

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy with moderate temperatures today and Friday.

House Passes River Funds

Bill Including \$100,000 For Cape Fear Deepening Goes To Senate

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WASHINGTON, July 2.—The bill including a \$100,000 appropriation for continuing the work on the Cape Fear river at Wilmington was passed by the House today and sent to the Senate.

The War Department civil functions appropriations bill also included an appropriation of \$85,200 for a flood control project on the Neuse river at Goldsboro.

The \$100,000 appropriation is one-third of the amount the U. S. engineers have requested for carrying on and completing the project of deepening the Cape Fear river channel from 30 to 32 feet and widening it from 300 to 400 feet.

The \$85,200 will cover all the cost of cutting off a Neuse river "elbow" which has been backing up water and causing floods between Goldsboro and New Bern.

With a chorus of "No's", the house defeated an effort, inspired by private utilities, to kill a \$3,800,000 appropriation for continuing construction of the \$57,000,000 Bugs island dam on the Roanoke river in North Carolina and Virginia.

Representative Dondero of Michigan, the public works committee chairman, led the attack on Bugs island.

He claimed the dam would ruin a million-dollar tungsten mine which produces a strategic mineral in large quantities, but Rep. John Kerr of Warrenton, cited a letter from the chief of engineers to the late Sen. Josiah Bailey, which said the value of the tungsten ore which would be affected by the Bugs island reservoir "is zero."

Challenging Dondero's claim that the dam would aid little in flood control, Kerr said it would protect 227,500 acres of land and eliminate an annual loss of \$325,000.

BOMB FROM PLANE WRECKS BUILDING

Four Boatbuilders Escape Injury In Blast At Maryland Town

ST. MICHAEL'S, MD., July 2.—(AP)—Four men escaped injury today when a small bomb, believed accidentally dropped from an unidentified plane, hit a boatyard shop at Wittman and demolished one end of the building, state police reported.

A second bomb exploded in a field about 50 yards away, digging a large crater.

J. Walter Jones, proprietor of the shop located three miles from here, told police he and three helpers were in the one-story frame building when they heard a plane pass overhead.

A few seconds later there was a terrific explosion, and one end of the structure collapsed, peppering the men with debris. All were momentarily stunned, but otherwise unhurt.

Whittman is about 40 airline miles southeast of Baltimore, across Chesapeake Bay.

Police Puzzled

State police at Easton were unable to determine the origin or destination of the plane. There is considerable non-commercial flying in the area, but no aviation training centers of the armed forces are in the immediate vicinity, they said.

In Washington, both the army and navy, on the basis of preliminary investigation, said they had no bomb-carrying planes in the vicinity at the time.

Police said they found a bomb fragment to which a broken piece of a bomb shackle was attached. The shackle is used to hold the missiles under the plane fuselage and police believed it broke and freed the bombs.

State police said the bomb, described as small apparently grazed the building and landed beside a concrete foundation. A 20-foot boat upon which the four men were working was wrecked.

D. W. Banning of Whittman said the hole caused by the second bomb was large enough to hold a locomotive.



ACTING Minister of Information Ernest Mihaly has announced in Budapest a new policy for newsmen to go into effect after the ratification of the peace treaty with Hungary.

British and U. S. news correspondents, and all other journalists, foreign and domestic, working in Hungary, will be liable to punishment, including the death sentence, for publishing "reports which would harm the reputation at home or abroad of the new Hungarian government." (International)

GOP WILL PUSH TAX SLASH BILL

Congressional Majority Now See Enough Votes To Override Veto

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Apparently assured of enough votes to override a Presidential veto, House and Senate Republican leaders decided today to make another attempt to pass an individual income tax reduction bill at this session of Congress.

The new GOP plan is to make the tax cut effective Jan. 1. In other respects the bill is the same as the one which President Truman vetoed, with the House sustaining his decision by two votes. The previous bill would have been effective yesterday.

The measure would cut personal income taxes by 10.5 to 30 percent, for a total of about \$4,000,000,000 a year.

It will be considered in both the House and Senate next week. The decision to push the measure at this session was reached by the Republican leaders at a meeting called to draft a legislative program to be considered before Congress adjourns July 26.

Republicans in both houses have been making a poll to determine whether they now can get the two-thirds votes necessary to override another veto. Their decision to press for action was taken to mean what they believed they had sufficient support.

Taft Non-Committal

Chairman Robert A. Taft, R., O., of the Senate Republican Policy committee, said the Senate would try to complete action next week.

CITY MAY AMEND BUILDING LAWS

City Manager, Attorney To Study Code In Relation To Churches

Amendment to Wilmington's construction laws to do away with religious groups having to pay for permits for erecting and remodeling structures is being studied by city officials.

City Manager J. R. Benson and Attorney William R. Campbell today began a study to see if it is possible to work out an amendment that will not conflict with state laws or present municipal statutes.

The two city officers were ordered at yesterday's council session to begin such a job when a motion introduced by Richard Burnett, was adopted.

The matter came before the council at the instance of J. E. L. Wade, who declared that while he did not wish to eliminate any revenue, it had been called to his attention that churches were compelled to pay construction fees.

City Manager J. R. Benson read from the present law revealing the fees are on a graduated scale, depending upon the amount of construction. Any such change in the statutes must apply to organizations that are "strictly religious" and not operated for profit.

Board Urges Landing

Comments On Accident Prevention

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—President Truman's Air Safety board declared today that the "tragic pattern" of past commercial air accidents will "inevitably repeat itself" unless Congress quickly provides for more adequate landing aids to meet the emergency situation.

Chairman James M. Landis told the President the board's report was prompted by a "mistaken idea" in Congress that Mr. Truman's recommended program of air safety "is out of line with similar programs being pressed by the armed services in behalf of national defense."

However, the board said there is "no conflict between the program of installing these aids and any program now being pursued by the armed services" and declared:

"Both safety in civil air transport and the needs of national defense have rarely been better aligned."

Declaring that an "emergency situation" exists, the board said that "accidents in the approach and landing category are by far the largest category of serious accidents in air transportation."

High Percentage

This type, for example, represented 35 per cent of the fatal accidents in 1946, taking 85 lives, the report said. It added that "their reduction is not a matter of regulation but of the installation of adequate aids."

The board identified the devices as:

High Intensity Approach Lights—to permit pilots from "heights of 200 to 500 feet and at distances of a half mile to make contact with the runway."

Ground Control Approach—The method by which pilots, through use of ground radar, are "talked" into safe landings.

Surveillance Radar—An installation which "enables the control tower at an airport to determine with precision the directional position distance and altitude of aircraft within twenty or thirty miles of the airport."

ILS Device

Instrument Landing Systems—Electronic devices "which automatically (so far as ground control is concerned) provide the approach to airport runways and the glide path for landing."

Commenting on the progress of the President's recommended program in Congress, the board said that while it would cost \$13,428,000 the House had approved only \$5,930,000, and the Senate only \$5,717,000 for installation of the devices. It added, however, that it is a "prerogative of Congress" to decide how much should be spent.

CRIMINALS TAKE MAYOR, GOVERNOR

Philippines Town Captured By Band Following Break From Prison

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, July 2.—(AP)—Forty-five desperate criminals broke out of Mindoro province yesterday, captured the provincial capital of Calapan and seized Governor Conrado Morante and Mayor Filemon Samaco of Calapan as hostages.

A reliable Manila source said today that Morante and Samaco escaped during a one-hour battle between the desperadoes and a hastily organized civilian guard, but there was no official confirmation.

Three C-47 transports loaded with military police took off from Manila to Calapan today. Before they left, military police reinforcements had gone in boats across the strait from Batangas to Mindoro island and reported the situation was "under control."

Leader Killed

They said a Lieutenant Romero leader of the break had been killed. The Manila Tribune reported an MP sergeant and two of the escaped prisoners were slain in fighting today.

Congressman Raul Leuterio of Mindoro wired the government that the desperadoes had scattered an MP sergeant and two of the prisoners, said specifically that Calapan had been recaptured.

Shortly after the break a signal officer, Lt. Antonio Bunta, aided by Mrs. Mary Acebedo, wife of a well known Mindoro guerrilla leader, organized the civilian population to battle the prisoners.

Nation-Wide Coal Strike Threat Ends As Operators Bow To Lewis; U. S. To Carry Out Marshall Plan

Decision May Nettle Soviet

Molotov's Refusal To Cooperate With England, France Wrecks Parley

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The State department was reported fully prepared tonight to go ahead with the Marshall plan for economic aid to Europe despite Russia's flat refusal to cooperate with France and Britain in organizing European recovery.

This probably means an outright economic-political conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State Marshall declined today to comment on the breakdown of the Paris conference due to Russia's refusal to cooperate. But he did tell a news conference that he expected very shortly a British-American agreement on a new level of industry for Germany. This will mean, in effect, boosting German steel, coal and other essential production as one means of helping Europe.

Foreign Minister Molotov's remarks as the Paris meeting closed that the Marshall plan means the division of Europe was taken here as an indication of Soviet intent to fight it at every turn.

So long as European nations will take the initiative in seeking their own salvation, the United States

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FEDERAL BUREAUS FACE INDICTMENT

House Committee Requests Proceedings Against Agency Activities

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The Justice department was requested today to proceed against six federal agencies accused by the House Expenditures committee of illegal "propaganda activities" in behalf of compulsory health insurance.

The committee, in a report approved unanimously, said it found key personnel of the agencies planned to establish "health workshops" in strategic areas, for "propagandizing farm and labor leaders to build up an artificial, federally-stimulated health bill."

This development came shortly after representatives of four or five welfare committees to approve the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill providing compulsory health insurance to be financed with a three percent payroll tax.

President Truman has asked Congress for health insurance legislation.

Four organizations—The four organizations—Americans for Democracy Action, com-

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DERBY ENTRY

The Wilmington Civitan club will have an entry in the Soap Box Derby.

Club members at yesterday's meeting voted to enter a boy and car in the race. Yesterday's speaker was Capt. A. B. Johnston, in charge of the Wilmington Branch of the Organized Reserve corps.

He outlined the proposed military training bill now before Congress. Club guest was Dr. A. McK. Crouch.

Along The Cape Fear

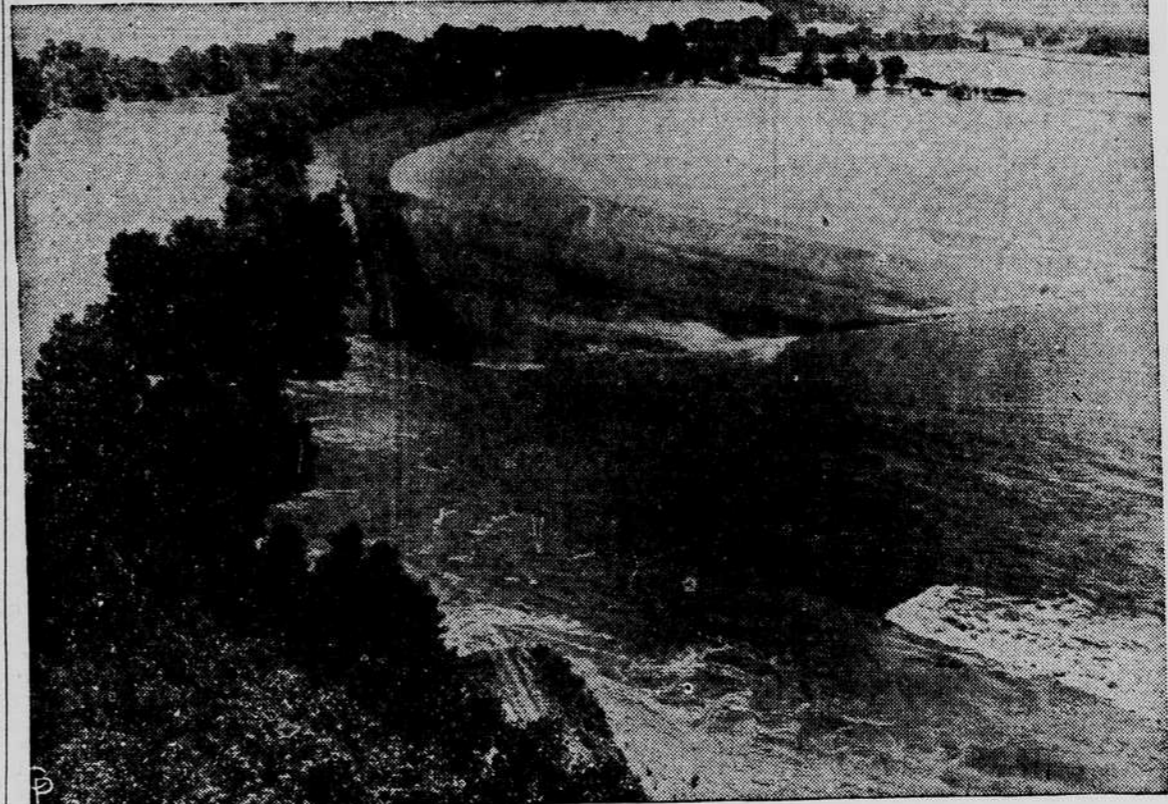
BRIDGE OF DECKS—Remember when ships were so thick on the Cape Fear River that a person could walk from shore to shore on their decks and not get his feet wet?

C. D. Maffitt does. Maffitt, a shipping agent, also remembers when the Cape Fear was frozen over so hard that it would support a person.

Apparently the days of a harbor filled with ships and of a winter severe enough to freeze the murky waters of the Cape Fear, are over.

For it is on few occasions when a merchant ship steams into port now. And none of the younger generation can exactly remember when there was ice in the Cape Fear.

The shipping agent said he cleared and sailed eight ships in one day back then. That is more than has been in the Port of Wilmington in the past year, not counting tankers.



FLOOD WATERS FROM THE SWOLLEN Mississippi River sweep through a break in the Chouteau Island levee eight miles north of St. Louis, Mo. Flood workers fought five futile days to save this, the first of three critical levees to go out under pressure of the highest flood on the river in 103 years. (International Soundphoto)

Heaviest Travel In Nation's History Expected On July 4

SOUTHEAST TO ENJOY PICNIC WEATHER ON "GLORIOUS FOURTH"

ATLANTA, July 2.—(AP)—It will be picnic weather over most of the Southeast Friday, July 4, with the Weather bureau predicting fair and moderately warm temperatures.

Conditions also will favor motor, swimming and other sports.

Indicated temperatures for Georgia, the Carolinas, and Florida will be generally hot, varying from normal to six degrees above average with clear skies.

A little relief from the heat is due Saturday.

KIWANIANS BLAST COMMUNIST TREND

Convention Also Elects Salisbury Man President For 1947-48

CHICAGO, July 2.—(AP)—Terminology Communism as "insidious, creeping paralysis of all essential governmental functions of a free state," Kiwanis International today urged that the governments of the United States and Canada "continuously investigate and suppress subversive activities and infiltration of foreign doctrines."

In other resolutions adopted at the group's 32nd annual convention, the delegates advocated universal military training, commended the Taft-Hartley labor bill, urged "economy and efficiency" in government for the "ultimate relief of the taxpayer," and pledged their "wholehearted support" to the United Nations.

In its resolution on Communism, the convention declared that Communism, under whatever name it may be called and under whatever guise it may be presented, "tends to rob the citizens of freedom of speech, opportunity, thinking, and religion."

Earlier today, the convention named Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, N. C., president.

CONGRESS RUSHES FINANCIAL BILLS

Lawmakers Provide Money For Several Agencies; Estimates Cut

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Congress today rushed through the second of 12 major money bills to save the government from financial embarrassment, but in one stroke lopped off \$105,455,000 from President Truman's budget estimates.

Both Houses sped action to replenish the government's yawning coffers for the new fiscal year which began yesterday.

I. By voice vote, the Senate passed and sent to the White House a bill carrying \$1,674,158, 630 for the Labor department and the Federal Security agency. The House had approved the measure shortly before.

2. Almost immediately after this action, the House and Senate passed a compromise bill providing tide-over funds for federal agencies whose regular appropriations are still hanging fire.

The compromise ended the threat of delayed paydays for thousands of federal workers, as well as the possibility that veterans benefit payments would be temporarily held up.

July Operation

It provides that except for those agencies whose regular supply bills have already become law, all federal agencies will be allowed

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FRENCH ASSEMBLY ENDS IN UPROAR

Charges Against Right Wing By Ramadier Bring Adjournment

PARIS, July 2.—(AP)—The National Assembly was suspended in uproar tonight after Premier Paul Ramadier charged that Right Wing deputies tended to follow the same line of action as the extreme rightist "Black Maquis" accused of plotting to overthrow the Fourth Republic.

Ramadier made his charge a few hours after Gen. Rene Edgard Marie De Larminat, inspector general of French overseas and colonial forces, had been summarily relieved of his command.

There was no official word whether, as indicated, the dismissal of one of the highest and most distinguished French Army men was connected with the "Black Maquis" plot.

It was made known, however, that General Reserve Jean Casimir Merson was being questioned by the Surete Nationale, the French Scotland Yard, in connection with the conspiracy.

Millions Of Autos Will Jam Highways; Transportation Taxed

CHICAGO, July 2.—(AP)—The heaviest travel—and the greatest traffic jam—in the nation's holiday history was forecast tonight for the Fourth of July weekend.

With millions of persons expected to crowd the highways, vacation resorts and parks, authorities reported in a nationwide survey that fatalities probably would be the highest since pre-war days. The national Safety council predicted that 275 persons would die on the highways alone during the three-day holiday.

The number of deaths and injuries will be swelled by fireworks casualties, drownings and other mishaps. Only bad weather would put a damper on travel.

Railroads, airlines and bus companies prepared for the heaviest weekend travel in history. In most areas all types of public transportation were sold out.

The Safety council estimated that 30,000,000 vehicles would take

NEW FLOOD CREST PASSES ST. LOUIS

Rampaging Mississippi Rolls Toward Weak Spots On Levees

ST. LOUIS, July 2.—(AP)—A new flood crest in the mighty Mississippi, on one of the longest rampages in its turbulent history, passed St. Louis tonight and rolled toward Missouri towns where levee workers fought to hold back flood waters expected to be the highest on record there.

The river fell slightly and forecasters said the crest apparently had been reached here on the 40th consecutive day of flood along a 100-mile stretch of the swollen river.

U. S. Engineers moved their forces into Perry County, Mo., to bolster dikes protecting Claryville, and McBride, opposite Chester, Ill., where a stage of 38 feet or higher was predicted.

River experts called the situation "critical" at Claryville. They warned that a hundred families to be evacuated in that area would have the levees appears doomed.

Fourteen thousand Missouri and Illinois residents were listed as homeless in the latest Red Cross survey. The total was 34,812 in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

More than 300 homes and other buildings have been destroyed in the area and nearly 23,000 damaged, the Red Cross reported. Some 375,000 acres were inundated.

The weather bureau here reported that the Mississippi crest would reach Cape Girardeau, Mo., 130 miles downstream, on July 4, 103rd anniversary of that city's highest flood.

Union To Get Full Demands

Northern Half Of Bituminous Industry Agrees To UMW Terms

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The threat of a nationwide soft coal strike next week was dissipated today when the Northern half of the bituminous industry settled with John L. Lewis on terms which, informed sources said, included the full 35-cents-an-hour raise demanded by the miners.

Led by U. S. Steel corporation and the largest commercial coal interests in the North, the operators came to terms with the UMW president at a secret bargaining meeting here this afternoon.

A joint announcement said the disputants had agreed "in principle" on a union-management contract and that its terms would be drafted shortly for ratification by both sides—probably this week-end.

Industry sources conceded that the terms probably would have to be accepted by the Southern and Western mine owners, who had balked at Lewis' demands. The Southern and Western groups control slightly less than half the national coal output.

While no official announcement

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UNION WILL OMIT NO STRIKE TERMS

Steelworkers Vote Also To Stay Away From Labor Relations Board

PITTSBURGH, July 2.—(AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers executive board, meeting to form union policy on the Taft-Hartley labor bill, today voted to eliminate no strike pledges "enforceable by harassing law suits" from all future contracts.

The board also adopted a resolution declaring that the union will not use the facilities of the new labor board created by the Taft-Hartley law.

The resolution declared: "We shall in good faith seek to resolve all issues between our union and the employers through bona fide collective bargaining and other peaceful means wherever possible."

The right to strike in event of disputes must be preserved or our freedom shall be lost."

The action of the steelworkers, one of the largest unions in the CIO framework, was in line with the instructions of CIO president Philip Murray who said the parent labor body would leave it up to its international unions and their local units whether to resort to the National Labor Relations board as now established.

Murray is also president of the steelworkers.

The resolutions were announced by David J. McDonald, secretary treasurer of the union following a two-hour meeting of the board.

They termed the Taft-Hartley bill and the new labor board "instruments clearly designed to oppress unions and to destroy the living standards of American workers."

McDonald said the union would live up to existing contracts containing standard no strike clauses with some 1,050 steel firms, but that such provisions would not be included in 450-odd contracts, mainly with small fabricators, still to be negotiated.

To Look Outside

For future bargaining elections, McDonald said, the union can obtain the services of numerous independent organizations.

He added: "In some communities labor organizations work with chambers of commerce while in other instances employers could be asked to negotiate a contract with the union on the basis of a card check."

And So To Bed

Making an impromptu speech before a large gathering can be rather hard on the nervous system.

Sometimes it can be so nerve racking that the words just flow out without the speaker knowing exactly what he, or she, as it was in this case, is saying.

Tuesday night at the Jaycee meeting, six of the contestants in the Miss Wilmington beauty pageant made short impromptu talks on themselves.

One of the aspirants, the title, Harriette Vines, said she was employed as a switchboard operator at the Wilmington Hotel, and she was quoted in a news story as saying so.

Yesterday she called and wanted a correction run. Seems she doesn't work anywhere.

"But you said that was your occupation," the reporter insisted.

"Yes, I did, but I was awfully nervous. I don't really work anywhere, right now."

The Weather

FORECAST: North and South Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy with moderate temperatures Thursday and Friday.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES
1:00 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 72; 1:30 p. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 77; Maximum 83; Minimum 74; Mean 80; Normal 79.

HUMIDITY
1:00 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 82; 1:30 p. m. 81.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .07 inches.

Total since the first of the month .17 inches.

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

Wilmington
High 10:45 a. m.; 4:43 p. m.
Low 7:00 a. m.; 1:41 p. m.; 7:59 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet
Sunrise 5:05; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise 4:52; Moonset 4:22.

River gauge at Fayetteville, N. C. at 7:30 a. m. Wed. 10.0 feet.

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Beer Bar Beckons Pilot; Carries Thirst To Jail

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev., July 2.—(AP)—The main street of this little Nevada community is no air strip, and no parking place for a pilot who wants a quick beer. Frank Pace learned that yesterday.

Yesterday Pace, an Elly, Nev., private pilot, got thirsty for beer while flying over Nevada in his light Monocoupe. Beneath him was an oasis for a thirsty pilot—a Battle Mountain bar.

He glided down out of the sky, landed smack on the main street and taxied up in front of the bar, cut the motor and went inside.

"Gimme a beer," he said.

Constable Charles Lemaire arrived minutes later.

"Get that airplane out of the street, you are obstructing traffic."

"I can't—I'm out of gas," said the airman, gulping a beer.

A mention of the Battle Mountain jail made him change his mind. He flew off.

But 30 minutes later he was back again, stepped out of his airplane in front of the bar, and went inside.

"Gimme another beer," he said.

The constable came back and jailed him.

Pace, lacking \$500 bail, remained in jail today, charged with a gross misdemeanor; "reckless and careless operation of an airplane on the ground."

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