FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continued warmer Friday.

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Fort Caswell

Urged As New

Base Of Navy

Set Site Aside For Ord-

nance Operation

CLARK TAKES LEAD

Informed Authorities Stress

Need Of Location:

Plenty Housing

Special to the Star

WASHINGTON, May 23 - A

near Southport. made a base for

Naval craft to be operated in con-

Davis has been launched by Re-

resentative J. Bayard Clark, of

shortly after announcement of

the Navy's intention to use a part

of the Davis installation, plus is-

lands along the coast. Representa-

tive Clark contacted the proper

for the new project. Such a base

according to informed authorities

tions at the former Holly Ridge

Usod During War

camp get under way

its hold on the area.

re, will be needed when opera-

The Navy used Fort Caswell dur-

the recent war and has retained

he location at the mouth of the

ne Fear river is considered the

for the proposed base from

ographical standpoint. In ad-

n to being under Naval contro

the present time. it has plenty

iles, is nearer the scene of the

Present Plans

See CASWELL on Page Two

any other favorable site.

NAVY MAY USE

water and, in nautical

leader

thorities to lay the groundwork

Favetteville

nection with the service's radical idnance experiments at Camp

at to have Fort Caswell,

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1946

Affected By

Tie-Up Here

ACL Trains Here Fail To

Strike Deadline

FUEL SUPPLY STRUCK

Affected By Nation-

wide Walkout

By PHIL WRIGHT

The nationwide rail way

strike will, if allowed to pro-

gress, paralyze transportation

in Wilmington and Southeast-

ern North Carolina, and pre-

sent "dire hardships" on

of food, oil, coal and fertilizers

The Atlantic Coast Line rail-

road will operate a "skeleton

service" between Richmond,

Va., and Jacksonville, Fla.,

starting today, James B. Sharp-

ton ,assistant passenger traffic

manager, said here late last

Road foremen of engineers

will serve as engineers and

trainmasters will act as flag-

The Havana Special, the

men. Sharpton said.

night.

schedule.

suppliers showed last night.

Leave Yard Following

ESTABLISHED 1867

What Shall We Do Now? (An Editorial) The railroad strike went into effect at 4 o'clock day afternoon. The nation's chief means of communicatic

standstill. the ines In an effort to settle the wage contro the Brotherhoods of Engineers and Trainm President Truman had won consent of the u so's companies to an eighteen and one-half cent wage . rease an hour.

Movement On Foot To The heads of the brotherhoods rejected this proposal, All Citizens despite the fact eighteen other brotherhoods and unions in railway employ accepted it.

That is to say two men, controlling two labor organizations with 250,000 members, have the power to halt railroad service against the wish of eighteen other labor organizations in the same industry with 1,500,000 members and the willingness of the companies to increase by half a cent an hour the pay advance generally granted members in other major unions.

Two men-A. F. Whitney of the trainmen, and Alvanley Johnston of the engineers-by a shake of the head in Washington and a nod to Chicago, stop the movement of U.S. mails, cause irreparable damage to perishable freight, halt passenger traffic, leave industries without delivery of essential materials, and because there is no law under which they can be prosecuted criminally, but instead are protected by the Wagner Act, go scott free.

The nation's railroads are under federal operation, yet two men can push the government aside and laugh at its Mail, Food, Most Facilities, vaunted but obviously hypothetical power. Two men, mind you.

What shall we do now? We can do nothing as a people but hang our heads in shame. The only remedy lies with Congress. Let the debate end at once and reasonable restraints be placed upon organized labor and its despotic powers without further delay.

COUNTER-OFFER COUNTY TB GROUP HINTED BY KRUG HAS ANNUAL MEET sent "dire hardships" on virtually all residents, a poll

Government Position To Lewis

WASHINGTON, May 23- (P) -The New Hanover County Tuber-Secretary of the Interior J. A. culosis and Health association, proposed operations than Krug Thursday presented to John gathered in annual meeting in the L. Lewis the government's posi- Tide Water assembly room yestion on the principal points at is- terday:

According to present plans, the sue in the United Mine Workers' (1)-Re-elected incumbent offi-Navy intends to take over the for- contract demands. cers; (2)-Elected directors for the

Krug, who is running the nation's soft coal mines under federal three-year period; seizure, would not disclose the de-(3)-Heard a discussion by the

tails of what he told the union Rev. Mortimer Glover, chairman of the special committee, of the

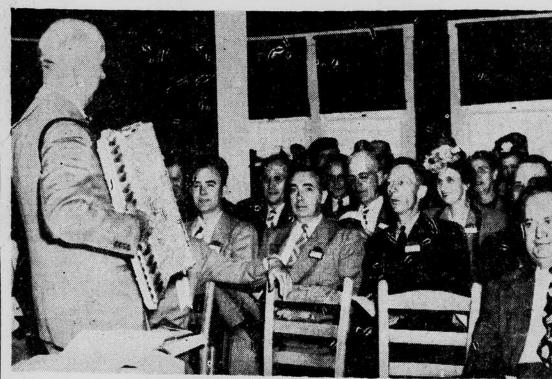
A hint, however, that he may proposal to re-energize the move-'YARD BUILDING A hint, however, that he may proposal to re-energize the move-have come to an actual counter- ment for a tuberculosis sanatorium proposition came from a spokes- in the county;

Employment Office Sought man for Krug who said the sec-retary "feels that as long as they brief address by Walter Page, Jr., are in the negotiation stage" he of the state tuberculosis organizashould not discuss those details tion on the value and important

publicly. work accomplished by annual mas seal sales and lumtar Thrist The Krug spokesman said the tuberculosis associations such as The employment office building late afternoon conference in Krug's exists here, and; of the North Carolina Shipbuild-ing company is "under serious hours had been used up "talk-Secretary Dorothy O. Forbe, and a consideration" for use as an armory for the training of Naval Organized Reserves, Capt H. C. Organized Reserves, Capt. H. C. Daniel, Sixth District Naval offi-the principal points and defining them." **Officers** Named The officers re-elected for an- decision. comment or any hint as to his re-"The building seems to be pretty well in line with what we want," Cantain Daniel said "Of newever, was in good Bellamy, president: Claud O'-ers not to release statements of the trains back under any condi-direct nature on the strike: these there probably will have to be He joked with reporters about Tate, treasurer and Dorothy O. are government orders, and we some alterations made if we do ac- committing himself on any subject Forbes, secretary. Mr. Glover, who had been authorized to add members to his Lewis would not comment on sanatorium committee, named trains on the road will make their Miami-to-New York "Champion" Plans Inspection Captain Daniel said he plans to the possible effect of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-strike on working the mines or County Com-strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines or man J. E. L. Wade, County Com-the balance of the railroad strike on working the mines of the railroad strike on working the railroad strike on wo co e to Wilmington some time on the soft coal situation in gen- missioner Chairman Addison Hew- be left by the striking operators, south-bound Havana Special's

RAILROAD STRIKE PARALYZES COUNTRY IN HISTORY'S WORST INDUSTRIAL KNOT; **'DIRE HARDSHIPS' PREDICTED FOR AREA**

Rotarians At Wrightsville Hear Harding



The Rotarians of the 188th District last night heard Edmund Harding, Washington, N. C., humorist, at the Governor's banquet in the Lumina. The banquet was one of the highlights of the convention of the district Rotarians. The con-

vention closes this afternoon. Harding is shown above entertaining a Rotary group with the accordian. STAR STAFF PHOTO BY PETE KNIGHT (More pictures on Page 8)

STRIKE TIES UP District Rotarians STATE TRAFFIC

Supervisory Officers Man Crack ACL Train On

passenger train, the "Havana

"One-Way" Trip

One-Way Trip

By The Associated Press Rail travel in the Carolinas was

line's main train, will run from trainmen walked out at 4 o'clock of the Lumina pavillion. Richmond to Jacksonville today and back to Richmond tovesterday in the general strike morrow in lieu of its regular order. Train 55, which normally

runs to Florence, S. C., and Augusta, Ga., every day will make the trip every other day beginning today.

Sharpton emphasized that this "skelet on service"

100Per Cent Present Honoring District Governor Oz- unforseen turnout, extended thanks

mer L. Henry of Lumberton, Rota- to conference committee chairmen rians of the 188th district of Rotary for their capable management of International last night signalized the convention's machinery. the second day of their First An-

Recognize Contributions nual conference with a Governor's paralyzed when engineers and Banquet and Ball in the ballroom Recognized for their contributions

Musical Interlude

gifts having been donated by the

crease in bed capacity at the

Fayetteville hospital will help

meet an acute need for such

added facilities. He said work

on the additional buildings

would begin as soon as possi-

ble and that it would be push-

With a registered attendance of first conference were Leon M. Gib-527, the gathering was a 100 per son, Fayetteville, chairman of the

C. C. Sibley of Wilmington, gen- cent representation of the 36 clubs eral manager of the Atlantic Coast within the district, according to line railway, said one crack ACL Henry who presided at the occasion. Top Attendance List

Special" left the state after the 4 p. m. strike deadline. It left Rocky host body, was first in number of and past district governor; Clar-morning. a non-union crew of "supervisory clubmen present, with 94 on hand. ence Clark, Clarkton, chairman of The devastating effects of the

White House **Parley Fails To Give Hope**

Nationwide Stoppage Declared To Be "Nearly 100 Per Cent"

CONFER AGAIN TODAY

Two Unions Holding Out Against Proposal Made **By** President

By FRANCIS T. LEARY United Press Staff Correspondent CHICAGO, May 23. - A strike of railroad engineers and trainmen paralyzed the nation's 227,000-mile rail system Thursday night in one of the worst industrial tie-ups in history, halting nearly all rail passenger and freight service and crippling the nation's industry and commerce.

The Association of American American Railroads announced in Washington that the strike was almost a 100 per cent shutdown." with all but two major roads-The Illinois Central and the Bangor &

Aroostook-virtually halted. However, there were severa trains being run by strike-bound roads, manned by executives and supervisory employes and in some cases by members of non-striking unions. But these trains were only a small fraction of the 17,500 passenger trains and 24,000 freight to the success of the district's trains the nation's roads run daily. No Relief in Sight

There was no immediate relief Decoration committee; Hamilton in sight. White House negotiations A. Marks, Wilmington, chairman in Washington had adjourned and of Hotels and Banquet committee; there was no hope that the walk-Maynard O. Fletcher, Washington, out could be halted at least until Wilmington s Rotary, acting as chairman of Program committee; after the parley is resumed Friday

The Lumberton club was second in Continuity committee; Dr. L. R. strike were beginning to show less attendance with 55 members pres Hedgepeth, Lumberton, chairman than seven hours after it began at of Prizes and Awards committee; | 4 p. m., Thursday in the Eastern Registration committee; Jean have to be shut down within 24 Ozmer Henry, commenting on the Booth, Kinston, chairman of Ser- hour; because of the car shortages geant-atArms committee; J. Shep- resulting from the strike. ard Bryam, Dunn, chairman of M. W. Thatcher, general man-District Finance committee: Thom- ager of the Farmer's Union Grain as R. Hood, Dunn, chairman of Termianl association, said the strike was tying up movement of wheat from grain elevators which means that "millions of people in foreign countries will die."



er, Charleston, S. C., informed Lewis left the session without The Star yesterday afternoon.

For Ready Reserves

Use

Captain Daniel said. "Of course spirits. quire it for our armory, but all and in leaving, offered a cheery all I think it might fit the "good night you-all." purpose nicely.

next week to give the structure eral. a thorough inspection and to talk over the Navy's possible acquisition of it with L. E. Voss, resi-Jard.

See NAVY on Page Five

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley

I TOLE YOUNG ZEKE HE BES' SAVE UP TWELL HE MEET DE RIGHT GAL - EN HE SAY NAW-SUH! HE GWINE PRACTICE UP TWELL HE DO !!



Predict Close-Down

mines.

all after Saturday.

of a disputed place.

count of the disagreements in

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generous offer - for Italy itself is

An industry spokesman, however, dent plant engineer of the U. S. Naritime commission at the ship-Naritime commission at the shipbecause of a shortage of railroad cars to haul coal away from the increase of a shortage of railroad Smith, Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Miss Marguerite Walker, Miss Allie shutdown of transportation in the deadline. He said about 30 engi-

Morris Fechtig, Dr. R. B. Rodman State." A committee of operators met with Krug and Vice Adm. Ben Morrell the depute and miner Moreell, the deputy coal mines members.

By WALTER LIPPMAN

Move to be Made administrator, after Lewis and O'-

Mr. Glover indicated the com-Leary, the UMW vice president, mittee's intention to assemble all had departed. necessary data and present it to With about half the nation's 400,-000 miners already out of the coal the Board of County Commissionpits, the conferences with Lewis ers at an appropriate time. He placed especial emphasis on the promised to determine whether the mines will be kept running at

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officers," he said. ject to change at any moment.

Captain Lloyd Crocker, assistant bound section of the "Havana

concerning the strike until such The trip for the supervisory oftime as Washington gives them a ficers, however, was strictly a one-

way "operational" trip, Sibley em-"We are under government ord phasized. The crews will not bring Shields, vice president; Robert direct nature on the strike; these tions, he said.

will have to obey them," he said. Stop At Terminals

However, he did say that all No. 2 and 8 of the north-bound tains. the Community Chest, Thomas L. Local oil terminal operators said

Lanier, North Carolina Shipbuild- that "without the railroads, it is fort to move these trains. ing company comptroller, Howard impossible to furnish even the

Later however, a Standard Oil ed in Charlotte. Engineers brought company representative said that their engines to the roundhouse, his terminals here, with the aid of parked them and left.

See HARDSHIPS on Page Five See CAROLINAS On Page Two

Along The Cape Fear

STEAMBOAT STORY-We flip- (you're way ahead of us now) ped a coin last night—"heads" for perished by fire

It's all clear as crystal, now, steamboat and "tails' for steam-that the dispute arose from the train-to decide which half of the fact that we were trying to give "Shoo-Fly Sand-Fiddler" and "Lily- two names to one boat when actual-Etc.-Sylvan Grove" controversy ly there were two boats. We won't discuss the matter of "Lily-Lilly-Lillie" because we never have been

We, the British and Americans, other. In fact, we flatter ourselves Paris, it is plainer than ever now on the other hand, could not ob-important is the military control tain what we wanted in the solution in believing that we have straighton the other hand, could not ob-tain what we wanted in the satel-ened out the steamboat conflic-bindly I take it lices cheat as well as can be done lite states - chiefly, I take it, tions about as well as can be done

stands a British-American army. cluding Austria. The Danube Val- "disasters"-because Captain Har- every detail. tions he asked — though he got a have a reasonably good foothold (you guessed it) "Lillie" and the gers, also says the story is correct.

DAWSON STREET DISASTER-Well, now, it was the "Sylvan-Grove" which burned up first.

flagration from her front porch The ship went up in flames at the

Another old Cape Fearian-who asked us not to use her name-

And another, Mr. Burke H. Brid-

Other supervisory officers also ent. were scheduled to move the south

The gathering was considerably J. B. Kittrell Kinston, chairman of time belt. naving been 400.

The Weather

Three of the Coast line's crack and continued warm, with scattered committee; Harvey Joslyn, More-Resolutions and Recommendations head City, chairman of Publicity passenger trains quit enroute to showers over west portion. South Carolina: Continued warm Fri-

and Attendance committee and their scheduled destinations. Trains day with scattered showers in the moun-Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, Wilmington, chairman of Rotary Ann com-Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) eorological data for the 24 hours mittee.

Mete ending 7:30 TEMPERATURE 1:30 am, 62; 7:30 am, 63; 1:30 pm, 77; crew struck at Florence S. C. Sebley said ACL would make no ef-

79; Minimum 60; Mean 70; distributed by Dr. Hedgepeth, the after the star of the strike. Normal 73. HUMIDITY E. C. Bradley, head of the Char-1:30 am, 77; 7:30 am, 63; 1:30 pm, 57; district clubs.

lotte local of the Engineers brother- 7:30 pm, 56. PRECIPITATION Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm,

0.00 inches. deadline. He said about to trigt lotal since in an about so trigt lotal since in a since Total since the first of the month,

(From the Tide Tables published by Herbert's "Ah, Sweet Mystery of U. S. Coest and Geodetic Survey) High Low Miss Patsa Haves planist

angnLowAne.Snewasaccompani.3:45a11:09aMissPatsyHayes, pianist.4:15p11:34pSpeaker of Evening1:50p8:05pSpeaker of Evening Masonboro Inlet ... Speaker of the evening was Ed-nund Harding. Washington, con- Whitney and Johnston told Mr 8:05p 1:50p mund Harding. Washington, con-Sunrise, 5:04a; Sunset 7:13p; Moonrise Star, Sonset 12:22p.
Rive: Stage at Fayetti ville, N. C., at a.m., Thursday-18.3 feet.
See THE WEATHER On Page Two ference song leader, who asked

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SURPLUS MATERIAL

Clark Aids Hospitals In Equipment Purchase

ed forward with all possible Maffitt Village surplus infirsponsored a bill, just signed mary and cafeteria equipmnet into law by President Truman. may be sold to hospitals in Wilmington and New Hanover which will increase the number of beds in the Fayetteville county, it was disclosed yesterveteran's hospital from 268 to day by Representative J. Bayard Clark. 434. The congressman said the in-

The congressman said that he received favorable response to request that the equipment be sold to the institutions under a priority.

Facilities Increased

In another move to alleviate crowding of hospitals in this section. Representative Clark

Requisition Trucks

Officials of large cities were re quisitioning fleets of trucks to haul food stocks and ward off severe shortages which had been pre-Following the banquet, which be- dicted would come in metropolitan gan at 7:30 p.m., door prizes were areas within two to three days

> EIGHT-HOUR PARLEY FAILS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Continuing the program. there WASHINGTON, May 23-(U.P.)was a musical interlude during An eight-hour White House conprano. sang Jermoe Kern's "All ference on the rail crisis broke the Things You Are," and Victor up Thursday night with leaders of the two striking unions still defying President Truman's settlement proposal, but Presidential Aide John R. Steelman said he "hoped" the nation-wide train strike could

> Truman that the 181-2 cents an hour increase amounts to less than 12 per cent increase in pay for May of their men and falls "too far short" of the 33 per cent increase in the cost of living since January, 1941.

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And So To Bed Yesterday afternoon, just as the big railroad strike was

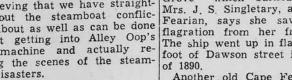
beginning, a crowded elevator was ascending in one of the ACL buildings.

All the people jammed in the small space were busily discussing the strike.

All but Mrs. E. J. Nichols, the elderly elevator operator. "Say, Mrs. Nichols," said one of the passengers, "how come you're running this elevator? Aren't you striking too?"

"I belong to another union," replied Mrs. Nichols serenely. See CLARK on Page Five

Polls Open Saturday At 6:30 A.M. And Close At 6:30 P.M.



other named (right aga n, folks) under Britisn-American control. See LIPPMANN on Page Twelve "Sylvan Grove." And both of them See CAPE FEAR on Page Five

though Mr. Byrnes was not spe- without getting into Alley Oop's Mr. Molotov got nothing that he cific - a nullification of the eco- time machine and actually re-Mr. Molotov got nothing that he cific — a nullification of the eco-wanted out of Italy: Trieste and nomic imperalism which the Rus-visiting the scenes of the steam-of 1890. the better part of Venezia Giulia sians have imposed upon Romonia boat disasters. * * * and the upper Isonzo are behind and are trying to impose all the the so-called Morgan line on which way up the Danube Valley in-

He did not get the kind of repara- ley, except in Austria, where we per had two steamers, one named

TWO AND TWO-Yes, we said confirms Mrs. Singletary's story in

Today and Tomorrow we'd try to settle first. After Mr. Byrnes's judicious ac-Britich "Heads" won, and much to our boat dispute than we do about the