

## A Slip of the Tongue



Senator Tom Connally (left), of Texas, in Senate debate, said power to declare war should be retained by the President, "whether he be Roosevelt or Vandenberg." Above, he explains to the Michigan Republican that he used his name merely as an illustration, though Vandenberg has been reported as a leading candidate for 1940.

## Atlantic Squadron To Be Strengthened And Put On A Permanent Basis

Washington, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Proposals to strengthen the navy's Atlantic squadron and put it on a permanent basis were shaping up today among members of the House naval committee.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, declined to discuss the question but indicated he would be ready with a legislative program for the navy in the near future.

Other committee members, however, of various possibilities ranging from minor reinforcements for the present Atlantic squadron to a "two ocean" navy.

The present Atlantic squadron consists chiefly of destroyers, although it includes three old battle-

ships and some cruisers.

"Our naval policy has been predicated on assurances of the British navy if trouble developed in Atlantic," said Representative Maas, Republican, Minnesota, "but the current situation shows we can no longer rely on that plan in an emergency. Britain has her hands full in the North Sea."

Another committee member, Representative Eates, Republican, Massachusetts, already has asked the navy department to send him detailed estimates of what it would cost to duplicate the fleet now in the Pacific as well as to provide the additional shore facilities necessary to maintain it on the Atlantic.

## Czechs Clash With Police Of Germany

Clash Occurs While Czechs Are Celebrating 21st Anniversary of Their Republic; Numerous Arrests Made.

Prague, Oct. 28.—(AP)—German police and Czechs clashed here this afternoon while Czechs were celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the Czecho-Slovak republic.

There were numerous arrests. One estimate was given that 300 persons were taken to German police headquarters as the result of this incident and others in other parts of the city.

The demonstration occurred in mid-afternoon when Czech crowds broke through a police cordon roping off Wenceslas Square before the city hall to prevent demonstrations before the statue of St. Wenceslas, patron saint of the Czechs.

An argument between German

## Italy Wants To Build And Go Forward

Rome, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini, speaking on the seven-month anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome, told a holiday crowd today that Fascism asked only the privilege of "building and going forward."

The anniversary of the evermore glorious black-shirt revolution remains compact and strong as ever from the Alps to the Indian Ocean.

# "FLINT" STILL AT MURMANSK

## Arms Sales To Europe Begin Soon

Administration Leaders Predict Congress to Clear Way and Go Home By Next Weekend; Majority in House Put At 30 Votes.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Administration leaders predicted today that Congress would clear the way for arms sales to Europe's warring nations and go home by next week-end.

They forecast prompt House passage of the neutrality revision bill which the Senate approved by a vote of 33-30 last night after 21 days of debate.

One member of the House leadership said a careful count of noses indicated that repeal of the arms embargo—key provision which many legislators on both sides of the controversy agreed would benefit Great Britain and France—would be approved by a majority of at least 30 votes. The House was expected to take up the bill early next week and send it to a joint Senate-House conference committee.

Congressional insiders generally agreed that an administration incited conference committee would make shift of its work and would write a compromise measure embodying virtually all of the Senate bill.

Besides carrying out President Roosevelt's recommendation that the arms embargo be eliminated, the Senate measure would impose restrictions on American credits, shipping, and travel to belligerent countries.

## Harris Entry Cuts Smith, Taylor Out

Feeling Is That With Harris In, Pat Taylor and Erskine Smith Are Likely Out; Harris More or Less Dormant Since 1933.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel.

By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—With no gubernatorial expression of "desire for a short campaign to deter them, candidates for North Carolina's Number two political post—the lieutenant governorship—are multiplying with the rapidity of guinea pigs.

The latest is, of course, Reggie Harris of Roxboro who makes the third bona fide and duly proclaimed aspirant, but whose entry into the field is regarded as likely to decrease the chances that two other prospects will get into the ring.

There is a distinct impression in political circles here that neither State Senator Pat Taylor of Anson nor his colleague from the ninth district, Senate President Pro Tem Erskine Smith will make the race now that the Person county cotton manufacturer has tossed his hat into the ring.

This is no certainty, nor is it being passed along by our correspondent as "unimpeachable" information. It's just one of those currents which can easily be felt and which more often than not really do indicate the true direction of any given political tide.

If either Taylor or Smith should enter the chances of Harris will be decidedly decreased, as his support is quite likely to come largely from the same group which might be expected to support the Wadesboro or the Albarbarie senator. That, of course, is one of the logical reasons assigned for feeling that with Harris in, Taylor and Smith are more than likely out.

Of course, there's never any telling what the politically ambitious will do, however, and so neither Pat nor Erk can be casually dismissed as certain not to start.

First reactions to the Harris candidacy were neither numerous nor definite in trend. Raleigh takes its political announcements with more

## Russia Stops "Drive to East"



Hitler's "drive to the east" has come to a dead end, as this map shows. Russia holds one-third of Poland, conquered for her by Germany, and controls the Baltic states with the exception of Memel (1), which Stalin is urging Hitler to return to Lithuania. Russian troops are massed on border of Hungary (2), which is reported seeking aid of allies, Italy and Turkey. Red soldiers also are concentrated along the Dniester River (3) in threat to Rumania. At (4) Bulgars also threaten Rumania. Turkey (5) has mobilized after Russian threats.

## German Submarine Sunk By French Armed Vessels

## Taylor Is Chief Of Raleigh Police

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Lieut. T. G. Taylor, veteran of 15 years, was appointed chief of the Raleigh police department today by Commissioner of Public Safety Robert C. Powell.

Taylor was a patrolman until he was appointed lieutenant last May, by the late chief, A. L. Bailey. The new chief is 44 years old and a native of Wilson county. The appointment is subject to approval by the Civil Service Commission.

## Drafting Of Roosevelt Is Very Likely

BY W. B. RAGSDALE

Washington, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The White House disapproval of Secretary Wallace's third term proposal emphasizes the likelihood of a cry of draft Roosevelt will be ringing through the leafless trees before winter comes.

The frown might be taken as a clear hint that President Roosevelt has no present intention of being an active candidate for third term nomination. Yet by no stretch of the imagination does it bar him from the running. It puts stress on the inept timing of the Wallace declaration even though made by a wholly loyal member of the Roosevelt official family. His fight for removal of the arms embargo was just reaching its critical stage in the Senate. Another battle with a sharper division of sentiment is yet to be fought in the House. The Republicans had been urged to forget partisan politics for the time.

The whole story does not lie in the arms embargo situation, however. Some of Mr. Roosevelt's closest friends are convinced that he has not made up his mind whether to run again. These feel that whether he does depends upon two things. First perhaps it is the strength that underlies any outside third term demand as convention time approaches. Second, is the situation inside the party next spring.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair tonight and Sunday. Much cooler tonight with freezing in the mountains and scattered frost in the interior. Colder in east portion Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER.

Generally fair most of week except for showers in southern Florida; warmer at beginning and colder about middle of week.

## Nazi Plane Shot Down In Scotland

British Fighters Bring Down Ship During Raid on Firth of Forth; Hundreds of Scots Watch Aerial Drama Near Edinburgh.

London, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Two German airmen were killed, one wounded, and a Nazi pilot captured today in a aerial drama of the sky witnessed by hundreds of Scots near Edinburgh when British fighter planes engaged and fought down a German war plane.

The air ministry announced that "a German aircraft, which was attending reconnaissance, was forced down by our fighters this morning east of Dalkeith (about 6 1/2 miles northeast of Edinburgh)." The invader apparently was headed for the strategic Firth of Forth, objective of previous raids.

Immediately after the Nazi plane was sighted British planes went aloft with a rare display of acrobatics as the German plotters desperately tried to shake off the attackers.

"Finally, the German plane came down on a hillside and struck a stone wall and even then the pilot would not give up", one witness said, "he tried to get his machine into the air again and ran along the rough ground for about a half mile before he had to stop."

An air raid alarm in the Firth of Forth area of Scotland lasted half an hour.

## France Well Pleased With Senate Vote

(By The Associated Press.)

France welcomed with undisguised joy today the United States' Senate vote to repeal the arms embargo while Britain indicated it was "not dissatisfied and Germany prophetic of an administration victory in the House."

Paris was informed by glaring headlines in the morning newspapers.

Stirred by the possibility of obtaining more American-made war planes—which apparently have proved their defensibility on the western front—the French consequently considered the Senate vote prophetic of an administration victory in the House.

In Britain, the Senate vote caused some surprise in official quarters which apparently had expected a stiffer fight. They suggested that any comment before the issue had been decided in the House would be premature.

The British press was more outspoken, seeing reason for encouragement.

## Industries Of Britain Seek Market Here

London, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Great Britain was pictured authoritatively today as driving her war regimented industry to increase sales to the United States and other American countries for dollars with which to buy war materials.

The nation also is trying to keep as much money as possible at home through producing domestically what formerly was bought abroad, particularly food, and through strict control of the export of foreign exchange necessary to buy American goods.

By buying less and selling more abroad, officials hope for speedy recovery of Britain's business life from the first shock of the war.

In the first month of the war exports decreased 42% through the sudden dislocation of trade.

But now British manufacturers plan with government help to capture the markets of Germany whose overseas efforts before the war was toward increased trade with South America.

They see one big asset in the shipping situation. The German merchant marine virtually has been swept from the seas. Britain's huge merchant navy, however, has

## Berlin Says Boat There For Repairs

Berlin Officially Says Boat in Russian Port for Repairs; One Report Has U. S. Ship Enroute to Germany.

Washington, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The State Department was advised officially from Berlin today that the seized American steamship City of Flint was still at Murmansk.

Alexander C. Kirk, American chargé d'affaires at Berlin, reported he was told at the German foreign office late this afternoon that the crew was still aboard.

Kirk said he was told also that if after completion of repairs the ship were taken to another port, the American crew presumably would be kept on board to operate the vessel.

The American consul at Hamburg reported to Kirk the State Department was advised that the German prize commissioner there had received no news of the vessel.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt at Moscow reported that he again was unable to speak on the telephone with the captain of the City of Flint at midnight last night (4 p. m. EST Friday), as he had hoped to do.

Steinhardt advised the State Department that he had again been given to understand that the crew was well and that no illness had developed.

## BERLIN HEARS CITY OF FLINT IS ENROUTE TO GERMANY

Berlin, Oct. 28.—(AP)—News reached Berlin this morning that all was well aboard the United States-owned freighter City of Flint as she worked her way through the British blockaded North Sea toward a German port.

The freighter was being convoyed by German warships — presumably both submarine and surface craft. Aboard her it was believed were the American crew of 41 and the prize crew put in command last week when the German pocket battleship Deutschland captured her.

If she gets through to a German harbor, a prize court will pass on the question of whether she was a contraband carrier and decide as to the disposition of ship and cargo.

Germany recognized the danger involved in the precarious job of slipping past British war craft. Bad weather and low visibility, however, were on their side.

The City of Flint sailed under Soviet orders Thursday night to leave the Arctic port of Murmansk, where the prize crew had taken her because she was—as the Germans put it—"unseaworthy."

The German high command, meanwhile acknowledged that the loss of "three German submarines must be counted on in view of their long absence."

The high command also reported that since the beginning of the war at least 115 ships with an aggregate tonnage of 473,321 had been sent to

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## Bulgarians Make Claims On Roumania

Budapest, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Premier Constantine Argetonians of Roumania, and Premier Dragisha Cvetkovich, of Yugoslavia, conferred for four hours today discussing diplomatic matters, Bulgarian territorial claims on Roumania, which they feared might plunge the Balkans into war.

Fears that Soviet Russian backing for Bulgarian claims on Roumania might provide a spark that would lead southeastern Europe to war brought intense diplomatic activity.

Diplomats said Yugoslavia agreed to warn Bulgaria that flirtation with Russia may bring disastrous consequences to the whole Balkan area.

The two premiers met in the village of Vrsac on the Yugoslav-Roumania border. At Sophia, it was reported the Italian minister was closeted for several hours with Bulgarian Premier George Jiossizanoff and expressed the Fascist government's advice against allowing Bulgaria to come under excessive Soviet influence.

The seriousness with which the Russian-Bulgarian situation was regarded was reflected in King Carol II, of Roumania, calling his ministers to Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece, and Yugoslavia for urgent talks.

Immediately after their arrival the king and his foreign ministers went to conference with the ministers,