

Wilmington and eastern North Carolina: Mostly cloudy and continued cold today with possibly light rains and continued cold tonight. High temperature in Wilmington today 38 degrees.

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Chinese War Continuing, Group Hears

ARMY WILL BE CUT

United States - Russians Launch Discussions On Korean Future

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Gen. Chang Chun, government truce negotiator, told China's unity conference today that armed clashes still were reported in the north—the Communists said in seven strategic provinces.

U. S. Marine planes dumped cease-fire leaflets over three strife-torn provinces today as a special commission in Peiping strove to check the clashes. Associated Press correspondent Olen Clements reported.

Chou En-lai, the Communist negotiator, said both he and General Chang were "worried by reports of continued fighting."

A Communist dispatch alleged the clashes occurred after Sunday's midnight deadline in Shansi, Jehol, Kiangsu, Honan, Hopeh, Suiyuan and Shantung provinces.

General Chang also announced that a three-man committee, set up under a Kuomintang-Communist agreement Oct. 10, met yesterday to consider reorganization of China's army. Under the proposed plan Communist divisions would become a part of the National armies for the first time.

Representatives of the government, the Communists and the Democratic League all agreed that armies should be divorced from politics and belong to the state instead of individual parties as now.

Gen. Lin Wei, vice minister of War, said demobilization plans called for cutting the army from 4,800,000 to 1,800,000 within six months.

FAVORABLE RATES WILL HELP CITY

Wilmington enjoys an excellent position in the matter of favorable freight rates, according to a report made public yesterday by H. E. Boyd, traffic manager of the Wilmington Port-Traffic Association.

The report stressed the importance of the talking point afforded this port in the strongly competitive field of merchandising shipments.

The report, addressed to directors of the association, detailed activities of the organization since Boyd's return in November from three and one-half years army service.

In the case of ICC-Docket, 27418, Boyd said, it was brought forth that shippers of grain and grain products, from the Ohio and Mississippi river districts, were enjoying proportional and local rates on shipments of those commodities into southern markets.

The ICC commission, Boyd pointed out, rendered a decision granting Wilmington shippers a rail rate of 85 per cent of the local rate used by those shippers on shipments of those commodities brought into the local port by ship, and thence by rail.

Boyd's report showed that Wilmington had enjoyed a good movement of flour through the port during the war and with the resumption of Pacific water service this traffic should be renewed through the local port from the Pacific northwest, thence by rail to markets.

ICC-Docket 29390, rates on coal, was explained in the report covering a formal complaint brought by the Carolina Coal consumers with offices at Asheville, against the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad and subsidiary roads numbering some 200, claiming rates on coal from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama to North Carolina are unjust and unreasonable.

The Wilmington Port-Traffic commission, Boyd said, has intervened in the case and that he, Boyd, would be in attendance at

"GOOD SAMARITAN" ASSAULTED, ROBBED BY UNGRATEFUL MAN

Continue your good deeds, but watch hitch-hikers.

Charles M. Rising, Wilmington, told police yesterday that he picked up an unknown man and started to take him home last night. Instead he fell among thieves.

Rising said they had traveled a short distance from their starting point when the man, who was later identified as James Stocks, hit him over the head with an iron pipe causing painful injuries.

From Rising's pocket, Stocks is said to have taken \$22, from his wrist he removed and carried away a wrist watch valued at \$100 and from the floor of the car he took a machine hammer.

Stocks was later arrested by police after having been identified by another of his "philanthropists" who had loaned him \$2.

COMMISSION MAY GET PRISON CAMP

Fireproofing Of Buildings, Remodeling Now Under Consideration

The State Highway commission probably will take over the prisoners' camp near Wrightsboro and fireproof the buildings and otherwise remodel the camp to accommodate 75 to 100 prisoners sometime soon, Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of the New Hanover Board of Commissioners, indicated yesterday.

State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham was in Wilmington yesterday for a conference with the commissioners about the camp. He indicated the highway commission would like to begin work remodeling the buildings at an early date, but that he did not feel the State could undertake the work unless it had title to the property.

The property, belonging to New Hanover county, has been leased to the State since the State took over the highway system about 1931. Prisoners held in the camp have been used to work roads in the county. Last July housing facilities at the camp reached such a bad state of repair that most prisoners were removed to the camp in Pender county. At present only a few honor prisoners are kept in the Wrightsboro camp.

Hewlett said the commissioners will probably study possible disposal of the camp property to the State at the regular meeting next Monday. He indicated the commissioners will be disposed favorably toward such a transfer because the prisoners kept in the camp would be used to work the roads in the county. At present, prisoners are hauled back and forth from the Pender camp to work on the roads here. This daily transportation causes a loss of time and therefore cuts the amount of work the prisoners can do on the road system in the county.

Authorized Dice Tables Returning \$7,000 Weekly

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 16.—(UP)—Stars and Stripes charged today that 15 enlisted men were making an estimated \$7,000 weekly profit from authorized dice tables at an Army personnel center on Oahu for GI's being processed for shipment home.

Col. William F. Saffarans, commanding officer, said authorized tables prevented gambling in the barracks and latrines where soldiers assertedly were damaging property and "running like hell" whenever they saw an MP, according to Stars and Stripes.

TRAVELERS SEARCHED FOR ARMS ON HIGHWAY FROM HAIFA, TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Police halted travelers between Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa today in a search for hidden arms used in recent terrorist outbreaks between Arabs and Jews.

In Tel Aviv leaflets posted on walls of buildings during the night and signed by the Jewish terrorist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, proclaimed that the organization was responsible for the wrecking of a railroad train and the theft of a \$140,000 payroll last Saturday near Hadera.

Truman May Make Steel Wage Proposal; International Dispute Faces Council; City Escapes Serious Damage By Storm

Lettuce Crop In District Thought Safe

COLD TO CONTINUE

School Schedules Not Expected To Be Disrupted By Adverse Weather

Jack Frost put the finger on Wilmington and vicinity yesterday with more freezing expected last night. Aside from the breaking of some overburdened limbs, the temporary suspension of power service in several sections of the city, and a few minor accidents, the city and county apparently suffered very little.

No damage was expected from the freezing weather and ice to the Castle Haynes farmers, according to R. W. Galphin, county agent.

With freezing temperatures predicted for last night, Weatherman Paul Hess forecast that temperatures would remain in the 30's today, setting the probable high at 38 degrees. "Continued cold tonight" was the rest of Meteorologist Hess' verdict.

However, showers were predicted for the eastern section of North Carolina during the day, with some sleet, by the state bureau. Conditions were expected to modify somewhat in this section during the day with gradually improving ceilings.

School schedules are not expected to be disrupted, according to officials, who last night said that unless the area experiences weather severe enough to make transportation dangerous or to cause other facilities to fail to function, classes will continue today.

In Brunswick county it was a different story. Leland High school opened its doors for two hours yesterday. Principal Glenn H. Tucker said, and closed for the remainder

CONGRESS RESENTS DELAYS BY TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—A Congress accused by President Truman of being "distressing slow" heard mutterings today that he is delaying legislation now.

Mr. Truman has postponed from Thursday to Monday his message on the "state of the union" in order to combine it with his budget. Democratic leaders have pointed to a custom of waiting for the message before doing business at a new session.

So, said Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio) in a House speech, the President is responsible for delaying action on administration legislation. And here a couple of weeks ago, he said, Mr. Truman "criticized Congress and its committees" for delay on measures the President has proposed.

The Senate labor committee heard Dr. William Leiserson discuss Mr. Truman's plan for handling labor disputes through fact-finding boards. Leiserson, former government labor mediator who now is a Johns Hopkins University professor, said it was inadequate.

The committee asked him to draft a bill that would be adequate. The House Military committee decided to give the House Labor committee a "reasonable time" to act on the fact-finding measure

Fresh Meat Famine Threatens Nation As Union Strike Goes Into Second Day; Meeting Called

AUSTIN, MINN., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Jay Hormel, President of the Hormel Meat Packing Co., one of the top meat packing companies in the nation, said tonight his company would grant its employees an increase of 15 cents an hour.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The nation tonight faced a fresh meat famine within two to 10 days unless government efforts, centering in Washington tomorrow, succeed in

Starting Gun In March Of Dimes



As bystanders look on in amusement, little Donald Anderson, 6, model on the March of Dimes campaign poster who recovered completely from an attack of infantile paralysis, "holds up" Mayor Bill O'Rwyer at New York's City Hall. The mayor's contribution launched the paralysis fund drive in the metropolitan area.

Last Of Six Grace Ships' Delivery Set For Summer

The last of the six vessels the North Carolina Shipbuilding company is building for the Grace Line is scheduled to be delivered this summer, officials of the company announced yesterday.

In view of the many recent rumors concerning the future of the shipyard, officials issued the following requested statement:

"The last three vessels being built for the United States Lines have been launched and are now in the outfitting stage, the last one being scheduled for delivery in February.

"The first of six vessels being built for the Grace Line will be launched January 24. These are of the C2 type, about 10,000 deadweight tons, but they have been almost completely redesigned for carrying 52 passengers and providing refrigerated cargo space. The deck house has been enlarged to provide room for the passenger accommodations. All facilities for the carrying of passengers embody the latest combined ideas of the United States Maritime commission, the Grace Line, and our architects, Gibbs and Cox.

"At this time, it cannot be estimated as to the probable employment for carrying on the work of preparing and maintaining the Reserve fleet vessels, which will be stored here in the Brunswick river. The Maritime commission is now engaged in extensive tests in connection with the dehumidification of vessels which will be laid up. Until the specifications for this and other phases of the lay-up job are completed by the commission, not much of an idea can be obtained of the extent of the work which will be involved.

"Dredging of the basin in the Brunswick river is proceeding satisfactorily."

Along The Cape Fear

RIDING AT ANCHOR — The hoary hand of Winter clutched the wheels of Cape Fear harbor craft last night and, if weather forecasts hold true, will clamp that icy grip on throughout today and tonight.

Visibility here late yesterday afternoon was less than one mile and steadily diminished as the night wore on.

All harbor traffic was paralyzed because weather conditions off the Southport bar prevented ships from coming in.

Vessels in port were sheathed in ice. All day long rivermen who were forced to be out reported hearing sharp cracks along the Brunswick

Iran Asking Protection From Russia

POLAND TO PROTEST

British Foreign Secretary Bevin To Address UNO Assembly Today

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council was confronted tonight with an international dispute before it had even taken a first step toward organizing for its task of keeping the peace.

Iran served notice it would ask the 11-member body, which meets for the first time tomorrow, for protection against what it termed "Russian interference" in northern Iran, where a self-government already has been marked by armed conflict.

Simultaneously, delegates to the six-day-old General Assembly of the United Nations learned of two other international problems they might be called upon to consider.

The Hilversum radio said that the premier of the self-proclaimed Indonesian republic planned a direct appeal to the United Nations to resolve its conflict with the Dutch. The Netherlands Foreign Minister Eelco N. Van Kleffens, said however that such an appeal "would not be considered."

Poland threatened, through its Foreign Minister, to bring before the Security Council a protest against the maintenance of a Polish army in Great Britain and Italy, unless the British response to an earlier protest is satisfactory.

All three disputes came to the fore despite pleas of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and UNO Assembly leaders not—as one delegate phrased it—to "put ice skates on the international baby before it has learned to walk."

Iran's grievance brought the middle east nation into direct conflict with Russia, which has de-

AIR CARGO EXPERT COMES HERE TODAY

M. M. de Brou, traffic manager of Air Cargo Transport corporation, originally scheduled to land at Bluehenthal airport yesterday, was forced to cancel plans for the flight in Richmond, Va., due to weather conditions extending over the eastern seaboard.

Harris Newman, prominent local attorney, with whom de Brou plans to confer on arrangements for a daily air cargo service to Wilmington and vicinity, advised the Star last night that de Brou planned to continue his trip by train, arriving in Wilmington this morning.

Negotiations have been underway for some time by the group which Newman represents to obtain quick air transportation for flowers, fruits, special seafood and other perishable commodities from Wilmington to points all over the United States, it was explained.

Newman said his conference with de Brou would be based on charter service by means of air cargo planes.

The conference will proceed on the assumption the air cargo service can be carried on from runways at Bluehenthal airport with permission of the county commissioners, Newman said. As plans develop, he said, a delegation will go before the board officially to

ARGENTINA SAILS FOR ENGLAND WITH CARGO OF DIAPERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Her grim guns gone and her ammunition lockers jammed with baby rattles and diapers, the S. S. Argentina sailed for England today to bring back 600 British war brides and their babies.

In addition to specially rigged diet kitchens, the 20,614-ton former troopship boasted of a nursery replete with toys, whistles, balloons, cribs, bassinets and stacks of pink and blue baby blankets. Eight stewardesses, four Red Cross workers, seven WAC doctors and seven Army nurses were aboard to care for the tiny passengers on the return trip.

White House Conference Stalemated

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OPA TAKES STEPS ON BLACKMARKETS

Full Force Alerted For Duty In View Of Nationwide Meat Strike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—OPA, fearing "tremendous pressure" on meat price ceilings as a result of the packing house workers strike, today promised swift action against any blackmarkets.

The agency strengthened its enforcement staff as a retail meat dealers' spokesman warned that if the stoppage is in effect a week or ten days it will make wartime black markets "look like a Sunday school picnic."

An OPA official who asked to remain anonymous said the agency's offices throughout the country had been alerted in advance of the strike, and that the OPA meat price enforcement staff already has been enlarged to cope with any emergency.

"We estimate," the official said, "that the strike may shut off about 80 per cent of the normal meat supply. That means that whatever meat is available will be worth its weight in gold and that many people will be willing to pay away above ceiling prices for it."

He said that actually the strike "will only intensify" an already acute meat price enforcement problem.

"For the last several weeks," the official continued, "pressure on meat ceilings has been increasing greatly. Live cattle, for example, have been selling at top prices for some time. This has made it clear we are heading for trouble."

"Now that the strike is on, there will be a tendency on the part of small slaughterers who are not affected to bid up prices beyond ceilings. There will be tremendous pressure all along the line."

OPA, the official said, has "mustered every enforcement agent who can be spared from other assignments, in order to meet this situation."

He stressed that violators of ceilings face stiff penalties and that OPA will not hesitate to invoke them.

The prediction that black markets of the war period would look tame if the strike goes on was made in Chicago by George Dressler, secretary of the National Retail Meat Dealers association.

Dressler told a reporter that given a week or ten days the packing house tieup would "create one

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DOSHER TO HEAD CLOTHING DRIVE

Announcement of the acceptance of the general chairmanship of the Victory Clothing Collection drive for the Wilmington area by W. R. Doshier, was made late yesterday by state campaign headquarters and almost immediately, Doshier set the wheels in motion to perfect his organization for a whirlwind two-week drive here on behalf of the overseas relief needs.

In announcing his acceptance of the general chairmanship, Doshier said last night that he had done so very reluctantly, feeling that a younger man could perhaps achieve even better results than those accomplished a year ago when he had charge of the drive.

"Although I do not have the time to devote to the work necessary to put the drive across, I feel that the fair name of Wilmington is at stake, and therefore, I am willing to do what I can in an effort to again place Wilmington close to the top of North Carolina cities in the final tabulation of the 1946 drive," Doshier said.

And So To Bed

This then is the Sunny South! Recently—during the balmy weather of the first 12 days of January—a Wilmington ex-serviceman brought his bride to Wilmington. She is from Ohio. The Wilmingtonian had fixed up a nice little apartment here. In the furnishings he had included a stove.

"Why, the very idea, having a stove here in the Sunny South!"

Her husband explained the weather some times gets a bit brisk here and that they'd need the stove.

But the bride persisted, said she knew about the Sunny South and wasn't going to have her living room messed up with an ugly old stove.

So, the ex-serviceman had to give in. He took the stove down. Wednesday, as you no doubt know, the South became anything but sunny. The ex-serviceman hastened to the store room for the stove to put it back up.

What happened? The stove was dropped in the moving. And the grate was broken. The ex-serviceman had to buy another stove.

WEATHER

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

Temperatures: 1:30 a. m. 40; 7:30 a. m. 35; 1:30 p. m. 32; 7:30 p. m. 31. Maximum 45; Minimum 31; Mean 36; Normal 46.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 82; 1:30 p. m. 100; 7:30 p. m. 93.

Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.—1.2 inches. Total since the first of the month—2.8 inches.

Tides for Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington: High 9:45 a. m.; 4:08 p. m. Low 10:00 a. m.; 4:44 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet: High 9:32 a. m.; 4:06 p. m. Low 9:52 a. m.; 4:32 p. m.

Sunrise 7:17 a. m.; Sunset 5:28 p. m. Moonset 7:25 a. m. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m., Wednesday 104 feet.