

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with light rain or showers with scattered showers but little change in temperature today; Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler with occasional rain.

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Labor Group Defeats Taft

Majority Of Senate Committee Waves Away His Objections To Bill

WASHINGTON, April 14 — (AP) — Waving away objections of Senator Taft (R-Ohio), its chairman, the Senate Labor committee today softened somewhat the provisions of its omnibus labor bill. In the house, however, a strike-curtailing, union-regulating bill with more penalties in it comes up for debate tomorrow and Speaker Martin (R-Mass) predicted its passage by more than enough margin to override any veto by President Truman.

The Senate group voted down, 6 to 5, a provision of its original draft which would have imposed specific penalties on jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, as the House bill does. Instead it decided to make these "unfair labor practices"—the National Labor Relations board could tell a union to stop them, and go to court for an injunction if the union disobeyed.

Also knocked out, 7 to 6, was a ban on health and welfare funds administered solely by unions.

Minority Beaten

On both these votes a group of Democrats and Republicans overruled a minority headed by Taft. The softening of the strike and boycott provision was favored by Senators Ives (R-NY), Aiken (R-Vt), Morse (R-Ore), Smith (R-NJ), Pepper (D-Fla), Hill (D-Ala), Murray (D-Mont), and Elbert Thomas (D-Utah). For the original draft were Senators Taft, Ball (R-Minn), Donnell (R-Mo), Jenner (R-Ind), and Ellender (D-La). On the other vote the lineup was the same except that Smith joined the Taft group.

These were not the first setbacks for Taft in his own committee. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

BULLARD ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN

Civil Service Commission Defers Action On Police Force Vacancies

Eugene Bullard, police department representative on the local civil service commission, was elected chairman of the organization at a meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

Named as secretary of the group was the Rev. W. J. Stevenson, representative of the Wilmington Ministerial Association.

The new civil service law was studied at yesterday's session, with William C. Campbell, city attorney, and J. R. Benson, city manager, in attendance.

No final action, however, was taken by the commission toward filling the present five vacancies or the police department. Applications for positions on the force were studied but any decision on who would be recommended to fill the vacancies will be deferred for several days, the board decided.

Some of the applications were incomplete, according to a member of the commission, and no action will be taken until all applications have been graded and studied.

Fifteen names probably will be recommended to the governing (Continued On Page Two; Col. 8)

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVES NEW GRANT OF FEDERAL FUNDS

A grant of \$12,376 by the Federal Works Agency to the New Hanover County Board of education, was revealed in Washington last night by Senator Umstead.

The funds, which were allocated to the board for school use to June 30 come under the government program for aiding schools in communities where war workers caused an unusual population increase, Senator Umstead pointed out.

According to Superintendent R. M. Roland, when informed of the grant last night, the amount is considerably lower than during the war years.

The \$12,376 will be used by the board for the maintenance of school plants and the purchase of school supplies, the superintendent said.

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer. North portion, considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and little change in temperature. South portion Tuesday; Wednesday mostly cloudy and cooler with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in North Carolina. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer in the interior, scattered showers and little change in temperature along the coast Tuesday. Wednesday mostly cloudy and cooler with occasional rain.

(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. 58; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 70; Maximum 70; Minimum 55; Mean 62; Normal 62.

HUMIDITY: 1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m. 92; 7:30 p. m. 96.

PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.21 inches.

WIND: Since the first of the month 2.70 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington 5:06 a. m. 12:29 a. m.
North Carolina 5:34 p. m. 1:01 a. m.
Masonboro 2:52 a. m. 9:26 a. m.
Sunrise 5:41; Sunset 6:48; Moonrise 1:54; Moonset 1:14.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 m. Monday no report feet.
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UNDER FIRE by members of Congress, Henry Wallace, above, former vice president and secretary of commerce, has been soundly criticized for his anti-Greek loan speeches abroad. A demand for criminal prosecution of Wallace was made in the House of Representatives yesterday.

PRESIDENT KEEPS HANDS OFF STRIKE

Union Telephone Workers Hold Conferences With Secretary Of Labor

WASHINGTON, April 14 — (AP) — President Truman again steered clear of direct intervention in the nation-wide telephone strike today as the CIO rallied its support behind the walkout with a pledge of "effective cooperation."

Prospects for a settlement of the eight-day-old strike appeared still far in the offing.

However, strike leaders held a "thorough discussion" with Secretary of Labor Schwelbenbach and were "standing by" for consultation.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone workers, conferred with Schwelbenbach for an hour and later told reporters they discussed "where we stand right now—which is no different than where we stood before."

A more optimistic note was sounded by Attorney General Clark, who told newsmen he believes the dispute "is going to work out all right." He did not elaborate.

Talks With Truman: Clark made his comment after emerging from a talk with Mr. Truman, but he said they did not discuss the strike.

The promise of CIO support came from Allan S. Haywood, CIO organization director. He said in a statement his union planned to increase the "effective cooperation"

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RFC ASKS DELAY IN B & O PLANS

Directors Requested To Hold Up Reorganization Procedure

WASHINGTON, April 14 — (AP) — The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has asked the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to delay carrying out its reorganization plan, now under Senate scrutiny, it was disclosed tonight.

The request reportedly was submitted to a meeting of the executive committee of the B & O board of directors today. It was said to have followed a renewed demand by Chairman Charles W. Tobey, R. N. H. of the Senate Banking committee, that RFC go no further in the deal until his group has concluded hearings on an \$80,000,000 RFC loan to the B & O.

Tobey's view is that the RFC has agreed to a "clearly illegal" extension of the loan to 1965.

As a result of a letter from Tobey to the new RFC chairman, John D. Goodloe, RFC reportedly asked B & O officials to agree to delay temporarily any further exchange of B & O securities with the RFC.

Under the court-approved refinancing program, new B & O securities are being issued in exchange for matured securities.

Tobey Letter: Tobey wrote Goodloe Saturday (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

Mrs. Karl Bishopric Named State Mother

NEW YORK, April 14 — (AP) — The Golden Rule Foundation today announced selection of Mrs. Frances Farrell Bishopric of Spray as the 1047 North Carolina state mother.

Mrs. Bishopric, 49, is the mother of three sons and the wife of a member of the state legislature. She is president of the Spray Cotton Mills.

She is president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and chairman of the women's division of the war finance committee of the U. S. Treasury.

Mrs. Bishopric, who was described as tall, slender and attractive, has long been active in all kinds of

\$772,000 Stock Sale Consummated

Lumber Company Sells Block Of Shares, 5,500 Of Timber Land In New To W. F. Sledge

which comprised about 60,000 acres. The transaction was completed by Max Myers, of Acme.

The Hilton Lumber Co. was headed by W. A. Corbett, chairman of the board of directors; W. H. Corbett, president; Waddell A. Corbett, vice president and treasurer and R. T. Davis.

At the same time it was announced that Corbett interests recently had purchased certain timber rights at Pembroke Jones Park, Summers Rest, on Wrightsville sound.

It also was reported that the company plans to manufacture a product entirely new to this section. Full plans of this new industry will be announced at a later date, it was said last night.

Southeast Halts Operation Today

LISTS ALL

RALEIGH, April 14 — (AP) — S. J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganton, former Congressman and Superior court judge, evidently believes that the law which requires lobbyists to report their expenses means exactly what it says.

In reporting to Secretary of State Thad Eure today on the expenses he incurred in lobbying in behalf of the South Piedmont plan for increasing teachers' salaries, Ervin reported that his expenses amounted to exactly \$488.81, including one item of 15 cents that he incurred in Raleigh parking meters.

NO. 1 COMMUNIST UNDER INDICTMENT

Gerhart Eisler, Reputed Party 'Brain' Charged With 'Fraud' Statement

WASHINGTON, April 14 — (AP) — Gerhart Eisler, reputed "brain" of American Communism, was indicted today on a charge of making "fraudulent and fictitious" statements when he sought a State department permit to leave the country in 1945.

The permit was refused and Eisler is now in custody at Ellis Island.

A German alien, 50 years old, he has been described as a top man in the Communist movement in the United States, by witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The committee asked his prosecution on charges of passport falsification, income tax evasion, perjury and conspiracy to overthrow the government.

U. S. District Attorney George Morris Fay said today that Eisler "entered the United States illegally" in 1933 and again in 1935, and asserted he was acting at the time "as a representative of the Communist International."

Contempt Charge: Eisler was indicted for contempt of Congress last February after he refused to take the oath upon being called to testify before the House Committee.

In today's action, the Federal grand jury charged him with concealing facts and giving misinformation about himself when he applied to the State department for an "alien departure permit" in September, 1945.

One question on the application required a listing of all organization memberships or affiliations. Eisler, the indictment said, wrote "none," whereas in fact the defendant had been and was then a member of the Communist party.

"The application required the listing of aliases, but Eisler listed none. The indictment said he had used the name Gerhart with various spellings, and also the names 'Edwards, Brown, Samuel Lipztein, Hans Berger, and Julius Eisenman.'

Further, it was alleged, Eisler concealed from the department the 1933 and 1935 visits to this country described in Fay's statement.

Fay asserted Eisler had obtained another man's passport in order to leave the country in 1936 to join the Communist forces in Spain.

Violation of the statute under which he was indicted today carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and ten years in prison.

Obtained Passport: Eisler was indicted for obtaining a passport in violation of the statute under which he was indicted today carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and ten years in prison.

Education Board Members Sworn In At Courthouse

Along The Cape Fear

ANOTHER RAILROAD — Today Along The Cape Fear will attempt to tell you about one of the most ambitious railroad projects ever devised in these parts.

We've had much to say about the famous Cape Fear and York Valley railroad, but now we ask who has heard of the South Atlantic and North Western Railroad Company?

If that's one line that slipped your memory you certainly will be excused as the South Atlantic and North Western railroad never went much further than the paper stage.

VIVID ACCOUNT — Calling once again on Dr. Walter Gilman Curtis, who for 30 years was the state quarantine surgeon for the Port of Wilmington, we find an interesting account of this particular railway in his reminiscences.

During the 1880's, after many major improvements had been made to transform the city of Wilmington into one of the nation's leading ports, many of the newspapers in both the North and West told in glowing terms of the opportunities for development existing in the Lower Cape Fear region.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGE PROSECUTION OF WALLACE; 'BOMBSHELL' NEARING HOME

Plane Ready For Next Hop

Reynolds Ship Arrives In Tokyo On World-Girdling Flight; Fast Time

TOKYO, Tuesday, April 15 — (AP) — Milton Reynolds and his around-the-world plane landed at Yokota Army airbase, 30 miles West of Tokyo early today, 47 hours and 47 minutes out of New York.

Army ground crews, striving to set a servicing speed record, immediately began refueling the converted A26 attack bomber in preparation for a fast takeoff for Anchorage, Alaska, the next stop.

Reynolds, Chicago manufacturer, said he himself intended to take over the controls of his "Bombshell" plane "from here in."

The plane has been piloted by William Odom of Roslyn, N. Y., with Reynolds navigating. Only other person along is Flight Engineer Carroll Sallee of Dallas.

When the Bombsnell arrived from Shanghai, it was timed locally at 7:01 a. m., but Army officers at the field placed the official time at 6:58 a. m. (6:58 p. m., Monday, Eastern Standard Time).

This made the time from Shanghai 3 hours, 36 minutes. The distance was estimated at 1,100 miles.

"We will make it to New York in 65 hours," Reynolds declared as he stepped onto Japanese soil. "That is still below the record."

The present record of 91 hours, 14 minutes, was set in 1938 by Howard Hughes.

Asked if he had experienced any trouble, since leaving India, Reynolds replied, "We ran out of oxygen. Odom was a little delirious."

This apparently was over the (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)

TRUMAN'S APPEAL GAINS MOMENTUM

Leading Radio Manufacturer, Shoe Dealer Announces Price Cuts

NEW YORK, April 14 — (AP) — A leading radio manufacturer cut prices today 9 to 17 per cent "in response to President Truman's appeal," a shoe manufacturer lowered prices 21 per cent, and 12 makers of non-leather shoes sliced 10 to 40 per cent off their quotations.

On the other side of the picture, the Electric Storage Battery Co. of Philadelphia announced a 10 per cent increase in prices of replacement batteries for automobiles because of higher material costs, \$5 an ounce to \$66.

The Emerson Radio and Phonograph corp. announced retail price reductions ranging from \$3 to \$20 on nine models previously listed above \$30 a set.

Five table model radios, previously listed at from \$32.95 to \$36.95 were reduced to \$29.95. Three combination radio and phonographs were reduced from \$99.95 to \$89.95, and another combination from \$119.95 to \$99.95.

Benjamin Abrams, president, said the company was "gambling on a 10 to 20 per cent drop in (Continued On Page Eight; Col. 4)



SHERIFF PORTER DAVIS

Davis Promises Justice To All

PICKS PLACES

GREENSBORO, April 14 — (AP) — Police Lieutenant James H. Burton, 1218 West Wendover avenue, has been named as sheriff of Guilford County.

The hold they ransacked the Burton home—within 50 feet of Patrolman M. P. Clayton's residence across the street and within 30 feet of Patrolman R. L. Paschal's residence next door.

QUEEN ELIZABETH FAST ON SHOALS

World's Largest Liner Runs Aground 12 Miles From Southampton Berth

SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 14 — (AP) — The 85-ton Queen Elizabeth, world's largest ocean liner, grounded on the edge of treacherous Brambles shoal off Southampton in a dense fog tonight with 2,446 passengers from New York.

Attempts to refloat the mammoth vessel were abandoned until tomorrow morning after 12 private tugs and several Admiralty tugs failed to loosen her from the sandy shoal during two high tides tonight.

The 1,466-ton liner grounded at 6:30 p. m. (11:30 a. m. EST) just 12 miles from the Cunard White Star line docks at Southampton, where she had been due to land an hour later.

Among the passengers were U. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 4)

Thousands Of Miners Return To Pits As More Shafts Reported Safe

PITTSBURGH, April 14 — (AP) — Coal poured from the tipples of the nation's soft coal mines at almost normal production rates for the first time in two weeks today as a safety shutdown by AFL-United Mine workers ended.

Spearheaded by re-opening of big captive mines in the Pittsburgh-Uniontown area, production was reported "virtually normal" throughout the major coal fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois.

The Coal Mines administration in Washington, says production in the nation's soft coal mines today approached normal, with 1,883,216 tons expected from mines east of the Mississippi during the day.

The agency said the district East of the Mississippi, producers of most of the bituminous coal, returned to normal production today. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

COOL WEATHER WILL CONTINUE 24 HOURS LONGER OVER STATE

By The Associated Press

Moderate to heavy rains fell throughout North Carolina yesterday but the weather bureau last night predicted that the precipitation would end sometime today.

Rainfall measured generally about a half inch in all parts of the state. Asheville had an even half inch; Raleigh reported .46 of an inch and Charlotte .49.

The temperatures yesterday were below normal with both Raleigh and Charlotte reporting nights of 56. Asheville had 62.

The cool weather is expected to continue for at least another 24 hours with clouds today.

Congressmen Blast Speech

President Truman Remains Silent As Criticism Grows On Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON, April 14 — (AP) — A congressional demand for criminal prosecution of Henry A. Wallace mingled today with fresh denunciation of his speech-making abroad but President Truman maintained silence.

The House Committee on Un-American activities looked up the old Logan act which provides three years in jail and \$5,000 fine for a citizen having "intercourse" with a foreign government to defeat an American measure and concluded, in the words of Rep. Thomas (R-N.J.), its chairman:

"It covers Henry Wallace just as you'd cover a person with a cloak."

Wallace has been making speeches abroad assailing Truman foreign policy, notably the \$400,000,000 program to bolster Greece and Turkey against communism.

Thomas declared that "it is as clear as a case as I've ever seen" and that Attorney General Clark "has no alternative but to take action." He reported that the other four committee members at the session agreed — Reps. McDowell (R-Pa.), Nixon (R-Calif.), Rankin (D-Miss.) and Peterson (D-Fla.).

Clark declined to comment. He was one of those at a luncheon at the capitol attended by Mr. Truman and congress members before they all went out to the ball game but those present reported the latest Wallace affair was not mentioned even indirectly.

No Comment: In advance of the luncheon, Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, told newsmen the president had nothing to say about Wallace—there is no comment on the Wallace situation in any way, shape or form," Ross said.

The questions there were prompted by reports that Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, had urged Mr. Truman to make a personal answer to Wallace's attacks on the Greece-Turkey program. Wallace called the step "ruthless imperialism."

Senator Connally (Tex.), ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)

GENERAL MOTORS GRANTS PAY HIKE

United Electrical Workers Win Wage Increase Of Ten Cents Per Hour

DETROIT, April 14 — (AP) — General Motors corporation today reached an agreement with one of its three CIO unions which gave immediate pay increase of 15 cents an hour for 30,000 workers.

The giant corporation and the United Electrical Workers announced the agreement after only a week of negotiation. It indicated that GM was ready to settle the wage increase demands of the United Auto workers and the United Rubber workers at the same figure.

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JAW officials already said the 10-cent offer was inadequate but Walter P. Reuther, UAW president, promised to submit it to the 225,000 GM auto workers for a vote.

Up To Workers: H. W. Anderson, GM vice president, and James Matles, UAW organizational director, said today's agreement was subject to ratification by the workers with an April 21 deadline.

Other issues, including a welfare plan, remain to be negotiated. Anderson and Matles said the 15-cent increase would be in the form of an 11 1/2-cent hike in hourly (Continued On Page Two; Col. 1)

And So To Bed

The elements were in the spotlight when two local law enforcement officers made a trip to Raleigh last week to return a prisoner.

The officers were Sgt. E. J. Hale of the Wilmington police department and Charlie Snow, New Hanover county deputy sheriff.

But the thing needed to complete the triangle was a local weatherman. He responded with rain.

Thus Hale, Snow and Rain worked hand in hand.