Ribbentrop has been no more successful in his attempts to mislead impartial observers in other parts of the world."

"Indeed, I even cherish the hope that despite all suppressions and falsifications, there are still some in Germany itself who see where the real truth lies. One of the questions which the historians of the future will have to consider is how far the great tragedy of our time was due to the failure of Herr von Ribbentrop to comprehend either the policy or the character of the British people."

"It is not England that has challenged Germany. It is the German government, who by their persistent acts of aggression, pursued in the face of our repeated warnings, have forced us at last reluctantly to take up arms."

"It is the German government, who, by their reckless disregard of their pledged word and of the rights and liberties of other peoples, must bear the responsibility for this war, and for all its consequences."

Soviet Grab Excused By The British

London, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The British government partly excused Russia's snare in the partition of Poland today, as it pressed in both houses of Parliament to seek once more Russian friendship for the British-French alliance.

Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax declared that Russia had occupied eastern Poland only after Germany had "started it and set the example," and that the new frontier thereby established was "substantially the boundary" recommended by a British delegate at the time of the Versailles conference.

While Halifax was speaking in the upper House, Prime Minister Chamberlain was declaring in

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Leche Might Try To Get Office Back

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 26.—(AP)—State police kept guard at the State Capitol today as Governor Earle Long feared former Governor Leche, who resigned in June, might try to regain the office.

Leche, now under several State and Federal indictments, himself expressed doubt at the time of his resignation as to its legality, since there is no State law covering such a contingency. Long, then lieutenant governor, stepped into the governorship.

Long brought the military into the State political scene Monday and removed from office Attorney General David Ellison. It was the first such use of militia since the dictatorial regime of the late Huey Long, Earl's brother. Long asserted Ellison was in office "illegally," and ordered the militia to remove him.

Birmingham Steel Industry Strikes World War Stride

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 26.—(AP)—World War production levels were surpassed by the giant steel and iron mills of this southern industrial capital today as mills reached their capacities.

Propelled by an unprecedented flow of domestic orders, which began immediately after the outbreak of European hostilities September 1, heavy industries in this district have added 15,000 employees, upping payrolls more than \$1,250,000 per week, complete sources estimated.

That production facilities were running at peak levels was well illustrated today by reports that the Ensley rail mill, with an unprecedented backlog of orders totaling 140,000 tons, would be shut down this week-end because full ingot capacity is being used in other finishing units.

Juggling To Replenish Federal Fund

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau announced today that the Treasury would add \$250,000,000 to its cash fund. It will accomplish this by helping the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to borrow that much money to pay off its debts to the Treasury.

The Treasury head said the date and details of the financing had not been settled, but the operation would clear up all indebtedness of the R. F. C. to the Treasury. At the beginning of this year, the R. F. C. owed the Treasury \$754,000,000, most

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Farm Creditors Blamed For Speedy Marketing

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Creditors of North Carolina's tobacco growers are largely responsible for the current rush and anxiety of the farmers to sell their crop as soon as it is humanly possible, and the net result is that these farmers are getting less for their tobacco than would be the case were they able to market it in a slower, more orderly fashion.

That, at least, is the opinion of many competent observers of present conditions, observers who in most cases have no personal interest in the matter because they have no tobacco to sell. State Senator John D. Larkins, Sr., of Jones

county, is an example of those who believe that something should be done to slow down the present pace of marketing.

As a concrete step, he suggested that the maturity date of all farmer obligations should be extended by just the length of time that the markets were closed. For instance, he pointed out, a note for a fertilizer bill which is on its face due October 30 should be automatically extended over a period of grace equal to the closed days on the weed marts. The note, Senator Jones pointed out, was made in expectation of being able to put tobacco on the market continuously

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