

After the first two or three days of debate in the Senate on the Neutrality bill, Senators began to take off their false mustaches and show their faces.

In other words, the pretense that the purpose of the Congress and the President is to keep the nation neutral in the European war has been all but abandoned. NOW gathering

The clear purpose, which is being disclosed as the discussions go on, is to be about as unneutral as a nation can be without actually going to war. It is to help the Allies, Britain and France, by giving them every assistance short of actually taking part in hostilities.

That is the purpose of the lift-

The protests of the vast number of people who have written to their Senators and Congressmen urging the retention of the embargo are not being disregarded, but the attitude of members of both houses, with some excep-

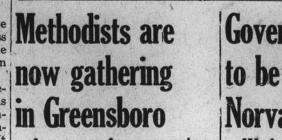
tions, is that these protests come that the embargo is the only way, or the best way, to keep the United States out of war.

There is no let-up in the determination to do everything humanly possible to accomplish that end, but the conviction is gaining strength in Congress that the United States stands back of the Allies with a steady supply of fighting airplanes, guns, ammunition and the other implements of war.

#### Hoover's Aanalysis

One thing which has greatly ing. strengthened that conviction is the carefully-prepared analysis of the relative strength and resources of these three groups will be effectthe warring nations, prepared by ed, with all ministers, delegates former President Hoover and giv- and visitors gathering in West en out for publication by him.

Few question Mr. Hoover's accurate knowledge of European affairs, none dispute his ability as an analyst of statistical informa-Therefore, when he marshalled all the facts and drew from them the positive conclusion that Hitler cannot win and that the French and British can carry on to victory without the aid of American soldiers and battleships, provided they can obtain the necessary fighting materials from this and other countries, his state-



-for a conference unique —Wednesday, October 25, in the history of Methodism on top of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina, which is Mountain, a few miles south to convene today (Thurs- of Galax, near the North

day) and close Monday, October Carolina-Virginia line, at the big ing of the embargo on the ship- 23. It will be the occasion when parbecue and road celebration to ment of arms and ammunition three annual conferences, the be held marking the completion to nations at war. In spite of the Western North Carolina Confer- of the new Galax-Mount Airy efforts of Administration oppon- ence of the Methodist Episcopal highway, by way of Low Gap. ents to retain the embargo, it is considered here a practical cer-Atlantic Conference of the Metho-urrangements for the celebration tainty that it will be washed out. dist Episcopal Church, and the have received advice from Gov-North Carolina Conference of the ernor Clyde Roark Hoey, in Methodist Protestant Church, will Raleigh, that his previous engagebe merged into one conference to be known as the Western North that he could be present and Carolina Conference of the Metho. deliver an address.

Communications were forward-Rev. L. F. Strader, pastor of ed to Governor James H. Price, the Sparta charge, left yesterday of Virginia, in an effort to have from people who honestly believe (Wednesday) for Greensboro to him attend also, as the site where attend the conference. The three conferences will meet eparately at the beginning of the Carolina line. However, Governor separately at the beginning of the Carolina line. However, Governor sessions. The Methodist Episcopal Price has indicated that he would Church, South, conference will be unable to be present because be presided over by Bishop Clare of a plevious engagement for Purcell, of Charlotte, in West that day.

the Among other notables who are Methodist Episcopal Church conference will be presided over by Bishop Wallace E. Brown, of Portland, Ore., in Centenary Church, and the Methodist Protestant conference will convene in Grace Church, with Bishop J. H. Straughn, of Baltimore, presid-

Tomorrow (Friday) night, at Highway Commission. 7:30 o'clock, the great union of

Market Street Church. It is expected that pastoral appointments will be read at the



## **Bomb Proof Sitting Rooms Governor Hoey is** to be heard at **Norvale Crags**

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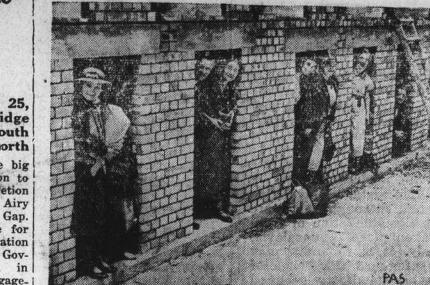
the celebration is to be held is Market Street Church;

regarded as virtually sure to attend the celebration and participate in the ceremonies are Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the Ninth North Carolina District; ginia's junior senator, a sup-Congressman Thomas G. Burch, of the Fifth Virginia District, and Chairman Frank Dunlap, chair- mond Sunday explaining that

Airy, and with the cooperation of involve us in war." community leaders and public-

spirited citizens of Low Gap, Sparta, Pilot Mountain and other neighboring towns.

losses to eight in two days.



LONDON, ENGLAND . . . Families are shown framed in the entrances to air raid shelters adjoining their homes in Southwest London. Emergency shelters, of brick and concrete, can be converted into comfortable "sitting rooms."

> WAGE-HOUR HEAD QUITS Washington, Oct. 17 .- Elmer F. |enough to toss hand grenades.

chorus of conflicting explanations to dig in and wait for new orders. for his departure.

Praise for the way he had put Maurice Gustave Gamelin conferneutrality legislation on "a strict operation mingled with conten- Tuesday afternoon. tions that he had not been tough with Secretary of Labor Perkins. man lines at the same place where,

#### DELAY IS CHARGED

of "filibustering" against that the first time in the war. measure today during a spirited senate debate.

unnoticed by the opposition group, and for the time being it went soil at some points.

Hitler, alone, **French artillery** made the decision brought a halt to the German to start a war

-advance on the western -according to the "final recort" of Sir Neville Chamfront, it was reported Tuesday night in Paris, where berlain's ambassadorship to the general staff reported Berlin, made public Tuesday there were "sharp infantry en-

night in London, and in which Sir tanglements at certain points" and Neville recounted in picturesque "local activity on the whole phrases the last days of peace, (western) front," although the the "tragedy" of Adolf Hitler and fighting failed to bring any sidelights on "yes men" around change in positions. the Nazi chieftain. The 12,000-word white paper

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The communique added that "a German merchant ship has been stressed repeatedly that Hitler captured by our Atlantic patrol," alone made the decision to go to but gave no details. war, Sir Neville writing that

Reference to infantry fighting "though he spoke of his artistic was taken by military observers tastes and his longing to satisfy to mean that small groups of them, I derived the impression both French and German troops that the corporal of the last war were continuing activity of purewas even more anxious to prove ly localized character following what he could do as a conquering the French repulse of two Gergeneralissimo in the next.' man attacks Monday.

Of Hitler's personality, he as-Military informants said the serted "geniuses are strange creatures and Herr Hitler, among ported by artillery from the rear, other paradoxes, is a mixture of caused the Germans to halt their long-headed calculation and violocalized thrusts abruptly. These lent and arrogant impulse prooutposts, the French said, were voked by resentment." well-armed.

Referring to the "bombshell" of The fierce, constant fire, it was the German non-aggression pact said, held the Germans back so with Soviet Russia, Sir Neville that they could not get near said:

"It is to be devoutly hoped that Andrews stepped out as wage- The only thing left for the Ger- it may prove as pyrrhic as are hour administrator today amid a mans to do, the French said, was most diplomatic victories."

"I have some reason to be-Premier Daladier and General lieve-though I cannot confirm it -that the order for the German the year-old wage-hour act into red at the war ministry during army to advance into Poland was actually issued for the night of The general staff's assertion August 25-26," the former amenough, that he had been too that the front remained, without bassador asserted, and added that tough and that he had clashed change would establish the Ger- his fying trip to Hitler's chalet at Berchteigaden "may after all

have postponed the disaster for fighting ended late Monday. These positions were known in a week."

at least one sector where the Sir Nevile continued that it Washington, Oct. 17.-Casually, French said the Germans were might well have been Prime Minbut directly, Senator Connally, forced to retire north of the Lor- istar Chamberlain's letter which (D., Tex.), accused opponents of raine village of Apach after pene- gave Hitler "one last hesitation" the administration neutrality bill trating into French territory for and caused him to countermand the orders to his army to march.

Military authorities estimated "But it was not the horrors of six Naz. divisions of at least war which determined him," the He made the accusation as a 10,000 men each took part in the British diplomat asserted. "His play on words and in a manner two attacks between the Moselle hesitation was due rather to one so offhand that it went virtually and Rhine rivers which shoved final effort to detach Britain from

casion.

Recounting with colorful

scriptive touches some of the

exchanges detailed in the blue

book Britain published September

"I would mention incidentally,"

hance the solemnity of the oc-

"A considerable but quite ex-

pressionless crowd was waiting

outside the chancellery and a

guard of honor awaited me in the

courtvard of the main entrance.

ported to the contrary, I desire

most courtesy and civility from

all Germans, except on one oc-

casion"-his final interview with

"In view of what has been re-



-if the will of the people for peace continues. Virporter of the arms embargo

repeal, issued a statement in Richman of the North Carolina State he favored revision of present

said the U.S.

can avoid war

The celebration will be held cash and carry plan of commerce under the sponsorship of civic with belligerent nations" as less organizations of Galax and Mount likely than the existing law "to

The senator gave "a word of comfort to the many who have written me to protest against

America entering the war." His statement said on this subject:

"We can stay out of war if the will for peace continues to be as strong as it is today in the hearts of our people. Reflecting the sentiment of the American people, congress today is unanimously against war. It is for

congress to remove those things

ment provided ammunition for the proponents of repeal of the embargo of which they are making good use.

Nobody thinks of questioning Mr. Hoover's sincerity when he declares that he wants to keep America out of war. Few noncombatants saw so much of the horrors of war from 1914 to 1918 as did this Quaker whose religious tenets prevented him from bearings arms but whose work on the fighting front of Bel. gium won him the acclaim of the whole world.

Mr. Hoover is out of politics in the sense of not desiring or seeking further public office, but he is a powerful factor in shaping the policies of his own party, and more than one vote for embargo repeal, when the showdown comes, will be attributed to his influence.

Now that the question of the miscalled "Neutrality" law is being discussed more realistically than emotionally more attention is being paid to the growing de-mand from business interests for Governor Hoey repeal of the arms embargo.

#### Encourages Business

Once American business is free from legal restrictions upon the production and sale of any kind of supplies to the Allied governments, it is reasonably certain that a considerable increase in business activity in this country will follow.

That does not necessarily mean "profiteering." It is more than probable that the lifting of the embargo will be accompanied by legislation which will effectively prevent anything more than normal business profits being taken leigh, "that industries are running down by anybody from the manu. now on full time, and hence pay-

ment, more people on payrolls and hence a broader purchasing pow-er by which all kinds of business may expect to profit. The moad ahead of the Pittman bill is not, however, entirely clear. It contains "cash-and-carry" provisions which have yet to be fought out after the em-bargen has been dismosed of



Governor Clyde Roark Hoey ers killed and 45 injured. (above), North Carolina's chief They came as the government executive, who has accepted an disclosed that the heavily-defendinvitation to speak at the celeed Scapa Flow harbor was the bration to be held at Norvale scene of the U-boat sinking Sat-Crags, near here, Wednesday, urday of the battleship Royal October 25, marking the comple-Oak, with 786 men lost.

tion of the new Galax-Mount Airy highway by way of Low Gap.

# said Monday that

-conditions had reduced greatly the unemployment said by the British to have been load in North Carolina, and shot down in this first attack, and another damaged. pointed out that the state

The second attack was from had a cash balance of \$15,320,-12:30 to 2:00 p. m. and was by 071.68 in its unemployment insurance fund.

"It is gratifying to know," he No damage was done and one said in a statement issued in Ra-

down by anybody from the manu-facture and sale of arms. The benefits which business foresees consist mainly in the probable reduction in unemploy-ment, more people on payrolls and hence a broader purchasing pow-er by which all kinds of business may expect to profit. ac-

were shot down by our fighters and fell into the sea."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVLT CALLED ON THE CIVIL

bargo has been disposed of. Whether the United States would he surrendering one of the stricting the travel of American ships, their cargoes and passeng-(turn to page 3, please) (12,003,001.52, and covering 2, 500,000 weeks of employment." (12,003,001.52, and covering 2, 500,000 weeks of employment." (11,003,001.52, and covering 2, 500,000 weeks of employment." (11,003,000 weeks of employment." (11,004,000 weeks of employment." (11,004, s, their cargoes and passeng- ployment offices throughout the (turn to page 3, please) state," Governor Hoey added.

that may incite the people to war. "Therefore, to me the very -Tuesday, at the Scapa

essence of preserving American Flow lair of the English peace is to keep our commerce fleet, hitting and damaging and our citizens out of combat the training ship Iron Duke. and dangerous war zones and to avoid credit in the purchase of The Nazi planes ranged over the

war materials." east coast of England and Scot-Senator Byrd announced his land in widespread scouting raids. intention to vote to amend the Four German planes were represent bill to eliminate the 90ported shot down, bringing their day credit clause and substitute

for it strict cash payments. The attacks followed Monday's "Cash and carry should literraid on the Edinburgh and Firth ally mean what it says," he statof Forth area, in which three ed. "If we begin with a 90-day British naval vessels were slightcredit, it is likely and probable that longer and more credit will be extended, so that the same

conditions which existed in the last World War will be repeated." Asserting that the United Stri-es must have adequate defense to protect both Atlantic and Pacific of war today when British bombshores, Senator Byrd said "we

In the first attack Tuesday, at any and all aggression."

10:30 a. m., (4:30 a. m. E. S. T.), four German planes damaged the Iron Duke, Admiral Jelli-coe's flagship in the World War. Ten-year-old Scapa Flow was the scene of one of the most dramatic incidents in naval history when the German high seas fleet was scuttled there June 21, 1919, by German sail-

ors who opened the seacocks rather than let the British have the was found Friday surrendered ships intact. One of the four planes was

-night, after having disappeared from her home at

aircraft," the admiralty said.

German plane destroyed, the admiralty reported. An official announcement

unanswered.

WARREN K. BILLINGS FREE Sacrameton, Calif., Oct. 17 .-Nearly a quarter of a century of imprisonment ended today for Warren K. Billings, associate defendant of Thomas Mooney in the 1916 San Francisco preparedness day bombing cases.

He stepped from the governor's office, a free man, his sentence commuted to time served. He left immediately for San Francisco to meet the woman he announced he hoped to marry, Miss Josephine Randolph.

### HOLLAND SEES FIGHTING

ers attempted to attack Emden, must have the power to resist important German mine sweep-

ing base, and when German antiaircraft guns fired on Dutch Tuesday night, in an official complanes.

province. Witnesses said they saw clouds of white smoke made tinguish the British insignia on the planes. The number mention- or Friday. ed varied from four to 40.

HURRICANE HITS BERMUDA Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 17 .-Gossan Mines, near Galax, early last Thursday night— Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 17.— The first hurricane here in 13 years late yesterday brought 100. years late yesterday brought 100-"two formations of six and four of all places-asleep in bed at mile-an-hour winds, ripped up home. The disappearance of the trees, swamped small boats, child prompted a wide search in smashed windows and interrupted the Gossan Mines section and in- public utilities.

formation concerning the occurrence was sent to radio stations TAFT IS ENDORSED WDBJ Roanoke, and WBT, Char-Columbus, O., Oct. 17.-Ohio's lotte, for broadcasting. The Republican state central comlotte, for broadcasting. The child had given scores of search-ers—including three troops of Ga-lax Boy Scouts, school children, neighbors and members of her family—the slip, entering the house unseen Friday afternoon, going to her room and to bed. Republican state central com-mittee today unanimously en-dorsed Senator Robert A. Taft for the Republican presidential nomination and Governor John W. Bricker for reelection. . The committee appointed a sub-committee of five to select a sec-

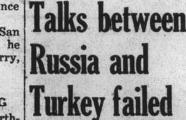
Bloodhounds, belonging to T. ond choice favorite son candidate P. Crockett, Pulaski, had also been pressed into service in an effort to find the missing child. Her father S. D.

effort to find the missing child. Her father, S. D. Vaughan, GLADE VALLEY HIGH

-School enjoyed a picnic sup on Monday, October 16, in Weiners, marshmallows an other tasty "eats" were served.

Fire from the Maginot line forts shattered the German attacks "on the line as foreseen," the French reported. staff authorities said the longconsidered war plan was to man outposts on German soil with small forces while massing heavy

General 21. Sir Neville said Hitler was "friendly and reasonable," August 28 but was "far less reasonable" on the following day. "I was therefore somewhat disconcentrations in the major deappointed," Sir Neville wrote. fenses of the frontier. he added, that on both occasions "nothing was left undone to en-



-after having been in prog- to bear witness here to the fact ress for several days, ac-cording to Prime Minister anxious weeks neither I nor my Refik Saydam, who said staff received anything but the ut-

munique issued in Instabul, Tur-German Foreign Minister Joachim From 7:00 a. m. (1:00 a. m. key, that the negotiations had EST) to 11:30 a. m. (5:30 a. m. failed because the Soviet demands EST) heavy firing was heard were contrary to Turkish secur-along Dollart bay in Groningen ity,

von Ribbentrop whom he describ-ed as showing "intense hostility." "He kept leaping from his It was reported reliably that chair in a state of great excitement and asking if I had anyby bursting shells and could dis- will be signed in Ankara this thing more to say," Sir Neville recounted.

"I kept replying that I had, and if my own attitude was no less unfriendly than his own, I cannot but say in all sincerity that I had every justification for

"When I told him that I would gested to Turkey proposals ennot fail to report his comments tirely different from those prevand remarks to my government he calmed down a little and said that they were his own and that ible with the Turkish policy re- it was for Herr Hitler to decide. Henderson said he believed Hitler had come to consider von Rib-

gagements which the Soviet gov-ernment knew had been assumed toward Britain and France, were "probably shared" the opinion.

RALEIGH APPROVED ensate for the obligations which Turkey was asked to under-

the said, however, that attributing subjobs.ov and state to conclude an agreement with Soviet Russia, relations between the two countries were still friendly.

ELDER TROY LOWE WILL DELIVER A SERMON SUNDAY PREACH AT PINE FORK

-morning, October 22, at eleven o'clock, in the Sparta Presbyter-ian Church, of which he is pastor. o'clock, it has been announced



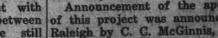
the Prime Minister, in a statement to a rarliamentary group of the Republicans peoples party, declared the Soviet government had sug- it.

iously agreed upon. The prime minister said the Soviet demands were incompat-

garding the Dardanelles, proved incompatible with Turkey's en-

ntrary to Turkish security and the guarantees offered did not THE WPA HEADQUARTERS IN

which Turkey was asked to under-ake. He said, however, that although --recently a road project in Al-leghany County that will cost \$55,058.00 and give employment



REV. R. L. BERRY WILL Thompson grove, the event being sponsored by the faculty.