

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

(Continued from Page One) to other powers, and implemented speaking nations is a pact, left open with avenues of escape for the three signatories in the event that naval construction by other powers made such a step necessary.

It is interesting to point out that since 1922 Japan has built, or started building, 217 warships with a gross of 717,000 tons, while the United States has built, or started, only 188 ships with a gross of 560,000 tons. In other words, during the period of disarmament, when this country was attempting to limit naval rivalry, Japan was outbuilding the United States, laying down approximately five tons of warships for every four tons that the United States built.

Between 1922 and 1933, naval construction in this country was practically at a standstill, but Japan steadily pushed her program along and proceeded to construct new warships. Consequently, today, according to naval experts, Japan has nearly as much modern naval tonnage as the United States. The figures on "under age" ships show that the United States has 113 vessels, or 965,230 tons, and Japan has 171 vessels, or 706,153 tons. Included in the tonnage are seven American and two Japanese capital ships which will become "over-age" by 1942.

Present naval plans in Japan are unknown, although there are reports that the Japanese are building three 43,000-ton battleships, to be equipped with eighteen-inch guns. Tokyo officials deny the report but little credence is placed in such denials. If the fact is established, it is a foregone conclusion that the United States and Great Britain will revise their battleship plans in order to meet the Japanese program.

The holiday in battleship construction, which began in 1922, is definitely abandoned. Every major power in the world is engaged in the construction of super-battleships, up to the 35,000-ton limit established by the naval pacts. According to reports, Great Britain has five under construction and plans five more. France is building two and plans others. Italy is building two and has two others contemplated. Germany is building two and planning another. Russian plans are uncertain, but persistent reports tell of plans to import materials from other countries for the construction of battleships.

Apparently, within the next four years, Italy, Germany and France will have eight or nine battleships each, Japan at least thirteen and possibly more. Great Britain a possible twenty-five and the United States whatever Congress finally elects to build, above the number necessary to replace those that are retired.

Readers of this column can take it for granted that this naval construction is for the purpose of fighting. It has been instigated by the three aggressive, dictator-controlled nations, apparently bound together by treaties, the full import of which is unknown. Dissatisfied with world conditions, Germany, Italy and Japan have adopted as a national policy the use of military and naval forces to achieve results.

Germany has discarded the terms of the Versailles Treaty and at almost any time, can precipitate a crisis in Europe by advancing against Russia, or some of the smaller states to the south. Italy has seized Ethiopia and Japan is attempting to swallow China. Once these tasks are completed, it is reasonably certain that they will turn their attention to other fields in an attempt to build up empires.

The South American Continent, relatively undeveloped and possessing vast natural resources, will excite envious attention. Under present conditions, it would be comparatively easy for Germany, Italy or Japan to incite a revolutionary movement in any Latin-American country and, under the guise of a war and Communism, land an expedition to support a favored faction. Certainly, the three of them together would present a formidable front.

Here we come back to the American policy of isolation. We have assumed the guardianship of the Western Hemisphere. We have advised the other nations of the world, that by preference, we stand alone. Yet the fact today is that if Great Britain and France were willing to remain uncommitted, the three aggressive nations could probably come over and take any part of South America that they wanted to without the United States being able to successfully prevent such a partition.

Under such conditions and in the face of possible threats in the Atlantic, as well as in the Pacific Ocean, it is not surprising that the responsible officials of this government have determined to arm the nation to defend its vital interests. In fact the only chance that Washington has today in the light of current aggression is to come between the Germans and Great Britain and France, or else build a

many, Italy and Japan.

With an intention of eliminating all but machinery imports, the Mexican Government recently doubled and quadrupled its custom duties. The increases are directed against the lower tariff program of Secretary Hull and chiefly affects the United States, which has been selling Mexico about seventy per cent of what she buys. Officials point out that smaller increases in tariffs have been made against German products.

When Ambassador Josephus Daniels expressed his "great surprise and regret" at the increases, he was advised by the Mexican Secretary of Finance that they were temporary and "it was hoped" to lower them as soon as possible. The United States recently concluded a silver purchase agreement with Mexico and relations between the two countries have been on the happiest and friendliest level they have ever reached. Whether a tariff war will develop is doubtful.

SKEPTICAL

(Continued From Page One) misery and war for two years. Above half dead ere two years more from sickness, 34 surviving. A savage with message of ship came to us. He reported that after small space of time the savages, afraid of revenge, had run away from the island. We believe it was not you. Soon after this the savages, feigning that the spirits were angry, suddenly murdered all save seven of us. My child and Ananias, too, were slain, with much misery. We buried all about four miles east of this river upon a small hill. Names are all written there upon a rock. To any savage who will show this unto you and show you hither we promise to give great plenty presents. E. W. D.

That "small hill" referred to in the message appears to have puzzled many. But the fact remains that some six miles, over tortuous roads, to the east of the site of the Indian village on the banks of the Chowan, there is a small hill. It is Center Hill, the highest elevation between Chowan and Perquimans Rivers, some 17 feet above sea level and in these flat lands a real hill.

Maybe there is also a rock at Center Hill, on which names are carved. That, of course, is conjecture. But there has been so much conjecture as to the fate of the Lost Colony that it may be permissible to continue to wonder if indeed Eleanor White Dare was not carried by her savage captors to this village on the banks of the Chowan. It is not far from Roanoke Island by water.

It would be interesting to know the spot where the stone was found, always supposing the stone was really so found. Maybe it was here that Eleanor Dare, bereft of husband and child and vainly hoping for the coming of her father, labored through the weary days over her task of carving her message on the stone, a message to remain unread through more than three centuries.

While reserving judgment as to the authenticity of the inscription, Dr. Pearce was quoted as saying he and his colleagues had reached a tentative agreement as to the translation. The history professor was quoted further as saying the announcement was made to still false reports and in the hope that additional evidence might be brought to light. There is some indication that extensive investigation may be made to determine the authenticity of the inscription.

Insect-eating birds nearly always fly by night, while the seed-eating birds fly largely by day in their migrations.

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

As another service to its readers, The Perquimans Weekly each week will give authoritative answers to questions on the Social Security Law. By special arrangement with Mr. George N. Adams in Rocky Mount, N. C., the Social Security Board has consented to pass on the accuracy of answers to questions on Social Security, which may be asked by employers, employees, and others, through The Perquimans Weekly. Address inquiries to the Editor. Answers will be given here in the order in which questions are received. This is an informational service and is not legal advice or service. In keeping with Social Security Board policy names will not be published.

Question: The personnel records of my establishment show an employee by the name of William Smith, but he has a Social Security account number under the name of Bill Smith. Which name should I use in making reports under the Social Security Act?

Answer: If your employee's account number shows his name as "Bill Smith" then your reports should show his name as "Bill Smith" instead of William Smith.

Question: One of my employees has two or three Social Security account numbers. So far, I have always reported him under the same number, but I understand he should have but one number. Just what should he do with the extra ones?

Answer: Each of your employees should have only one Social Security account number. Possession of more than one account number is not in the best interest of the employee. Seek to have your employee turn in to the nearest Social Security Board Field Office for cancellation all but one account number card. On the back of each card turned in for cancellation there should be written plainly and accurately the number of the account card retained by the employee.

Question: Does the amount a worker will get in unemployment compensation payments depend on the person's wages?

Answer: The amount of payments which will be made to an eligible unemployed worker under the unemployment compensation law will depend on the amount of his weekly wage, the period for which he has been employed and other factors. Ask the State Unemployment Compensation Commission for full information.

Question: Will everyone who loses his job get unemployment compensation?

Answer: No. Unemployment compensation will be paid only to those unemployed workers who register for employment and who otherwise qualify under the State unemployment compensation law. Payment of unemployment compensation has begun in all the states in this region, which are North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia, and in many other states, and each worker should inform himself about the provisions of his state law.

Sheriff J. C. Fulghum of Wilson said that he had signed a warrant for Charles Davis, 32-year-old Wilson County white man, charging him with the murder of 45-year-old Lawrence Lamm, who died in a hospital from bullet wounds. Sheriff Fulghum said that he was holding Davis without bond pending a preliminary hearing on the charges in County Court before Judge O. P. Dickinson.

YEOPIM STATION

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thach visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogerson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Thach spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harrell, at Bellhatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thach and Miss Louise Thach visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dull, at Hollays Wharf, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Thach visited Archie Stallings, at the Albemarle Hospital, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. J. Thach and daughter, Martha, visited Mrs. T. E. Mansfield and children Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Baker and children visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mansfield Sunday.

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Miss Clarina Winslow, of Whitesboro, who was carried to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City late Thursday night of last week and underwent an emergency operation immediately for appendicitis, is convalescing satisfactorily.

A new WPA program for the State was inaugurated with the approval of a \$125,000 allotment for employment of women in household service demonstration centers where they will

assist in the execution of household management and improvement work items.

Establishment at Chapel Hill of the Herbert Warrick Jackson Scholarship was announced by President Frank P. Graham at the midwinter meeting of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina. Endorsed by Mrs. Annie H. Jackson of Richmond, Va., as a memorial to her husband, the scholarship will provide \$2,000 for a four-year tenure to a member of next fall's freshman class at Chapel Hill.

Several thousand dollars damage was done by an early morning fire in Lumberton that destroyed Six Points grocery and filling station and did considerable damage to Mt. Olive Negro Methodist Church.

Rural Cumberland's finest school building was completely destroyed by fire at Eastover near Fayetteville Monday. The blaze was discovered about 1 o'clock and resisted all efforts of firefighters, the tower and roof collapsing less than an hour later. The classroom building was a total loss, but the gymnasium was saved. The estimated loss was \$45,000 with \$40,000 insurance, school authorities stated.

State tax receipts reported for January were slightly less than January a year ago, the first loss in this fiscal year that this item of State revenue has dropped below collections for the corresponding month the previous year, despite exemptions of basic foods.

John C. Lawson, prominent citizen of Oxford holding an important position in the Unemployment Compensation Commission, sustained the loss of his left foot Sunday night as the result of a gunshot accident at his home.

Letters written recently by Sidney Ingram, Wilson Negro, to President Roosevelt and to the president of the Norfolk Southern and the Seaboard Air Line railroads complaining about alleged treatment the Negro claims he was given on a train near Wilson caused his arrest by Secret Service agents of the Federal government.

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