

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered showers in morning, clearing and cooler tonight; Tuesday, fair and mild.

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Phone Firms Standing Pat

Companies Reject Union Argument That Their Pay Rise "Justified"

WASHINGTON, April 20 — (AP) — Company rejection of the latest union argument that pay increases in other industries justify more money for the striking telephone workers was reported today by Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren.

Meanwhile the coast to coast telephone strike enters its third week tomorrow with Bell companies claiming it is fizzling and the unions maintaining it is gaining strength.

Labor department conciliators indicated they may step in tomorrow with new suggestions for an agreement to settle the walkout of 340,000 workers which began April 7. There was no intimation of what the next move might be.

The National Federation of Telephone workers, laying its case formally before President Truman and members of Congress yesterday, advanced the contention that wage boosts in other industries set a "pattern" which should apply to the telephone industry.

The union sought government "pressure" to get a wage offer from the American Telephone & Telegraph company.

No Success But Warren told reporters he has been putting pressure on company officials to make an offer, without success. "They tell us that the wage increases recently given in other industries do not affect them right now," Warren said.

"They say these other increases have not as yet affected the market price for labor and they cannot raise telephone wages for the time being."

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the NTFW, commented that "it looks as if everybody in the United States must get a raise before the company gives us one." He insisted that a wage increase "pattern" already has emerged and that "the company hasn't any argument left unless it is out to break the union."

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VETERAN ADMITS CHILD'S MURDER

Friend Of Family Cuts Girl's Throat; 2 Others Brutally Beaten

MINEOLA, N. Y., April 20 — (AP) — Nassau County District Attorney James N. Gehrig said today that Anthony Papa, 27-year-old veteran honorably discharged from both the Army and the Navy, had confessed the slaying last night of six-year-old Rosemary Fusco, who was found in her bedroom with her throat slashed from ear to ear.

Papa was arraigned shortly after he confessed, Gehrig said, and was held without bail for grand jury action. He has been charged with murder in the first degree. Rosemary's body was found by her mother, Philomena, when she returned home shortly before last midnight. The child's brother, William, who had been asleep in another bedroom, knew nothing of what had happened.

Gehrig said police apprehended Papa after following a trail of blood leading from the Fusco home to Papa's home, less than a block away. Gehrig said Papa, who cut his hand breaking a window to enter the Fusco home, left a trail of 245 drops of blood.

Papa broke down, Gehrig said, when confronted with the blood-stained clothing found in his closet. He gave no reason for the slaying, and said: "I loved her as my own child."

Events Reconstructed Gehrig reconstructed the events preceding the killing, based on Papa's confession and the testimony of other witnesses, as follows:

Mrs. Fusco had left Rosemary and William with Papa and his wife, Frances, during the afternoon while she and an older daughter, Lena, 11, went shopping in nearby Hampstead.

When they returned she and the three children had dinner with (Continued on Page Two, Col. 6)

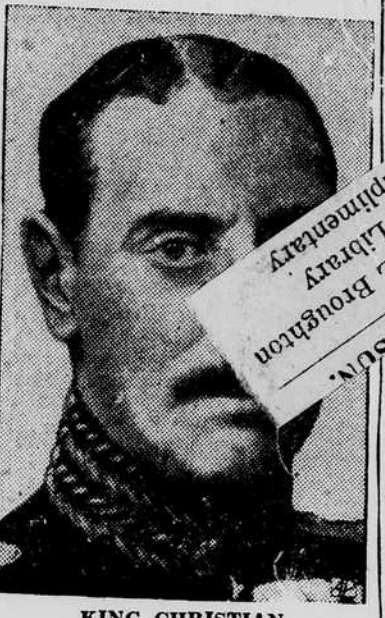
The Weather

South Carolina—Clearing Monday, cooler except in coastal area. Cooler Monday night. Tuesday fair and mild. North Carolina—Partly cloudy Monday, scattered light showers in East Monday morning. Clearing and cooler Monday night, becoming cooler in West Monday afternoon. Tuesday fair and mild.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Maximum 75, Minimum 58, Mean 66 Normal 64. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 95; 7:30 a. m. 63; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 72. Precipitation .00 inch. Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .00 inches. Total since the first of the month 3.61 inches.

Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington 6:22a 4:42p 10:20p 4:47a 7:37a 1:43p 7:39p 1:53p Masonboro Inlet 7:39a 1:43p 7:39p 1:53p Sunrise 5:34; Sunset 6:48; Moonset 6:02; Moonset 7:34p. MORE WEATHER ON PAGE TWO



KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK DIES

Beloved Monarch Had Been Unconscious 8 Hours; Son Succeeds

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 20 — (AP) — King Christian X, who ruled his Danish subjects for 35 years and was acclaimed a hero for remaining with them during five bitter war-time years of German occupation, died tonight of a heart ailment after a 15-day illness. He was 76 years old.

Christian automatically succeeded on the throne by his 48-year-old son, Crown Prince Frederik IX, who became King Frederik IX. Under the Danish constitution, Frederik did not have to await a monarchical oath or a formal coronation ceremony before beginning his reign.

Christian died at 11:04 p. m. (5:04 p. m., EST), eight hours after he lapsed into a coma and his strength began ebbing away. Before he became unconscious, Christian whispered a last farewell to Queen Alexandrine, the Crown Prince and his other son, the 47-year-old Prince Knud.

One of the King's four physicians, all of whom signed the death certificate, said Christian died of "heart failure." Premier Knud Kristensen and Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen then were notified of the death and went immediately to Amalienborg castle, in the center of Copenhagen, where the King has lain in illness since he was stricken with a heart attack on Easter Sunday. His illness was complicated by respiratory difficulties.

Named Regent Frederik was named regent of Denmark on April 8, two days after Christian was stricken. It was the second time in his lifetime that Christian had given way to a regent. In 1942, during the Nazi occupation, he was thrown from a horse and seriously injured. Frederik was appointed regent temporarily at that time.

Informed officially by the Queen of Christian's death, Kristensen stepped onto the castle balcony to announce the King's death.

Ever since Christian first became ill, large crowds have gathered at all hours in the square outside the castle to read the bulletins concerning his condition. Copenhagen's two principal newspapers, both strikebound, broadcast the bulletins over loud speakers.

A high-ranking court source said that shortly before Christian (Continued on Page Two, Col. 3)

BRITISH PRINCESS TO GET DIAMONDS

Birthday Present Of 400 Fine Gems Goes To Elizabeth Today

CAPETOWN, South Africa, April 20 — (AP) — Princess Elizabeth, who will celebrate her 21st birthday tomorrow, will receive from the South African government a gift of more than 400 diamonds, said to be among the world's finest and worth more than \$80,000.

Presentation of the jewels to the Princess, who has been visiting South Africa, with the royal family for the last two months, probably will be made by Premier Jan Christiaan Smuts.

Capetown, welcoming back the royal family after an eight-week tour through the interior, was gaily decorated for the occasion. On the last lap of the journey to the city, crowds along the way sang birthday greetings, to which the Princess responded with smiles and handwaves.

Congratulated Ever since Friday congratulations have been pouring in from all parts of the British Commonwealth and from other countries, including the United States.

The heiress presumptive to the throne will broadcast to the United Kingdom and the Dominions at 7 p. m. tomorrow (12 noon E.S.T.). He is expected to address herself especially to young people.

A full schedule has been planned for the Princess, from the time she receives her first presents from the King and Queen before breakfast until well into the evening.

Elizabeth will attend a youth rally, review troops, ex-servicemen and women cadets.

Two balls will be given in the evening, an informal private affair at government house and a public dance at city hall. A huge fireworks display also will celebrate the occasion.

NEW WAGE AGREEMENT PAVES WAY FOR YEAR OF PEACE, PRODUCTION IN STEEL INDUSTRY; FAILURE NOW FACING BIG FOUR CONFERENCE

Austria Pact Hanging Fire

Ministers, Deputies Fail To Break Deadlock On Major Points Of Treaty

MOSCOW, April 20 — (AP) — The Big Four Foreign Ministers completed the preamble of the Austrian treaty today, including a clause which Russia demanded specifying that Austria "can not avoid a certain responsibility arising from its participation in the war."

The United States and Great Britain, mindful that Austria was seized by Germany more than one year before the war started, wanted to say merely that Austria could not escape the "consequences" of the war.

Though they agreed on some minor points, the Big Four and their deputies failed in separate meetings to break the deadlock on major points of dispute in the treaty to restore Austria's independence. Unless unexpected progress is made tomorrow it is likely that the conference will end in a few days, a virtual failure.

Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, at the Big Four meeting, gave in on two articles of the treaty—one concerning the extradition of alleged war criminals in Austria, the other concerning naturalization of Germans in that country.

Molotov had long insisted that Austria be required to turn over, without the submission of evidence, any persons an allied country sought as a "war criminal."

The United States, Great Britain and France feared that this would permit Russia and countries within her sphere, like Yugoslavia, to extradite political opponents now refugee in Austria.

As regards naturalization Russia had wanted to forbid the naturalization of any Germans in Austria. Today Molotov agreed that only naturalization of former Nazis should be forbidden.

The Foreign Ministers agreed (Continued on Page Two, Col. 3)

SPECIAL SESSION OPENS TODAY

Judge Williams To Preside At Superior Court Term Of One Week

The April special criminal term of Superior Court will convene here this morning with Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford presiding. Clifton Moore, of Burgaw, solicitor, will represent the state.

Highlighting the week of court here will be the trials on Wednesday of two former policemen, both of whom are charged with several counts of storebreaking, larceny and receiving. Roy Grissett is facing four such charges while, the other ex-member of the local police department, H. A. Gurley has three such charges against him.

Today's calendar includes the following cases: Louis B. Harper, forgery; J. J. Farrar, drive drunk; Edgar Renfrow, back check; Randolph White, larceny; Eddie Williams, storebreaking, larceny and receiving; Albert Mallette, storebreaking, larceny and receiving; Elwood Taylor, attempt criminal assault; William E. Blackburn, drive drunk.

Many Assault Cases Harlee Mills and Harold T. Watkins, highway robbery; Eliza Melvin, assault with deadly weapon; Mrs. Thomas Rich, highway robbery; Thomas Rich, highway robbery; Alex Pearson, assault with deadly weapon; Willie Nixon, four charges of storebreaking, larceny and receiving; Walter Berry and John Wiggins, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill and robbery; Al McCreut, attempt criminal assault; Theodore Bonham, attempt criminal assault.

Earl W. Brown, assault with deadly weapon and intent to kill; (Continued on Page Two, Col. 6)

WALLACE VOICES PLEA FOR SOVIET

Former Vice-President Says Russian System Should Continue

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 20 — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace arrived in Copenhagen tonight on his European speaking tour after climaxed his appearances in Norway with an assertion that "it would be unfortunate for world peace if anything happens inside Russia to upset its system of government at the present time."

Before leaving for Copenhagen he told an audience of 2,000 in Oslo, that Scandinavians should preserve a friendly understanding of the Russians, and added:

"It is important that the Russian system be successful as well as the American and the Socialist systems. Russia needs to feel secure so she will be able to give her citizens a greater measure of freedom to travel in and out of the country and become more friendly with other peoples."

The former vice president of the United States in his third Norwegian speech in 24 hours, praised British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's campaign for the abolition of passports and visas.

"We won't have a really free humanity until all have such confidence in the brotherhood of nations." (Continued on Page Two, Col. 4)

14 Candidates Face Voters Today; Star-Newsreel Honors Dr. W.H. Moore

Work On Behalf Of Famed Greenfield Park Told On Sunday Program

A story based on the history of Greenfield Lake and those responsible for the development of the area into the now full-grown park, highlighted yesterday's Star-Newsreel.

The program praised Dr. W. Houston Moore, who has for years been instrumental in the development of the park and the planting of azaleas alongside the lake. Since Dr. Moore came to Wilmington in 1911, the Star-Newsreel pointed out, he has devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the project. Due in great part to his efforts, the program explained, Greenfield Park is now well-known throughout the United States, for its beauty. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 5)



THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY SCENES greeting thousands of visitors to Greenfield park yesterday. In the foreground is a profusion of azaleas, with Greenfield Lake forming a perfect background. Mayor W. Ronald Lane proclaimed yesterday "Dr. W. Houston Moore Day" in honor of the well-known Wilmington physician who has been instrumental in the development of the nationally known beauty site. Conspicuous among those who visited the park throughout the day were residents from several states.

Greenfield Blooms Attract Thousands

\$25,000 FIRE BURNS INTERIOR, EQUIPMENT OF ONSLOW THEATRE

JACKSONVILLE, N. C., April 20 — (AP) — Fire which started on the stage curtain swept swiftly through the Onslow Theatre shortly before noon today burning out the inside and roof of the building and totally destroying the theatre equipment.

The building, owned by J. C. Petteway and W. L. Ketchum, was valued at \$25,000 and was uninsured. The equipment was partially covered by insurance but there was no estimate as to its value.

Edward Arthur, projectionist at the theatre, sustained minor burns about the face when he attempted to pull down the burning curtain.

PAN-AMERICAN PLANE SETS NEW MARK FOR WEST-EAST CROSSING

LIMERICK, Ire., April 20 — (AP) — Pan American Airways claimed a new speed record for the 2,940 mile Boston to Shannon crossing today—eight hours, eleven minutes by the Clipper Eclipse.

This is 59 minutes faster than the previous record set last December 11, Pan-American said. Captain Donald W. Mitchell of Douglas, L. I., pilot of the Eclipse, credited his speed in part to "plenty of tailwind which at times gave us a 64-knot lift."

Confining To Home The doctor in whose honor yesterday was set aside was unable to join in the throngs that descended upon the lake area by private car, bus, or on foot throughout the day.

Dr. Moore has been confined to his home at 1819 Market street since last Wednesday. However, Mrs. Moore, his wife, reported that she was able to visit the lake during the afternoon for a short time.

"I'm so proud of it," she said last night in explaining that the (Continued on Page Two, Col. 1)

MAN DROWNED IN CAPE FEAR HERE

J. W. Pridgen, Local Resident, Lost When Small Boat Overturns

A fishing excursion ended in tragedy shortly after noon yesterday when J. W. Pridgen, a resident of 711 Dock street, was drowned in the Cape Fear river at the foot of Castle street when the boat in which he was riding overturned and dumped him into the water.

A companion, P. C. Miner of Route 2, Wilmington, managed to hold on to the overturned craft until rescued by another boat which put out from the dock in answer to cries for help.

According to Miner, he and Pridgen had left the docks near the foot of Castle street in a small boat and had gone only about 50 yards out into the river when the craft began to leak. He said that in an attempt to bail the water out of the boat it overturned, throwing both he and Pridgen into the river.

They called for help, Miner said. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 2)

CANCER CAMPAIGN MAKES PROGRESS

Drive Chairman Reports Total Donations To Date Exceed \$2,300

Over half of the \$4,500 goal in the current local drive of the North Carolina Sclerosis cancer campaign has been attained, according to a report by Mrs. N. L. Foyle, chairman.

"We're very much heartened by this," said Mrs. Foyle, "and we hope to get our entire quota cleared up during the final week of the drive, starting today."

Totals showed slightly more than \$2,300 had been received locally by late yesterday afternoon. The campaign lasts for a four-week period nationally, while in Wilmington an attempt is being made to fill subscriptions in two weeks.

Pointing for a successful final week, the drive will gain additional momentum tonight when Dr. Graham Barefoot, local physician, will speak on the necessity for filling cancer fund quotas over station WFMD at 8:15.

Tag Day Succeeds Mrs. Foyle indicated that Saturday's "Tag Day," during which numbers of Wilmington's attractive young ladies sold cancer drive tags in the downtown area, played an extremely significant role in keeping quota receipts on the time schedule. At the beginning of the campaign last Monday morning, Mrs. Foyle said she hoped to reach the half-way mark by yesterday evening.

An important meeting of all cancer fund chairmen has been called for 10:30 this morning in the Sclerosis clubhouse. During the meeting, the chairmen will be instructed in final campaign plans.

Wide-Open Race Predicted For Five Council Seats; Polls Open 6:30 a. m.

The polls for today's city primary are slated to open at 6:30 as 14 candidates, including six incumbents, try for places on the May 6 general election slate.

The polls close at 6:30 this afternoon, and the 12 hour period 7,783 registrants will be eligible to cast their votes for any five men on the ballot.

Observers have predicted that this year's race will be wide open with six members of the present council fighting for the five places on the council along with the eight newcomers.

Harris Newman is the only member of the council not in this year's race, having announced several weeks ago that he would (Continued on Page Two, Col. 5)

Workers Get \$1 Day Raise

CIO-U.S. Steel Presidents Jointly Announce Accord On 1947-9 Contract

PITTSBURGH, April 20 — (AP) — The U. S. Steel corporation and the CIO-United Steel workers today announced a new wage agreement calling for a general increase of \$1 a day, paying the way for a year of peace and production in the nation's vital steel industry.

The agreement, announced by CIO President Philip Murray and President Benjamin Fairless of the corporation, calls for a flat 12 1/2 cents an hour raise and is for two years. It contains a wage reopening clause after one year. The union estimated the increase at 15 cents hourly, including the cost of several subsidiary benefits.

President Fairless declared the corporation hoped to absorb the increase without a price increase. He also said the union had agreed the management would not be obligated to pay for portal-to-portal travel time.

More than a half billion dollars had been asked of the corporation's subsidiaries in portal pay suits the past few months.

Regarding prices, Fairless asserted: "We sincerely hope that with existing high levels of operations, these increased costs can be absorbed within the limits of present prices for our steel products."

Fairless estimated the direct costs from the pay increase at \$75,000,000. The union placed the figure in excess of \$42,000,000.

Regarding portal-to-portal pay, Fairless declared: "The union has agreed that the companies shall not be obligated to pay for travel or walking time spent in preparatory and closing activities. Also, the union will neither make any new claims nor aid or support any existing future claims or actions against the companies for portal-to-portal time accruing prior to the termination of the new agreement."

The agreement must be ratified by the union's 175-man wage (Continued on Page Two, Col. 5)

EX-MARINE STABS CATHOLIC PRIEST

Texas Leaps Altar Of New Orleans Church During Holy Communion Rites

NEW ORLEANS, April 20 — (AP) — A 27-year-old Texas man leaped without warning upon Rev. Fr. James Courtney as the priest was conducting high mass at New Orleans' famed Jesuit church today and stabbed him four times before horrified worshippers.

Still clutching his communion chalice, the priest fell to the floor behind the altar critically wounded. He was rushed to Mercy hospital and two hours later was still on the operating table. Doctors despaired of his life.

The attacker, a lean, non-talkative Don La Laurentz of Houston, Tex., was instantly overpowered by churchgoers who had been kneeling in prayer when he made the assault.

Taken to the first precinct police station, Laurentz refused to give a motive for the attack.

The attack occurred in New Orleans' heaviest attended church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, which has become known across the country as simply Jesuits church because it is staffed by members of that Catholic order.

Church Closed The church was instantly closed for purification, the law of the catholic church whenever a crime is committed inside church doors. It was the first instance of a church being closed for that reason. (Continued on Page Two, Col. 2)

And So To Bed Yesterday afternoon at the model airplane contests a young model builder cranked his tiny motor for almost an hour while hundreds of spectators looked on. He was unable to set the motor started, and would switch wires, batteries and make other changes, but the motor failed to respond. Finally another motor started across the field and the crowd raced over to see that model take the air. The youngster gave his prop another vicious turn and the tiny motor roared into a steady hum. "What I mean," he remarked, "she is afraid of crowds."

Support Good City Government By Voting Today; Polls Open 6:30 A.M.