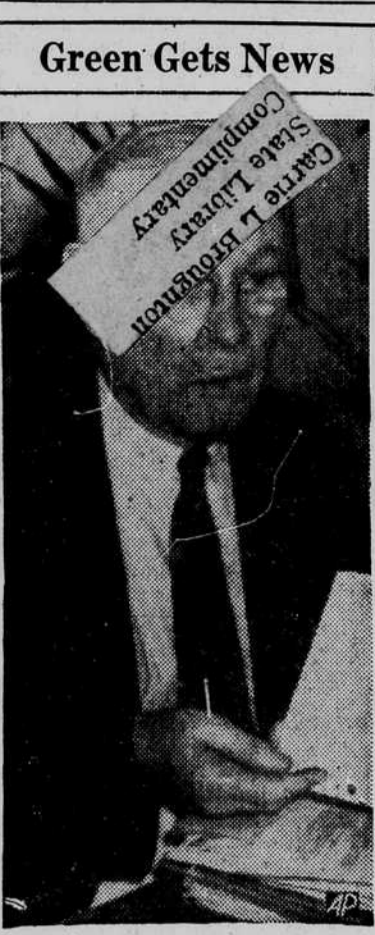


BRIDGES SAYS 1947 BUDGET TO JUMP DEBT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Mr. Styles Bridges, R., N.H., tonight described President Truman's budget as "a masterpiece of deception" that will increase the net public more than \$15,000,000,000 instead of lowering it.



Green Gets News... William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, sits at his desk in Miami, Fla., and reads the formal announcement that 500,000 members of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Union will return to the ranks of the AFL.

Fires In Five Major Cities Take Tolls Of 20 Lives; Early Peace Looms For Strike-Torn Industry

Settlements Expected On 18-Cent Hike

BOARD WILL REPORT Steel, Meat Worker Leaders Enroute To Capital For Conferences

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Government officials said tonight that they expect early settlements in other major labor disputes as a national wage pattern began to develop around pay increases close to 18 cents an hour.



A crowd gathers at Waterloo station in London as brides and children of American soldiers start their long trip to the United States. Left to right, holding babies, are Mrs. Lena Strand whose husband is from Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Jean Bleakley, wife of a soldier from Utica, Mich.; Mrs. Margaret Eldridge, whose husband lives in Chicago; Mrs. Esme Lillian Lawrence, wife of ex-Corporal Bruce Lawrence of Fond du Lac, Wis., and Mrs. Doris Wagar (with hands on boy's shoulder), whose husband lives in Michigan. (AP Wirephoto).

Children Die When Flames Sweep House

FIREMEN HAMPERED Spectacular Blaze At Charleston, W. Va., Does \$1,000,000 Damage

BY UNITED PRESS At least 20 persons lost their lives today in fires in five major cities as a cold wave swept across the nation, buried part of the east in snow, and sent temperatures diving to 21 degrees below zero in upstate New York.

AFL TO WELCOME RETURN OF LEWIS

Leaders Preparing Homecoming For President Of Mine Workers Union

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Leaders of the American Federation of Labor prepared today for a sort of homecoming.

LOONEY SUSPENDED FROM FORCE AGAIN; FACES COURT TRIAL

G. C. Looney, Wilmington police officer was yesterday suspended from the force pending trial at Recorder's court this morning, and further investigation of charges, Chief C. H. Casteen said last night.

FILIPINO GUNPLAY THREAT DWINDLES

Army Officers Say "Peoples Army" To Remain Armed Until Elections

MANILA, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Prospects of gunplay when the Philippines elect their first independent president April 23 were minimized today by Filipino army officers who expressed belief, however, that the Leftist "Peoples Army" would be allowed to remain armed until after the election.

They said that no immediate steps were planned toward ending the week-old steel strike but other sources expected strong government efforts to break the deadlock after the Office of Price Administration makes a report on higher steel prices to the White House next Friday.

Roberts To Testify Today; House Tackles Truman Bill

Senate Republicans Hope To Break Up Growing FEPC Filibuster

VETERAN KILLS WIFE, DAUGHTER

CHILLUM, Md., Jan. 27.—(AP)—A recently discharged army veteran shot and killed his wife, and one of their daughters and then turned the gun on himself late today, police said.

"Pay-As-You-Go" Line Evacuates Jews

SALZBURG, Austria, Jan. 20.—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—An underground, "pay-as-you-go" railway for evacuation of eastern European Jews is operating in the United States zone in Austria with the knowledge and approval of ranking American occupation authorities, reliable sources revealed today.

Former Supreme Court Justice Will Appear Before Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—The Congressional Pearl Harbor Inquiry committee will hear two more major witnesses tomorrow—former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, and Navy Capt. Ellis M. Zacharias who predicted the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor months before it occurred.

AIR CHIEF GUEST OF MR. CHURCHILL

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the U. S. Army Air Forces, will retire from active duty early next month, was luncheon guest of Winston Churchill at the Surf Club today.

WOMAN MOLESTED

Pat Gilliken, white woman, Wrightsville sound, told police that a man whose age would be about 50 years and whom she did not recognize, molested her in front of a down town cafe.

DR. SIEHR DIES

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Dr. Ernest Siehr, 76, former president of East Prussia who acquired an anti-Nazi reputation during his long political career, died today on the Isle of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea.

RETIREMENT DOCTOR DIES

SEBRING, Fla., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Dr. Charles F. Hager, 84, retired Johnston, Pa., physician, died last night. He had recently arrived to spend his 16th winter here.

Along The Cape Fear

LOST BUT NOT FOUND—Ordinarily, ALONG THE CAPE FEAR is not a lost and found department, but the following case seems to be a bit out of the ordinary.

W. W. Spires, an ex-serviceman, stopped off in Wilmington en route to his home in Milledgeville, Ga. He was headed, according to our investigators, toward a wedding after two and a half years with the U. S. Army in Europe. He'd saved up \$250 with which to defray expenses usually associated with weddings. He came to Wilmington the day after being mustered out of the Army at Fort Bragg.

FIVES, TENS, AND TWENTIES—Ex-soldier Spires had his \$250 in fives, 10's and 20's. If anybody should happen to run across such a sum of money in such denominations ex-soldier Spires—who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Mitchell, Mercer ave., while here—will greatly appreciate it if the money is turned over to the police department so that it may be forwarded to him.

SHIPPERS DEMAND FOREIGN OUSTER

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—The Shanghai Chamber of Shipping disclosed today that it, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and several other Chinese shipping organizations had adopted a resolution demanding that the Central government "debar ships flying foreign flags from the privilege of plying Chinese waters."

Lockmakers Charge Union With Breaking Into Plant

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Officials of the strikebound Jones & Laughlin Steel corp. charged today that three CIO pickets tunneled through the wall of the company's plant here and "kidnapped" 11 supervisory workers. The steel workers union denied the charge.

Tattered Scarecrow Gives Way To Blockbusters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Anyone who regrets his failure to get a chance at dropping a blockbuster on Tokyo or Berlin can salvage some of his pride by "bombing" another of America's first rank enemies—the common crow.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast details: (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. 55; 7:30 a.m. 56; 1:30 p.m. 58; 7:30 p.m. 54. Maximum 57; Minimum 34; Mean 45; Normal 42. Humidity: 1:30 a.m. 88; 7:30 a.m. 80; 1:30 p.m. 84; 7:30 p.m. 80. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—.001 inches. (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Low: 6:14 a.m. 12:54 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 1:27 p.m. 4:30 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 4:16 p.m. 10:24 p.m. Sunrise 7:12; Sunset 5:38; Moonrise 3:28 a.m. Moonset 1:44 p.m. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. ET

SEARCHING TEAMS HUNT MISSING MEN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Chairman James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) of the U. S. Senate War Investigative committee said tonight that searching teams of the War department and military forces of all Allied governments were joining in a hunt for missing U. S. service personnel.

AND SO TO BED!

Even the sweet old souls sometime get mad at traffic. In the noontday rush at Front and Chestnut streets Saturday an elderly lady tried to cross the busy intersection with a red light staring her in the face.