

FORECAST
Wilmington and vicinity: Clearing weather in early part of day with slowly rising temperatures. Possible high temperature of 50 in afternoon.

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PEARL HARBOR PROBE WOBBLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—Impatience within the Pearl Harbor committee over the time being consumed in its investigation flared up today in a threat by Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) to resign and a request by the committee's legal staff of four to be released. Barkley said it is evident the inquiry is going to run on for months and that he will have to weigh the question whether his duty to the Senate as majority leader or his duty to the committee is the greater.

He told his colleagues he will think it over for the next few days and decide on a course of action.

William D. Mitchell, chief counsel and former Attorney General, had a similar complaint.

He said he had accepted the position with the understanding that his services would not be needed longer than early January. The resolution creating the inquiry committee directed that it report by January 3.

Farmers Seek POW Labor For Seeding

Owing to the fact that a dearth of agricultural labor exists at this time and with no apparent relief in sight before next summer, members of the Castle Hayne Growers and Shippers, Inc., through their spokesmen, Chairman A. Sonday and executive secretary A. Schlegel, yesterday requested that the aid of city and county officials be sought in an effort to have German Prisoner of War labor made available for the planting of 1946 crops in New Hanover county.

POW labor, which has helped materially in the harvesting of the 1945 crop in the Castle Hayne area, was officially withdrawn by the War Department as of Thursday, December 13, according to Mr. Schlegel, who pointed out that although continued use of this labor is now denied to farmers, men are still being worked at pulpwood and sawmill plants and by dairying interests.

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The base, on which the government has spent well over \$6,000,000, boasts 7,000 foot runways which have an additional 1,000 feet at each end of cleared approach, totaling three 9,000-foot concrete runways.

An acreage of approximately 1,200 makes it one of the largest airports in the United States... capable of handling any size land plane existing or contemplated.

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BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Germany, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Joseph Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen," his blonde queen, Irma Gresse and nine of their Nazi concentration camp cohorts were hanged yesterday in the courtyard of the little red brick prison at Hamelin, it was announced today.

Three women and eight men, found guilty by a British military court of committing mass murders and atrocities at the Belsen and Oswiecim concentration camps where thousands of Jews, Poles and other war refugees died, were put to death in executions that lasted from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

They were found guilty at Luenen-burg after a nine-week trial. Of 44 defendants, 14 were acquitted, 11 were sentenced to death and the remainder were given prison terms ranging from life down to one year.

The hangings were conducted with the greatest secrecy, presumably to foil any last-minute attempts to escape, or rescue from the outside. British and German police had mounted guard around the gallows of the Hamelin prison on Tuesday, several days after Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery had turned down pleas for clemency.

The first to die on the gallows was Elizabeth Volkenrath, 26, for whom a death sentence was pronounced.

2,000 POLICE, MP'S START ROUNDUP OF ARMY DESERTERS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Two thousand London policemen and hundreds of U. S., Canadian and British Military Police swarmed suddenly into a four-square-mile area of Central London tonight in a gigantic attempt to round up an estimated 10,000 deserters from the three Allied armies.

With Scotland Yard acres master minding the roundup, the officers established road blocks at strategic points. Subway and railroad stations, popular restaurants and pubs were checked by Military Police teams.

The fashionable Mayfair district of the west end, Soho, Paddington and Vauxhall were combed. Mayfair and Soho are night life centers.

Big Boss Not Always A Skunk, Leaders Say

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—The boss isn't always a skunk.

The union figures President W. A. Brownlee of Appalachian Mills is a pretty good guy. So it's throwing a dinner and dance for him Dec. 29 in his honor.

Today the International Ladies Garment Workers Union local began mailing out invitations to city and county officials and to labor and business leaders.

HOUSE APPROVES EMPLOYMENT BILL

Measure Now Goes To Conference To Iron Out Differences By Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—Legislation aimed at assuring plenty of jobs in the future was approved today by the House, 254 to 126.

The measure—a substitute for the so-called "full employment" bill requested by President Truman—lays down a Federal policy of maintaining "a high level of employment, production and purchasing power."

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JOSEPHUS DANIELS AWARDED MAYFLOWER CUP FOR NEW BOOK

RALEIGH, Dec. 14.—(P)—Joseph Daniels, newspaper editor and author of several books, was awarded the Mayflower Cup tonight for his latest book, "The Wilson Era; Years and Peace 1910-1917."

Daniels, who served as Secretary of the Navy in President Wilson's cabinet, later became Ambassador to Mexico and now is editing his Raleigh News and Observer, received the cup at a meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association. It was presented to him by Dr. Wallace E. Caldwell of Chapel Hill.

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Nazis Admit Wiping Out 6,000,000 European Jews

By CLINTON B. CONGER United Press Staff Correspondent

PALACE OF JUSTICE, Nuernberg, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—German leaders admitted wiping out 6,000,000 Jews up to August, 1944, and planned to make Poland's 35,000,000 people slaves in a "greater German world empire," the prosecutor charged today at the war crimes trial. It was planned ultimately to kill every Jew in Europe, evidence the prosecution disclosed, German plans called for sending "several million" Jews to French Madagascar, off the east coast of Africa, which evidently was to be part of the "empire."

But the murder orgy of the Germans changed all that. An affidavit by Nazi Security Police Maj. Wilhelm Hoettel quoted Adolf Eichmann, head of the Jewish section of the Gestapo, as telling him in August, 1944:

"Approximately 4,000,000 Jews have been killed in various extermination camps and an additional 2,000,000 have met death in other ways. The major part of them were shot by perational squads and Se-

Blumenthal Field Approved Loses Labor Legislation Race

Committee Move Halts Legislation

PARLEYS RECEESSED

Court Order Sets Picketing Strength of UWA Members At Cleveland

By The Associated Press

The administration lost its race yesterday to get passage of new labor legislation before start of a scheduled steel strike Jan. 14.

The Senate Labor committee recessed its hearings until after the Christmas holidays and Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) said testimony then could continue for another month on the fact-finding bill advocated by President Truman.

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Disclosure of the appointment by the Commissioner of Customs, of Martin H. Rawlyns, acting collector of customs for the North Carolina district in Wilmington since June, 1943, as Customs liaison officer with headquarters in Washington, D. C., came yesterday.

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BY ROBERT C. MILLER United Press Staff Correspondent

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—George S. Patton's condition tonight was "excellent" and his doctors said he would be flown to the United States within the next four or six weeks.

There still was danger, however, that the colorful former commander of the U. S. Third Army would be partially paralyzed for the rest of his life as the result of the broken neck suffered in an automobile accident last Sunday.

Mary Christmas Given Divorce In Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 14.—(P)—"Your name, please?" asked probate judge Joseph W. Monahan. "Mary Christmas," responded the divorce seeker who stood before him.

"The same to you," beamed the judge, "and now your name, please."

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NAL TO START SERVICE TODAY

First Plane From South Will Arrive Here About At 1:53 P.M., Bringing Greetings To Wilmington Mayor

Disclosure of the approval of Blumenthal Field and National Air Lines facilities there for contact flight by Civil Aeronautics Authority inspectors came late yesterday afternoon after departure of the officials, from D. E. Roberts, National's Wilmington station manager. Roberts said that the CAA men arrived during the afternoon in an aircraft with clearing weather all along the route and approval of the field by the CAA, the station manager said he definitely expected the inaugural flight on schedule today.

AFTER RECORD

Chief Pilot Clyde Andrews, National Air Lines captain, who will be the pilot of the inaugural flight from Miami to New York, will land here today in hot pursuit of a flight record for the distance.

Capt. Andrews, whose time in the air will be the basis for calculation of his speed, said yesterday in Jacksonville, Fla., "If the weather is at all favorable, I'm going to shoot for a new record." Accompanying him as flight stewards will be Miss Margaret Watson.

HOWLING BLIZZARD HITS BYRNES SHIP

Pilot Has Great Difficulty Locating Moscow; Met By Dekanozov

BY EDDY GILMORE AP Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Unable to locate the Soviet capital for more than an hour because of a howling blizzard, the plane carrying U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to the three power Foreign Ministers' meeting landed at the Central Airdrome today just before dark.

MORE COAL BEING DIVERTED SOUTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—The Solid Fuels Administration, acting to relieve the growing fuel shortage in the southeast, tonight directed producers to increase shipments of scarce southern Appalachian high volatile coals to retail yards in Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

SENIORS SELECT EXAM CANDIDATES

Thirteen New Hanover High school seniors have been selected by classmates to take a competitive examination for the national Pepsi Cola scholarship which entitles winners to four years tuition at any accredited college or university.

Selected by their fellow students were Bill Peter, Miss Sarah Ann Eaton, Harry Wellot, Jr., Miss Douglas McKay, Francis Chadwick, Miss Pat Hardwick, Miss Elizabeth Evans, Lon Usery, Miss Bettina Marable, Miss Jane Reynolds, John Hearn, Miss Betty Jean Marshburn and Miss Jacqueline Reynolds.

OPA Approves Increase In Cost Of Mercuries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—Basic retail price ceilings for Mercury automobiles will be up an average of 4 per cent over those of January 1942, and additional increases for design changes range from \$30 to \$65.

Announcing this today, the OPA said manufacturers' prices for these Ford-built cars would be boosted an average of 8.4 per cent.

Coast Line Authorized To Purchase AB & C Road

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(P)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to purchase the Atlanta, Birmingham and Coast Railroad company.

The Birmingham operates 637 miles of trackage in Alabama and Georgia. All its common stock was acquired by the Atlantic Coast Line in 1926.

7 SHOPPING DAYS Left

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS