

Wilmington and vicinity: Fair and mild today; Saturday, partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

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## Strong Army Peace 'Hope'

### Hatch Declares United States Must Maintain Military Strength

CHAPEL HILL, May 8. —(AP)—Sen. Carl A. Hatch, (D., New Mexico), said here tonight that to maintain peace this country must maintain its strong military establishment.

Hatch is a member of a congressional delegation to the Inter-parliamentary Union conference. He recently returned from Greece and Turkey.

Hatch said that "to maintain any degree of safety in this disordered world, first of all — and I regret to say this — for the time being we must maintain our own strong military establishment. Until the strength of the UN is fully assured, force will continue to be the one power recognized by some nations."

"Likewise, we must keep our own country in a strong financial position. Right now wide-spread depression in the United States would bring despair and disaster to the entire world," he declared.

"Fair, just reciprocal trade relations with other nations is an essential step in establishing order throughout the world. Barriers to trade and commerce will just as surely result in disaster as they did when we pursued that course in the twenties and early thirties."

Senator Hatch, commenting on the situation he observed in Turkey and Greece, said the former country "unquestionably requires the assistance she has asked us to extend. It is a matter of common knowledge that the aid requested is largely of military equipment, in a narrow sense this is true. It is military aid. In the broader and better aspects the aid extended will be of great assistance to the economic life of that nation," he said, pointing out that Turkey has been forced to maintain a military establishment far beyond her means.

"Men who are badly needed in productive efforts of every kind are in the army. If Turkey could mechanize and modernize her army she could release thousands of men who would return to agriculture, industry and other productive, peaceful pursuits where they are so badly needed."

As for Greece, Senator Hatch said that country is in far worse shape than Turkey. "Her economy is destroyed, her people demoralized, civil strife exists within and there is constant pressure from without. She cannot," he declared, "in my judgement, maintain her sovereignty or independence as a nation without receiving substantial aid and assistance."

And with the fall of Turkey and Greece, he pointed out, "the Soviet will spread communistic influence which already has overwhelmed so many of the nations of Europe. . . perhaps what little is now left in Europe of free peoples and nations will likewise succumb and fall."

**FM STATION AUTHORIZED**  
The Federal Communications Commission yesterday authorized station WMFD to construct a FM radio station, it was announced from Washington last night.

**OLD MAN WINTER  
"CHASES" SPRING**  
Off-Season Weather Brings  
Snow Flurries From  
Michigan To N. Y.

Winter pushed spring into the background Thursday with snow flurries from Michigan Eastward to New York and freezing temperatures in 14 states.

Warmer weather was over spreading the Dakotas, however, and weather forecasters said normal mid-spring temperatures were in prospect for most of the Midwest by Saturday or Sunday, along with some rain.



H. GORDON SELFIDGE, British merchant prince and former American errand boy who died of bronchial pneumonia yesterday at his London suburban home. He taught the British American department store merchandising.

## MERCHANT PRINCE DIES IN LONDON

Harry Selfridge, Former American, Victim Of Bronchial Pneumonia

LONDON, May 8. —(AP)—Harry Gordon Selfridge, Wisconsin-born merchant prince of Britain, died in his sleep in his modest suburban flat today after several days' illness from bronchial pneumonia.

The one-time American errand boy left unsolved the mystery of his age. A family spokesman said he was 90, another relative said 89, a close friend 93, and newspaper records ranged from 83 upwards.

The man who revolutionized British shopping habits also left unsolved the mystery of his own wealth. He had made two huge fortunes in his lifetime, but a spokesman for his family said he was "not a wealthy man" when he died.

His stock in trade imagination and showmanship, Selfridge introduced American "go-getter" methods of merchandising to an ultra-conservative Britain. His early competitors snubbed him as a "vulgar American tradesman" but Selfridge, Ltd., became one of London's biggest department stores.

**Fields Partner**  
Born in a one-story house in Ripon, Wis., Selfridge went to work at 10 when his father died. He soon quit a \$1.50 a week errand boy job to be a salesman for the store in Chicago that became Marshall Fields. Barely 20 years later he retired as Field's partner with a fortune estimated at \$1,500,000.

Fortified with cash and Field's merchandising lore, he came to London quietly observed the conservative merchandising methods of the Edwardian era, and decided he could do better.

In 1909 he opened his great "Emporium" in downtown Oxford Street, the only store in London where you could buy anything from a pin to a gramophone. He started with 1,000 employees and a smash-bang advertising campaign that old timers still talk about.

He displayed Blériot's airplane, first to cross the English Channel.

**MISS TRUMAN  
WILL MAKE TOUR**  
President's Daughter To Give Six Concerts In Middle West Cities

NEW YORK, May 8. —(AP)—Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, will begin her first concert tour as a singer with an appearance May 20 in Pittsburgh, her teacher said today.

NEW YORK, May 8. —(AP)—The 10-day-old strike of City of London employees and Billingsgate Fish market workers ended tonight at high time, too, in the opinion of Londoners who went about holding their noses.

## Truman Will Press For Training Bill

### President On Birthday, Expresses Firm Optimism That Lasting Peace Will Be Attained; Philosophy "High"

WASHINGTON, May 8. —(AP)—Firm optimism that lasting peace will be attained was expressed by President Truman today — but he noted that it still is by no means accomplished and declared he will press for passage of universal military training before Congress adjourns in mid summer.

It was the 63rd birthday of the smiling, fit-looking President, and the day after the V-E Day. He is not yet 47.

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Since V-E Day, he said, a great many things have happened and the outlook, from his viewpoint, is much improved.

He is still optimistic that he will get a peace treaty which will be lasting, and that the United Nations will be able to carry out the provisions of its charter. He said he was just as sure of that as he was that he was standing there.

**Ahead Of Schedule**  
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WASHINGTON, May 8. —(AP)—With the Republican leadership back in the saddle, the Senate wrote a new toughening amendment into its labor bill today, 41 to 40.

The amendment has three provisions. It would outlaw: Health and welfare funds financed by employers and controlled by unions; union practices to "shake down" employers or extort money from them; and the involuntary checkoff, by which unions prevail on companies to deduct union dues from all workers' pay envelopes regardless of the wishes of individual workers.

Led by Senator Taft (R.-Ohio), proponents of the amendment turned the tables on Senators Ives (R.-N.Y.) and Morse (R.-Ore.), who yesterday played a big part in killing a Taft-supported proposal to curb industry-wide collective bargaining.

Both Ives and Morse assailed the ban on health and welfare funds administered solely by unions. Taft defended it, saying that such funds could become "rackets."

**Party Ranks Split**  
Fourteen Republicans—Seven of them freshmen Senators—poined 26 Democrats in voting against the amendment. For it were 33 GOP Senators and 15 Southern Democrats.

Taft told the Senate the amendment stems from the efforts of John L. Lewis last year to levy a 10-cent a ton tax on soft coal producers to set up a welfare fund which Lewis wanted the United Mine workers to administer alone.

Subsequently, when the government took over the mines, this was changed to a five-cent levy and the fund was placed under joint federal-UMW administration.

While the fund is in the clear on this count so far as the ban is concerned, Taft indicated that it may not meet terms of the amendment which specify that money collected shall be used for the "sole and exclusive benefit" of the workers.

**Fines, Jail Terms**  
Violators of any of the provisions of the amendment could be fined \$10,000 and sentenced to a year in jail.

Ives called this an "excessive" penalty and termed the amendment as a whole an "extremely ill-conceived piece of legislation." He added that welfare funds "have had a great deal to do with improving labor-management, says Simmons, is to have the person being cured stand over the water jug until the powers take it upon themselves to act.

One alleged victim of the curing powers of Simmons testified at the hearing that he gave the "doctor" \$112. The fee was \$100 with an added tax of \$12.

He said Simmons came into his house predicting that bad things were just around the corner for the patients.

The sex charge against Simmons grew out of his attempts to cure an aged grandmother of her ailments and pains. He took the 12-year-old Negro girl to an out-of-the-way spot and buried the jug of water. And while there allegedly had intimate relations with the girl.

**Along The Cape Fear**  
THE FIRST shipyard in Wilmington is not in any form comparable to the shipyard during World War II. The industry has changed in many ways and the types of ships built in-between years are incomparable. This is common knowledge to the people of Wilmington but the type of the first ships built in the old days probably could not be described by more than a dozen people.

## House Bats Down Attempts To Kill Truman Aid Bill; Labor Measure Toughened

### Welfare Fund Voted "Out"

### Senate Amendment Passed On 48 To 40 Margin, Checkoff Unlawful

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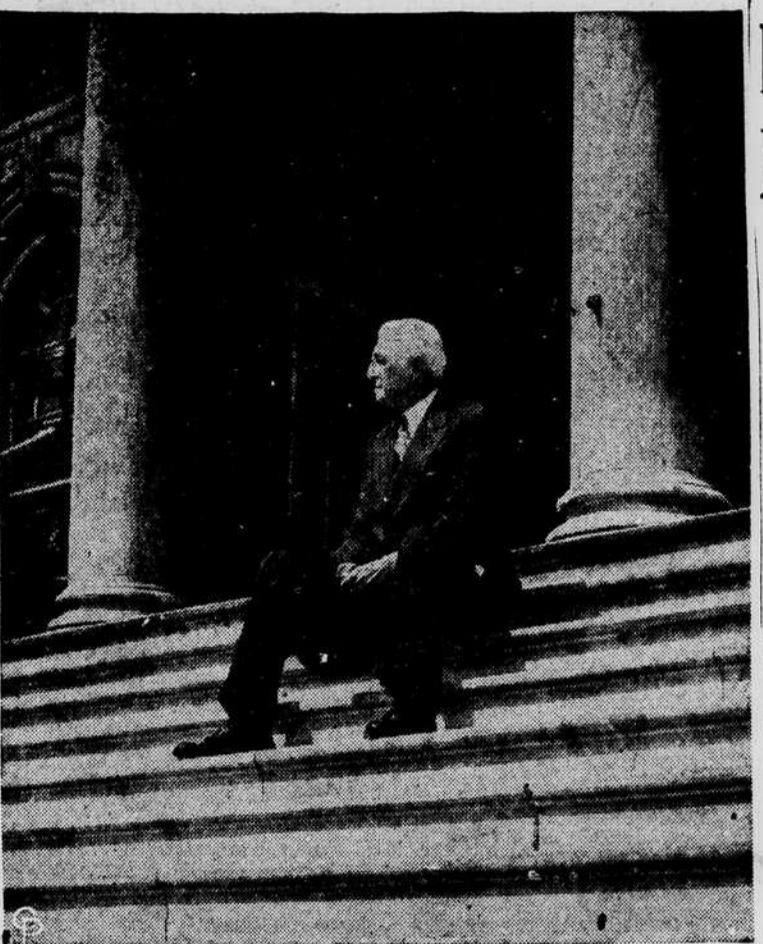
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ARRIVING 15 MINUTES EARLY for his appointment with William O'Dwyer at New York City Hall, elder statesman Edward M. Baruch seats himself on the steps of the building. Shortly after, Mayor O'Dwyer presented the annual award of the Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods to the famed American diplomat. (International)

## Willie Trades Raincheck For Heaven Annie Oakley

BY CHARLES NETHAWAY  
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW IBERIA, La., May 8. —(AP)—Willie Francis was ready tonight to cash in last year's raincheck for a trip to heaven.

He doesn't want another miracle. He's had his hell on earth "I want the machine to work this time," Willie said forlornly. "I want to die because as soon as I do I am going to the Lord."

Francis, 18-year-old Negro murderer, will sit in Louisiana's portable electric chair for the second time tomorrow between noon and 3 p. m., CST.

The U. S. Supreme Court squashed the last chance this afternoon that the burly slayer would be reprieved.

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson announced from the bench in Washington that the court had rejected two appeals filed by Willie's lawyers, Bertrand De Blance and J. Skelly Wright.

Wright had asked for a writ of habeas corpus. He told the court that last year's abortive attempt to execute the Negro was a "disgraceful and inhuman exhibition."

**Executioner Drunk**  
He said the executioner and other officials at the scene were so drunk it was impossible for (Continued On Page Three; Col. 3)

**SCOUTS CIRCUS  
SLATED TONIGHT**  
Large Crowd Expected To Attend Events At Legion Stadium

Indications are that a large crowd will be at the American Legion stadium tonight at 8 o'clock when the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presents the third annual circus of the Cape Fear area council, Boy Scouts of America.

The pre-circus activities will get underway this afternoon at 4:30 when the scouts and the New Hanover R. O. T. C. band parade through downtown Wilmington. The parade will begin at the Woodrow Wilson but proceed down Third street, Red Cross, Front, Market, and back to the City Hall on Third. The scouts will be transported from City Hall to the Legion stadium in busses of the Seashore Transportation company and Queen City Trailways to the Legion stadium where they will be (Continued On Page Three; Col. 2)

**Berlin Nominates  
First Woman Mayor  
In Nation's History**

BERLIN, May 8. —(AP)—Mrs. Louise Schroeder, 60-year-old Social Democrat, was chosen temporary Lord Mayor of Berlin today by the city council to solve Berlin's "no mayor" crisis.

## Hard Battle Marks Debate

### Austin Telegram Says Measure Will Assist UN Charter Tasks

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The air line said all supervisory personnel remained at their posts along with a "substantial" number of qualified maintenance employees.

The number on strike could not be estimated because another shift comes on at 8 a. m. tomorrow.

Delta's principal maintenance is done here. Other maintenance staffs operate at Chicago, Miami, and Fort Worth.

## This Could Not Happen In Wilmington, Either

BY HAL CLANCY  
United Press Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, May 8. —(AP)—Blonde, Beautiful Laura Wells, a Hollywood press agent, popped into town today wearing "essence of invasion" perfume, carrying a mink briefcase and expounding a theory of sectionalism and matching stote, valued at \$37,500.

Stopped traffic from Seaside Square to Beacon Hill. Bill predicted her theory would cause more than the fur-lingering.

"I've toured a man who're Niven," she explains, "but I've haven't found one, but I've definitely that male oom, matter of geography."

**The Weather**  
FORECAST:  
South and North Carolina — Fair and mild Friday, Saturday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.  
(Eastern Standard Time)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:  
TEMPERATURES  
1:30 p. m. 63; 7:30 a. m. 55; 1:30 p. m. 62; 7:30 p. m. 62; Minimum 60; Maximum 66; Mean 61; Normal 69.  
HUMIDITY  
1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 a. m. 48; 1:30 p. m. 61; 7:30 p. m. 64  
Total since the first of the month 0.66 inches.  
**TIDES FOR TODAY**  
(From the Tide Table published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
Wilmington  
High  
12:42 a. m. 7:50 a. m.  
12:45 p. m. 7:47 p. m.  
Low  
10:10 a. m. 4:28 a. m.  
10:41 p. m. 4:15 p. m.  
Moonrise 8:15; Sunset 7:02; Moonrise 8:15; Moonset 8:16.  
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 p. m. Thursday 10.0 feet.  
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