

Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms, cooler today; Friday, partly cloudy and rather warm with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

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Over 1,000 Fight Floods

Iowa River Drives All But Able-Bodied Out Of Oakville, La.

OAKVILLE, La., June 18—(AP)—An army of troops, Coast Guardsmen and civilians numbering nearly 1,000 worked feverishly to hold back the rampaging Iowa river whose flood crest was expected to reach here some time tonight. All but the able-bodied men of this community of 400 were ordered out to safer places when protective dikes broke in at least three places and Mayor O. D. Johnson expressed the fear that backwaters would pour into the town. The levee breaks here and upstream at Wapello spread the Iowa's waters over large areas of rich farm land and left the town surrounded by a sea of dirty, debris-laden floodwaters. Only one road out of town could handle traffic at noon and that was water-covered. The weather bureau at Davenport, Ia., said the Oakville-Wapello vicinity should prepare for a crest of 18.5 feet although saying a crest of 18 feet likely would not be reached unless there was exceptionally heavy rainfall. Meanwhile, the Midwest in general and particularly Iowa which has been flood-plagued for two weeks—was assured of some relief by official action in Washington. The Senate passed and sent to the White House a measure authorizing the Army to use \$15,000,000 of available funds for repair of levees and other protective works in the stricken Midwest area. Additionally, the reconstruction Finance corporation declared Central and Southern Iowa a "disaster area" and announced its Chicago office would accept applications for disaster loans for reconstruction of private property damaged by the floods. Army engineers estimated that approximately 150,000 acres of land stood under water and that several hundred thousands more were in danger of a like fate. The Mississippi, which last week inundated 104,000 acres between Keokuk, Ia., and Cairo, Ill., appeared building itself up to another big overflow. The stage at Burlington, 25 miles downstream from Oakville was 13.7 feet this morning, a 24-hour rise of a foot. A 17-foot crest was predicted there for tomorrow or Friday. Further downstream the crest of the destructive Des Moines river, which twice in two weeks has caused millions in damage and driven thousands of persons from their homes, was ponding to a junction with the Mississippi at Keokuk, Ia. Canton, Mo., a community of 2,000 persons about 25 miles South of Keokuk, remained half covered with water from last week's record crest of 19.99 feet. A reinforced sandbagged barricade surrounded the city over power plant, and a levee which broke last week had been repaired.

ENGINEERS PLAN BARGE REMOVAL

South Atlantic Division Approval Sought On "Menace" Problem

The sunken barge at Lockwoods Folly inlet in the Atlantic inter-coastal waterway, which has been termed a "menace to navigation" will be removed if the recommendation of the Wilmington district corps of engineers is approved by the south Atlantic division engineers. The green light on the pilot house of the sunken craft and the buoys marking the new channel are considered inadequate by the engineers and local navigation interests. Several craft, including three north bound yachts, have suffered considerable damage by hitting the barge and in each instance the navigators reported that they did not understand the markings. Damage to one of the yachts was estimated at \$8,000. The wooden pulp wood barge, Savannah, struck a shoal in the waterway and sank last December 17; the cargo was salvaged and the barge was abandoned by the owner. As the bow of the craft extends to the center of the channel, it has become an obstacle to

transport service could make routine flights only. Only essential flying will be permitted at Navy air stations, he explained, with the commanding officers of the stations determining what is essential and what is merely "desirable." Army needs are not as critical as Navy needs, Wilson said. He estimated it will be about two months before the Army feels pinched. The Navy buys oil and gasoline for both services. Their present combined requirements, he said, total four per cent of U. S. crude production. The Keystone casualty, Hodges said, had a premium income of \$386,937.19 from its business in North Carolina in 1946, mostly automobile liability and automobile property damage insurance.

NATION'S SUPPLY OF COAL SHRINKS

Bureau Of Mines Estimates May 1 Stock As Good For 33 Days Only

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—The Bureau of mines reported today the nation on May 1 had only a 33-day supply of soft coal above ground. That figure, the latest available, represented a decline of 11.6 per cent from April 11—a drop attributed principally to heavy exports. An official of the bureau told a reporter that less than a 30-day stockpile is considered serious. A 60-day supply is normal for May 1, he said. Unless the situation is improved before June 27—when coal miners go on a 10-day vacation—the serious stage may soon be reached. There is a possibility the shut-down in the coal fields may continue after the vacation period unless John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers and coal operators agree on a new contract to keep the pits running. Stocks on hand May 1 totaled 27,190,000 tons, compared with 30,767,000 on hand April 1.

GREECE REQUESTS U. S. MANAGEMENT

Griswold To Virtually Take Over Economic Reins Of Nation

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—The United States will virtually take over the economic management of Greece under the \$300,000,000 American aid program designated to buttress that country against communism. This was shown today in an exchange of notes between the two countries. At the same time it was reported unofficially that the United States will favor political reforms in the Greek government. It would like to see responsible positions given to "liberal" elements which are considered to be without adequate voice in the so-called "right wing" government. The state department made public notes between Washington and Athens outlining a vast program of economic reforms to be undertaken in Greece. They deal with taxes, government administration, trade, finance, industry, agriculture and the like. Greeks committed. The notes were released preliminary to the signing in Athens of a formal agreement by which the Greek government commits itself to American conditions for receiving assistance. In general, these guarantee that Administrator Dwight Griswold and his team of military and economic experts will have effective supervision of all the dollars spent to promote Greek recovery and strengthen the Greek army. Griswold is now in Washington completing preparations for his work in Athens. While the note made no commitments on strictly political matters and the state department is reported determined to respect Greek sovereignty, responsible au-

The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers or thunderstorms, slightly cooler North Thursday. Partly cloudy and rather warm with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. South Thursday and Friday, scattered thunderstorms Friday afternoon and evening. Scattered thunderstorms over North portion Thursday afternoon and evening. Eastern Standard Time) Wilmington (The Bureau's meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 82; Maximum 88; Minimum 72; Mean 80; Normal 77. HUMIDITY: 1:30 a. m. 86; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 79; 7:30 p. m. 81. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.04 inches. Total since the first of the month 10.43 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington, Ga.—10:02 a. m. 5:06 p. m. Seashore Inlet 10:40 a. m. 5:59 p. m. Sunrise 5:00; Sunset 7:26; Moonrise 3:23; Moonset 8:44. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Wednesday missing feet.

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Converted LST Will Aid In Channel Job

McWilliams Dredging Company Ship Docks Here With Equipment For Opening Cape Fear To A Depth of 32 Feet

By SUE MARSHALL Star Staff Writer With only a few changes, expected this is the first trip the ship has made since the McWilliams company acquired ownership. This 328 foot long LST is believed to be one of the few which have been purchased by dredging companies as war surplus. Foreign said that he knew of only one other and that vessel was now on a project in South America. Used Barges Formerly the New Orleans company and other dredging firms moved their equipment on barges

President Gets 700,000 Letters, Wires On Bill

Heavy Majority Favors Veto Of Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—Nearly 700,000 messages have poured into the White House about the Taft-Hartley labor bill, it was reported today, and "a heavy majority" of them all for a presidential veto. Eben Ayers, assistant press secretary, said the flood of mail and telegrams is easily the greatest received by President Truman on any issue since he became president over two years ago. Mr. Truman passed up his weekly news conference to work on a message to Congress on the bill. In this message, to be delivered Friday, he will say whether he is signing or vetoing the message and give his reasons. He told reporters yesterday that "I haven't made up my mind."

INSURANCE FIRM BARRED IN STATE

Commissioner Hodges Suspends License Of Keystone Mutual

RALEIGH, June 18—(AP)—Insurance Commissioner William P. Hodges announced today that he had suspended the license of the Keystone Mutual Casualty company of Pittsburgh, Pa., to do business in North Carolina pending an investigation of the firm's financial condition. The suspension was ordered on June 9 and all agents of the company in North Carolina have been notified to discontinue writing risks for the firm, Hodges said. The insurance commissioner said he understood that the Pennsylvania insurance commission is conducting an examination of the company's financial condition and has scheduled a hearing at which results of the examination will be studied.

Navy Plans Restriction On Flying; Gas Too Short

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CIGARETTE COMPANY WILL DISCONTINUE "THROAT RIGHT" ADS

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" The popular panel, Robert L. Ripley's "Believe it or Not" will become a regular member of the Morning Star's ever growing list of features beginning Monday morning.

House Passes ENC Hospital Site Bill; Minor Child Labor Law Violations Cited

Report Clears Reynolds Company Of Intentional Wrong As Charged

Measure Also Provides Funds For Protection Of Ship Yard, Basin Here

And So To Bed

Monroe, N. C., may be about 150 miles away but Calvin Roddy, 22, Negro, thinks he can make it in about 10 minutes from Wilmington.

"If this court gives you a suspended sentence of 18 months on the road, you will leave town immediately," asked Judge Winfield Smith in Recorder's court yesterday where Roddy was charged with taking \$8 from another Negro.

"I'll be in my home in Monroe in 10 minutes," replied the defendant.

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Three Unions Accept Offer

Operators Propose Wage Boost Similar To Figure Granted Tanker Crews

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Early Settlement Of Maritime "Sitdown" Strike Now Expected; Senate Passes Bulwinkle Bill

Measure Will Aid Railroads

Majority Vote Sufficiently Large To Over-Ride Presidential Veto

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—The Senate today passed, 60 to 27, a bill freeing railroads from any threat of anti-trust law prosecution when they get together to fix rates with the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission. The vote was sufficiently large to override a Presidential veto for which minority leader Barkley (D-Ky.) expressed a "fervent hope." Opponents of the measure, which now goes to the House, have expressed hope that on the final test they can sustain a veto and prevent the measure from becoming law.

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LONGSHOREMEN belonging to the American Federation of Labor "stand by" aboard the S. S. America at the ship's pier in New York in a strange tie-up of shipping. Detailed to clean one of the ship's hatches, they said they could not perform their duties because CIO Maritime workers refused to open the hatch. The America was scheduled to sail yesterday. Joseph Curran, president of the CIO's National Maritime union, estimates 700 ships are tied up in U. S. ports by the "sit down" of 200,000 CIO seamen. Ship owners call the work stoppage a strike. The unions call it a "lock-out." (AP Wirephoto).

Congress May Permit Veterans To Cash Terminal Leave Bonds

GETTING BUMPED BY AUTOMOBILES WON'T HURT SO MUCH IN FUTURE

ALABAMA HANDYMAN HELD FOR MURDER OF NEPHEWS

ROAD DEATH TOLL TERMED DISASTER

NORTH CAROLINA WILL BE MOVED ON FRIDAY FOR DECOMMISSIONING

AIRLINES PROTEST P A CERTIFICATES

MAJOR COMPANIES CLAIM CAB ERRORED IN DECISION; MEETING PLANNED

LABOR SECRETARY WILL TAKE HAND

Schellenbach Will Assume Task Of Preventing Soft Coal Strike

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