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DOLLAR DAYS HERE TO BE BIG EVENT

Washington, Nov. 1. (AS)—With the practical certainty that the Administration's amendments to the Neutrality Act will have passed by Armistice Day or thereabouts, Washington is turning attention to domestic politics again. The exact date of the intensive phase of the 1940 Presidential campaign can be predicted with certainty. It will be the day upon which the new Neutrality Law is sent by Congress to the President for his signature.

The lid will be off and the field wide open for the candidates for the nominations of both parties to start their organizations in high gear. How much momentum any of the leading aspirants of either party have gained as a result of the Neutrality discussion is rather difficult to appraise.

If the general public accepts the new law as finally enacted as being the measure best calculated to keep the United States out of war, then on the Democratic side the edge will go to President Roosevelt, who is responsible more than anyone else for the Neutrality amendments.

Politically speaking, on the Republican side the advantage will be rather with Senator Taft, of Ohio, who has favored repeal of the arms embargo from the beginning, than with Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, who has vigorously opposed repeal.

Considered Shadow-Boxing

The belief of most Washington observers is that the general public has come around to acceptance of what Washington analysts have felt from the start of the controversy, that neither repeal nor retention of the embargo will make the slightest practical difference if the nation really comes face to face with the issue of participation in Europe's war. All the debates on this point are regarded by realists here as so much shadow-boxing.

Of considerably more importance, in the minds of the most realistic observers, are the "cash-and-carry" provisions, with their accompanying restrictions upon the freedom of movement of American ships on the high seas. The amendments agreed upon by the Senate committee relax those restrictions materially, leaving the whole Pacific Ocean and most of the Atlantic open to American shipping and trans-oceanic aircraft.

There will, however, doubtless be sharp differences of opinion as to the merits of the new law, not all based on partisanship. Therefore, there is a growing opinion among political observers in Washington that the candidates for the Presidential nominations of the two great parties who will have the best chance may well be men who have not taken an active part in the Neutrality program or committed themselves to support of any phase of it.

Swing Toward Douglas

If we leave the President himself out of consideration, which more and more close scrutineers of public affairs are inclining to do, the tendency is to believe that the power of the Administration will be thrown behind some Democrat who has not been too closely identified with the New Deal. There is a feeling that Paul V. McNutt is by no means so sure of Presidential support as his friends have believed him to be, and that Frank Murphy, the Attorney-General, is out of the running. Talk is swinging toward Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, formerly head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as a likely candidate for the Presidential accolade as the successor to Mr. Roosevelt. This is taken quite seriously in some well-informed quarters, who do not believe the President will seek a third term for himself.

It is pointed out that Justice Douglas is much more likely to command the support of anti-New Deal Democrats than anybody else who has been close to the White House in the past few years, and that he has not had any part in the Neutrality discussion.

That might create the interesting situation of two former classmates of Columbia University Law School running against each other for the Presidency; for on the political dope sheets District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, stands out not only in public estimation based on past performances, but as the one leading Republican Presidential candidate who has not been tangled up in any way in the Neutrality discussions. Both Mr. Dewey and Justice Douglas graduated from Columbia Law School in 1925, though the latter is nearly four years older than Mr. Dewey. He went into the teaching of law (turn to page 8, please)

The Alleghany Red Cross Roll Call will begin

—on Saturday, November 11, and continue until Thursday, November 30, according to an announcement made recently by Rev. R. L. Berry, Sparta, chairman of the Alleghany County Chapter, American Red Cross.

During this period of time, citizens of the county will be given an opportunity to help in the work of the organization.

Rev. L. F. Strader, Sparta, has been appointed Roll Call chairman.

Other officials are Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, secretary; Alton Thompson, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, publicity chairman.

Of each membership, only 50 cents of the amount is sent to National headquarters. The remaining amount is left in the county to be used by the county organization.

The Alleghany welfare set-up certified 151

—cases, involving 581 persons with 141 cases being serviced with commodities, during September. With 41,138 cases representing 188,944 persons certified in North Carolina during September as eligible to receive surplus commodities distributed through county welfare departments, 36,642 cases actually were serviced during the month. A. E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said this week.

Twenty-seven school lunch programs were aided during the month in which 1,296 needy and undernourished graded school pupils of the state received free hot lunches, while 318 persons in four children's camps were helped by the extra food supplies.

Since the first of October 243 school lunch rooms with an allotment of 21,998 needy, undernourished pupils have entered the commodity distribution division's new program to have 150,000 poor children on the records for free lunches during the current school year, Langston said.

The Alleghany County welfare department is supplied with surplus commodities purchased by the federal government for North Carolina distribution from the District Number 4 warehouse at North Wilkesboro.

As of the first of October the four former surplus commodity districts were changed into six areas to provide better supervision of distribution of the food and WPA-made clothing in the counties. Alleghany County has been allocated to the fourth area and will continue to be served from the North Wilkesboro warehouse.

District personnel in the warehouse distribution points will, in practically every instance, be retained in the area offices.

Mussolini carried out Tuesday a drastic shake-up

—of his cabinet, party and highest military leaders—the most drastic which fascism has seen—in a surprise move interpreted as an effort to strengthen Italy's neutrality.

In London, Mussolini's action was regarded as eliminating pro-German elements in the high ranks of fascism, because several of the 10 men removed had been regarded as staunch supporters of close collaboration with Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

British diplomats also reported that a Balkan pact, in which Italy will participate, is being drafted to resist both German and Russian expansions.

Mussolini replaced Achille Starace, secretary-general of the Fascist party since 1932.

At Road Celebration At Norvale Crags October 25



In the picture above, Governor Clyde Roark Hoey, of North Carolina, is shown addressing the throng that attended the big celebration held Wednesday, October 25, at Norvale Crags, marking the opening of the new Galax-Mount Airy highway, by way of Low Gap. At the left Governor Hoey is seen, with Congressman Robert L. ("Farmer Bob") Doughton, of Alleghany County, eating his share of the big barbecue served the crowd.—Photos by Zabriskie.



Rev. L. F. Strader, who was returned as Methodist pastor

—here recently for another year, and Mrs. Strader, were honored on Friday night, October 27, with a linen shower at the parsonage.

R. A. Doughton, acting as spokesman for the group, welcomed the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Strader back to Sparta, to which welcome both responded in a few appropriate words.

Following an enjoyable period of conversation, Mrs. Jay Hardin and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill served iced tea, sandwiches, and cakes to approximately thirty guests.

The guests of honor received many beautiful and useful gifts from the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Doughton, Mrs. R. E. Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, Miss Marie Perry, Mrs. Vance Choate, Miss Wanda Choate, Miss Bettie Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardin, Mrs. Dwight Greene, Mrs. F. Castevens, Miss Eula Parsons, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Mrs. Mexa Phipps, Mrs. A. F. Reeves, Mrs. R. T. Burchette, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Mrs. Claude Moxley, Miss Annie Reeves, Miss Mary Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Transou, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Doughton, Miss Mae Doughton, Mrs. C. C. Castevens, Misses Lillie Ervin, Marporie Halsey and Wilma Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roe, Mrs. Lelia McMillan, Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. Lola White, Mrs. E. O. Choate and Mrs. R. E. Black.

REV. J. R. SHUMATE IS CONDUCTING A SERIES

—of revival meetings at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, just east of town, this week. Day services begin at 11:00 a. m., and night services at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. Mr. Shumate is pastor of the Baptist Church at Sugar Grove, Va.

A huge U. S. defense fund request is seen

—by observers in Washington, D. C., where President Roosevelt estimated Tuesday that it would cost \$275,000,000.00 to safeguard and enforce American neutrality during the first ten months of the European war.

The president told reporters that this sum would be asked of congress as a deficiency appropriation in January. This strengthened the belief of some officials that the total national defense appropriation for the next session would exceed \$2,000,000,000.

The extra \$275,000,000, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference, is needed chiefly to pay for increases in the armed forces ordered September 8 when he proclaimed a limited national emergency. The expense covers maintenance of the Atlantic coast neutrality patrol and the mass training of troops ordered by the war department.

A short time before the president spoke, Chairman Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, of the senate military affairs committee, predicted the expanding army would require \$1,000,000,000 next year, and Chairman Scrugham, Democrat, Nevada, said the house naval appropriations sub-committee expected the navy budget would approach this sum.

In another defense development the war department announced that the first new aerial fighting unit to be formed since congress approved a \$800,000,000 air corps expansion in April would be sent to Puerto Rico in November to reinforce defenses of that Caribbean outpost. It is (turn to page 8, please)

Sparta Is To Have Another Big Dollar Days Event On Friday, Saturday And Mon.

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tic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania virtual protectorates.

3. Denounced Great Britain and France for carrying on the war with Germany for the purpose, he said, of safeguarding their colonial possessions.

4. Said "there can be no question of restoring Poland" and that it was "absurd to continue the present war" for such a cause.

5. Asserted that German and Russian relations are being placed on an increasingly-solid and friendly basis.

6. Announced trade negotiations would be opened with Japan and opened the door for a move by Tokyo toward stronger cooperation—possibly a non-aggression pact.

7. Gave no hint of any possible Soviet aims in the Balkans but said Turkey, which refused a pact with Russia and signed one with Britain and France, must take note of the offer of cooperation to Japan.

By her pact with Britain and France, he said, Turkey had moved into the "orbit of war" and would not hazard a guess whether Turkey would come to regret it.

Russia's dictator, Joseph Stalin, was given a tremendous ovation when he seated himself along with other Soviet leaders in front of the chairman's rostrum of the modern hall built behind the picturesque Kremlin.

November 23 was designated Tuesday as Thanksgiving Day

—in Washington, D. C., by President Roosevelt. The day was designated by the president as a "day of general thanksgiving" and the chief executive voiced gratitude for the nation "that in a world of turmoil we are at peace with all countries."

While the proclamation stressed hopes for international peace, it may stir up a measure of domestic strife since the calendars—and many governors say Thanksgiving is going to be Thursday, November 30.

The president had announced last August that he was going to move Thanksgiving up a week. He said many business men wanted the date changed so there would be more time between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

ever put on for the benefit of the buying public in this section. Drastic reduction in the prices of merchandise of many kinds have been made and all who are interested in getting most in real value for the money spent are urged to turn now to the big double-page advertisement in this issue of THE TIMES, and also the advertisement on page 6, and see for themselves the abundance of golden opportunities for real savings because of the unusually attractive prices on almost any kind of merchandise in which he or she may be interested.

These cooperating stores are extending a cordial invitation to their customers and friends to take advantage of the opportunity to buy high-quality merchandise at money-saving prices being offered them during this three-day Dollar Days bargain event.

Foes of the arms embargo won the first

—skirmish over neutrality legislation in the House Tuesday, in Washington, D. C., when that chamber agreed to send the measure to a conference committee to adjust differences between the Senate and House versions.

The vote, which effectively prevented the embargo bloc from offering amendments from the floor was taken amid angry cries of "city slicker tactics!" Administration men replied that the procedure was normal.

There was no roll call on the question, but administration leaders jubilantly hailed a previous roll call, on which they mustered an unexpectedly high majority of 60 votes, as indicating a safe margin for repeal of the embargo when the final test comes.

The roll call was on a question of ending debate on the procedure to be adopted for considering the bill. The results, in effect, defeated a Republican attempt to open up the legislation for house amendments. The vote was 237 to 177.

Opponents of repeal—most bitterly controverted issue of the neutrality fight—had pleaded bitingly and vainly for an opportunity to bring the senate bill before the house for any amendments it might see fit to adopt, or to send it to the foreign affairs committee to be amended.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

SHIP ON WAY TO GERMANY

Bergen, Norway, Oct. 31.—The American freighter City of Flint in command of a German prize crew was feeling her way southward along the North Norwegian coast tonight followed by a Norwegian man-o-war.

The prize ship, on her way from the Soviet Russian port of Murmansk, to a haven in Germany, was sighted off Lodingen light this morning flying the German flag.

SKIRMISHES IN WEST

Paris, Oct. 31.—The French reported "marked activity" on the western front today with a series of land skirmishes between French and German forces and brisk artillery duels in which the Germans were said to have used long-range heavy artillery for the first time of the war.

N. Y. FAIR COMES TO CLOSE

New York, Oct. 31.—For the first time since the \$156,000,000 show was thrown open to a pop-eyed but hesitant public last April 30, the palatial exhibitors of the New York World's Fair welcomed a rain today as they closed up shop and battened down for the winter.

EX-GOV. DIES AT 100

Carson City, Nev., Oct. 30.—Former Governor Roswell K. Colcord, who was 100 years old last April 25, died today.

Colcord, a Republican, served as governor of Nevada from 1890 to 1894. He was superintendent of the Carson City mint for 13 years.

FREE NATIONS PRAISED

Vatican City, Oct. 29.—Consecrating 12 new missionary bishops in a solemn ceremony in St. Peter's Pope Pius today praised those states where morality and justice prevail and tyranny is unknown. His words echoed sentiments expressed Friday in the first encyclical of his reign in which he criticized governments in which "civil authority" puts itself in the place of the Almighty and elevates the state or group into the last end of life."