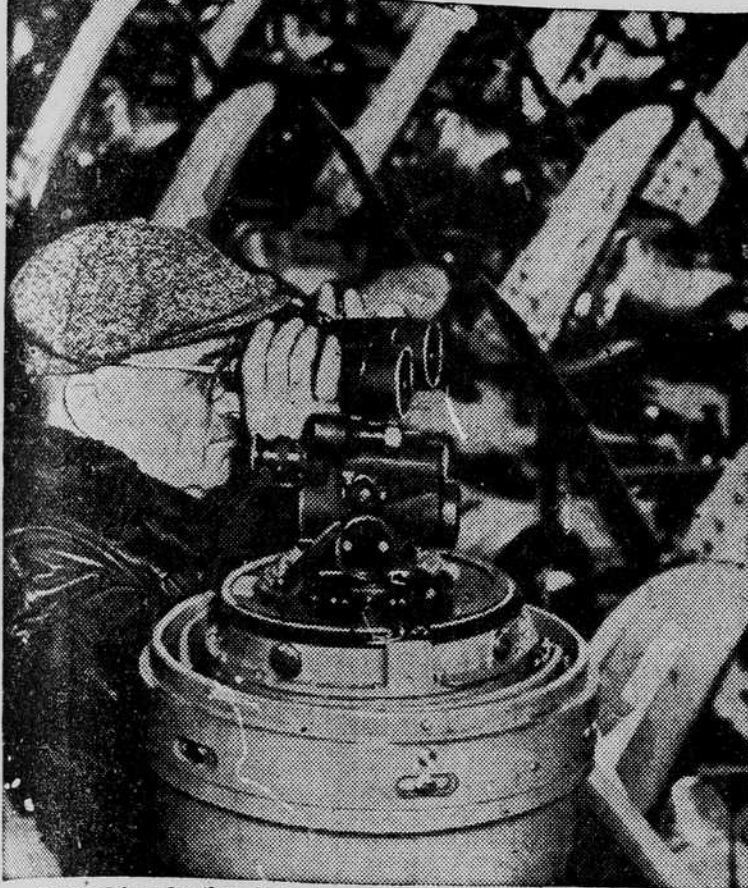


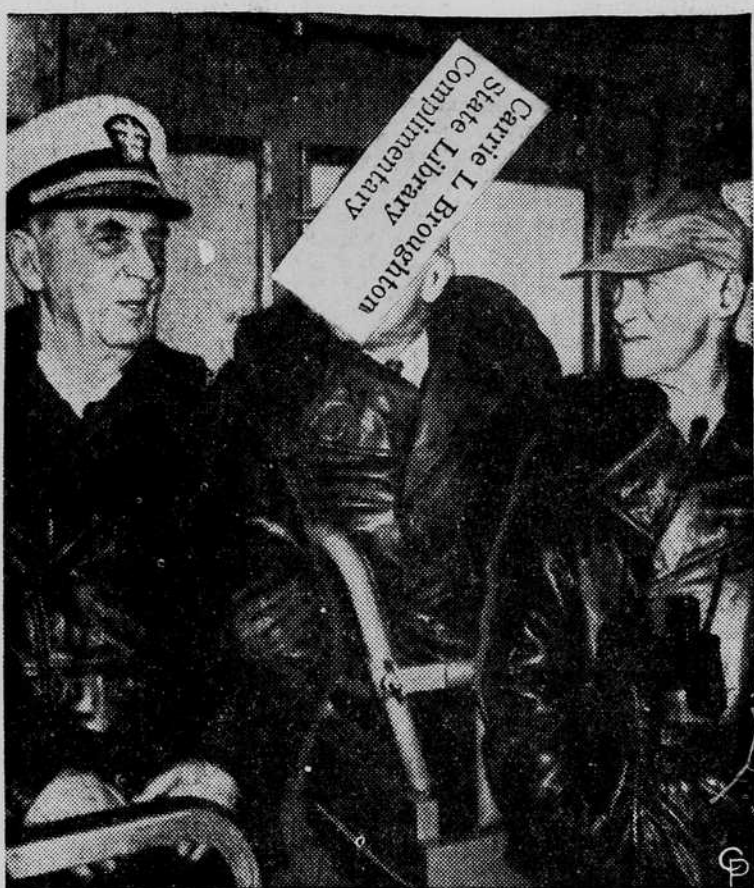
Wilmington and vicinity: Friday, partly cloudy and mild with showers during forenoon.

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The Commander-In-Chief Watches The Fleet Maneuvers



Dressed in a leather jacket and wearing a cap, President Harry S. Truman watches through binoculars from the bridge of the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt at the fleet maneuvers during war games off the Virginia Capes.



honor of the Chief Executive. At right, the President in another cap, speaks to his Chief of Staff, Admiral William D. Leahy (left) on the bridge of the giant flattop while Admiral Marc A. Mitscher (right), looks on.

50 PERSONS REPORTED DEAD IN ILLINOIS TRAIN WRECK; BROTHERHOODS VOTE STRIKE

May 18 Set As Deadline Of Walkout

Rail Employees Suggest 'Only' Way To Avoid Nation Standstill MEET IN CHICAGO All Trains Except Milk And Troop Carriers Would Be Affected

While a nationwide railroad strike set for May 18, threatened to paralyze rail transportation, local union sources last night hoped for 'a way out of it all.' 'We hope there will soon be a way out of it,' a local member of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers said, declining the use of his name.



Successor? Associate Justice William O. Douglas, youngest man in point of years on the Supreme court bench, is being widely talked as the possible successor to the late Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone.

Crack Limiteds Collide On Burlington Railroad

125 Injured When Engine Rams Into Rear Coaches Of Stalled Train At 80-Mile-Per-Hour Speed

NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 25.—(AP)—The Burlington railroad's Exposition Flyer plowed into the rear of the road's Advance Flyer at an 80 mile an hour speed Thursday, killing between 38 and 50 persons and injuring about 125.

SOLONS MAY ACT ON 'TIME' PLAN

Nichols Expected To Put Daylight Savings Up To Council

Two important matters come up before the city council in a special session this morning.

First, the council will probably be asked by City Manager A. C. Nichols to take a vote on whether or not the council should endorse the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's drive to get daylight saving time adopted throughout the state.

Initiated By Harrington The chamber's drive was initiated Wednesday by its president, C. M. Harrington.

If the council does endorse the drive, the chamber will have a strong ally, and in all likelihood other civic and commercial organizations of the city will follow suit.

With the majority of the city behind it, the chamber will attempt to influence other cities in backing the plan. And if this attempt is successful Governor Gregg Cherry is almost certain to authorize daylight saving time throughout the state for the coming summer, according to Harrington.

Zoning Ordinance The other matter which the council is expected to take action on is the city zoning map and ordinance.

After several months of intensive study and hard work, the city planning board, in cooperation with City Attorney W. B. Campbell and

WARTIME CLAMPS PUT ON BUTCHERS

Government Hopes To Shunt More Meat Into 'Normal Channels'

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—The government slapped wartime controls back on slaughterers Thursday in an attempt to shunt meat from "black markets" into "normal channels."

OPA and the Agriculture department announced that a slaughter quota system will go into effect April 28. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson termed it a "share-the-livestock" plan.

Cut In Hogs It provides that meat plants may butcher as many cattle and calves each month as they did during the corresponding month in 1944.

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ACCORD KEYNOTE AT PARIS MEET

Russia Concedes Right Of U. S. To Sit In On All Parleys

PARIS, April 25.—(AP)—The "Big Four" foreign ministers conference opened on a note of harmony Thursday when Russia conceded the right of France and the United States to participate in the discussion of peace treaties with all five Axis satellites.

Russia's adamant refusal to permit France to join discussion of treaties with Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland and Romania was a major cause of the breakdown of the foreign ministers meeting in London last September.

Thursday's decision also granted to the United States the privilege of sitting in on discussion of the treaty with Finland, with whom the United States was not at war.

Voting Powers France may participate in discussions on all five treaties, but may vote only in the case of Italy. The United States may not vote on the Finnish treaty.

Delegates reported after the first session that the atmosphere was "amicable throughout", a surprising development to pessimistic observers who had predicted bitter wrangling and tight bargaining over all issues.

The delegates met at old Luxembourg palace in deepest secrecy and under protection of an extraordinary security guard, but the following communique was issued after a three-hour session:

Bidault Welcomes "At the beginning of the meeting (French) Foreign Minister (Georges) Bidault, who presided since he was the representative of the inviting power, made a welcoming address to the other ministers. Byrnes, Molotov and Bevin answered him. (Foreign Ministers James F. Byrnes of the United States, Viacheslav Molotov of Russia and Ernest Bevin of Great Britain.)

"Following this, the council adopted rules of procedure for this session which is annexed to this communique. The council then proceeded to study questions which

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MACARTHUR WINS IN FEC STRUGGLE

General To Have Free Hand In Allocating Food To Japanese

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur appeared to have won out in his latest undercover tussle with the Far Eastern commission, Thursday night, when it was announced that the FEC has agreed to give him what amounts to a free hand in deciding how much food to import for the Japanese people.

The FEC decision was announced by Chairman Frank McCoy in the first policy statement released by the commission, composed of representatives of all the Pacific nations.

Theoretical Limit Some members of the commission, notably Russia, have been

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TRUMAN DELAYS TRIP TO CONFER

President Discusses Pacific Problems With General Eisenhower

QUANTICO, Va., April 25.—(AP)—President Truman unexpectedly delayed his departure from this Marine base, Thursday night, to confer aboard the "Williamsburg" Friday with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on Army problems in the Pacific.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters the War Department chief of staff will board the White House yacht at 10 a. m., Friday and remain for lunch with the Chief Executive.

Plans Pacific Tour The conference is preparatory to Eisenhower's departure, Saturday for an inspection of Army installations in the Pacific expected to last a month. He will return to Washington in the afternoon.

Ross' announcement followed Mr. Truman's arrival from Washington where he attended funeral services for Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone. The President drove to and from his anchorage in a downpour of rain.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder drove to Quantico with the President, talking over reconversion problems on the way down. He will meet the Chief Executive again Saturday when he joins the

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'TOP O' THE MORN' SKIPS FIRST ISSUE IN PAST 31 YEARS

Today, for one of the few times in almost 31 years, "Top O' The Morning" is missing from The Star's editorial page.

Miss Eliza Murphy, who has authored the daily morning refresher since June 8, 1915, is still ill with a heart ailment at James Walker Memorial hospital.

"Top O' The Morning" may appear in The Star in another week or so, however.

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Murphy's physician, Dr. David R. Murchison, said she is "getting better."

"I hope," he said, "that she can resume her work in about a week."

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VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Sunset Park Group Queries Mayor Lane

Committee, Headed By Pridgen, Claims Backing Of Citizens In Presenting Candidates To Commissioners

The Sunset Park committee which submitted W. K. Rhodes as Sunset Park's choice to assume the city council chair left vacant by the late Ray Pollock will again submit him at next Wednesday's council meeting unless the committee gets a reply to a telegram sent yesterday to Mayor W. Ronald Lane.

Telegram To Lane "Honorable Ronald Lane, Mayor—If we advertise and hold another open meeting inviting all citizens will you vote at next council meeting for the man we endorse by majority votes cast? Please answer by 6 p. m. Otto Pridgen, committee chairman."

Western Union told Pridgen that the telegram was delivered to Mayor Lane yesterday. Up to 10 o'clock last night the mayor had sent no answer.

Elected by People Meeting last night, the committee, composed of Pridgen, B. P. Curtis, C. W. Bloomer, J. B. Hinnant, Arthur Williamson, W. T. Weeks, and E. F. Pittman, issued the following statements to the press:

(1) We are not a self-elected group. We were elected by the people of Sunset Park at the recent mass meeting to present the Rhodes petition to the council last Wednesday.

(2) We are under no pressure from Rhodes or any other person or party.

(3) We are not trying to "railroad" Rhodes into the empty council seat.

Other Citizens (4) If the citizens had elected any other suitable man, such as J. E. Furr or R. L. Burnett, for the position, we would give him the same support, as representatives of the people, as we are now giving Rhodes.

(5) If Mayor Lane gives us an affirmative reply to our telegram, we shall advertise for another mass meeting to determine whether the majority of Sunset Park or other citizens still want Rhodes or some other man. Otherwise we shall continue to support Rhodes as the Sunset Park candidate.

Action May 1 Rhodes was rejected, temporarily, at the last council meeting.

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The Weather

FORECAST North Carolina: Friday, partly cloudy and mild becoming warmer in west portion in afternoon. Showers along coast during forenoon.

South Carolina: Partly cloudy Friday, slightly cooler. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperatures 1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 66. Humidity 76; Minimum 66; Mean 71; Normal 65.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inch. Total since the first of the month 3.39 inches.

Tides for Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Wilmington 5:19 a. m., 12:06 a. m., 5:44 p. m., 12:37 p. m.

Low Wilmington 1:32 a. m., 7:29 a. m., 3:22 p. m., 9:43 p. m.

Sunrise 5:28 a. m.; Sunset 6:52 p. m.; Moonrise 2:44 a. m.; Moonset 1:32 p. m. River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Thursday, 10.0 feet.

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COUNCIL TO GET PLAN OF ZONING

A master plan, calling for city zoning and sweeping improvements in urban streets and recreational facilities is to be presented to the city planning expert, George Simons, at last night's meeting of the local Civic Club.

The result of extensive surveys, the plan proposes the division of Wilmington into seven zones. By-passes and over-passes for the relief of through highways will be recommended.

A further recommendation, said Simons, calls for a sub-river traffic

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NATION MOURNS STONE

Chief Justice Buried In Capital Cemetery

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Harlan Fiske Stone, 12th Chief Justice of the United States, was buried in a rain-swept corner of Washington's Rock Creek cemetery, Thursday, mourned by the nation he had served through almost a quarter-century of public life.

Handful of Friends Only a handful of lifelong friends stood with his widow and two sons at the graveside as the body of the New Hampshire liberal was lowered into its earthen niche. The high and humble of Wash-

ington, led by President Truman and nine of the 11 living justices who sat with Stone on the Supreme Court bench, had paid him their last tribute only an hour before in the vaulted splendor of the National Episcopal cathedral.

Truman Returns Mr. Truman, who broke off his seagoing vacation when news reached him of the Chief Justice's death Monday night, returned to Quantico, Va., immediately after the Cathedral

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Along The Cape Fear

SIDEREAL SWING—Time is a spiral. Each loop encompasses the annual sidereal swing of the seasons. Each year these things return to us—the green of spring, the gold of summer, the sepia of autumn, the grey-white of winter.

Yet, in its circular track, time also moves forward, a spiral bit boring into the unknown material of the future. And though the seasons always come back, the unknown material of the future becomes known and sloughs aside the outworn material of the past.

ETERNAL ICE—Those days are returning again, those days of suspended sunsets, of children's voices sounding clear in hazy streets lit by the lingering light of eight o'clock, of electric fans buzzing in unison with night-time insects.

And the ice cubes clinking in tall cool glasses of tea. Ice is eternal. Water freezes, melts, returns to the earth, is

sucked up by the sun into the sky, falls back to earth, and freezes again. But not in summer.

IN A METAL TRAY—Man makes his own ice. He puts water into a machine which shuts out summer and imprisons winter in a metal tray. The vehicles of Now shunt up and down the steets of Today. Among them is a repair truck full of tools and a man who knows how to use them to make the ice-machine continue its work of winter.

But no longer among them is the wagon with the patient horse at one end and the trickle of cold water at the other.

WHITE GODDESS—Gone is the ice-wagon trundling down the streets along the Cape Fear, the children hanging onto the back platform with daggers of silvered

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LOVE A PARADE?

Jaycees To Sponsor Boy Scouts' Circus

The second annual Boy Scout circus, under the sponsorship of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday night May 10 at Legion Stadium.

The circus, complete with strong man acts and masterminds: fancy drills and crack parades, is scheduled to present also the New Hanover High school ROTC band, under the direction of Lieut. Eugene Lacock.

Parade Scheduled More than 400 Boy Scouts,

members of the drill squads of the various packs will stage a parade on the show grounds during the evening performance, Carrol Tinsley, scout executive, said.

Rehearsals for the gala event have been started, and another will be held next Wednesday night, Jack Atkinson, chairman of the committee for the promotion of events, said yesterday.

The Junior Chamber general

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Train Wrecks

NEW YORK, April 25.—(AP)—The worst train wreck in the history of U. S. Railroading occurred at Nashville, Tenn., July 9, 1918, when 101 persons were killed.

Other wrecks which killed 80 or more persons: Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1876—84.

Chatsworth, Ill., Aug. 1887—81. Eden, Colo., Aug. 7, 1904—96.

Wellington, Wash., Mar. 1, 1910—96. The worst train disaster in recent years killed 79 persons at Frankfort Jct., on Sept. 6, 1943. On Dec. 18, 1943, 73 persons were killed near Lumberton, and on Dec. 31, 1944, 50 were killed at Bagley, Utah.

The diesel-powered Exposition Flyer, bound for San Francisco, See WRECK on Page Two

NEW CUT LOOMS FOR U. S. BREAD

Agriculture Department Issues Gloomy Report On Wheat Stocks

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—A new and drastic cut in bread for the family table or in essential wheat reserves appeared Thursday night to offer the only means of fulfilling United States promises of grain to hungry foreign areas.

This prospect was raised by a gloomy Agriculture department report that stocks of wheat in this country on April 1 amounted to only 338,644,000 bushels—60 per cent of those on hand a year earlier.

Under Estimated Need This would be at least 17,000,000 bushels and possibly as much as 46,000,000 or more bushels under the estimated amount needed before the new harvest comes in.

Calling for still more stringent measures to conserve wheat, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said the report showed that this country is in "a very serious situation in regard to total supplies."

In a statement telegraphed to the

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And So To Bed

The other afternoon a local man of considerable public stature telephoned his office from his home and got the busy signal.

A few minutes later he called again and once more got the busy signal. This went on for about half an hour, and the man waxed wroth.

"Just wait till I get down to the office," he said to his wife. "I'm going to give my office force the dickens for keeping the phones tied up so long." Once again he picked up the phone, dialed, and got the busy signal. He slammed down the phone, turned around, and bumped into his wife who had been watching over his shoulder. "Dear," she said soothingly, "you've been dialing our home number."

SPANISH ISSUE UPSETS COUNCIL

Russia Bluntly Stands Against Investigating Franco Regime

NEW YORK, April 25.—(AP)—A blunt Russian stand against any investigation of Franco Spain by a United Nations Security Council commission, stalled the council Thursday and caused a 3 1/2-hour confused debate which ended without a decision.

The council adjourned at 6:35 p. m. until 11 a. m. E. S. T. Friday after arguing in vain over a rapid succession of resolutions and amendments which had council members thoroughly bewildered at times.

"Serious Danger" Andrei A. Gromyko, the Russian delegate, summed up a long speech in Russian early in the session with the declaration that evidence already put before the council left "no doubt that the Fascist regime of Franco, as it exists at present in Spain, is indeed a serious danger for international peace and security."

"In view of this fact," he said, "it is not necessary to set up any kind of commission or committee to study this question."

"In the presence of an abundance of facts and evidence which confirm the accusations against the Fascist regime made by the Polish delegate, the formation of a committee could only have a negative effect both on world public opinion and upon the democratic forces of Spain herself," Gromyko said.

Unshaken In Stand He remained unshaken in his stand against a proposal by the American delegate, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Hodgson, for a commission to inquire into the affairs of the Madrid government despite a direct appeal to my Soviet colleague not to oppose that entirely," Cadogan said.

Gromyko thus stood opposed to six of the 11-member council taking a position against the United States, Australia, Britain, The

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley DE RAE' GOOD FOLKS IS HIGH-MINDED, BUT A HIPPER-CRIT, HE JES' HIGH-CHESTED!



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