

NEUTRALITY

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Tonight President Roosevelt has on his desk a bill for his signature. And there's no ^{need to ask} ~~use asking~~ whether he'll sign it. It's the Neutrality Bill, cutting out the Arms Embargo. Congress today acted with speedy promptness. The Committees of the Senate and the House worked in conference to harmonize the two Neutrality Bills passed by the Senate and the House. The two were made identical - without any amount of fuss or debate. That's all that was needed, and then the Congress of the United States sent the document to the White House, ^{and then they adjourned the special session.} ^{And this is} what President Roosevelt has been fighting for all along, ~~and~~ Today he restated what he had said before - that the Neutrality Bill restores the United States to its traditional principle of neutrality. So he'll not only sign it, he will do the signing with enthusiasm, turning into law (the measure that permits the sale of United States war supplies to the embattled nations of Europe on a cash-and-carry plan. They'll get all the American munitions they can pay for in cash, and carry ~~them~~ in their own ships.)

AIRCRAFT

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Congressional action on the Arms Embargo brings a veritable fantasy in the world of aviation. In Wall Street the British minister of Supply today jubilantly said that aviation stocks went climbing to new levels, as the speculators plunged. The expectation of huge Allied warplane orders sent aviation securities upward. Right now there are a hundred million dollars' worth of orders already placed, only waiting for the Arms Embargo to go.

Australia today announced that it would buy twice as many planes in the United States as had been intended-doubling an order of 50 to a 100. From London and Paris the same sort of word - double and

redouble. Experts of the aviation industry anticipate that the Allies may buy as much as a total of a billion dollars' worth of American aviation equipment, maybe as many as fifteen thousand warplanes.

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Fantastic pictures are conjured - great flights of seaplanes shipping themselves to Europe, squadrons making the trans-Atlantic flight under their own power. This in the sky, while fleets of ships plow the sea with aviation cargoes. One curious thing is pointed out, that under the new Neutrality Law, the Germans can buy warplanes here as much as they please -if they can get them to Germany. The only way would be by direct flight,

non-stop trans-Atlantic trips. That would seem to be fairly mythical -- for the sky road to Germany is longer.

The British minister of Supply today jubilantly said that the repeal of the Arms Embargo places at the disposal of the Allies what he called -- "an arsenal of unlimited resources." On the German side, they're talking of an intensive submarine campaign to torpedo ships carrying American aircraft to Great Britain and France.

BLAST FURNACE

The pick-up in industry is illustrated by an event at Warren, Ohio. There Republic Steel has built the largest blast furnace in the world. It has a capacity of eleven hundred and twenty-five tons daily, more than any other furnace. It was completed in the record time of eighty-two days, shortest construction period for any blast furnace. They ^{were} ~~was~~ supposed to start operation on the eleventh of November. But they lighted the fires and started the blast furnace going today, nine days in advance. Why? Because of a shortage of steel.

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neutrality law banned exports.*

STRIKE

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The New York waterfront ^{strike} ~~strike~~ is on, five thousand longshoremen are out, and seventy steamships lay idle in New York harbor today. With the dock workers on strike there was nobody to load cargoes, and a spokesman for the ship owners came forward with the admission that the port was - all tied up. The Union is demanding a wage increase of ten cents an hour and a forty-hour week. It seems likely that the strike will spread to other parts on the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, involving a possible total of fifteen thousand workers.

All this as the neutrality law booms exports.

COULMORE

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The mystery of the Coulmore is still unsolved, that British ship which reported itself attacked by a U-boat. No further word on the subject, since the United States coastguard abandoned the search for the Coulmore, saying the vessel was okay. No more word, that is, from this side of the ocean. In Germany, however, a Government spokesman undertook today to solve the mystery, ~~of the Coulmore~~. He blamed it all on British propaganda, said the ~~torpedo~~ torpedoing had been reported for the purpose of affecting Congressional action on the neutrality issue, the repeal of the Arms embargo. According to this Nazi version the Captain of the Coulmore wirelessly a false report of a U-boat attack the on order of London's First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, ^{who} ~~is~~ ^{is} right now the Number One target for Nazi ~~propaganda~~ denunciation.

FLINT

That much debated American steamship, the City of Flint, was quite a theatrical spectacle today. She's been steaming down the Norwegian coast, with a couple of Norwegian warships keeping an eye on the vessel, also a light British cruiser doing the same thing. London reports that units of the British fleet have sighted the American steamer with a German prize crew aboard.

Today the City of Flint was off the Norwegian port of Haugesund -- was visible from shore. People at Haugesund crowded the docks, gazing out at the famous vessel. There were so many people ^{the} ~~A~~ police drew a cordon to keep order. The crowd saw the City of Flint steaming slowly, delaying, apparently waiting. It was surmized she might be waiting for German airplanes to show up, or a German ship. And the latter thing happened. The Nazi freighter appeared and made contact with the American boat. *Why, nobody knows.*

The port of Haugesund is at the southern tip of Norway, at the entrance to the Baltic, ~~Sea~~. And the latest is that the Flint will enter the Baltic and proceed to the

German port of Stettin -- quite unmolested by the British,
who could easily have captured her.

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MINORITIES

Germany and Soviet Russia today signed a minority agreement. It's in line with Hitler's policy of exchanging minorities. He has been doing it with the Baltic republics, taking groups of Germans from those lands. In the case of the Soviets, it will be a case of bringing to Germany various isolated Germanic elements in Russia ^{the} ~~German colonies from times~~ ^{sphere of Poland.} ~~some by~~ In return, the Soviet will get elements of Ukrainians and White Russians that are now in German controlled parts of Poland.

VATICAN

Word from the Vatican indicates that German Nazi pressure ~~xxx~~ against the Catholic Church has increased since the publication of the Papal Encyclical. The Nazis apparently are much angered by that message to the world in which Pope Pius denounced paganism and atheism, meaning Hitler-Germany and Stalin-Russia -- and expressed the world's hope for the restoration of Poland. It is said that the Papal Nuncio to Berlin has made a report to the Vatican in which he declares that since the Papal Encyclical was issued Nazis ~~are~~ in various parts of Germany have invaded churches during religious ceremonies and driven out the worshippers. At other places they ^{set} ~~sit~~ upon Catholics after church and beat them up. In one diocese priests were warned with menacing threats that they'd better not even mention the Encyclical from their pulpits.

MEXICO

In Mexico City today there was a presidential nomination, one that is considered the equivalent of an election. In the republic to the south of us, the Mexican revolutionary party is dominant, its candidate considered a certain winner. So who has the party named as successor to President Cardenas? It nominated General Manuel Avilaca Macho who has long been prominent politically and until recently was Secretary of National Defense. The nomination is made way in advance. The election is to be held in July of next year. Apparently we already know the result. General Avilaca Macho will become President of Mexico next July.

INDICTMENTS

From Boston today comes the news ~~and~~ of indictments by the wholesale, seventy-two individuals accused in what is described as a twenty million dollar nationwide lottery fraud. Thirteen of the indicted are in Illinois, thirteen in Massachusetts, twelve in Pennsylvania, and so on for a list of sixteen states. That indicates how nationwide the affair is. And in it we find the honored name of Will Rogers.

23 The charge is that the lottery fraud ran under the name of the "Will Rogers Memorial Hospital Charity Fund", and that it falsely pretended to be connected with the legitimate organization that honors Will Rogers - the organization headed by Owen D. Young and Vice-President Garner. The indictments were handed down after testimony had been given by Owen D. Young and by Mrs. Will Rogers, widow of the homespun humorist, ~~and philosopher.~~

The fake lottery is said to have operated by advertising fictitious ~~hits, and~~ prize-winning^s. It publicized imaginary cases of people who had won big money in the lottery. But when any of the suckers who bought tickets did make a lucky winning - they never got the money. All that is the old stale story of a phoney game of chance, but this one masked itself with the cherished and respected name of Will Rogers.

CAPONE

On an estate in Florida they're getting ready for the home-coming of the boss - the squire. And at Alcatraz, that grim California prison rock, they're preparing to release a ^{convict.} ~~prisoner~~. In a couple of weeks, Scarface Al Capone, ~~maxed~~ once the greatest of the gangsters, will have served his eleven year prison term. All he'll have to do will be to pay ten thousand dollars assessed against him in the income tax charges. They say the money will be put promptly on the line, and Scarface Al will go free. No, not back to Chicago, where he once was king of the bootleg underworld - but to Florida.

During his time of flagrant greatness and evil renown, Capone acquired a flamboyant luxury estate in Florida. He still owns it, and it's in readiness to receive him. There he'll settle down with his wife and son - as the squire of a gorgeous estate on an island.

But it won't be as in the bad old days, when that Florida showplace was the scene of gaudy revelry and merry-making - the Chicago gang lord entertaining a weird assortment of big-wigs, millionaires, sporting figures, headline newspaper men, and

underworld magnates. Scarface Al will live in seclusion. He is partly paralyzed and Alcatraz describes him as suffering from - a fear complex. ^{ff} Capone is haunted by terrified notions that his old-time gang enemies of Chicago may, as he says - "catch up with him." They gunned for him incessantly in those murderous rum-running wars, but they never got him. Others of the gang lords were knocked off in sensational crimes, and the ^{ghosts} may haunt that Florida estate when Scarface Al goes to live there in retirement - partly paralyzed and terrified. Ghosts ^A O'Banion, Hymie Weiss, the Genna brothers, and the Bugs Moran henchmen in the St.Valentine's Day massacre. For years people have wondered - what would Scarface Al Capone do when he got out of prison? Today gives the answer.

HERRING

Today in a hospital at Princeton, New Jersey, the doctors told a patient something that had been in the news for nearly a week. Everybody knew, except the patient. They hadn't had the heart to tell him, but now they couldn't wait any longer. The thing had to be done - and quickly. So they told Don Herring - he'd have to lose his leg. Shortly afterward they wheeled him into the operating room, and performed the amputation.

Last Saturday the mishap occurred - on the football field. Princeton was playing Brown, and at a kick-off the line of Princeton players went charging down the field. No one made the dash with any more ~~speed and~~ impetus than Don Herring, the mighty Princeton line-man. Six feet four, and weighing two hundred and thirty-seven pounds, pride of the team, and a Number One track man to boot. Don Herring was tackled, as he had been often before. This time something snapped. ~~He~~ went down in a heap, his left leg in agony. They carried him off the field and to a hospital. And there from the first the doctors realized that Don's knee was so badly ripped that there was hardly any hope of saving the leg. They didn't tell him, Don was only a junior, just ~~the beginning~~ ^{in the middle} of his college

58 1/2 athletic career. He looked forward with high hope to a couple years more of stardom, in varsity football and on the track team. No, Don didn't know, but the public knew - it was in all the newspapers. His father knew. He himself had been a Princeton football star in times gone by. They clung to hope as long as they could - the doctors, the college, the football fans, and Don's father. Today came ^{the} final act. They had to tell Don and amputate.

How Don feels about it is expressed by his father.

59 "He won't be a cripple," said Herring, Sr. "He will be able to walk around as well as I do," he continued. "It won't interfere with his chosen work in geology."

7 1/4 Good-bye to the clash of football and good-bye to ~~running~~ triumphs on ~~aces down~~ the track. What is left to Don Herring now is his life's work - geology.