

FORECAST

NORTH CAROLINA — Partly cloudy skies and moderate temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday, scattered thunderstorms on the coast Tuesday afternoon and evening.

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TRUMAN CALLS ADMIRAL LAND

VINSON NAMED TO TREASURY OFFICE

President Sends Formal Nomination; Snyder As Successor

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(UPI)—President Truman today formally nominated Fred M. Vinson to be Secretary of the Treasury and appointed John W. Snyder of St. Louis to succeed Vinson as War Mobilization Director.

The Senate had planned to confirm Vinson's appointment today but debate on the Bretton Woods monetary agreements forced postponement of a vote until tomorrow. Overwhelming approval is assured. Nor is opposition expected to Snyder's nomination.

Snyder, former Vice President of the First National Bank of St. Louis, is now Federal Loan Administrator. He succeeded Vinson in that post, too. He has been a close personal friend of the President for more than 25 years.

Vinson, a Kentuckian, will succeed Henry Morgenthau Jr., who had held the Treasury post for more than 11 years.

Confirmation of the appointment will put Vinson next in line for the Presidency behind Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange and former chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is reported in line for Snyder's job. Snyder said his successor will not be selected until Mr. Truman returns from Europe.

Vinson's appointment was Mr. Truman's sixth cabinet switch. It leaves only four holdovers from the cabinet he inherited from the late President Roosevelt, and of these, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson is reported ready to step out. Of the original 1933 cabinet, only Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes still holds his post.

Vinson will take office with the public debt at some \$250,000,000,000 and expected to reach nearly \$300,000,000,000 by year's end. His major jobs will be to work out a revised tax structure suited to postwar needs. He was a tax expert when he was a member of Congress.

Morgenthau, a New York neighbor of the late President who took office Jan. 1, 1934, meanwhile sounded what is likely to be his swan song to Congress.

In a letter to Chairman Robert F. Wagner D., N. Y., of the Senate Banking Committee, he asked the legislators to see to it that the government accepts the responsibility of guaranteeing a sound and prosperous economy. He endorsed the so-called full employment bill which authorizes government economic planning.

Morgenthau had agreed to remain at his post until Mr. Truman returned from Europe. After Vinson's choice was announced last week, he wrote the President suggesting that he step out at once.

Vinson is a former House member and one-time Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Jap Casualties Near Half-Million Mark

MANILA, July 16.—(UPI)—American mopping-up operations in the Philippines cost the Japanese 4,170 dead and 603 captured in the past week. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

This brought the enemy casualties in the entire Philippines campaign to 428,732, including 10,768 prisoners. Most of the Japanese losses in the week were on Luzon, where 4,222 of the dead were counted.

American casualties for the week were 62 dead, one missing and 195 wounded, bringing the total for the whole campaign to 54,102.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological date for the 24 hours ending at 7:30 a.m. yesterday.

Temperature:
7:30 a.m., 72°; 7:30 p.m., 80°; 1:30 p.m., 78°;

Maximum, 84°; minimum, 70°; mean, 77°; normal, 79°.

Humidity:
7:30 a.m., 51%; 7:30 p.m., 72%; 1:30 p.m., 74%; 10 p.m., 95%.

Precipitation:
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., 1.70 inches; total since the first of the month, 8.16 inches.

Tides for Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Low
Wilmington 3:19a 10:44a
Masonboro Inlet 1:05a 7:23a
Sunrise, 5:13; sunset, 7:23; moonrise, 12:47a; moonset.

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Urgent Summons Cabled From Potsdam, Sees Berlin Ruins

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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POTSDAM, July 16.—(UPI)—President Truman today urgently summoned Vice Adm. Emory C. Land, chairman of the War Shipping Administration, and a staff of experts to Potsdam from Washington as he awaited the opening of the Big Three conference, delayed when Premier Josef Stalin failed to appear on schedule.

The President and Prime Minister Winston Churchill spent the day conferring with each other, discussing the conference program with their military and political advisers and touring wrecked Berlin.

Investigation of Stalin's whereabouts was forbidden but it was reported that he arrived late today and that formal talks would start tomorrow.

Belief hardened that the possibility of Russia's entry to the Pacific war would play a big part in discussions in addition to the administration of conquered Germany and political and economic problems affecting ex-enemy and liberated countries all over Europe and the Middle East.

The President, it was learned, is aiming at two objectives—speedy victory over Japan and agreement on world peace pending an overall peace conference after Japan's surrender.

It was learned also that daily talks by the combined chiefs of staff had started, with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Gen. Henry Arnold, chief of the Air Forces, taking part.

The dispatch did not specify that Russian generals were taking part. Russia is not at war with Japan. Adm. William D. Leahy, presidential chief of staff, and Gen. George C. Marshall and Adm. Ernest J. King, chiefs of staff of the Army and Navy, are in Potsdam. They are matched by an impressive British military delegation.

The President spent 40 minutes conferring with Churchill, who called on him this morning at his "Little White House" here. Then he spent two hours this afternoon touring Central Berlin to see awful handiwork of Allied troops and air forces.

It was a flashy ceremony, the tour, but a serious first hand study of destruction by a man who as Senator, Vice President and Pres-

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ADMIRAL BARBEY HINTS INVASION

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(UPI)—Vice Adm. Daniel Barbey hinted tonight that American forces may not wait until the end of the typhoon season to invade China or discuss invasion prospects.

Barbeys said that landings in Japan and China are "equal possibilities" and that an invasion force could be readied within 30 to 90 days, depending upon the size of the force.

Reiterating his prediction that Japan can be forced to surrender within a year if there is no slackening of the war effort at home, Barbey declared that Japan is "now at the crossroads."

"Her leaders must make a decision," he said. "She can follow the German example and see her cities destroyed or she can be realistic and save something for the fighting, then what happened to German cities and factories will seem like peaceful prosperity and perfect order by comparison."

Barbey expressed belief that a landing could be achieved without heavy casualties because American forces will be able to pick the spot for invasion and mass overwhelming gun and air power nonstop.

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Davis Closing Order Leaves Future In Doubt

Announcement yesterday by the War Department that Camp Davis is to be discontinued as a convalescent and redistribution center for the Army Air Force personnel left in doubt the future of the mammoth installation in eastern North Carolina, where thousands of soldiers were trained for the war against Germany and Japan.

All construction work, totaling 1,600,000 in unfinished contracts, was ordered halted immediately. The work was ordered rushed to completion by Army engineers last week.

Camp Davis, in the general vicinity of Holly Ridge in lower Onslow county, was completed in 1941 at an original cost of about \$17,000,000. It first was used as a train-



"Vinegar Joe"

LITTLE HOPE HELD FOR CROPS IN FIELD

Little Hope was seen last night for New Hanover county farmers whose crops had suffered severe damage from 6.16 inches of rain since the first of the month, approximately 2.60 inches above normal. Normal precipitation for the remainder of the month is about 3.95 inches, according to local weather bureau officials.

For the period of June 15 to July 15, 10.09 inches of rain was recorded, 9.23 inches above normal. The greatest amount ever recorded for the first half of July was in 1886 when 18.65 inches fell, 7.33 inches falling on the 15th of the month.

DRINKING PARTY ENDS IN SLAYING

MIAMI, Fla., July 16.—(UPI)—The nude body of a woman identified by police as Mrs. Ella Mae Flynn Eames, 42, of Boston, Mass., former Red Cross ambulance driver, was found today in a blind alley back of a downtown hotel here.

Policeman James O. Barker said 19-year-old William Wells Parker, seaman first class, of Toledo, Ohio, had voluntarily acknowledged to his commanding officer, Lt. Comdr. Richard Giffen, that he struck the woman with a beer bottle during a drinking party in his hotel room.

He quoted the sailor as saying he then dumped the body from a hotel fire escape into the alley, 15 feet below.

Barker said personal effects of the woman showed that she was the wife of the Rev. Owen Eames of Brookline, Mass., and the mother of three children. Letters, he said, indicated her husband had been a Chaplain in the Army.

The police captain said Mrs. Eames had filed suit for divorce here in December, charging her husband with desertion.

Seventh Naval District headquarters, through its public relations office, said they were holding the sailor for investigation, but no charges had been placed against him and he would be turned over to civil authorities. The Navy statement said a report on the case had been forwarded to Washington and if no civilian action were taken, then the Navy would handle the case.

Dr. E. C. Thomas, county physician, told police that pending X-ray examination, he could not immediately say if Mrs. Eames was dead when she was thrown from the hotel. He said he believed, however, that she had died in the hotel room.

Parker's story, according to Capt. Barker, was that he struck up an acquaintance with the woman in a bar and after several drinks they went to a hotel room he had rented. A quarrel flared, Barker quoted the sailor as saying, and Mrs. James struck him with a bottle. In retaliation, his account continued, Parker hit the woman with another bottle.

Herbert Duval, circus business agent, explained that Syracuse was the first city visited that had demanded proof of the existence of such insurance. Other cities, he said, had accepted the statement of circus officials that such a liability policy was in force.

A Miami funeral home said it had contacted Mrs. Eames' husband at Boston, and he had directed that the body be cremated and sent to Boston for burial.

Australians Nearing New Oil Center CAPTURE IMMINENT

Chinese Continue To Press Japanese Forces Backward

MANILA, Tuesday, July 17.—(UPI)—Capture of another of Borneo's great oil fields was expected momentarily as hard-hitting Australian troops today bored into the swamplands near the island's East Coast North of Balikpapan.

The Japanese resisted fiercely when the Aussies first started their northward drive along the coast but the soldiers from down under advanced five miles in two days without opposition. The Aussies were last reported only five miles from the Sambodja oil fields in the heart of the swamps. Other objectives are the oil fields and port of Samarinda, 36 miles northwest of Sambodja.

Light naval forces moved in to blast coastal positions east of Sambodja.

It was thought that the retreating Japanese have already sabotaged the oil wells and the coastal pipeline leading to Balikpapan.

Heavy artillery was employed by the Aussies and Dutch Colonials to drive the Japanese from a 200-foot high position a half dozen miles northeast of war-wrecked Balikpapan. The Nipponeers continued to resist north of the captured ridge.

Ground troops were closely supported by Allied airmen.

CHINESE BESIEGE CITY OF PAOKING

CHUNGKING, July 16.—(UPI)—Chinese armies, battering Japan's East-West corridor which cuts China in two, have besieged Paokong, advanced toward Kweihsien and virtually cleared Kanshihsien, all former U. S. air base cities, it was reported today.

Powerful columns moved toward the three strategic cities, top objectives in the campaign to throttle Japanese holdings in Southeast Asia and open the way for an Allied invasion of China's vulnerable coast.

Allied bombers, utilizing recently seized bases in that area, collapsed the enemy's vital supply route between Formosa and Amoy, great tea port 140 miles to the west, a Central News Agency dispatch said.

Action was prompt. In fact, the OPA already had moved to increase food allotments in the Western wheat belt.

Mrs. Helen Mays, chief rationing clerk for Greeley County, Cur-

ry's home county, said today "no one is going to go hungry."

Curry told the Governor he had

talked with 15 men who went to bed last night without supper but said tonight some of his own harvest hands reported they had eaten big dinners in Tribune.

"One of them said he had to wait two hours to get served but he had his choice of roast beef or chicken, vegetable, bread and some plums. Plenty such as it was," Curry said.

Tribune's cafés had closed yesterday after running out of food.

Restaurants in Horace, another town in the county, closed Friday. Unable to find food to supply several hundred transients.

Harvest hands have always eaten well in Kansas. Flapjacks, eggs and bacon and potatoes for breakfast; steak, potatoes and gravy, mounds of sweet corn, bread and butter, puddings, cakes and pies for dinner and a repeat for supper.

A sandwich or no supper at all was not a fair substitute, Curry said. He told the Governor that only .6 of a point had been available for a harvest hand per day and "that amount will not feed a harvest hand."

Complicating Western Kansas' harvest food situation was the fact it is having one of its finest wheat crops in history and there has been an abnormal influx of har-

vest help.

CHAPLIN MUST PAY

HOLLYWOOD, July 16.—(UPI)—Comedian Charlie Chaplin, who is growing a mustache of his own for the first time for his forthcoming role as "Bluebeard," today was ordered to dip into his \$3,000,000 fortune and resume payment of \$75 a week to support red-haired Barry. The court decision on whether he is the baby's father.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

1,500 PLANES STAGE DEVASTATING ATTACK ON JAPANESE CAPITAL

PIPELINE BREAK GIVES GAS-STARVED MOTORISTS OF FRANCE BIG FIELD DAY

LILLE, France, July 16.—(UPI)—A break developed near here over the weekend in the Allies' pipeline across the English Channel, and gasoline-starved motorists had a field day scooping up fuel that drained out.

The black-market price on gasoline dropped from \$3.50 to \$1 a gallon.

The underwater line, built from England to France about the time of the Saint Lo breakthrough to service American

and British air forces operating on the continent, sprung a leak late Friday and gasoline flowed out onto the ground for more than 24 hours.

Frenchmen came from miles around, bearing buckets, dishpans and even sponges, and gathered up every drop possible.

When the black-market price dropped, Allied military officials investigated on the ground that government property was being sold, and the sales ceased.

U.S.-British Fleets Join For Assault

ONSLAUGHT STILL ON

New Blow Follows Incendiary Raids On Four Cities

By LEIF ERICKSON
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GUAM, Tuesday, July 17.—(UPI)—The United States and British fleets, combined to form the greatest carrier striking force ever assembled anywhere, hurled some 1,500 planes at the Tokyo area yesterday. The tremendous onslaught still is in progress.

The great blow, starting at dawn, followed by possibly less than an hour a 2,500-ton incendiary bomb assault on four Japanese cities by nearly 500 American Superfortresses.

It was the latest in a rain of bombs and shells from sea and air that in four days has spread ruin along the entire length of the enemy's home islands.

The American fleet—the Third—shelled the enemy home islands of Honshu and Hokkaido, on Saturday and