

Wilmington and vicinity: Cloudy and occasional light rain or drizzle today and tonight, continued rather cold, becoming slightly warmer tonight; Friday considerable cloudiness and warmer with scattered showers.

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Chief Of VFW Urges Probe Of VA Costs

Louis E. Starr Charges Government With Waste In Administration Work

HITS AT EXPENSES

Commander Claims Salaries And Other Items Total 11 Per Cent Of Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—Louis E. Starr, national commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, charged the government with waste Wednesday in the administration of veterans' affairs and called for a Congressional investigation.

Starr's assertions drew immediate counter-fire from Paul Benedict, an official of Veterans administration, who declared:

"Starr's figures are all wet." The VFW chief said in a statement "it is evident that overhead and administrative costs are unduly high" and declared that Veterans administration "salaries and personal expenses alone will eat up better than 11 percent of the total budget."

Benedict termed Starr's 11 percent estimate "nonsense," asserting that current administrative expenses are only 3.4 percent.

In addition, he said Starr's figure of \$57,287,000 for 1947 "salaries and personal expenses" also included expenses for hospitalization and rehabilitation of disabled veterans, all burial allowances, outpatient treatment and other items.

Above Budget "Salaries and expenses of those who handle veteran affairs for 1947 are larger than the total veteran budget for 1940," Starr said.

"Around 215,000 officials and employees will be paid out of the \$57,287,000 recommended for salaries and personal expenses. Printing

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WANTED MAN MAY HAVE ENDED LIFE

Missing Husband In Bizarre "Camera" Shooting Believed Drowned

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(P)—A young man who waded into the ocean off Brooklyn's Brighton Beach Wednesday in his underwear, shoes and gloves was believed by police to be the missing husband in Tuesday's bizarre "camera" shooting.

A police official said the description given by a witness who saw the man begin his below-freezing swim, tallied with that of Alphonse Rocco, 30, whose former wife, Mrs. Olga Rocco, 28, was in critical condition with a thigh wound at Roosevelt hospital.

Pearl Lusk, 19, who pulled the trigger of a Christmas-wrapped sawed-off shotgun in a Times Square subway station and wounded Mrs. Rocco, identified a picture of Rocco as the man who gave her the gun, told her it was a camera

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley DEY JES' AIN' NOTHIN' NOW POP'LAR LONG—NOW DEY DONE QUIT TALKIN' 'BOUT DE ADAM BOMB!



Discussing Atomic Energy



Following his appointment by President Truman as general manager of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Carroll Louis Wilson (right), 36, Rochester, N. Y., calls on David E. Lillenthal, chairman of the commission. The conference is taking place at the War Department in Washington. Wilson, a M.I.T. graduate, was right-hand man to Dr. Vannevar Bush, chief of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, which developed the atom bomb. (International Soundphoto)

Rain, Snow Blankets Dixie On New Year's

11 NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGES TO FIGURE IN JAMES GRAY FUND

WINSTON-SALEM, Jan. 1.—(P)—Establishment by James A. Gray, prominent Winston-Salem tobaccoist, of a \$1,700,000 endowment fund, income of which will go to 11 North Carolina colleges, was announced Wednesday by the Wachovia Bank and Trust company.

Winston-Salem colleges will be beneficiaries of nearly two thirds of the funds, the announcement said, with the funds going to the various institutions approximately as follows: Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest college, \$900,000; Salem College and Academy \$15,000; Winston-Salem Teachers' college \$100,000, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill \$250,000; Divinity school, Duke university \$100,000; Greensboro college, High Point college, Brevard college and Louisburg college \$50,000 each; Davidson college and Saint Mary's Junior college, Raleigh \$25,000 each.

The Wachovia Bank and Trust company will hold and administer the fund whose annual income at current values is estimated to be \$60,000.

PEOPLE OF WORLD GREET NEW YEAR

London Celebration Marks Wildest Night Since V-Day Victory Party

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS A world facing the manifold problems of postwar reconstruction greeted the New Year yesterday with expressions of hope and prayers for guidance as well as with traditional year-end revelry in lands most favored by the fortunes of war.

The trumpeting of silver bugles in Wales, marking the start of government ownership of coal mines, heralded Britain's hope for a new and better life for its peoples through socialist postwar planning. London's New Year's Eve was the wildest since V-E Day, with thousands packing Piccadilly Circus to cheer as Big Ben, their revered old clock, tolled the midnight hour.

At some millions of United States citizens had their biggest and costliest New Year's blowout

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"Leaks" Indicate Large Expenditures Proposal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce said Wednesday "leaks" from the White House and the Budget bureau hint that President Truman's budget message to Congress will propose expenditures running "about \$10,000,000,000 more than business considers advisable."

The statement, which gave no other source, was made in a summary prepared by the national chamber's department of governmental affairs, outlining legislative prospects in the new Congress which convenes Friday. "With federal expenditures for the current (1947) fiscal year estimated at \$41,500,000,000, there is little doubt that Congress will effect sharp economies," the summary said.

U.S. - Britain Reach Accord On Equipment

Nations Will Standardize Certain Items Of Military Paraphernalia

ONE FIGHTING ARM

Paris Newspaper Says Canada Selected As Proving Ground

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—A government official confirmed Wednesday that the United States and Britain had agreed to standardize "certain items of military equipment," and British newspapers said the armies of both nations would be trained so that they could swing into action under one supreme commander.

Simultaneously, the Paris Socialist newspaper Aurore declared that British and American armies would soon be forced into a single fighting arm, extending from the North Pole to the Rio Grande, from Asia Minor to Japan.

Expanding a previous account in which it said that Britain and the United States would sign a secret accord March 15 to fight together in the event either was attacked, Aurore said that equipment and training of all English-speaking armies would become uniform.

The eventual unification of British and probably dominion troops will begin in the United States, Aurore said, where methods of West Point will be used as a model for training future British officers.

Canada has been selected as the first proving ground of future British-American unity, the Paris newspaper asserted, adding that arctic regions would play a vital role in any future conflict.

Front Page Accounts

British newspapers front-page accounts from New York that Britain and the U. S. were rapidly completing plans for air, sea and land cooperation in the event of another war.

The reports pointed out that standardization of equipment and training would enable British and American troops to operate efficiently under one command.

The British government official, who declined use of his name, confirmed for the first time that military experts of the two nations are discussing the standardization of small arms to fixed U. S. sizes and patterns.

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COUNCIL SESSION SCHEDULED TODAY

Discussion Of Historical Exhibit And City's Participation Seen

A discussion of whether or not application should be made for the inclusion of the city's copy of the London Chronicle reporting colonial opposition to the British Stamp Act on a special train scheduled to tour the nation is scheduled for today's meeting of the council.

The train is slated to include 48 cars, one for each state in the union and will be under the sponsorship of the U. S. Attorney General's office.

Also scheduled at today's session is approval of the sale of city bonds valued at over a million dollars The

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Along The Cape Fear

BIRD LORE — After a pleasant conversation with Mrs. Cecil Appleberry, president of the local bird club, Along The Cape Fear feels that it has sadly neglected one of the Port City's major tourist attractions.

The Cape Fear area is literally an ornithologist's paradise. You may recall that in December 1945 when the first Christmas count of birds in this area was made a total of 61 species was reported. That count was large enough to place Wilmington third in the entire state.

But after this past Christmas when the local bird fanciers spotted 97 species and 3,402 individual birds, Along The Cape Fear crossed its fingers to await a final tabulation from other bird clubs in the state. We are hoping that the North Carolina title will come to rest in the Port City.

Mrs. Appleberry pointed out that the record count in the Old North State is about 75 hence the local

SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE TROUBLE HINTED AT LONDON; U.S. OFFICER CANED IN CHINA

Student Mobs Molest Press Photographer

Lieutenant Receives Blows On Head In Attack On Shanghai Street

GIRL MISTREATED

Incident Occurs During Demonstration Against Marine Occupation

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1.—(P)—An American Army officer was beaten on the head with bamboo canes, an attempt was made to disrobe his girl companion and an Associated Press photographer seeking to film the incident was given a black eye by Chinese students Wednesday in a continuation of anti-U. S. demonstrations.

(The girl's nationality was not given but the area where the attack took place is popular with the Russians, French and other Europeans.)

The officer, a lieutenant, and the girl were walking along Avenue Joffre in the former French concession when set upon by some of the 1,000 Chinese students who staged a parade in protest against the retention of American military forces in China.

While the demonstrators, shouting obscene words at the pair, struck the officer on the head and grabbed the girl's clothing, the photographer was given a black eye and forcibly prevented from taking a picture of the incident.

Attack Ceases

The lieutenant, grabbing the girl by the hand, began forcing his way through the cane-wielding crowd which abruptly ceased the attack. The photographer swung his camera at his assailants and reached safety.

Louis F. Roth, American manager of an import firm but a resident of this country for so long that he considers China his home, was grabbed by the neck and shaken up.

The demonstrators carried signs reading "China Is Not an American Colony" and others warning "Get Out or We'll Throw You Out; Get Out, You Beasts."

The violence here was in contrast with the orderly if noisy demonstrations earlier in the week by thousands of students at Peiping.

Peiping Incident

It was at Peiping on Christmas eve that a Chinese girl reported to police that two U. S. marines criminally assaulted her. Wednesday a Marine board investigating the incident made its report to Col. Julian Frisbe, Marine commandant at Peiping.

Contents of the report were not disclosed but it was learned from Marine sources that Colonel Frisbe will order a courtmartial on a basis of its findings. Sources said that failure of Chinese police to offer their evidence weakened the case.

Police Expecting CROSS CASE BREAK

Sheriff's Office Indicates Action Coming Today; Note Released

New Hanover county deputy sheriffs last night expressed the belief that a break in the case involving the burning of a cross near the home of a Negro in the Greenville Sound area on Monday night would come today. Occupants of the house were Henrietta and Lonnie Dudley.

Deputies have been investigating the case since its occurrence but no definite clues as to the person or persons responsible have been released. Opinion has been that the act was the work of pranksters instead of an organization, even though the K.K.K. symbol was smeared on the highway near the site of the effigy burning.

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Named To Key Senate Posts



At a pre-session conference in Washington, the new Senate Republican majority unanimously chose Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg (left), of Michigan, Senate presiding officer; Kenneth S. Wherry (center) of Nebraska, party whip, and Wallace H. White, Jr., of Maine, minority floor leader. Their election will be a formality when the Eightieth Congress convenes on January 3. (International Soundphoto)

Georgia Wins 20-10 Over Carolina Team

73,000 Fans Witness Annual Sugar Bowl Contest At New Orleans

By WILLIAM TUCKER United Press Sports Writer NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—(P)—The Georgia Bulldogs broke loose for two breathless long distance plays Wednesday and came from behind to win the Sugar Bowl game from North Carolina 20 to 10 in a terrific battle of flying cleats and flying fists before 73,000 wild-eyed fans.

A minor cold wave, a by-product of the northwest storm, hit New Orleans just before game time but the shivering customers warmed up with the tempers of the players—and their tempers were torrid. The two Charleys, Trippi and Justice, lived up to all their advance billing and their duel be-

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STORAGE BASIN AREA RESTRICTED

Major-General Witsell Issues Order Covering Brunswick River

An order classifying the Brunswick river storage basin as a restricted area was issued yesterday by the adjutant general of the army, the Star's Washington bureau reported last night from the nation's capital.

The order, signed by Major-General Edward S. Witsell, formally recognized the establishment of the basin as a storage point for vessels of the maritime commission.

The war department official outlined the storage area as "all of that portion of the Brunswick river, a tributary of the Cape Fear river west and southwest of Wilmington from its mouth northward to the North Carolina state highway and public works commission bridge on U. S. route No. 74, a distance of about 2.75 nautical miles."

The directive further specified that "all vessels and other water craft, except such as are authorized by the United States maritime commission, shall keep clear of the above-described anchorage ground at all times."

Wilmingtonian Seeking Office In New Congress

By FRANK VAN DER LINDEN Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Marion Shuffler of Wilmington, N. C. will be nominated for doorkeeper of the House when the Democratic representatives caucus Thursday.

Representative J. Bayard Clark of the Seventh North Carolina district will present the name of Mr. Shuffler, who is his secretary.

Mr. Clark came back to Washington from his Fayetteville home a day in advance of the caucus so that he could assist in his secretary's campaign.

of the House, became assistant doorkeeper. Now Mr. Roberts is a candidate to succeed the late South Trimble as clerk of the House, and Mr. Clark is asking his colleagues to promote Mr. Shuffler.

Although the Republicans, being in the majority, will fill most House staff posts in the new Congress, several minority positions are open to Democrats. The House will elect the officers when the eightieth Congress formally convenes Friday. Asked his views on labor and

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Jewish-Arab States Looms As Solution

British Government Report Ready To Consider Dividing Holy Land

SOME JEWS AGREE

Official Source Says Proposals Must First Come From Disputants

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—First indications of a possible settlement for troubled Palestine came Wednesday when a British official source promised "full and serious consideration" of proposals to divide the Holy Land into independent Jewish and Arab states.

The source implied, however, that Britain would not offer such a plan herself. He said the plan would be studied if Jews or Arabs offered such a proposal at the scheduled Jan. 21 resumption of the London conference on Palestine.

Other indications of an approaching effort to solve the problems were announcements that the British cabinet will concern itself almost solely with the problem at a meeting next week, and that Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine high commissioner, was flying to London for conferences. Reports from Jerusalem said Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, commanding general in Palestine, would accompany the commissioner.

Government quarters said Cunningham's mission was to give Colonial Minister Arthur Creech Jones a complete up-to-the-minute report on Palestine conditions.

Leaders Enroute Also due before the weekend was Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's political department. Dr.

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Bowl Results

Cotton Bowl — Arkansas 0, Louisiana State 0. Cigar Bowl — Delaware 21, Rollins 7. Orange Bowl — Rice 8, Tennessee 0. Gator Bowl — Oklahoma 34, North Carolina State 13. Alamo Bowl — Hardin Simmons vs. Denver, postponed, inclement weather. Oil Bowl — Georgia Tech 41, St. Mary's 19. Tangerine Bowl — Catawba 31, Maryville, Tenn. 6. Flower Bowl — Delaware State 7, Florida Normal 6. Sugar Bowl — Georgia 20, North Carolina 10. Vulcan Bowl — Tennessee State 32, Louisville Municipal 0. Will Rogers Bowl — Pepperdine 38, Nebraska Wesleyan 13. Sun Bowl — Cincinnati 18, Virginia Poly 6. Rains Bowl — San Jose St. 20, Utah St. 0. Rose Bowl — Illinois 45, UCLA 14. Shrine Game — West 13, East 9. Harbor Bowl — Montana State 13, New Mexico 13.

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The destruction of an automobile by fire during the New Year eve's celebration here was cited last night by Fire Chief J. Luddie Croom as a strong argument for the banning of fireworks in Wilmington.

Chief Croom pointed out that the fire resulted from the explosion of a firecracker under the gasoline tank of the car while it was parked in the downtown area.

The law should deal heavily with anyone who is so careless with anything as dangerous as fireworks, the chief opined