

North Carolina—Wednesday, partly cloudy slightly cooler north and west portion. Continued warm and scattered thundershower in southeast portion.

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Food, Arms Unionists On Strike

55,475 NOW IDLE

Fuel Workers Also Walk Off Jobs In Pennsylvania Mines

By The Associated Press
Strikes in the fuel, food and arms industries shot the total number of workers idle in labor disputes above 55,475 yesterday.

The figure compared with approximately 36,000 on Monday, the lowest of any day since June 19. New strikes involved CIO oil and gas workers in the United Fuel Gas Company, serving six eastern states; United Mine Workers at five mines in Pennsylvania and Ohio; CIO dairy workers in Detroit; AFL bakers in Rochester, N. Y.; AFL Shell workers in Birmingham, Ala., and workers on B-29 bombers in Chicago.

The situation by cities or states:

Charleston, W. Va.
Some 1,000 CIO oil and gas workers walked out of United Fuel and Gas Company properties in a dispute over wage increase demands, tying up operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Pennsylvania
All four Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation coal mines were closed and 3,316 United Mine Workers were idle.

Detroit
Thirty per cent of Detroit consumers, except hospitals and schools, were without milk deliveries because of a strike of 1,000 CIO United Dairy Workers at the Detroit Creamery Company and the Elbing Creamery Company.

A recurrence of an earlier strike idled 2,900 persons at the Graham-Paige Motors Corporation.
The Chrysler Corporation's Dodge truck plant was closed and 2,800 employees were idle as a result of a strike of 11 CIO United Automobile Workers plant sprayers, who demanded the rest periods be raised from 1 to 20 minutes each hour.

Rochester, N. Y.
Many restaurants were rationing bread to patrons after three days of a strike by 420 AFL bakers at three baking companies supplying 60 per cent of the city's bread. A

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WAR LOAN BUYING SETS NEW RECORD

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., tonight announced the mighty Seventh War Loan drive grand total was \$26,313,000,000, far surpassing every record set previously by all categories of investors. The goal was only \$14,000,000,000.

Individuals piled up a total of \$3,681,000,000, nearly \$2,000,000,000 more than their \$1,700,000,000 goal. Purchasers of series E-bonds fell just short of their mark with \$3,876,000,000 sold against a quota of \$4,000,000,000.

Success of the Seventh War Loan brought total sales in all the wartime bond drives to the staggering total of \$135,749,000,000 of which \$38,483,000,000 have been bought by individuals.

Morgenthau, who will leave the Treasury after 12 years as its head, said President Truman returns from the Big Three meeting, called the drive a demonstration of faith in America. In a radio address (CBS) which he called his "valedictory," he asked that the entire war finance organization continue under his successor, War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson, with the same "devotion and zeal" which they have shown for the past four years.

He praised the 85,000,000 or more more Americans who have bought bonds and held them since the beginning of the War Bond program in 1941. He thanked the 6,000,000 volunteer workers for making the war financing program a success.

Public Health Service Watching Polio Progress

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—Officials of the United States Public Health Service are keeping their fingers crossed in the hope that last year's epidemic of infantile paralysis—19,000 cases, second worst in the nation's history—will not be repeated this summer.

The seasonal rise in polio has begun with 155 new cases, one-third of them in Texas, reported during the week ended June 30. Dr. Charles Armstrong, director of the division of infectious diseases, National Public Health Service, said tonight.

This compares with 116 cases the previous week and 96 during the week ended June 16. It brought the year's toll to 1,270.

It's The Army's Biggest Family



Snug and secure in their home at Concord, N. H., are Mrs. Barrett and ten of the twelve little Barretts who give Cpl. Chester J. Barrett his official War Department status as the soldier with the most numerous brood. The ration books they're holding are kept busy with the \$300 that Mrs. Barrett draws each month from the Government in dependency benefits, including \$50 for herself. Cpl. Barrett is stationed at a prisoner-of-war branch camp at Spencer Lake, Maine. (International)

Mountain Spearmen Help Rout Japs From N. Luzon

NEWSPAPER AD BRINGS BRIDE

CHICAGO, July 10.—(AP)—Pvt. Clifford Poehling was convinced today that it pays to advertise.

The 34-year-old combat veteran, who spent 11 months in a German prison camp, advertised for a wife in Chicago papers last Saturday. Today he and Mrs. Marie Nassey, 23-year-old blue-eyed blonde, discussed plans for their wedding next Saturday.

Mrs. Nassey, mother of Mickey, 4, and Sharon, 2, was the only one of 41 applicants for Pvt. Poehling's hand to call on him in person at Gardner General Hospital, where he has almost recovered from leg flak wounds.

"A beautiful blonde walked into my room and into my life forevermore," said a beaming Poehling. "Burn the other letters."

The couple planned to be married in the bride's home, where she lives with her children and a woman friend. She was divorced in April. After the wedding, they will go to Poehling's La Crosse, Wis., home, for his 90-day furlough.

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MACARTHUR ASSUMES OPERATION CONTROL OF ARMY AIR GROUP

GUAM, Wednesday, July 11.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of Army forces in the Pacific, has assumed operational control of all Army air forces in the Ryukyus for greater operative efficiency in the all-out aerial offensive against Japan, it was announced today.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the command change, said that the capture and development of the Marianas, Iwo Jima and Okinawa have permitted the deployment of strong United States Air Forces within effective striking distance of Japan and such air forces are being deployed as rapidly as possible.

The Army Air Forces in the Ryukyus—based on Okinawa and several other smaller islands—have passed to MacArthur's control "incident to a regrouping of such air forces," Nimitz said.

Naval Air Forces, including the Marines, operating in the Ryukyus and at Iwo, will continue to operate as units of the Pacific Fleet in connection with their task of tightening the naval blockade of Japan and "destroying Japanese forces and shipping, wherever found, preparatory to further amphibious assaults."

U. S. ARMY HANGS GERMAN KILLERS

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kans., July 10.—(AP)—The Army early today formally hanged five German soldiers in an elevator shaft of its disciplinary barracks for the crime of murder.

In an Oklahoma prisoner of war camp, on Nov. 4, 1943, they beat to death a fellow prisoner of war who had committed treason, in their opinion, by losing faith in Adolf Hitler and the Nazi ideology.

They were the first prisoners of war ever executed in the United States for crimes after their capture.

All five preserved the iron composure engrained into soldiers by the harsh German discipline. Wearing parts of the uniform of the Afrika Korps to which they belonged, they were hanged in the presence of seven reporters admitted to the execution by order of the War Department.

Each was given the opportunity to speak before dying. Only first Sgt. Walter Beyer leader of the prison camp kangaroo execution, availed

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President Will Finish Trip By Air ON CRUISER AUGUSTA

Mr. Truman Holds Conferences On Ship Board With Byrnes

ABOARD THE U. S. NAVAL CRUISER, AUGUSTA, July 10.—(AP)—President Truman was in mid-Atlantic today aboard this veteran cruiser enroute to a Northern European port where he will disembark and fly to Potsdam, Berlin suburb, for the Big Three conference which begins there next week.

The Chief Executive, accompanied by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Admiral William D. Leahy, presidential chief of staff, and a small corps of attaches was four days out of Newport News, Va., where on July 6 he began a trip that will carry him more than 10,000 miles.

Because of security considerations no advance announcement of the date of Mr. Truman's arrival can be made, according to White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross who also is accompanying the President.

Skipper of the fighting ship which Mr. Truman chose for his first Atlantic crossing since he returned from France World War I is Capt. James H. Foskett. Another cruiser, the U. S. S. Philadelphia makes up the special two-ship task force carrying the Presidential party.

Rear Adm. Allan R. McCann commands the task force with Capt. Robert L. Bolter commanding the flagship. It is a veteran of the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy campaigns.

As he headed for his conference with premiers Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin to map the end of the war and lay groundwork for a durable peace settlement, the President traveled under conditions drastically changed from what they were a relatively short time ago when Germany still was fighting the war.

There was no blackout at night; no accompanying destroyers or covering aircraft—just the two cruisers churning along in picture-perfect weather.

As his warship sliced through the Atlantic, President Truman will meet with Premier Josef Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Potsdam, Berlin suburb, next week to discuss a permanent peace treaty and speedy conclusion of the Pacific war.

As the powerful cruiser Augusta sliced through the calm Atlantic—three days out from the U. S. coast—Mr. Truman held continuous conferences with two of his top international advisers, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Admiral William D. Leahy, presidential chief of staff.

They were preparing for Mr. Truman's debut in Big Three de-

1945 LEAF CROP OFF 3 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—The 1945 tobacco crop will total 1,890,328,000 pounds, the Agriculture Department estimated today.

This represents a drop of three per cent from last year's record harvest of 1,950,213,000, but is more than 36 per cent above 10-year average.

The flue-cured production forecast is 1,091,000,000 pounds about the same as last year.

A burlap crop of 552,000,000 pounds is indicated. If realized, this would be larger than any year of record except last year when 592,000,000 pounds were produced.

Total production of all types by states, compared with last year's crop, included: Pennsylvania, 44,965,000 pounds and 52,893,000; Ohio, 19,920,000 and 25,347,000; Missouri, 7,600,000 and 8,700,000; Maryland, 28,875,000 and 32,160,000; Virginia, 124,756,000 and 144,691,000; North Carolina, 774,875,000 and 755,806,000; South Carolina, 132,000,000 and 132,250,000; Georgia, 96,720,000 and 93,780,000; Kentucky, 434,383,000 and 477,020,000; Tennessee, 122,380,000 and 125,645,000.

Production of burley, by principal producing states and compared with last year's yield, included: Ohio, 15,900,000 pounds and 18,480,000; Missouri, 7,600,900 and 7,700,000; Virginia, 19,240,000 and 19,317,000; North Carolina, 18,200,000 and 16,666,000; Kentucky, 383,350,000 and 418,300,000; Tennessee, 91,350,000 and 93,200,000.

Production of flue-cured tobacco, by states and compared with last year's yield, included: Old Belt (Virginia-North Carolina), 354,200,000 and 381,106,000; Eastern North Carolina Belt, 397,123,000 and 373,290,000; South Carolina Belt (North and South Carolina), 227,450,000 and 221,950,000; Georgia-Florida Belt, 1,125,250,000 and 1,104,438,000.

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FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY LODGES LIGHT RATE PROTEST
RALEIGH, N. C., July 10.—(AP)—The Atlanta office of the Federal Housing Authority has protested the order of the State Utilities Commission requiring the Tide Power Company to grant a lower power rate to the Wilmington Housing Authority, Chairman Stanley Winborne of the State Utilities Commission would hear the Authority's protests at its offices here on July 24.

U. S. Carrier Planes KO 154 Jap Ships In Raid; Beachhead Wider

Dutch Join U. S. Troops In Assault

MAKE NEW LANDINGS
Jap Suicide Squads Around Refineries Are Cut Off

MANILA, July 10.—(AP)—Dutch troops joined the battle of Balikpapan today and helped to extend the Allied beachhead to 23 miles with two new amphibious landings on Balikpapan bay north of the Pandanharri refinery area.

Going ashore on two peninsulas on the northern shore of the bay, the Dutch threw new power into a flanking attack by sea aimed at linking up with Australian forces that captured the village of Soember in an overland drive through the Soember river swamplands.

Japanese suicide squads holding out in the Pandanharri refineries were completely cut off and rapidly being wiped out under attack from all sides. Reports from the front said the major portion and possibly all of the ruined refinery area were in Allied hands.

Japanese broadcasts admitted advances by the Allied troops, but declared that the defenders of the Balikpapan area were holding out in strong hill positions against fierce attacks by the Australian Seventh Division.

In the Mangar area on the opposite end of the beachhead the Australians were battling fiercely to drive a tank column through strongly defended road blocks established by the Japanese on the road to the Balikpapan oil fields.

CHINESE MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS

CHUNGKING, July 10.—(AP)—Chinese troops, in a swift 20-mile advance that shattered resistance in North Kwangsi Province, have stormed into strategic Chungtu, a commune said today, as other units captured Tayu and rolled unchecked toward the vital Canton-Hengyang rail line.

Early yesterday, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces drove northeast from captured Lojue to seize the highway town of Luchal. From there his forces wiped out the routed enemy troops and advanced another 10 miles to Chungtu. Chungtu is 35 miles southwest of Kweilin, the last of four former U. S. air bases in Kwangsi Province still in enemy hands. The drive toward Kweilin was in support of a secondary force that yesterday battled from the West into the city's outskirts.

The capture of Tayu marked the opening of a second general offensive against Japan's stolen corridor in South China. Tayu, in Kwangsi Province near the Kwangtung border, was seized Saturday. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Remnants of the Japanese force reportedly were under constant attack as they fled toward Tukong, 150 miles to the Southwest, Kukung, on the Canton-Hengyang railway, is a strong fortress city 250 miles from Canton.

The capture of Tayu severed the enemy's communication line between South Kwangsi and North Kwangtung. It marked a gain of 80 miles from recently-captured Kahnsin, a former Allied air base town.

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Yanks Find Human Soap Factory In Danzig Area

GRANDMA CARRIES A. M. PAPER ROUTE

PEORIA, Ill., July 10.—(AP)—A grandmother is delivering the Peoria Morning Star, fulfilling a pledge to two soldier sons to keep the route in the family as it has been since 1929.

Mrs. Haskell Bandy, mother of four and grandmother of three, hikes over a hilly route near Peoria Country Club. Her two eldest sons and a daughter formerly carried the route. They wanted their young brother to succeed them, but he had to leave for high school too early.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR BABY SNATCH

MARION, O., July 10.—(AP)—Police announced today that a woman, identified as Phyllis Lanman, of Marion, O., had confessed to the kidnapping of Jean Eileen Creviston, week-old baby.

Police arrested Mrs. Lanman, 29, in her home where they found little Jean none the worse for her adventure. Fearfully, she confessed. The burden of her story was this: She had meant no harm—she merely had wanted a baby.

Police took little Jean Eileen to her mother, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Creviston, wife of Sgt. John Creviston, of the Army Air Forces, after she had been examined at the hospital and identified by foot prints Mrs. Creviston went to the home of her parents from the hospital Monday. Her baby was stolen Sunday night.

Mrs. Lanman, a wife for a year, tried to convince a physician that Jean Eileen was her own baby and authorities indicated that led to her undoing. After two miscarriages, she became convinced of her own lack of capacity to bear a child.

Sunday evening she wandered into the hospital nursery. It was unattended.

"I didn't intend to take a baby," she said. "But when I saw the baby in its crib, I just took it."

She took Jean Eileen's name plate. No one saw her leave. At the corner, she took a taxicab and rode toward the business district. An emergency developed—She told the driver to stop.

"I got out and went into a house—I didn't know whose it was—and asked if I could change the baby's diaper," she told Police Chief William Marks. "They gave me one to put on her."

She went on home then and went to bed with the baby. Her husband's daughter by a previous marriage came home and she told the girl to call Dr. Maude Bull. When Dr. Bull arrived, Mrs. Lanman said she told her she had given birth to the baby unattended. Dr. Bull, of course, was aware of the difference between a new born baby and one eight days old.

Mrs. Lanman's husband is employed in a warplant at Mansfield, O.

\$1.000 Bills At Bargain Prices Worry Uncle Sam

By JACK STILLMAN
Bargain hunters and financial wizards alike will be interested to know that the price of a U. S. \$1,000 bill has dropped in some instances to as little as 800 bucks—bucks being that tender used by cheats and crooks. But you can't cash the grand without getting involved with the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue. Here's the hitch.

All Wilmington financial institutions have been advised by the office of the Secretary of the Treasury to file monthly reports concerning each deposit or withdrawal, payments and transfers of U. S. Currency which they may deem

Navy Holds Mastery Of Tokyo Skies

OPPOSITION LIMITED
Admiral Nimitz Reports Good Results From Mass Attack

GUAM, Wednesday, July 11.—(AP)—Carrier planes of a great U. S. Naval Task Force, winning mastery of the air over Tokyo, destroyed or damaged 154 enemy planes in unopposed attacks against 80 airfields near the Nipponese capital yesterday, preliminary reports showed today, and there were indications that the unprecedented assault was continuing.

Enemy broadcasts said that the attacks were expected to continue for several days, but the Japanese were doing nothing about it. By late Tuesday, no warship of Adm. William F. Halsey's fleet—possibly only 25 miles from the Japanese coast—had been attacked. Even Japanese suicide pilots failed to make an appearance.

Two enemy reconnaissance planes flew near the U. S. surface units, but they were promptly shot down by patrol planes. The remnants of the Japanese navy refused to come out for a finish fight.

More than 1000 carrier planes operated from the mighty fleet stretching from horizon to horizon. Late dispatches from Iwo said that Mustang fighter planes, meanwhile, ripped up two airfields, an aircraft factory and shipping in the Kobe area, 260 miles Southwest of Tokyo, yesterday and met only one ancient dive-bomber the Japanese threw in as an interceptor. The army airmen destroyed or damaged 19 Japanese planes making the day's total bag by the Army still but three of them on the ground, and Navy 173 Japanese planes—

Dispatches from fleets units where American commanders were so confident they permitted correspondents to broadcast running accounts to the United States, said the Japanese took a "terrific beating" yesterday. Adding in some 550 B-29's which made a pre-dawn strike on five cities on Honshu, upwards of 2,000 American planes were over Japan yesterday, giving the Oriental enemy's Homeland its greatest beating yet in the 36-day non-stop pre-invasion offensive.

The Third Fleet achieved complete tactical surprise and by noon, local time, the enemy had offered no determined resistance in the air," Nimitz said.

The planes from Iwo which hit the Kobe area swept in at low level against heavy ground fire to destroy 13 planes ground and

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Horace King Remains In Critical Condition

Horace T. King, Jr., who was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he fell from the roof of a house at Wrightsville Beach, remained in an "unsatisfactory" condition at James Walker Memorial hospital last night, and was reported still unconscious.

Mr. King, manager of the Hanover Iron Works, was taken to the hospital following the accident when he fell from a ladder while inspecting the roof of a house on the northern extension of the beach.

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