

FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Monday considerable cloudiness and not much change in temperature.

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Appreciation For A Job Well Done!



It wasn't so long ago when the scrap heap you see above was flying; flying as warplanes over Germany and Japan, and the many other places throughout the world where peace had to be purchased at the price of death and destruction.

Vote Of Trust Looms Over Pauley Squabble

Senate Committee To Weigh Ickes Charges In Nomination Fight; Administration Policy Comes To Showdown

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—President Truman Sunday night ignored the latest in a series of blasts from former Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes amid indications that the start of it all—his nomination of Edwin W. Pauley to be under-Secretary of the Navy—would come to a Senate showdown this week.

Mr. Truman, on a week-end cruise down the Potomac, was silent on Ickes' newest charge that he made contradictory statements and did not tell "the strict truth" in news conference discussions of the Pauley nomination.

Truman Remark Ickes, who resigned Wednesday with the blistering allegation that he had been expected to "commit perjury for the sake of the party," referred to a February 7 remark by Mr. Truman that Ickes had not consulted him before testifying before the senate naval affairs committee.

"Friday" Ickes said in a statement, "he acknowledged under questioning that he had told me to be kind to him (Pauley)."

"There is no way that these two statements can be reconciled. One of them is not true."

Upon quitting his cabinet job, Ickes said he was ready to go to bat before the committee when it See PAULEY on Page Two

Weather Table

Table with weather forecast data for Wilmington, including temperature ranges, humidity, and precipitation for the next 24 hours.

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SENIORITY DISPUTE STALLS AGREEMENT IN 89-DAY OLD AUTO WORKERS' STRIKE; CONGRESS TACKLES INFLATION ALARMS

Bowles' Plea For Control Begins Today

Senate Committee To Spur Answers On New Wage-Price Policies

OPA LIFE AT STAKE

Death Knell Of Price Control Board May Be Sounded In Hearings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles Sunday night worked on an explanation to the nation of the President's "big steel" price-pay formula which is expected to add more than \$10,000,000,000 (B) to industry's wage bill and have far-reaching price consequences to the public.

Bowles will go before the House Banking and Currency committee Monday morning to explain the new formula, which broke the steel strike, and to urge a one-year extension of the Price Control act.

He will make a formal statement at the opening of the hearing, OPA said.

To Define Program Committee Chairman Brent Spence, (D. Ky.) said Sunday night that he expects Bowles to define the new program which he will direct as Economic Stabilization administrator.

"He is the only man who has a full picture of the situation," Spence said. He estimated that the hearings would run two to three weeks because "people are coming here from all over the country" to testify on OPA extension.

The price-wage policy which settled the strike against U. S. Steel Corp., had brought many other

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TAX PAYMENTS HIT NEW HIGH RECORD DURING YEAR 1945

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Federal tax collections in 1945 totaled a record-breaking \$43,352,715,621.35, surpassing 1944's previous record by nearly \$1,227,000,000, the Internal Revenue bureau revealed Sunday.

The total for all income taxes also set a record, \$34,357,010,087.73, eclipsing the previous peak in 1944 by almost \$227,000,000.

Individual income taxes, totaled \$19,885,275,248.86. Making up that total were \$9,261,924,054.03 in normal and surtaxes paid directly and \$10,623,351,194.83 in taxes withheld from salaries and wages.

Corporation income taxes totaled \$14,471,734,838.87, including \$4,676,173,698.48 in normal and surtaxes and \$9,795,561,140.39 in excess profits taxes.

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Along The Cape Fear

HARBINGER OF SPRING — Poets may sing, robins may nest, kids may break out with roller-skate fever, and the fancies of Tennyson's young men may lightly turn to thoughts of love.

BABY BUSHES—Just walk into any 10-cent store on Front street and see what strikes your eye: Baby rosebushes, hundreds of them, neatly bundled in brown paper and fairly crying out in their confined but burgeoning youth, to be put into the ground so that they may grow into adult duplicates of the pictures on the tags tied to their infantile branches.

SEEDS AND TOYS — And even more hundreds of packages holding in their paper sterility the fertile seeds which will blossom to tech-nicolor maturity in Wilmington's front-yards.

And the toy rakes, hoes, shovels, and spades with which the children will help mamma and daddy

SHORTAGE OF MILK HITS WILMINGTON

Dairymen Only Getting 65 To 75 Per Cent Of Normal Supply Now

BY LARRY HIRSCH

If, during the next few months, your milkman is reluctant to leave as many bottles of milk on your front porch as you want him to, don't get angry and throw empty ones at his head.

He can't help it. There's another shortage upon us—and this time it's milk.

Heavy Curtailment According to E. L. White, owner of White's Ice Cream and Milk company here, we are faced with a 25 to 35 per cent curtailment in milk deliveries.

"Right now," White said yesterday, "I could use 2,000 more quarts per day than I'm getting."

Five Reasons "Asked what was causing the normal flow of 'moo-juice' to dwindle to something like a trickle of its former self, White came up with five answers.

"First of all," he said, "there's the natural slow-down that always occurs during winter. Cows just don't give out so well in cold weather as they do in warm weather."

Winter Legathy A cow, even as you and I, hates to get up of a cold morning and go to work, and you can't much blame him—her, rather.

"Transportation isn't good either," White said. "We get our milk from as far away as the Piedmont section, and even Wisconsin. The farmer has had trouble getting his trucks through slushy roads to the milk depots."

And the farmer, White indicated,

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EISENHOWER TALK THRILLS VETERANS

Chief Of Staff Addresses Lowry Field Troops, Hospital Patients

DENVER, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower inspected military installations in Denver, Sunday, and thrilled some 1,500 soldiers at Lowry field and countless others at Fitzsimmons General hospital.

In a brief talk he told Lowry field soldiers:

"Now that we are at peace never forget you are not in the Army to keep a lot of 'brass' in their jobs back in Washington. You are in the Army because the United States has taken on the job in Germany and Japan to protect what we paid an awful lot of money and an awful lot of American lives to win.

Sacrifice Again "If we fail to sustain that peace, your own sons and daughters will be called upon to make the same sacrifice that your generation has.

The job of every soldier worth his salt is to work—to work us all (in the Army) out of jobs forever."

Eisenhower told reporters he would observe the results of the atomic bomb tests at Bikini atoll, and "if the bomb is as powerful and as cataclysmic as it has been said, I believe you will find the soldier more than anyone else

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Stand Debated



The American Legion National Executive committee declared last night at Indianapolis that there has been a "substantial failure" in the administration of veterans affairs.

The committee voted unanimously that it's national commander, John Stelle, "had no other alternative than to bring it to the attention of Congress and the public, and we commend and approve his taking that action."

Stelle will attend the reunion here March 29 of the 115th Machine Gun Company.

WAGE OPPOSITION GROWS IN SENATE

Southern Democrats Plan Floor Fight On 65-Cent-An-Hour Pay Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Southern Democrats indicated Sunday night that their opposition to the 65-cent-an-hour minimum wage bill is gaining a momentum that will make itself felt when the measure reaches the Senate floor.

The administration-sponsored measure would increase the nation's basic pay scale from 40 cents to 65, and later to 70 and 75. It is expected to be called up for debate early in March.

Murray To Return The time would coincide with the return from the Pacific coast of Chairman James E. Murray, (D. Mont.) of the Senate Labor and Education committee, its sponsor.

Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, (D. Ky.), said Sunday night that "I have no plans to introduce the legislation until Senator Murray's

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HARBOR INQUIRY IN FINAL PHASES

American-British, Dutch Conversations In 1941 To Hold Spotlight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—The Pearl Harbor investigation goes into its final phases this week with American-British-Dutch military conversations in 1941 expected to come in for further exploration.

High Army and Navy officials have testified that American representatives made no commitments as to aid for the British or Dutch,

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Sunday Parley Falls Short Of Ending GM-UAW Fuss

Reuther Tells 175,000 Workers He's Holding Out For "Security" As Well As Wage Increase; Mediator To Stick To End

DETROIT, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—A dispute over promotion and transfer procedures for General Motors workers Sunday temporarily held up settlement of the 89-day old GM strike and negotiations were recessed until Monday.

The new disagreement came at a time when a spokesman for a conference between top representatives of the company and the United Automobile Workers union had expressed belief that a settlement would be made momentarily.

A recess was called until 2:30 p. m. Monday after Charles E. Wilson, head of GM, and R. J. Thomas, head of the Union, conferred with assistants for two hours and 15 minutes in a Sunday session.

Recess Called

To forestall another deadlock and break in the negotiations, Federal Labor Mediator James F. Dewey, who presided, called the recess.

"We got stymied in an argument on one issue," Dewey said. "Both sides will sit over it Sunday night and maybe we can get somewhere Monday."

"They did not make much progress," Dewey admitted.

Divergent Views The mediator declined to reveal the nature of the new obstacle in the strike of 175,000 GM production workers, but a UAW spokesman said divergent views on plant promotions and transfers caused the end of the session.

Walter P. Reuther, vice president of the UAW in charge of the General Motors division, said his delegation refused to budge on the issue.

"Security is just as important as a wage increase," he said as the meeting broke up.

"Some Progress"

Later, Reuther sent a telegram to the striking union locals at 92 GM plants, reporting on the deadlock and saying that some progress had been made Friday and Sunday on "non-economic contract matters."

"In conferences with the corporation Sunday, the telegram said, "We discussed paragraph 63 with respect to promotions and transfers, giving employees with greatest seniority preference where merit, ability and capacity are equal."

"Hold Your Lines"

"No progress was made Sunday with respect to this issue. No agreement was reached Sunday with the corporation on union security or wage issues," Reuther's message said. He advised the strikers to "hold your lines."

Dewey said, however, that wages were not discussed. The UAW has demanded a hike of 19 1/2 cents an hour, or 17.4 per cent, counter to the company's top bid of 18 1/2 cents.

Nearer Settlement The mediator, ordered by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwell-

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DREW PEARSON SAYS U. S. CAN'T GO ON APPEASING RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(U.P.)—Columnist Drew Pearson said Sunday night that atom bomb secrets are the "confidential information" supplied Russia by a Canadian spy ring, adding that a Russian agent was permitted to sail from Seattle with a suitcase containing the data.

He said in his weekly radio address that the incident has brought "show down" in U. S.-Soviet relations and convinced many officials that "we cannot go on appeasing Russia."

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TODAY and TOMORROW And So To Bed.

The long arm of the law sometimes stretches into peculiar places. Yesterday a detective, summoned to a local house, was told by the housewife that there must be some mistake.

"Sure you didn't call me, ma'am?"

"No sir."

"Just then the housewife's little boy appeared, "I called you, sir."

"But why?" they wanted to know. "That man boy down the block was trying to steal my skates, but when I called the police he lammed."

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