

WEATHER

Wilmington, Southeastern North Carolina—Cloudy and warm with occasional showers Sunday, becoming colder in mountains by night; cloudy and considerably colder Sunday night; Monday clearing and colder.

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French May Order Navy To Rebellion

Strong Squadron May Be Dispatched To Coasts Of Indo-China

SAVAGE BATTLE

Viet Nam Convoys Reported Moving Toward Beleaguered Hanoi

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—France appeared to be getting ready to dispatch a strong naval squadron to the coasts of a rebellious Indo-China today amid increasing indications that she will use her planes and guns along with diplomacy to keep a 400-year-old empire from falling apart.

Viet-Name convoys were reported moving toward beleaguered Hanoi, former capital of the Viet Nam republic where French efforts to mop up the European quarter were assuming the nature of a long-drawn and savage street battle.

From Saigon, capital of Cochinchina in southern Indo-China, came contradictory reports of the activities of Viet-Name adherents. One report said Viet-Name formations had completed military preparations and were under orders to hold themselves ready for imminent action in South Indo-China. The French news agency said, on the contrary, that the Viet-Name had been ordered to refrain from any overt act at present. Saigon was reported under a state of siege and tense.

All fighter pilots attached to the aircraft carriers Bearn and Colossus at Toulon were cancelled, and similar urgent orders were reported sent to personnel stationed on the destroyers Fantasque, Triomphant and Dixmude.

These orders, given just before the New Year's celebrations, were interpreted as presaging the dispatch of aerial transport to the Orient. The liner Ile de France already had been directed to Toulon to pick up 9,000 troops for Indo-China.

French patrol planes riddle Viet-Name convoys near Hanoi with streams of machinegun fire, press dispatches said, and the Viet-Name replied with strong attack on French columns moving around the city.

Violent clashes on the city's outskirts were reported. The whole section of the city controlled by the hostile natives who had cut it off from aerial transport. This means of communication for the beleaguered French was reestablished two days ago when the French recaptured the airport.

A French general staff communiqué released at Saigon in southern Indo-China, and a Viet-Name broadcast heard in neighboring Bangkok, Siam, made it apparent that the French were meeting stiff resistance in their so far futile efforts to mop up the Hanoi area and clear their communications.

THOMPSON LEADS IN GEORGIA POLL

Promises Support Of White Supremacy Program In State

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Gov.-Elect M. E. Thompson, leading Herman Talmadge better than two to one in United Press poll of legislators, announced today that if elected governor of Georgia he will support the white supremacy program of the late Eugene Talmadge.

The 34-year-old son of the late political leader is basing his race for the office on the appeal that he is the only one who can fulfill the campaign promises his father made to the people during his final race in the spring and summer of 1946.

Thompson issued the latest in a series of campaign bulletins saying that "I have been committed all along to carry out the democratic party platform adopted at Macon last October—including specifically a white primary, preserving the county unit system and expanded state services."

Talmadge had announced Friday that these were the three main points on which he would base his administration if elected.

Thompson said the three-point program which both candidates advocated "can best be adopted" by the legislature if the law of succession is permitted "to operate without hindrance so we can immediately enact this program into the law without engaging in a political row."

New Senators Want Labor Changes

Fundamental Changes In Labor Laws Favored By Majority Of 23 New Senators; Speedy Legislation Indicated

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A majority of the 23 new Senators favors fundamental changes in labor laws, a survey disclosed today, indicating definite and perhaps speedy legislation in this field.

The Senate heretofore has been more hesitant than the House toward proposals for legislation to restrict the activities of labor unions.

The Senate's 49 to 29 vote for the Case bill in the last session, which President Truman vetoed, represented an unusual decision, to change the rules. Forty-three of the 49 turned to the new Senate, but they need support from freshmen if similar legislation is to be passed again.

Campaign and post-election statements by most of the 23 indicate they will join in efforts designed to reduce industrial strife by altering existing laws.

Their viewpoints range from a proposal by Senator-Elect James P. Kem (R-Mo) that Congress write "a new national labor policy" to a demand by Senator-Elect Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) for compulsory arbitration in industries affecting public health and safety.

A middle layer of new members urged in the words of Senator Raymond E. Baldwin (R-Conn), "a sane, moderate, unemotional" approach. Baldwin, like others, called for "equalization of responsibility" between labor and management under the Wagner Act and for financial accounting by unions.

Some, like Senator-elect Irving M. Ives (R-NY), believe that "the real solution of labor problems lies in sympathetic arbitration."

Ives clearly irked the CIO during the campaign, however, by a declaration that management has as much right to the lockout as labor has to the strike.

Mickey Rooney, Jr.



Mickey Rooney, Jr., son of the movie actor, plays with Christmas gifts in the home of his mother's people at Birmingham, Ala., where he is spending the holidays. Mrs. Rooney, the former Betty Jane Rose, is expecting another baby within a few days. (AP Photo.)

Ganey Case To Spotlight January Superior Court

Gus Ganey, 42-year-old service station operator of Seagate will go on trial for his life Jan. 15, it was indicated last night in a telephone conversation with Clifton L. Moore, district solicitor, in Goldsboro.

Ganey is accused of having shot and killed Julius Franklin Henderson, 24-year-old Jacksonville driver, in early January, when he sat in a car in front of the Seagate service station owned by the defendant the night of Oct. 29.

Moore said last night that the case would probably attract a great deal of public interest.

The district solicitor said he would ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree—it carries a sentence of death—although he added that the charge was subject to change.

"The case will be interesting," he said, "as it has a lot of interesting angles." Moore added that he has tried many cases which were more spectacular but that few of them had "as many angles."

He said that he would probably be assisted by Woodus Kellum, former district solicitor, and Dudley Humphrey, law partner of Kellum.

Aaron Goldberg and David Sinclair, the latter a former district solicitor, both said last night that they were ready and indicated that many interesting bits of testimony would be presented during the trial.

Both Moore and the attorneys for the defense said the trial would probably last through Jan. 18 although local speculation is that it will take more than one day to select a jury.

The case which is expected to highlight the January term of criminal Superior court, had its beginning when Sheriff's deputies (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Good Samaritan Refuses To Prosecute Attacker

VERO BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—A good samaritan, knifed by a hitchhiker who was stricken with remorse, tonight refused to talk against the man who turned on him.

George Dosiak, 20, of Manorville, Long Island, kept his story to himself in Indian river hospital but War Veteran William John Treacy, 26, told his side of the story willingly. Treacy, of Brooklyn, admitted his betrayal of the youth who kicked him up and drove him south for three days.

"He just got a notion to kill him and rob him," Sheriff L. B. O'Steen reported. "They were driving along this morning and Treacy says he got on his knees on the front seat and reached back into the rear seat. He got his army trench knife

out of a zipper bag and stuck it in Dosiak's back.

"He just stabbed him once. The knife went in between Dosiak's ribs and hit his lung. The car swerved over to the side of the road and Treacy shoved Dosiak out onto the side of the road. Then he got to feeling bad about it and instead of driving off he got out.

"Dosiak was standing up and they talked about it for a little while and then Treacy went to a house and called me."

RUSSIA SURPRISES U. N. IN ASKING TIME LIMIT ON DISARMAMENT PLAN; CIO PORTAL PAY CLAIMS UNDER FIRE

Rival Union Paper Hits Wage Suits

Labor Newspaper Says CIO Carrying Portal Pay Actions To 'Extreme'

STUDY PROPOSED

Ballyhoo Stunt' Charged By Publication Of 15 Railroad Unions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A leading labor newspaper with AFL connections today accused the CIO of carrying the portal pay court actions to an "extreme" and stirring fresh resentment against unions.

At the same time the United States Chamber of Commerce announced it will ask Congress not only for amendments to the wage-hour law to curtail future portal pay demands but also for a "thorough going study of the entire law and its economic effects."

"Labor," weekly publication of 15 railroad unions, most of them major AFL affiliates, said in an article that "most AFL unions are advising against radical action" on portal demands. It accused the CIO of using its flood of back pay suits as a "ballyhoo stunt" to win additional members.

The aggregate of claims in suits filed within the past few weeks is well above \$1,000,000,000. The claims are based on the wage-hour act as interpreted by the supreme court and ask compensation and penalty payments for time spent in walking to jobs from company gates and in similar activities.

The largest suit filed sought \$200,000,000 from the Bethlehem Steel company. It was filed today by a battery of lawyers, headed by Lee Pressman, general counsel for the CIO, in Philadelphia federal court, on behalf of 13,000 of the company's 50,000 employees, members of 23 locals of the CIO United Steel workers' union.

The chamber's intention to ask Congress to review the entire wage-hour act was disclosed in its weekly report, "Business Action." Chamber members are being polled on four suggested amendments to the present act.

12 Perish As Plane Crashes, Explodes Near Shannon Field

SHANNON AIRPORT, Eire, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A trans-world airline constellation plane settling to land at Shannon airport crashed two miles short of the mist-shrouded runway early today, killing 12 persons and injuring 11 others, some of whom were hurled out of the exploding wreckage into a watery Irish fog that slowed rescue for hours.

occupants of the Paris-New York luxury airliner "Star of Cairo" did not perish in the flash of flame and shattered wreckage on an island in the Shannon river.

TWA officials who headed rescue operations declined comment on the cause of the accident pending a three-way investigation by U. S. Civil Aeronautics authority, the Eire Department of Industry and Commerce and TWA.

Surviving were six of the nine crew members and five of the 14 passengers. Among the

dead was Pierre N. Dreyfus, identified by a brother-in-law in New York as the son of the late Captain Alfred Dreyfus, whose conviction as a French military traitor in 1894 provoked a world wide protest and led to his later exoneration. More than 100 rescuer wading waist-deep in mud did not bring out the last of the injured until nightfall.

Eyewitnesses said the four engine plane crashed with a

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Three-Month Limit Asked By Gromyko

Atomic Energy Commission Nears Showdown On First Control Report

QUICK ACTION

Soviet Delegate Cites 'Most Important Measure' For World Security

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Soviet Russia proposed in a surprise move tonight that the United Nations Security Council fix a three-month time limit for drafting a world-wide arms reduction program.

The Soviet move came as the United Nations Atomic Energy commission neared a showdown on its first atomic control report, one of the major steps in the general arms limitation plan as approved by the U. N. assembly Dec. 14.

In a letter to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, Soviet delegate Andrei A. Gromyko called for immediate action on the whole program without waiting for final action on atomic control.

He submitted a formal resolution, outlining the new Soviet proposals, and asked that they be placed on the agenda of the Security Council's next meeting, scheduled for Dec. 31.

Declaring that "the general regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces is the most important measure for the strengthening of international peace and security," Gromyko proposed:

- 1. That the Security Council "proceed with the working out of practical measures on the implementation of the General Assembly's decision of 14 December" on a world arms limitation program.
- 2. That it establish immediately an 11-nation commission, representing each nation of the Security Council, to prepare and submit specific proposals on the entire plan "within a period of from one to

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Johnson, Thomas Rap Compulsory Training

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Truman's Advisory commission weighted the impact of scientific warfar on proposals for universal training today as two influential democratic Senators termed the plan out-dated.

Senators Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) and Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), assailing "goose-stepping" in a mechanized age, announced in separate interviews they will fight any system of compulsory military training offered in the new Congress.

The commission which President Truman named to work out recommendations met behind closed doors at the White House with Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and War department representatives.

It issued a statement afterwards saying that Dr. Bush, by invitation, "presented his views on the future technological possibilities and requirements for national security and their implications regarding universal training."

War department officials, meeting for a second time with the commission, "described the manpower requirements for performing the present and probable future duties of the Army and described the role of universal training."

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SOUTHERN RAIL CRASH INJURES 16

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Sixteen persons were injured, none believed seriously, in a head-on collision of a Southern Railway passenger train and a freight train today at Auburn, eight miles from here.

Railroad officials said neither train was running more than five or six miles an hour when they met. Two tank cars of gasoline in the freight were wrecked, but the fuel did not catch fire. Spectators with buckets and tubs scooped up the gas from gullies as it flowed away from the wreck.

The trains were passenger No. 14, eastbound from Greensboro to Goldsboro, and freight train No. 64, westbound. A. B. Wayne, engineer, and Joe Beal, fireman, both of Greensboro, suffered cuts on their faces and arms. They were brought to Rex hospital here.

PRODUCTION DRIVE

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Soviet Council of Ministers has ordered the Russian textile and other consumer goods industries to open a production drive that will meet the common man's demand for clothing, shoes and other everyday necessities, the government newspaper Izvestia said today.

TWO DIE, 19 HURT IN PLANE CRASH

American Airlines Craft Crash-Lands In Scenic 'Friendship Gardens'

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 28.—(AP)—An American Airlines plane en route from Buffalo, N. Y., to Chicago crash-landed in scenic international Friendship Gardens east of here today killing the pilot and co-pilot and injuring 19 passengers.

The plane cut a wide swath through several hundred yards of trees in the gardens and came to rest against a small tree.

The pilots' cabin and the tail of the plane were sheared from the passengers compartment, which remained intact. Officials said this probably accounted for the fact the loss of life was not greater.

The pilot was Farnk Mates Hamm, Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn., and Chicago, and the co-pilot was Harmon Edwin Ring, Muscatine, Ia. Hamm was killed instantly and Ring, who was thrown clear, died a short time after the accident.

A section crew for the New York Central railroad saw the plane emerge from an overcast over Lake Michigan and fly inland at a low altitude.

S. E. Hall, a member of the section crew, said he was "sure the engines were not running."

"The plane made hardly a sound as it passed over our heads going southeast," Hall said. "We saw it

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FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN ELEVATOR

Loss Expected To Exceed \$1,000,000 In Minneapolis Grain Disaster

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The million bushel capacity grain elevator of the Brooks Elevator corporation was destroyed by fire today, after an explosion shattered a cupola atop the five-story wood and sheet metal structure.

M. L. Kane, vice president and general manager of the corporation, said the structure was nearly full of grain but he declined to estimate the loss.

Other grain men said that at current grain prices the loss probably would be more than \$1,000,000 exclusive of the building.

The blaze broke out in mid-afternoon. It was the second large grain elevator fire in Minneapolis in 10 years.

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NHHS Quintet Wallops Soldier Five, 112 To 38

By GENE WARREN

Star-News Sports Writer

The New Hanover High school Wildcats put on the most devastating display of basketball ever seen in Wilmington last night to completely crush a highly regarded Fort Bragg basketball club, 112-38, at the high school gymnasium.

In gaining their sixth straight victory the NHHS cagers showed their best form of the season. The quint's best breaking offensive was never better. The boys could not miss on shots, whether long or short. And even when the first team was resting the reserves played exceptionally well.

Johnny McKoy, 6 ft. 6 in. center, led all scorers with a total of 31 points. Billy Mason, 6 ft. forward, ranked second with 25 markers, and W. A. Brown, 5 ft. 4 in. guard, grabbed third place with 24 tallies.

The Wildcat five started slowly, but grew hotter as the contest progressed. After a 21-13 margin at the end of the first quarter, W. A. Brown sparked the offensive play, and Wilmington walked off the court at halftime holding a comfortable 47-19 lead.

In the third period the Wilmington five was at its best. McKoy, Mason, and Brown set the pace with their remarkable shooting accuracy, while Louis Collier and Toddy Fennell set up the majority of the shots. Second stringer Marion Rogers also looked good, and was a key factor in Wilmington's

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Sleepy Child, 2, Awaits Mom At Police Station

She was only two-years old and as she rubbed her sleep-laden eyes with a grubby and chubby fist while sitting in the most comfortable chair in the Wilmington police station, Patrolman J. W. Wilson, brushed the tears away from his eyes.

The youngster waited for her mother to come and take her home as her father, with two companions, was booked on charges of gambling and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Although no charges were placed against the child she still "wanted her mama" as her eyes became tired and she did not seem over-excited over the proceedings and the attention she was receiving.

The youngster, barely large enough to top a 24-inch ruler, sat straight across from the kindly red-headed policeman as the Sand Man started to play tricks with her eyes. She wanted only one thing—mama to arrive from the mill where she was working and take her home.

She had been brought to headquarters with her father, C. W. Kanupp and David King, 61 Spoford, and W. B. Brooks, 33 Spoford.

According to Patrolman J. T. Rich, who brought the quartet to the station, he found the girl under an old railroad trestle near Spoford Mills with the men who were busily playing cards as the youngster acted as a "lookout."

However, when the law enforcement officer made his appearance it was "sleepy time" for the tot and according to officers the men were caught engaging in a three-handed game.

Siren Sounds Warning Of Teen-Age Curfew

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 28.—(AP)—A Siren which did duty during the war as an air-raid warning was sounded at 9:30 p.m. tonight and police began rounding up teenagers still on the streets in a drive to curb juvenile delinquency.

The payments will go to between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 former prisoners, taken in great masses during the last months of the war when Allied troops were rolling eastward through Germany.

Discovery of the body of Pat Coughlin, about 50, raised the death toll in a flaming bus to five today. The bus was showered with gasoline after a collision with a truck on a narrow snow-covered bridge nine miles north of here yesterday.

The Weather

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