

WEATHER

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Port Group Plans Parley With Solons

Proposed Purchase of Wilmington Shipyard Will Be Outlined

GILLETTE INVITED Conference With President Truman Thursday Included On Agenda

The State Port Authority is completing plans for a meeting with members of the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh Thursday, Jan. 20, it was announced last night by W. O. Huske, secretary-treasurer of the agency.

Huske said the place of meeting will be determined by former Governor J. M. Broughton who is completing arrangements for the session with the lawmakers.

KEENAN WYNN'S DIVORCEE WEDS VAN JOHNSON

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Van Johnson, popular film star, was married this afternoon to Keenan Wynn in a Mexican ceremony performed by Civil Judge Paul Orozco.

Johnson's bride was divorced a few hours earlier in Juarez from Actor Keenan Wynn. The couple left El Paso by plane on their honeymoon immediately after the ceremony, slipping out of the city incognito.

Austin Reaffirms U. N. Atomic Policy

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Warren R. Austin, chief American delegate to the United Nations, tonight reaffirmed the United States full support of the Baruch plan for international atomic control and of the U. N. General Assembly's recommendation for worldwide arms reductions.

CHINESE CLAIM VICTORY

NANKING, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Chinese government forces claimed victory over the Communists along the ice-bound Sungari river of central Manchuria today, but acknowledged serious new communist outbreaks in China proper some 100 miles southwest of Peiping.

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Southward Bound



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Wilmington Engineer Called To Venezuela

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'SEEING EYE' DOG GOING BLIND TOO

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 25.—Blind Attorney William C. Shelton found his way along streets and through courtyards today without the help of Betty, the "Seeing Eye" dog that has guided his footsteps faithfully six and a half years.

BEACH RESIDENTS SEEKING DOCTOR

Mass Meeting Called For Tomorrow Night To Discuss Resort's Need

Residents of Carolina Beach have called a mass meeting for tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the town hall to discuss matters pertinent to securing the services of a physician.

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British-Red Pact Opens Wide Vista

Collaboration Seen In New Treaty

MORE COOPERATION Fortunate Results Believed To Have Been Reached In Exchanges

LONDON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A wide, new vista for Soviet-British collaboration appeared to be opening tonight in the wake of the reaffirmation of the 20-year British-Russian alliance.

Observers in both Moscow and London declared that revision and extension of the treaty may form an entirely new basis for cooperation between the two powers.

Officially it was understood that Britain was awaiting amplification of the clause of Prime Minister Stalin's note to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin calling for freeing the treaty from "weakening" reservations.

Competent authorities on international subjects took the view that the exchange of notes between Stalin and Bevin brought fortunate results from misunderstandings dating back to Dec. 22, when Bevin declared that Britain "does not intend to accept any obligations under the (United Nations) charter."

Stalin said Bevin's assertion made the Kremlin extremely uncomfortable about the entire basis of the alliance. Stalin expressed his anxiety to Field Marshal Lord Montgomery when the chief of the imperial general staff visited him on Jan. 10.

Five days after the Stalin-Montgomery talk the Communist Party (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

U. S. WELCOMES ARGENTINE MOVE

South American Nation Issues Decree Taking Over Axis Firms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—In an unusual statement apparently foreshadowing improved relations with Argentina, the United States today officially welcomed an Argentine decree for taking over Axis firms.

At the same time, this government made plain that it still is looking to President Juan D. Peron to rid Argentina of all Axis agents there.

The statement was issued a short time after Ambassador George S. Messersmith, a storm center of American diplomacy for several months, conferred with Secretary of State Marshall and told newsmen he will return to his post at Buenos Aires as soon as travel arrangements can be made.

Messersmith also saw Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden, whose handling of Argentine affairs he has criticized. Indications are that in returning to Argentina, Messersmith's main task is to negotiate further with the Peron administration for deportation of the enemy agents still in the country.

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The bill, effective March 10, 1941, was drawn up by LeGrand to eliminate political influence in the naming of men in the fire and police departments, he said last night.

LeGrand said the Civil Service Commission, a non-political group, should be responsible for the city's police officers. John Morris, former county sheriff, was serving on the General Assembly when the bill was passed.

Before the bill became effective, a city's mayor, then Commissioner of Public Safety, could name any person he desired to either department.

McMullan's opinion was voiced after William B. Campbell, Wilmington city attorney, sought outside advice in future operations of the city government's appointment to the two departments.

After careful study of the letter and proper reference had been made by City Manager J. R. Benson and Campbell, Messersmith yesterday declared that "until there are appropriate changes in the present laws, no powers rest in the city"

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TALMADGE, THOMPSON FACE GEORGIA BANK COURT SUIT; SCARFACE AL CAPONE DIES

Former Gang Leader Dies Amid Luxury

Ex-Public Enemy No. 1 Dies Of Pneumonia After Stroke

WIDOW COLLAPSES

Prison, Not Gangsters, Given Credit For Ending His Career

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Scarface Al Capone, 48, gangland leader who feared a mobsters' death, died tonight amid the luxury of his private villa with his family gathered around.

"I don't want to die, shot in the street," he once said. When death came at 7:25 p.m. of pneumonia and heart failure, complications of an apoplectic stroke, he was in his own bed with expert medical care at hand—and behind high protective walls that have long guarded him from possible revenge.

Death came very suddenly of heart failure, said his physician, Dr. Kenneth S. Phillips, who has treated the prohibition era gang leader since he emerged from prison Nov. 16, 1939.

Capone's widow, Mae, collapsed upon his death and is herself in serious condition. The necessity of medical attention for Mrs. Capone caused announcement of the death of the Chicago mobster to be delayed for an hour.

The gangster, who "look over" in Chicago and built an empire of lawlessness had become a weak individual since he served seven and a half years in Alcatraz on income tax evasion charges.

He was stricken with apoplexy on Tuesday at 4 a.m. The last rites of the Catholic church were (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

AIR SPECTACLE SET FOR TODAY

Same Line-Up Back; Event Postponed Last Week By Inclement Weather

With fair weather tomorrow the Wilmington Air Show, stymied last Sunday by rain, will get underway this afternoon at 1 o'clock at Blueheath airport, with the same line-up of sky artists as originally planned.

Featuring the show will be Beverly Howard, Number 1 aerial stunt man, and Russ Sorrell, daredevil parachute jumper.

Spectacle will be served up in large dishes by 26 United States Naval Helicopters and Corsairs, from the Oceana Naval base in Virginia, which will put on a war-game maneuver display.

Carl Dunn, of Air Progress, Inc., will provide the show's humor, and Burke Rehder, Carolina Skyways, will put on a display with his autogyro. Other local pilots are scheduled to participate.

Assembly Faces Game, Inland Fisheries Row

RED PROPAGANDA ATTACKED BY U. S.

State Department Officials Lash Out Against Russian Agencies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—State Department officials charged tonight that Russian propaganda agencies are trying to turn the people of eastern Europe against the United States.

Similarly, they alleged propaganda campaigns against the United States in China specifically in the communist-controlled areas.

William T. Stone, director of the State Department's office of international information and cultural affairs, reported that "some nations are carefully misrepresenting us to further their own ends," while others are "telling their story and at the same time telling ours."

Speaking of the department's program for international broadcasting, maintenance of libraries abroad and other means of spreading ideas throughout the world, Stone declared that "we have to be in there telling our own story to counteract the mass of information and misinformation that is being spread all over the world today."

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SCARFACE CAPONE

GOP SEEKS HIKE ON RENT CEILING

Government Shifts Housing Responsibility To Private Industry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Four Republican Senators joined tonight in a proposal to boost rent ceilings 15 per cent, on the heels of OPA action that relaxed controls but apparently ruled out such an across-the-board boost by that agency.

Simultaneously the government gave notice that it has shifted to private industry the main responsibility for meeting the housing shortage, with federal controls and aid to be applied only where they "will result in more housing."

The Republican proposal on rents drew sharp opposition from the CIO which called on all its unions to fight the plan.

The government's housing statement elicited sarcastic criticism from Herbert U. Nelson, vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, who enumerated remaining restaurants and commented drily to a reporter that with those exceptions "private industry is practically on its own again."

Principal developments of a day of swift policy development on the housing front: 1. Senator Hawkes (N.J.), McCarthy (Wis.), Cain (Wash.) and Malone (Nev.) joined in the rent ceiling increase plan in a bill probably to be introduced Monday. The measure would extend the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

PLANE CARRYING \$5,000,000 FALLS NEAR MANILA PORT

MANILA, Sunday, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A Philippine Airlines plane with four persons and \$5,000,000 in gold aboard crashed on a Hong Kong mountain yesterday and local officials said all four were believed dead.

The company listed those aboard as Capt. O. T. Weymouth, an American pilot, and a crew of three Filipinos, M. A. Lim, co-pilot, B. Merza, radio operator, and Miss Lourdes Chuidian, flight attendant.

The gold, in coins and bars, was destined for Hong Kong banks. A dispatch from Hong Kong said the plane crashed almost within sight of the air port after the control tower had lost contact at 3 p. m. The airlines sent its operations manager to Hong Kong to investigate the crash.

Executive Funds Held By Restraining Order

ATLANTA, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Fulton National Bank of Atlanta filed suit in Henry County, Ga., Superior court tonight to determine who is legal governor of Georgia.

Superior (circuit) Judge Bond Almond immediately signed a temporary restraining order preventing either Herman Talmadge or his gubernatorial rival, Lieut. Gov. M. E. Thompson, from drawing on \$80,682 which was left in the State Executive Department fund by retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall.

Both Thompson and Talmadge were summoned to appear at McDonough, Ga., Feb. 7—the same day Talmadge must answer a parallel challenge by Thompson in the same court.

The earlier suit, originally brought by Arnall and later amended in the name of Thompson, seeks to enjoin Talmadge from exercising authority of governor. Both cases are aimed at speedy review by Georgia's Supreme court.

The bank's litigation coincided with demands for a state jury investigation into allegations that legislators were offered bribes to influence their votes on the night the General Assembly elected Talmadge as governor.

Devereaux F. McClatchey, counsel for the bank, said Thompson and six members of his executive staff had presented checks totalling more than \$100,000. None was paid. The bank's petition cited that there was "a bona fide controversy as to the persons entitled to withdraw" funds, and pleaded it could "determine only at its peril" the claims of the rival "governor."

The petition continued: "The ends of justice require that the rights and legal relations of the defendants to the funds be declared by the court."

Almond, a judge of the Fulton circuit, accepted the petition when Judge Oden Persons of the Flint circuit disqualified himself. The previous suit was accepted by the Fulton Circuit's Judge Walter C. Hendrix, also on Person's disqualification.

Earlier in the day, Judge Boyd Sloan had refused to accept the suit at Gainesville, Ga., ruling he had no jurisdiction.

Mayor Harvey Kennedy of Barnesville, Ga., leader of the aroused Citizens of Georgia group formed to contest Talmadge's election, said a statewide meeting here Monday would make (Continued on Page Two; Col. 9)

RELIEF FROM PAY SUITS IS URGED

Senator O'Daniel Says Portal Action Almost Stagnating Industry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) declared today that the portal pay suits have created "a state of uncertainty that is almost stagnating industry" and urged Congress to outlaw them.

He testified before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee as it neared the end of hearings started Jan. 15. Chairman Donnell (R-Mo.) scheduled another session Monday and said "the end is in sight" and a report to the full committee will be expedited with the "utmost care and thought."

O'Daniel said the suits "are just plain legalized hijacking" and the CIO is "using them as a club" over industry in contract negotiations.

But O'Daniel warned that Congress might add to the uncertainty by a protracted court fight if it attempted to outlaw the claims by retroactive legislation which has been urged by industry witnesses.

Noting a disagreement among attorneys over constitutionality of such a step, O'Daniel urged instead his own bills which would bar all present suits, and restore the money to the employer.

Workers never expected to receive the money anyway, O'Daniel said or they "would have been demanding it all these years. It is entirely pennies from heaven, just dumped into their laps."

Profitless Kidnaping Nets 150-Year Sentence

DIXON, Ill., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A forced her to accompany him on an aimless five hour hike across neighboring farms. When her gag worked loose, she talked him into releasing her unharmed and giving himself up.

Sickles, who pleaded guilty to all charges, said he intended to loot the Stackhouse home but changed his mind when he was frightened by the ringing of a telephone.

In addition to the sentences—150 years for the abduction of Mrs. Stackhouse and concurrent life terms for the others, including charges of kidnaping the two children—Circuit Judge George C. Dixon decreed that Sickles should pass in solitary confinement every third Friday of each month for the next 10 years and each Dec. 20. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 9)