

FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and slightly colder today, followed by cloudy weather, and slightly warmer tonight; Wednesday rather cool with occasional light rains.

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China Refutes Soviet Rights To Port City

Foreign Office Spokesman Says Russia Surrendered Claim To Dairen

WOULD TAKE OVER

Chiang's Government Notified In May Red Army Was "Pulling Out"

NANKING, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Chinese government does not recognize Russia's right to continue occupying Dairen and would take over administration of that important Manchurian port if it were not for obstructions by the Chinese Communists, George Yeh, foreign office spokesman, told a news conference Monday.

However, a Kuomintang (government party) official told the Associated Press that the Chinese-Russian treaty of 1945—which defines the status of Dairen as a free port—was defended by Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh at a private meeting of the party's National assembly delegates.

Wang was quoted as telling delegates who questioned the treaty's value that it had saved China millions of dollars by eliminating the need of maintaining a large army on the Manchurian frontier.

Premier T. V. Soong, who called the meeting, was quoted as saying that the post-war political strife in China was blocking smooth implementation of a well-planned reconversion program.

Yeh, the foreign office spokesman, said the treaty was signed in 1945.

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PALMETTO BANKER NAMED BY TRUMAN

Archibald Wiggins of Hartsville Selected As Gardner's Successor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Archibald Lee Manning Wiggins, 55-year-old South Carolina banker-businessman with plenty of experience in dealing with Congress, was selected by President Truman Monday to succeed O. Max Gardner as undersecretary of the treasury.

Wiggins is president of the Bank of Hartsville, S. C., and a former president of the American Bankers Association. To bankers here his appointment appeared a confirmation of the conservative policies the treasury has followed under Secretary Snyder.

Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, still holds the undersecretary post pending confirmation of his nomination to be ambassador to Great Britain. The Senate will receive Wiggins' nomination after it has acted upon Gardner's.

No opposition to either appointment was manifested.

Wiggins has number of friends in Congress, along with experience in dealing with its committees, from five years of appearances on Capitol Hill as head of the federal legislative committee of the Bankers association.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

I AX KUN'L BOB BOUT DE 'LECTION—AN' HE SAY DAT DE DIMMERCRATS JES' GOT TIAHED UV A TAIL HOLT ON A 'BAR!!

NERVE WAR

Terrorists Issue Threats Of Death

British Officers Warned By Irgun Zvia Leumi That Homicides Will Follow Any Caning Of Jewish Youths

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Irgun Zvia Leumi underground organization Monday threatened death to British officers if Army authorities carried out a sentence of caning imposed on Aaron Cohen, 17, for carrying underground pamphlet bombs.

The threat was made by means of Irgun pamphlets distributed in the Jewish city of Tel Aviv as troops and police started a house to house search in the Lydda area for Irgunists who Sunday flogged four British soldiers—a major and three sergeants—in revenge for the caning of another Jewish youth.

Irgun's pamphlets, announcing that the "death sentence" would be passed in any future cases of caning, proclaimed the organization's responsibility for the floggings Sunday.

Again openly warring against Britain after the shaky truce observed during the Zionist congress at Basel, Irgun reopened its nerve war and telephone warnings were received this afternoon by the Palestine Immigration department and the Palestine Broadcasting office that the buildings would be bombed.

In Tel Aviv K. J. Cohen, one of the superior police officers of Jewish faith in Palestine, left with his family for an undisclosed destination. It was believed he had received threatening letters from the Jewish underground.

PASSENGERS ON BUS HAVE RIDE WITH ALL WESTERN TRIMMINGS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Birmingham police Monday thought they were listening to a Western story of bandits robbing a stage coach. Some 40 passengers of a Mississippi-Alabama bus told police an automobile drove along side of the bus and a youth thrust a shotgun out the window. Other weapons were drawn and at least one shot was fired at the tires on the bus.

S. R. Howton, a police official from Graysville, who was riding behind the automobile, verified the passengers' story. Howton, who was bringing his wife to a Birmingham hospital, said he drew his gun to halt the automobile but his wife fainted. He had to stop to attend to her.

Later, police arrested two youths who admitted being in the automobile. They launched a search for the third, who was described by the other two as being "the source of the trouble."

TRUMAN APPOINTS WALLACE NATIVE

Charles S. Murphy Selected By President As Administrative Assistant

Special To The Star WALLACE, Dec. 30.—Charles S. Murphy, son of Mrs. W. F. Murphy and the late Mr. Murphy, was appointed an administrative assistant to President Truman on Monday, according to word received here.

A graduate of Duke University, Murphy holds an A. B. degree and an LL. B. which he received from the law school in 1934.

Shortly after graduation he went to Washington where he served as assistant legislative counsel to the Senate until his appointment as the President's aide today.

Although the law gives President Truman the authority to appoint six administrative assistants, at present there are only two in addition to Murphy. They are David K. Niles and Raymond R. Zimmerman.

FORMER NEWSMEN INDICTED BY JURY

Robert Best, Douglas Chandler To Face Trial For Treason To U. S.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Two expatriate American newspapermen—Robert Henry Best, 51, and Douglas Chandler, 56—were indicted Monday by a federal grand jury on charges of treasonously selling out to the Nazis by serving as their radio mouthpieces during the war.

Setting the stage for New England's first treason trial since the Revolutionary war, the jury returned the indictments after hearing 15 witnesses—at least two of them German women.

Judge Francis J. W. Ford, who was assigned to preside at the trial, directed that Best and Chandler be brought here at the earliest possible date from Washington for arraignment.

Chandler, who was born in Chicago, and Best, a native of Sumner county, South Carolina, were accused specifically of "willy and traitorously" giving aid and comfort to the enemy from within a few days after the United States entered the war until Germany capitulated.

The tall, grey-haired Chandler was charged by government attorneys with attempting to undermine American support of the war and to "weaken and destroy confidence in the administration" through shortwave broadcasts under the pseudonym "Paul Revere."

Best, a well-known pre-war character in Vienna cafes, was accused of serving as news editor in the German propaganda division handling broadcast beams to the United States and later of participating on a "round table conference" program on the German radio.

Just when the trial will begin was not announced, but court attaches indicated Chandler and Best would be given probably until April to file pleas and prepare their defense.

Conviction in treason cases carries a mandatory sentence of death by hanging.

Organ Music

CULLMAN, Ala., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Montgomery residents near the government's mansion will be treated with old fashioned organ music, the hand-pumped kind, next month.

Gov.-Elect James E. Folsom said Monday that he was moving the organ bought last month for \$15 to Montgomery for "I know a few tunes that sound good on that instrument."

"Big Jim" has been practicing up for the past two weeks, with his daughters, Melissa, 4, and Rachel, 8, looking on as he peddles the type organ found in many rural Alabama homes.

Along The Cape Fear

YEAR'S END—Before we start making our New Year's resolutions we feel the urge to get off of our chests, partially at least, one 1946 promise before New Hanover county's courthouse clock strikes twelve tonight.

That's the much repeated pledge to give a brief sketch of the start of the Port City's fire department.

But before we begin, let us caution our readers that the line forms on the left for those who detect (minor we hope, instead of major) inaccuracies in our sketch.

The first unsung heroes who guarded Wilmington from the danger of flames were volunteers of whom we have had much to say and the chances are much more in the future.

However, today we will confine ourselves to the Port City's first paid fire fighting organization.

UPPER HOUSE SLATE NAMED BY MEMBERS

Michigan Man Chosen To Be Senate Presiding Officer For Majority

GROUP ORGANIZES

White Of Maine Will Get Coveted Post Of Majority Leader Friday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Republican Senators organized for their majority role in the new Congress Monday and chose Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan to be Senate presiding officer.

Senator Wallace White of Maine was elected majority floor leader and Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, Republican whip.

Other officers: Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the Republican conference, the G. O. P. Senate organization.

Senator Milton R. Young of North Dakota, conference secretary.

Carl Loeffler, present secretary to the Republican minority, was nominated to succeed Leslie L. Biffle as secretary of the Senate.

Mark Trice, now deputy sergeant (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

PROPERTY LISTING OPENS THURSDAY

County Auditor Announces Tax Listers For Five Townships

The listing of property for tax purposes in New Hanover county will begin Thursday morning in all five townships, it was announced yesterday by C. F. Smith, county auditor.

Smith said the listings would continue through the month of January and called attention to the fact that failure to list property as required by law makes the offender subject to prosecution.

Tax listers for the year 1947 are as follows: Wilmington township: W. N. Harris, W. P. Toon, Jr., and Mrs. E. M. Dewey; Cape Fear township: Mrs. George W. Wilkins; Federal Point township: Mrs. J. M. Myatt; Harnett Township, Mrs. S. W. Benson and Mrs. Sally E. Pierce; and Masonboro township, Mrs. Leila M. Horne.

Listings for Wilmington will be taken in the county courthouse while listers for other townships will announce the time and place for their respective areas.

State Tourist Business May Reach \$200,000,000

RALEIGH, Dec. 30.—(AP)—North Carolina's tourist industry grossed a record-breaking total of about \$175,000,000 during 1946, and the State Advertising division predicted Monday that the 1947 figure would approach \$200,000,000—and even more, if inflationary prices prevail.

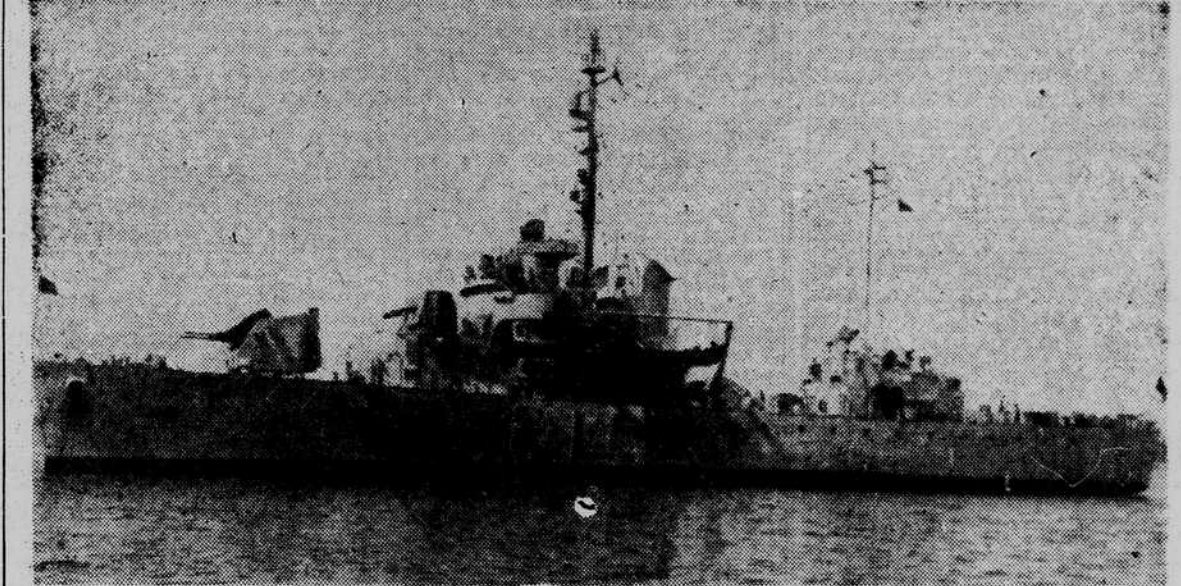
The 1946 season almost equaled the former banner tourist year of 1941 in traffic volume, and because of higher prices, the dollar volume was greater, the division estimated.

The division announced plans to continue promotion of the tourist industry by working to lengthen the travel season in the state, trying to disperse tourists to un congested areas, and attempting to exploit more fully sports fishing along the coast.

The mountain resorts got off to an early start this year, the division reported, with the season about two weeks ahead of normal.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION VOTES APPROVAL OF U.S. CONTROL PLAN; GOP SENATORS NAME VANDENBERG

Coast Guard Cutter Coming Here



Above is the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Mendota, the new vessel which will replace the Modoc now assigned to Wilmington. Commander George H. Bowerman, captain of the Modoc, made the announcement here yesterday afternoon.

CITY'S GROWTH SEEN IN REPORT

Extension Of Limits One Highlight In New Publication

The annual report of the city manager to the mayor and council covering operations of the city government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 was made public yesterday in the form of a 40-page booklet.

The comprehensive report by City Manager J. R. Benson outlined each phase of business conducted by the city during the fiscal year as well as calling attention to the highlights of the year 1945-46.

Outstanding among accomplishments of Wilmington was the extension of the city limits for the first time in 25 years, together with the completion of an interim census which listed 47,483 people as residents, the report stated.

Also figuring prominently in the advancement of Wilmington during the year was the addition of \$71,939 to the sinking fund, bringing the total to \$792,656. This money will be used to retire one million dollars in term bonds which will mature between 1948 and 1955.

During the year bonds in the amount of \$141,000 were retired, thereby decreasing the city's gross bonded indebtedness by that amount.

The report points out that the financial condition of the city remains good in spite of increased operating costs and that the municipal government stayed within its established budget to show a surplus of over 67 thousand dollars.

Crime and lawlessness continued to decline, with the report attributing a part of the credit for this fact to the relatively quiet post-war period. The value of property stolen during the period showed a decline of \$33,461 from that of the previous year. This improvement was noted in spite of the extension of the city limits to include more territory.

Other highlights recognized by the report was the construction of a new refuse disposal incinerator, the completion and presentation of an economic and industrial survey (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

New Ship Replacing Coast Guard Cutter

The Weather

FORECAST North and South Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and slightly colder Tuesday, followed by cloudy and not so cold Tuesday night, but continued rather cool Wednesday, occasional light rains.

(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. 66; 7:30 a.m. 64; 1:30 p.m. 63; 7:30 p.m. 52. Maximum 64; Minimum 51; Mean 58; Normal 47.

Humidity 1:30 a.m. 85; 7:30 a.m. 87; 1:30 p.m. 41; 7:30 p.m. 70.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month—2.10 inches.

Rises For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Low Wilmington 3:14 a.m. 10:34 a.m. 3:46 p.m. 10:57 p.m. Masonboro Inlet 12:46 a.m. 7:33 a.m. 1:11 p.m. 7:41 p.m. Sunrise 7:18; Sunset 5:13; Moonrise 12:24 p.m.; Moonset 11:00 p.m. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m., Monday, 110 feet.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY PLANNED

Cold Weather Promised For Area; Many Stores, Offices To Close

A brief respite in the form of a New Year's day holiday is in store for government employees tomorrow, and joining in the observance will be the member stores of the Wilmington Retail Merchants Association of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the city's banks.

Several of the churches throughout the city have announced special services for tonight.

The only thing standing in the way of a real celebration tomorrow is the prediction of the weatherman that cold weather is here to stay throughout the holiday.

As if in retaliation for letting Wilmington residents get by the Christmas holidays without real wintry weather, the forecasters are evidently out to get the weather situation back to near normal with predictions of very cold weather for several days, including January 1, 1947.

The cold wave slated to make its appearance in the city Monday morning was held back for about (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Commander Bowerman Announces Assignment Of Mendota To City

The U. S. C. G. Cutter Modoc is to be decommissioned at the Curtis Bay, Md., Navy yard within the next two weeks and the recently built C. G. Cutter Mendota has been assigned to replace the Modoc here, it was announced yesterday by Commander George H. Bowerman, commanding officer of the Modoc.

The commander announced the decision of the Fifth Coast Guard District officials to the members of the Modoc crew at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. He called the entire crew together and made the announcement on the deck of the 25 year-old cutter.

Commander Bowerman said the vessel will leave her berth at the Customhouse docks on January 5, bound for Norfolk, Va., where a final inspection will be given the cutter by a Coast Guard Survey board before she is decommissioned and ordered to be disposed of.

The officer said he expected the ship would be sold for salvage because the type of vessel she is makes her unsuitable for commercial use.

The vessel will then proceed to Curtis Bay where she will be decommissioned and some equipment transferred to the Mendota, which is expected to arrive there about January 7.

The U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Mendota, which was built about two years ago and recently overhauled at the Norfolk Navy yards, has been assigned to replace the Modoc here, Commander Bowerman said.

Wilson Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—President Truman Monday appointed Carroll Louis Wilson, 36-year-old Massachusetts engineer, as general manager of the Atomic Energy commission.

The White House said Wilson's position was comparable in importance to membership on the commission itself.

David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic commission, reported to President Truman that Wilson was recommended for the job after "an extensive canvass of the qualified people who might be available."

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And So To Bed

Veto Section Fight May Go Council Vote

Baruch Proposal Carries By 10 To 0 With Russia, Poland Abstaining

GROMYKO IN ATTACK

Soviet Delegate Delivers Slashing Blast Against American Program

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 30.—(AP)—After more than six months of debate, the United Nations Atomic Energy commission Monday approved the American atomic energy control plan report after Soviet delegate Andrei A. Gromyko delivered a slashing attack against it.

The commission voted 10 to 0 for the program sponsored by Bernard Baruch of the United States. Russia and Poland abstained from voting, after criticizing a section that would outlaw the use of the security council veto to prevent punishment of a country making atomic weapons illegally.

Their abstentions were a conciliatory gesture, but it was clear the fight would be carried into the UN (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

CHANCES BRIGHTEN TO GET DRAGLINE

Federal Officials Inspect Drainage Area In Wilmington

Prospects that city officials will be successful in their efforts to purchase a dragline to facilitate drainage of Brunt creek brightened yesterday following the visit of National Housing Administration officials to Wilmington.

City Purchasing Agent Gilbert F. Morton said last night that expeditors from the Raleigh office of the NHA indicated that a favorable recommendation would be made to the housing authority for the granting of a certificate permitting the purchase of a dragline by the city.

This indication was given after the expeditors, accompanied by Morton and City Manager J. R. Benson, visited the areas in need of drainage.

Briefs outlining the need for a dragline which would make proper drainage possible, together with pictures showing sections of Wilmington completely inundated following a normal rainfall, were presented to the housing officials in support of the request for permission to purchase the machine.

If the recommendation to be made by housing authorities is followed, then the NHA will grant an emergency certificate authorizing the purchase of the unit by the city of Wilmington from the War Assets Administration from surplus property, Morton said.

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Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN

A BIG LITTLE PAPER A modest little pamphlet issued in Wilmington last week explains the beginning of something which will be watched with profound interest and much anxiety here and throughout the world. The pamphlet is the first annual report made to the President by the Council of Economic Advisers, created last winter by the Employment Act of 1946.

That act, one of the most significant enacted by Congress in this century, commits the government to finding a policy of conscious and deliberate measures to keep our economic system working at a high level of production, employment and private income. The report, which is the work of Messrs. Nourse, Keyserling, and Clark, explains the machinery of the act and its philosophy, and concludes with a brief summary of the outlook for the immediate and the more distant future.