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ACTION

U.S. Will Collect Jap Reparations

State, War Department Officials Declare Removal of Plants To Start Even Without Agreement By Russia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—State and War department officials said Thursday night the United States is determined to start collection of reparations from Japan immediately, even without full agreement on terms with Russia and other war-time allies.

James K. Penfield, deputy director of the State department's office of Far Eastern affairs, said an urgent directive to General MacArthur is under consideration to start removals soon of Japanese industrial plants and equipment.

COLLEGE PLANS TALKED AT MEET

Inter-Civic Club Session Discuss Means To Speed Project

A meeting of the presidents and education chairman of local civic clubs and school officials was held last night by the education committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to further discussion for the proposed Junior college in New Hanover county.

The purpose of the meeting was to combine the efforts of all the groups interested in the project, rather than each continuing to work independently according to Wallace West, who acted as chairman of the meeting last.

Those present last night held a broad discussion on what Wilmington had to offer a junior college and what such an institution would mean to the city.

No definite decisions were made, but plans for another such meeting to be held in the near future were made. At that time some definite plan of action will be decided upon.

PUBLIC TO VIEW PATROL VESSEL

Reserve Unit's Ship To Be Moved To Customhouse Dock

The USS Patrol Craft 776, the ship assigned to the local organized division of the Naval Reserve for training purposes, will be moved to the Customs House Dock from the shipyard this afternoon, according to Lieut. Commander John H. Wilson, commanding officer.

A group of guests, by special invitation, will be given an opportunity of making an inspection of the ship on Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley



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UNITED STATES STANDS FIRM FOR ATOMIC CONTROL AS BASIS OF ARMS REDUCTION; 25 FIRE ALARM BOXES EXPECTED SOON

Shipment Due In City Last Part Of Month

City Manager Benson Announces Company Will Forward Balance Soon ENDS LONG BATTLE

Receipt Of Initial Unit Of 111-Box Order To Aid Newly Annexed Areas

Wilmington's 15-month-long effort to secure fire-boxes for newly annexed areas neared a successful conclusion late yesterday afternoon with the announcement by City Manager J. R. Benson that a shipment of 25 units out of 111 ordered will arrive the last of January, with the final boxes scheduled for delivery in March.

Coincident with the release of the announcement that the units were finally on their way, Benson revealed that one-half of the boxes had been completed and that work on the remainder is underway. Upon arrival of the first shipment of 25, he said, installation will begin at once.

At the same time he made public the fact that a Horni box was put into operation in the city's alarm system late in November, and that City Electrician David Sandlin, Jr., had subjected it to close-by-guarded tests, and that it had been found to function perfectly.

Benson's announcement of the (Continued On Page 3, Col. 2)

VETS COMMITTEE NAMED IN DRIVE

March Of Dimes Campaign Leaders To Meet At 5 O'Clock

The initial meeting of the full committee appointed to stage the March of Dimes campaign is scheduled to be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the American Legion Home, corner 3rd and Dock streets, in order to draft last minute details, W. K. Rhodes, Jr., chairman, said yesterday.

Rhodes also announced the appointment of four committeemen who will coordinate the veterans' activities during the drive, beginning next Wednesday.

They are W. K. Stewart, Jr., commander, American Legion Post No. 10; Ray Galloway, state vice commander and executive secretary of Post No. 10; E. C. Sneed, assistant collector of the customs board of Wilmington and commander of the James A. Manley Post of the VFW; and S. C. Zatkiewicz, business manager of the VFW.

The coordination of the efforts of the personnel of the Atlantic Coast Line during the New Hanover drive, will be handled through the office of Robert Scott, director of insurance and safety, ACL, and who is also coordinator for the entire ACL railway for the drive against infantile paralysis, Rhodes said.

As one former newspaper scribe said: "Probably no industry has been started in the South since the war (War Between the States) and none of the almost illimitable resources of this section of the country have been developed which have had such an important effect upon the prosperity of the people as the various purposes to which the common long-leaved pine straw have been found useful and profitable, and the various products of that article which have been manufactured and put upon the market by the Acme Manufacturing Company, of this city."

General Marshall was the man who, above and beyond all others in this country and abroad, maintained the conception of a global strategy in a world-wide war. Upon him there beat all the pressures of the governments in the coalition, of the theater commanders, of the several services. Only a very great man could have succeeded in the war itself, and if the threads connecting the strat-

egy of the war with the planning of the peace are broken, the business of pacifying the world and of making peace becomes an unintelligible and unmanageable collection of bits and pieces.

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City Manager Benson Welcomes Clinton Goodwill Group



City Manager J. R. Benson is shown greeting a group of Clinton city officials and businessmen as they arrived at Blumenthal airport yesterday on a goodwill tour of Southeastern North Carolina. Left to right: J. R. Best, M. O. Register, Mayor J. C. Morrisey, J. R. Benson, Henry Vann, Bruce Carlton, R. E. Williams and Clarence Fisher. The group from Clinton was met by a large delegation of city and county officials. (PHOTO BY CAROLINA CAMERA)

SUMMER PROGRAM DRAWN BY SENCBA

Improvement Of Roads In Area Discussed By Group At Meeting

Discussion centering about plans for the coming resort season, coupled with efforts on the part of association members to promote a better road system for this area were the chief points of business at a meeting for the Southeastern North Carolina Beach association in the Woodrow Wilson hut last night.

During last night's meeting the directors adopted a tentative budget for the year of \$33,600. This figure includes \$15,000 for the second annual Fishing Rodeo, a printed folder to promote the rodeo, and a general tourist folder, it was stated.

Included in the summer-plan discussion was the employment of a full-time secretary for the body as well as a budget for the coming season. Plans for the raising of funds to finance the annual fishing rodeo and other highlights of the summer season were included in the budget as drawn up by the budget committee.

The call for better roads for Southeastern North Carolina was sounded by John H. Farrell, city industrial agent, who outlined a program for concerted effort on the part of all communities in the section. Farrell's proposal that representatives of every town and community in the area cooperate in bringing pressure to bear on officials of the State Highway Commission. (Continued On Page 3, Col. 7)

Clinton Group Visits City On Goodwill Tour

The Weather

FORECAST South and North Carolina — Partly cloudy, little change in temperature Friday, slightly warmer Saturday. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Clark Renamed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Representative J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville, was reelected by the House Thursday as one of four Democrats remaining on the Rules committee.

Along The Cape Fear

BUILDING PROGRAM — Plans for the rebuilding of the section of the Acme company's plant at Acme which was recently damaged by fire brings to mind the fact that the firm is one of the oldest such organizations in the Old North State.

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WAY BACK WHEN—Before the 1890's turned into the 1890's, the works of the Acme Manufacturing Company were located at Cronly, on the Carolina Central Railroad, seventeen miles from Wilmington, but they were owned, controlled

and operated by gentlemen of the Port City.

The first officers of the company were President W. Latimer, Treasurer H. G. Latimer, General Manager Henry Savage, General Agents Cronly and Morris.

City And County Officials Greet Visitors At Air Port Here

A group of business men and city officials of Clinton, making a goodwill tour of Southeastern North Carolina landed at the Blumenthal airport yesterday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock and were met by a delegation of local city and county officials and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The sleek silver painted Beechcraft twin-engine airplane owned by Henry Vann of Clinton and piloted by Bruce Carlton, a former Army B-17 pilot, landed on the runways of the airport after completing the journey from Little Washington in less than an hour.

The Clinton party was composed of Mayor J. C. Morrisey, City Councilmen M. O. Register, R. E. Williams, J. R. Best and Henry Vann, a former state senator, and Clarence Fisher, Clinton businessman.

They were met at the airport by City Manager J. R. Benson, Councilmen J. E. L. Wade and Garland Currin. County Commissioner Harry Gardner, City Industrial Agent John H. Farrell, Airport Manager Jesse Parker, Jesse Sellers, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Hal Love and Billy Atkinson, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a representative of the Morning Star were also on hand to meet the visitors.

Mayor Morrisey said the group left Clinton early yesterday morning for the trip. The party was the guests of W. R. Robinson, owner of radio station WRRZ at Little Washington, is contemplating the building of a radio station in Clinton, the Mayor said.

After official greetings were exchanged (Continued On Page 3, Col. 2)

GOVERNOR URGES "CONSERVATISM"

Cherry Fails To Mention Liquor, Game Divorce In Message To Assembly

RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Governor Cherry sounded Thursday a call for conservatism in handling the state's biggest surplus in history; suggested that there be no major change in the state's tax structure; and recommended that an additional \$10,000,000 be added to the \$20,000,000 already earmarked for the post-war reserve fund.

Just before the governor began his biennial message on the state of North Carolina and the condition of its agencies and institutions, both the Senate and the House received bills providing for 20 per cent pay increases for teachers and state employees.

Continuing the fast pace set by presiding officers, the joint appropriations committee passed the pay increase bill and voted to report it favorably Friday.

The raise would be effective January 1, 1947.

Both the Senate and House received bills to lower the voting age to 18, following a pattern set by several other states.

Lives In Jeopardy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The plaintive yowls of a cat held up a 114-car Florida freight train for 25 minutes at Potomac yards Thursday as the homeless tabby eluded pursuit in an electric engine carrying 11,000 volts.

Risking all nine lives at once, the cat zig-zagged among high-tension power lines and successfully dodged a two-man posse of yardmen assigned to capture it.

Finally, another engine was coupled to the train and it pulled out, leaving the cat-caught engine behind.

But tabby won her point: Trainmen said they would give her a home in a bunk house.

Gromyko Hits At Americans Over Delays

Charges Delegates Adopting Take-It-Or-Leave-It Attitude

FULL-SCALE DEBATE

Johnson Denies Charges By Russians In Defending Baruch Program

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 9.—(AP)—In the face of Russian charges that the United States was stalling on the whole question of arms reduction, the American delegation to the United Nations stood firm Thursday night on a demand that control of atomic energy must come first.

"Effective international control of atomic energy is the key to the whole program and must come first," Herschel V. Johnson, U. S. delegate, told the Security council emphatically at the outset of full-scale debate on the basic arms proposal laid down in December by the General assembly.

Johnson took the floor after Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko, recently named a deputy foreign minister, bluntly accused

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SALARY BILL MAY GET OKAY TODAY

Legislative Committee Moves Fast On Consideration Of Teacher Pay

RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Following Governor Cherry's biennial message advocating increased pay to teachers and state employees immediately, the General assembly acted swiftly Thursday to grant 20 per cent increases, effective January 1.

A bill providing for the increases, estimated to cost \$6,650,000 from the remaining six months of the biennium was introduced in the Senate and the House by chairman of respective Appropriations committees.

The bill was studied at the first joint meeting of the two committees Thursday afternoon, and after approximately nine minutes of discussion, a favorable report was voted. Rep. Arch T. Allen of Wake, chairman of the House Appropriations committee, said that he would report the bill Friday, and asked that it be placed on the calendar for immediate passage.

Under suspended rules, it is possible for the bill to be enacted into law Friday.

Quick Action Seen Both Allen and Senator Wade Barber of Pittsboro, Senate appropriations chairman, said that it was hoped that the bill could be passed in time so that the pay in-

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And So To Bed

Such is the age of speed. The day before yesterday a minor, but still very important, part of the new press being installed by the Star-News was discovered to be missing.

Printers Rally To Aid Of Ben Franklin's Kin

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Franklin Bache, Huntington, 71, great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin, lay ill Thursday in a dreary, cluttered apartment pondering his grand-sire's ancestors.

Huntington, whose ancestors made American history, needs funds for a season in the sun of Florida to recoup his health, physicians say.

When a friend described his need, Printing News, a weekly devoted to the graphic arts, launched a fund-raising campaign to aid the descendant of America's most renowned early printer — Benjamin Franklin.