

FORECAST: Wilmington and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers...

Levee Battle Now Intense Coast Guard Sends Men, Boats To Evacuate Elsberry Area People

HANNIBAL, Mo., June 20. —(AP) — A tense battle to save key levees continued tonight as new crests were put down in a continuation of June floods that Army engineers reported had inundated 1,295 square miles in the upper Mississippi river valley.

The most critical areas in the flood-weakened barriers were across the Mississippi in Pike County, Ill., where the 60-mile-long Sny levee was endangered, and in the Elsberry, Mo., district south of here.

The division Army Engineer's office at St. Louis announced that 23,100 acres, or 1,295 square miles had been flooded this month with levee failures accounting for 387 square miles of the inundated land. The engineers estimated 20,000 had been made homeless and \$30,000,000 damage wrought in the past two weeks.

Force Dispatched As the government Weather Bureau at Burlington, Ia., forecast new rains in Northeast Missouri and Southeast Iowa in the next 24 to 48 hours...

All persons living in the district were ordered to leave by local officials and most of the 600 residents of Hull, Ill., about 10 miles inland, took refuge in nearby Kinderhook.

One hundred families previously had evacuated South Quincy which was hit by last week's floods.

STEAMER SERVICE REAL PORT NEED SPA Chairman Discusses Plans, Activities Of Unit Before Club

It is impossible to expect anything great for the port of Wilmington until a real justification of commerce and steamship service is attained.

So declared R. B. Page, publisher of the Star-News and chairman of the North Carolina Ports authority, in addressing members of the Wilmington Exchange club yesterday on plans and activities of the authority and an analysis of the problems of the port of Wilmington.

An important undertaking of the authority, Page said, is the "effort to make the Carolina greater port-midland." This approach has been based on rate advantage enjoyed by Wilmington and Morehead city over Charleston and Norfolk in the greater part of the state.

Need Piedmont North Carolina's ports cannot expect great growth until they enjoy full favor of the Piedmont, one of the nation's richest manufacturing and agricultural areas.

The survey being made on the state potentialities for water commerce, by the engineering firm of Frederick R. Harris of New York, is now nearing completion, Page said, and when it is completed "we shall know the capabilities for Wilmington and other deep-water ports."

The general offices of the SPA are to be established in Wilmington shortly after July 1, the date when the \$50,000 annual appropriation voted by the last General Assembly becomes available for maintenance of this office and carrying out the authority's program, he continued.

Seek Vard Lease Other activities of the authority such as the effort to acquire the now-idle shipyard here from the U. S. Maritime commission for conversion into deep-water terminal.

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The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina—Mostly cloudy with occasional showers and moderate temperatures today; Sunday partly cloudy and warmer with scattered showers and evening thunderstorms.

South Carolina—Considerable clouds with scattered afternoon and evening showers and evening thunderstorms.

TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a. m. 72; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 72; Maximum 82; Minimum 70; Mean 76; Normal 78.

TIDES FOR TODAY: Wilmington 11:51 a. m. 6:48 a. m. 3:59 p. m.; 6:51 p. m. 4:44 a. m. 1:31 p. m. 8:49 p. m.

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ON VIEW FOR THE FIRST TIME in Chicago is the new Tucker 48, which has a rear engine drive. It has a 128-inch wheelbase, is 5 feet high and rides from 30 to 35 miles on a gallon of gas.

College Will Offer Course In Aviation

Wilmington Junior Curricula To Include Six Other Subjects

NICE CHILD ST. OVEN, Jersey, Channel Islands, June 20.—(U.P.)—William Pattison, 3, was sent to the home of his grandparents in England today so his parents could relax after he.

HICKS BELIEVES SPLIT POSSIBLE Chamber Airport Chairman Thinks CAB May Divide Airline Routes

Hamilton E. Hicks, chairman of the airport committee of the Chamber of Commerce, believes that the Civil Aeronautics board will settle the controversy between State Airlines and Piedmont Aviation by granting each of the airlines part of the route.

"It is my personal opinion," he said, "that CAB will split the routes in order to save face."

Piedmont aviation did not request the route between Wilmington and Cincinnati in their original application, but State airline did make the request in their application.

Points Advantages Hicks pointed out that CAB, with a partial reversal of the decision in the Southeastern States case, could grant State the Wilmington-Cincinnati route and grant Piedmont the routes surrounding Winston-Salem.

Heretofore, when an airline was granted a route and later wished to make any change, which was not listed in the original application, another application would have to be filed, he said.

ONE MEMBER FAVORS REOPENING CASE Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, June 20. — At least one Civil Aeronautics board member favors reopening the Southeastern States case, in response to pleas from airlines and cities seeking changes in the decision. Representative Bryson, of South Carolina, said today.

RAINS WASH OUT 125-FOOT BRIDGE Steel-Truss Span, One Of Ten Structures In Ninth Division, Goes Down

RALEIGH, June 20.—(AP)—Ten bridges, one a 125-foot steel-truss structure in Alexander county, have been washed out by recent rains in the Ninth division, W. Va. State highway commission engineer, said today.

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Whereabouts Of Reserve Trainees Much In Doubt

The question of what has happened to the 24 men who left Wilmington last Saturday to participate in a two-week Naval Reserve amphibious training cruise and what the men now are doing was yesterday paramount in the minds of local Naval Reserve officials.

Two of the members of the organized surface division 6-29 have written local reserve headquarters and have answered the question, but the letters make the solution even more confusing.

One says, "we're headed for Iceland via New York with liberties in both" while the other says, "we're anchored in Chesapeake Bay and we'll be here for two weeks. We won't make any foreign ports, we won't even hit New York."

Truman Tells Nation Labor Bill Will Divide People, Aid Strikes; Soviets Walkout On UN Meeting

Gromyko Says No "Boycott"

Question Of Procedure On Global Police Force Precipitates Break

LAKE SUCCESS, June 20.—(AP)—Russia resorted to the walkout for the second time in United Nations history to emphasize her disagreement with the other four members of the big power military staff committee on a question of procedure.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko explained to reporters afterwards that the withdrawal of the white-jacketed Soviet "brass and braid" applied only to this morning's meeting and that it was not intended as a general boycott of the military discussions.

Some delegates expressed the belief, however, that the new move reflected stiffening Russian trend toward refusal to participate in deliberations where they were outvoted. Although this was the first actual walkout since Gromyko himself strode out of the Security council March 27, 1946, during debate on the Soviet-Iranian question, Russia frequently has refused to participate in U. N. projects.

Soviet Defeated Today's Soviet military delegation maneuvered before the Security council handed Russia another defeat by voting 9 to 1 to begin discussions immediately on the selection of a governor for Trieste. Russia alone opposed the British proposal on Trieste. France abstained.

In view of Gromyko's insistence that Russia could not agree to consideration of the governmentship in the council until the Italian peace treaty was ratified and in force, some delegates feared he

SALISBURY FLIER IN DARING RESCUE

Lieut. Bert Hoffman Lands Plane On Rough Sea To Aid Fellow Officer

QUONSET POINT, R. I., June 20.—(AP)—The pilot of a single-seater Navy float plane out of the Naval Air station here today made a landing and takeoff in heavy seas 15 miles South of Nantucket Island to rescue a fighter pilot who had ditched his disabled plane, the Navy announced tonight.

Ensign Malcolm Sillars of Boston landed his Heiland at sea after the motor quit on an operational flight at 30,000 feet. He floated an hour in his life jacket while fellow fighter pilots circled the spot and a crash-rescue flying boat stood by, under orders not to land because of the rough seas.

COOLEY TO URGE FARM BILL FUNDS North Carolina Congressman Will Appear Before Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Rep. Cooley (D-N.C.) will ask the Senate Appropriations committee tomorrow to restore millions of dollars to the Agriculture department appropriation bill for the next 12 months.

He told a reporter he will urge that the Senate "save the American farmer from the disaster of the House-trimmed bill."

Along The Cape Fear

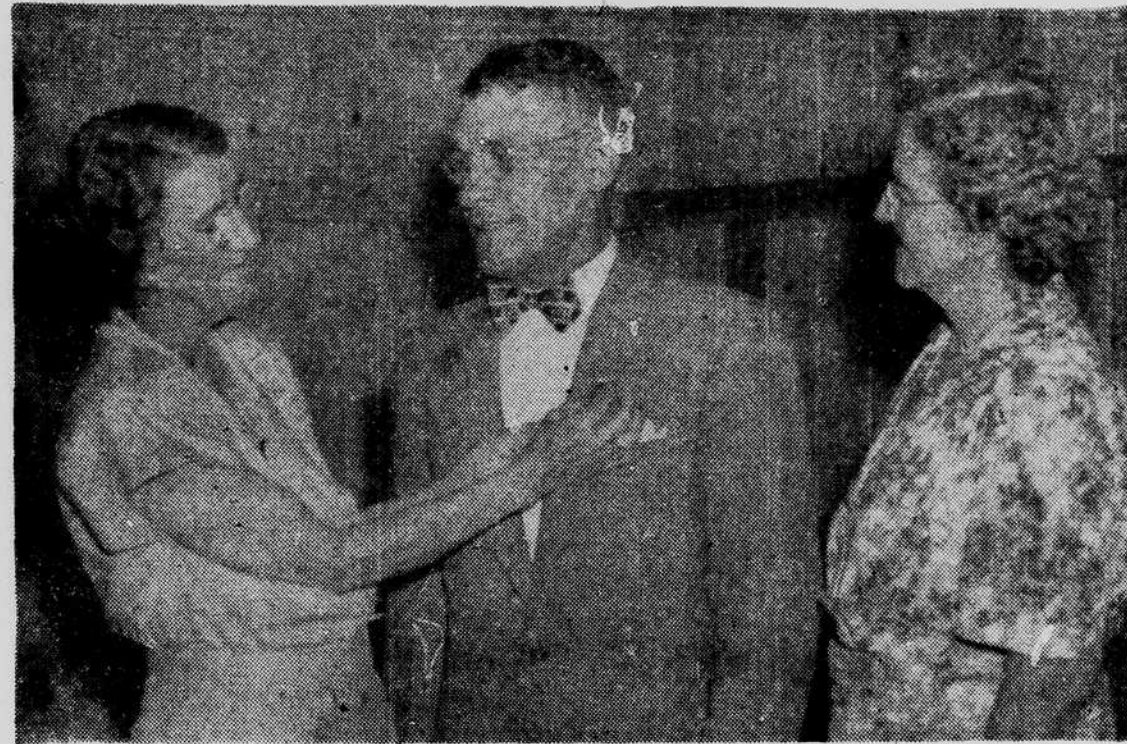
TIMBER PRODUCTION Timber in the turpentine industry in Wilmington and vicinity in the 1880's principally came from Bladen, Cumberland and Robeson counties. To get it to this city, it was cut and hewn into shaped logs to float down the river and its tributaries.

From the top of Sunset Hill, the view of the river revealed thousands upon thousands of barrels, to carry the product, lining the banks on both sides of the river.

At times, residents of those days still alive, recall that the accumulation of lumber and naval stores were so great that both sides of the Cape Fear river would be lined with vessels awaiting cargo.

There would be schooners, brigs, brigantines and barks. But no full-rigged ships ever came in to port. And it was not until later, when Alex Sprunt and Son began shipping cotton in large assignments, that tramp steamers arrived in port.

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THE SHERIFF GETS A NEW BADGE—Mrs. Thomas J. Gause, left, is shown pinning a diamond studded gold badge on the coat lapel of Sheriff F. Porter Davis, as Mrs. Davis looks on. The badge a gift of over 100 friends of Davis, was presented at a fish fry given in his honor at the Blue Top lodge last night. (Staff photo by Ben Maynard).

SHERIFF HONORED AT FISH SUPPER Friends Present Porter Davis With Diamond Studded Gold Badge

Sheriff F. Porter Davis is a brave man, but last night tears welled the eyes of the veteran law enforcement officer as over 100 of his close friends, including representatives of the city and county government had members from every law enforcement agency in the county gathered at a fish fry and presented Davis with a diamond studded gold badge.

The badge, a symbol of his authority as sheriff of New Hanover county, was pinned on his lapel by Mrs. Thomas J. Gause, wife of the late Capt. Thomas Gause, one of Davis' closest friends, as 100 guests cheered.

Wilbur Doshier, Wilmington postmaster acted as master of ceremonies and introduced many of the prominent guests. Representatives of the city council, county patrol, federal bureau of investigation, city police officers, sher-

Tabor City Man Stabbed In Back; Another Dies Of Heart Attack

TABOR CITY, June 20.—(AP)—One man was seriously injured when he was stabbed in the back here tonight, and another was believed to have died late this afternoon as he swam in the Lumber river near Boardman.

Police said they were searching for Robert Jernigan, 32, who allegedly stabbed Vance Suggs, 30, resident of the Green Sea section of South Carolina after the two had been in an argument.

Officers said that Suggs was seriously injured in the river when he was carried to the Columbus county hospital in Whiteville. The stabbing occurred about 9:30 p.m. in an uptown section of the village, officers added. Complete details of the motive were not available.

Meanwhile, the body of Clyde Manning, 40, was recovered about 11 o'clock tonight about 30 yards from where he sank in the river. Witnesses said that Manning and his two sons and some friends were swimming in the river when he suddenly sank in the stream after swimming about half way across it.

With Manning at the time of the tragedy were Wayland and J. C., his two sons, and friends, Bob Watts and Robert Allen. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Anderson Manning, five children, Leon, Hazel, Kitty Jo, J. Se Knife Welder On Page Two

THREE BALTIMOREANS HELD ON AUTO THEFT COUNT; RING CHARGED

BALTIMORE, June 20.—(AP)—Three Baltimoreans were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner James K. Cullen today on charges of transporting stolen automobiles from Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia to Columbia, South Carolina. Special FBI Agent Fred B. Halford said they had been operating an elaborate theft ring.

Booked as Isadore Goodman, 35, cab driver-battender, Herbert Prince, 22, Emanuel Hoffman, 37, bartender, Cullen held them in \$5,000 bond each for hearing next Wednesday.

GREENSBORO, June 20.—(AP)—Guilford Superior Court Solicitor Charles T. Hagan left his role of prosecuting criminal charges long enough early today to chase down and hold an alleged lawbreaker for the city.

Solicitor Hagan and a friend were returning to Hagan's home at 12:30 a.m. when they spotted a man on the lawn close to the resi-

and caught the man within 200 yards. The confusion awakened Hagan's next-door neighbor, Solicitor E. D. Kuykendall, of Municipal court, the prosecutor whom the alleged lawbreaker, George A. Trull, 25, faced in court this morning. Trull received 30 days on the state roads on a charge of trespassing.

Senate Fight Delays Vote

President Makes Last Ditch Effort To Have Upper Chamber Sustain Veto

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—President Truman told the nation tonight that the Taft-Hartley labor bill would divide the people and increase strikes and voiced a last-ditch hope that the senate would uphold his veto.

The House already had voted overwhelmingly to override it and enact the bill, and the senate was locked in a long night session when Mr. Truman took to the radio at 9 p.m. (EST) with a scorching new assault upon the measure.

He warned that it was "loaded" that it was "filled with hidden legal traps," and that employers as well as unions would "regret the day that it was conceived."

Of immediate concern, he declared it would not solve a soft coal strike by John L. Lewis—a possibility that looms just ahead—but only postpone it until cold October when it would be worse.

Taft Hits Back Senator Taft (R-Ohio), co-author of the bill with Rep. Hartley (R-N.J.), shafted a broadcast in reply half an hour later. In advance of his speech, Taft said the presidential veto message raised "not a new thing" and that it followed "almost point by point" a CIO memorandum.

Here is what happened in ten jam-packed hours after noon. 1. The president's veto message, more blistering than any he ever wrote before, was read at noon (EST) to the House and greeted with GOP boos. Mr. Truman blasted the bill as "dangerous" and "drastic", "backward" and "burdensome," "unworkable" and "impossible."

2. Quickly, without debate, the House voted to override and enact the bill.

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MARITIME BOARD CLOSING OFFICES

Entire Washington Staff Of Commission To Take Enforced Holiday

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—The Maritime commission announced today that 2,850 employees—virtually all its permanent personnel—here—would be furloughed without pay for the ten days remaining in this fiscal year.

Vice-Admiral W. W. Smith, commission chairman, said the payless layoff until June 30 was necessary because of "lack of available administrative funds for the remainder of the fiscal year."

Smith said the commission has "not exceeded our total appropriation" of funds.

Nevertheless, he said it had been unable to get permission from Rep. Taber (R-N. Y.), the House appropriations committee chairman, or from Comptroller-General Lindsay Warren to pay the employees out of another fund which would be "ample" for the purpose.

Main Offices Hit Most of the employees affected are in Washington. A Maritime official said field offices, reserve fleet anchorages and personnel dealing with ship operations would not be affected.

But the main offices of the commission here appear slated to be almost completely empty for the ten-day period. It appeared that there was some question as to whether or not a skeleton crew could be maintained.

The commission announcement said that "the Senate is considering as part of the urgent deficiency bill an appropriation of \$15,000 to maintain a skeleton crew for telephone, mail and other similar services for the remainder of the fiscal year."

Prosecutor Turns Cop To Capture Trespasser

The desk sergeant's phone rang at the police department yesterday. "Hello, I want to report something," a woman's voice said.

"What's the trouble, madam," the officer replied. "My dog is missing. It's a white dog."