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## Crash Kills Many Persons

### Army Transport Plunges Into Crowd At Buenos Aires Air Show

BUENOS AIRES, July 21—(AP)—At least 17 persons were killed and five injured today when a four-engine Argentine Army transport crashed into a large crowd gathered at Palomar Air base for a military show, the Aviation department announced tonight.

Both the opposition newspaper La Prensa and the Peronist (government) afternoon La Epoca reported that 40 persons were killed and others were critically injured. La Epoca said several were not expected to live.

La Epoca reported the only survivor among the occupants of the plane was the pilot, a Lieut. Rey, who was said to have leaped from the ship when he saw it was going to crash. Three children in the path of the plane were run down and killed instantaneously, the newspaper said.

According to the version carried by the semi-official Epoca, gasoline in the transport's tanks came in contact with a high tension electric wire and exploded after the plane snipped a pole on a power line along the edge of the field.

Newsmen seeking to determine the full extent of disaster were hampered by military restrictions imposed by Air Base authorities immediately after the accident. Reporters were not allowed closer than 200 yards to the scene of the accident.

Police said all 16 persons aboard the plane "between four and nine" were killed and that "many" injured were rushed to two hospitals, one of them the air base hospital a short distance from the scene of the crash.

The plane, an American-built Douglas DC-4 crashed as it was taking off to join a 200-plane demonstration flight. It was unable to gain altitude, struck telephone wires at the edge of the air base and smashed onto the highway running alongside Palomar. It struck a car and burst into flames as it ploughed into spectators lined along the highway.

## JUDGE CONTINUES 10 COURT CASES

### Trial Of "Cat Man" Due To Get Underway At Courthouse Today

Trials were lined up for the week yesterday when Judge Leo Carr in Superior Court continued 10 cases upon the suggestion of Solicitor Clinton Moore.

The trial of Cordell Williams, Negro, dubbed by the police as "The Cat Man" after they charged him with burglary by negligently entering Wilmington dwellings last spring for burglary, was set for today.

Continued was the case of Leon "Scopier" Gause, charged with murder as the result of the shooting of a man in New Brunswick county. Gause was convicted once but the Supreme Court ordered a retrial. Gause is seriously ill in a hospital, Solicitor Moore explained.

Case Continued—Leonard Gilman, facing two charges of passing worthless checks, had his case continued after the solicitor said the man probably arranged to be possibly arrested in an effort to settle the case in an effort to save the county expense.

A bad check charge against J. J. Curtis, also was continued and a capias ordered for his apprehension. Like charges against M. Christopher were continued. The man is in South Carolina, the solicitor declared, and extradition proceedings are pending.

Earl W. Brown, charged with assault with intent to kill and disorderly conduct, no longer is in the United States. His case was continued.

In other cases are George W. Jeffery, charged with non-support, and Edgar Renfrow with passing a bad check. The case of James W. McKenzie, a marine, was transferred to juvenile court. He was charged with larceny.

Two other cases were continued pending the outcome of other charges against the defendants.

## The Weather

**FORECAST:**  
South Carolina—Mostly fair Tuesday with showers, except scattered thundershowers coastal area, slightly cooler Tuesday, not much change Wednesday.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers east and slightly cooler interior Tuesday. Wednesday with mild temperatures except scattered thundershowers coastal area. (Eastern Standard Time)

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

**TEMPERATURES**  
7:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 78; Maximum 81; Minimum 72; Mean 76; Normal 78.

**HUMIDITY**  
7:30 a. m. 92; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 82.

**PRECIPITATION**  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.30 inches.  
Total since the first of the month 4.92 inches.

**TIDES FOR TODAY**  
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey  
Wilmington ——— 12:56 a. m. 8:06 a. m. 1:24 p. m. 8:26 p. m.  
Masonboro Inlet — 11:25 a. m. 5:32 a. m. 11:38 p. m. 8:11 p. m.  
Sunset 5:16; Sunrise 7:21; Moonrise 10:12; Moonset 10:47.  
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 1 p. m. Monday 9.6 feet.  
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THIS PEACEFUL AREA on the shores of Lake Pr... the junction of the Greek, Yugoslav and Albanian borders... become the scene of battle. It is reported that regular units are trying to effect a pincer movement on the spot. (International).

## Millers Report "Honeymooning"

### Robeson Sheriff Believes Couple Reunited On Beach Vacation

LUMBERTON, July 21 — A young Robeson county merchant and his wife, who is charged with hiring a Negro farm hand to kill her, are missing from their respective homes, it was learned here this afternoon, and they may be at a beach resort on a second "honeymoon," according to sheriff Willis C. Britt of Robeson county.

David Miller, 28-year-old store operator of near Rowland and his pretty wife, Mrs. Mary Edna Currier Miller, reportedly have been reunited and are vacationing at Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, Crescent Beach or Myrtle Beach, according to usually reliable sources.

Young Miller was shot by Fred Wiggins, Negro farm worker, as he lay asleep in his home about 6 o'clock in the morning of May 11. The Negro, in his confession to Robeson county officers, said Mrs. Miller asked him to shoot her husband and make "it look like a suicide."

Wiggins plead guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill and was sentenced to 12 months, in state prison at the June term of Robeson Superior Court.

Mrs. Miller was arrested and, according to Robeson county officers, confessed that she had hired Wiggins to kill her husband because she was in love with a young ex-sailor, Garland Cottrell, a tenant farmer on her father's farm, near Rowland.

Cottrell when questioned by reporters of the Wilmington Morning Star denied he had any relations with Mrs. Miller and said

George West, with the assistance of Malcolm McLeod and James N. Myers, will register technical students and discuss the types of

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## Injured Lad Awaits Day To Fish With His Dad

ST. LOUIS, July 21 — (AP)—"Daddy and I are going fishing when I get out of here," seven-year-old Donald Dunlap, swathed in bandages but smiling, told visitors at his hospital bedside today.

The tousle-haired lad, recovering from serious burns, maintained a cheerful mien even though he knows that his three younger sisters are dead and his mother confined to a mental institution.

## GASOLINE BLAST TAKES TWO LIVES

### Five Others Seriously Burned, Seven Buildings Leveled By Flame

MINOT, N. D., July 21 — (AP)—Two persons were fatally burned, five others seriously burned, and at least nine business establishments destroyed in a spectacular fire here today.

Firemen battling the blaze since a gasoline bulk station explosion touched it off shortly before noon said tonight they could keep it confined to the area it has gutted unless a south wind springs up.

Dead are: Chester Westom, 32, Minot. William Foster, Minot. The injured: Hobart Myers, Minot; Mrs. Clyde Bradley, Minot; Adam Runyon, Minot; Orton Nelson, Minot; and Edwin Brown, Williston.

Westom was a shipping clerk in the Mandan Creamery and Produce company, located across the street from the Westland Oil company's bulk station where the explosion and fire originated. Foster was a pedestrian in the vicinity.

Two oil stations with their tanks, three creameries, a grocery store, a cafe, a grain elevator, and an equipment company were destroyed.

**11 KILLED, 75 INJURED**  
COLUMBIA, S. C., July 21 — (AP)—Eleven persons were killed and 75 injured in 87 automobile accidents in South Carolina last week, the state highway department reported today. Enforcement of driving laws during the week resulted in suspensions of 98 drivers' licenses.

## Senate Group Doubles Fund

### Subcommittee Votes \$300,000 For Cape Fear River Dredging Work

WASHINGTON, July 21—(AP)—The Senate appropriations subcommittee today upped the Cape Fear River dredging funds from \$100,000 to \$300,000 along with approval of flood projects in the south.

Approval by the Senate on the additional funds will be the final action on the project.

Senator Umstead of North Carolina said that he hoped the Senate would give "speedy approval" to the subcommittee recommendations.

Also included in the recommendations were other increases amounting to \$1,200,000 for North Carolina Waterways.

The Senate raised the 1948 appropriations for the \$57,730,000 Bugs Island reservoir on the Roanoke River from \$3,800,000 voted by the House to the \$4,800,000 which Army engineers said was "essential" for best construction of the navigation, flood control and power program, Senator Umstead said.

**Report Today**  
The full committee is expected to report today the 1948 War Department civil functions appropriations bill including the North Carolina items.

Also recommended by the Appropriations Subcommittee for the same amount as the House voted is the Neuse River project near Goldsboro for \$283,200 and the Pilot Dam in Virginia, on the Roanoke River development, for \$250,000.

Georgia: Clarks Hill res., Georgia and South Carolina, \$6,250,000 (\$1,481,000).

North Carolina: Bugs Island res. Virginia and North Carolina, \$4,800,000 (\$3,800,000); Goldsboro \$85,200 (\$85,200).

**Rivers And Harbors:**  
North Carolina: Cape Fear River at and below Wilmington \$300,000 (\$100,000).

South Carolina: Winyah Bay \$800,000 (\$500,000).

## Royall Denies Seeking Tar Heel Governorship

WASHINGTON, July 21 — (AP)—Secretary of War Kenneth Royall said tonight "I have not recently or at any other time made a public or private statement about seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in North Carolina in 1948."

Royall was asked by a reporter for comment on a report published by the Salisbury (N. C.) Post in a special dispatch from Washington that he likely would seek the nomination next year in his home state.

Back in April when Royall was asked about similar reports he said he was "too busy" to be thinking about the Tar Heel governorship.

A native of Goldsboro, N. C., and long prominent in American Legion and legal circles in his state, Royall has been talked of in Tar Heel political circles for a decade, as a possible future gubernatorial candidate.

## NEW WITNESSES IN ALIMONY CASE

### Famed Case Enters Second Week Of Litigation At Wentworth

WENTWORTH, July 21 — (AP)—The defense presented three new witnesses today as the Mattie Eggleston alimony and partnership suit against her husband, Frank Eggleston, went into its second week.

Geraldine Strickland, the Eggleston's Negro maid, testified that she had often tended Mrs. Eggleston in illness, sometimes massaging her back, and had never seen marks of brutal treatment alleged by the plaintiff.

Mrs. Eggleston is suing for \$1,500 monthly alimony without divorce, and half interest in her husband's business enterprises.

P. W. Minter, a business associate of Eggleston, and Mrs. Minter, a cousin of the defendant, testified that Mrs. Eggleston stayed in their home several times after she left her husband in June, 1946.

Minter said she told him of her plan to enter suit and he counseled against such litigation, warning that she might lose the case, to which she said she replied, "If I see NEW WITNESSES On Page 2

# Strike Of Engineers Ties Up Southern Pacific Line; Dutch Planes Strafe Ports

## Rocket Raids In Progress

### Government Fliers Machinegun Indonesian Airfields, Rail Lines

BATAVIA, Java, Tuesday, July 22. — (AP)—Dutch warplanes were reported machine gunning, bombing and rocket-blasting Indonesian airfields and rail lines today in a blazing follow-up of the action launched yesterday by Dutch aircraft and armored units.

The second day of air activity in the colonial war was reported by the Republican radio at Soerakarta. Radio Jogjakarta, voice of the Indonesian capital, was blanketed by heavy static possibly the result of Dutch jamming.

The Republican radio reported a rocket raid on Malang, in South-eastern Java, and a bombing and strafing attack on Poerwokerto, 195 miles Southeast of Batavia.

The Indonesian broadcast also said that hedge-hopping Dutch fighter planes machine-gunned a train at sunset yesterday near Sragen, on the railroad between Malang and Jogjakarta.

Dutch sources had no comment pending issue of an army communiqué later today.

**Batavia Quiet**  
Batavia was relatively quiet this morning, except for a noticeable increase in military traffic in the streets.

The Dutch Air force spearheaded yesterday's attacks, opening the

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FORMER CONGRESSMAN from North Dakota John Baer, a cartoonist and Rep. Leo E. Allen of Illinois stand on the Capitol steps with the emblem submitted by the former for House approval in connection with a bill introduced by Allen. The measure proposes labeling all goods donated by the U. S. to the relief of war-torn countries. Indelible markings would show their origin destination and unsalability. (International).

## Situation "Grave" Marshall Reveals

### NO CHANGE

There has been no change in the status of the establishment of a Veterans' Hospital in southeastern North Carolina, Rep. Bayard Clark, from his Washington office, said yesterday.

Rep. Clark's statement followed a published story in yesterday's paper that hope for the hospital had almost faded.

The story was quoted from a Washington paper. But this story was an error, and Rep. Clark said that Wilmington may yet get the hospital since a delegation from the Veterans' Administration is expected to come here soon and inspect this area for the possible location of the institution.

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## Pilots Leave Engine Cabs

### Brotherhood Members Walkout At Deadline; Settlement Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21 — (AP)—A strike by locomotive engineers against the Southern Pacific Railroad's Pacific lines began at 6 p. m. PST tonight, but an hour and a quarter later, a spokesman for the union stepped out of a day-long negotiation meeting to predict a settlement tonight.

In the day's first optimistic statement from a union official, P. O. Peterson, West coast chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, told newsmen.

"We reached a tentative agreement on 20 out of 20 rules (for which the brotherhood was striking)."

"We are hanging on language. I think there will be a settlement tonight."

As Peterson spoke, reports already had been received from more than a dozen cities that the strike had taken effect. Trains not already under way remained at terminals. Pickets appeared before company properties in several cities.

The railroad announced half an hour after the strike deadline that its first reports showed the engineers had walked off the engines at more than a dozen cities from Oregon to Texas, and that the first pickets had appeared.

At Many Points  
"The engineers have walked off the engines at West Oakland, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Reno, Sparks, Nev., Eugene, Ore., El Paso, Tex., Sacramento, Roseville, Calif., Ogden, Yuma and Tucson," a company spokesman said.

"In addition, property is being picketed at El Paso, Sparks, Ogden, Yuma and Tucson."

Picketing also appeared at the company's Third and Townsend streets station in San Francisco.

The brotherhood called its strike to force the railroad to make changes in 19 working rules. Although President Truman created an emergency board to intervene,

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## Congressional Leaders Hear "Inside Story" On Diplomatic War

WASHINGTON, July 21 — (AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall told the "inside story" of the world situation to a handful of Congressional leaders today and they came away from the secret conference with word that the picture he gave them was "grave."

None of the conferees — members of the House Foreign Affairs committee and a select group from other key House committees — would reveal what Marshall told them at the locked-door meeting.

They said they were sworn to secrecy before the secretary began what obviously was a frank and

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## Hay Fever Haven Hoses Streets For "Sneezers"

KANE, Pa., July 21 — (AP)—The business a sneeze built is expected to be bigger and better than ever in this hay fever haven this year.

The rush of health visitors to the hilltop town, 2000 feet above sea level, already is well underway, a month in advance of the official August 15 sneeze deadline.

For a half century—from mid-August to the first frost — victims of ragweed pollen have flocked to Kane, a town of 6,500 on the Allegheny plateau in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Citizens and borough authorities work hand in hand to cover nature's discrepancies.

A borough ordinance passed a decade ago makes it illegal to permit weed and other plants giving off sneeze-provoking pollen to grow on Kane property.

Brooms are shelved during the "season." Citizens hose off their sidewalks instead of sweeping up clouds of dust and a fire hose is used to flush business section streets from time to time.

## PATROLMAN'S ADVICE COSTS HIM LOSS OF PAY FOR FOUR WEEKS

YONKERS, N. Y., July 21 — (AP)—Patrolman Frank Miller returned to duty today minus \$250—because he offered free advice.

Miller was in a neighborhood tavern while on duty, recently when a man approached him and told him he needed money to meet a monetary obligation.

Miller's advice: stick up a bank. The conversation was overheard and reported to Miller's superiors. Miller was tried on charges and pleaded guilty, at the departmental trial, although he said he offered the advice in jest. He was fined 29 days' pay.

## SENATORS SUBMIT INSURANCE PLANS

### New Bill Would Establish Flexible Provisions Of Security Laws

WASHINGTON, July 21 — (AP)—A new national social insurance program was proposed today by Senators Murray (D-Mont.), Wagner (D-N.Y.) and McGrath (D-R.I.).

Senator Murray told the senate these were the principal features of the bill:

1. To establish flexible retirement provisions for persons who become disabled for a period longer than six months before they reach age 65.
2. To reduce the retirement age from 65 to 60 under the old age insurance system.
3. To increase the earnings a beneficiary may receive without loss of his benefits, from \$14.99 to \$30 a month.
4. To increase the minimum monthly benefit to \$30 for a man and wife and the maximum from \$85 to \$120.
5. For payment of lump sum burial benefits equal to six months insurance in all cases where the person dies insured.
6. For payment of supplementary benefits for a disabled aged husband or widow or a retired insured woman and the continuation of payment to a permanently disabled child after age 18.

**REWARD**  
NORTH WILKESBORO, July 21 — (AP)—T. R. Parsons of Cricket today offered a reward of \$100 for recovery of the body of his stepchild, Billie Miller, 8 who drowned near Curtis bridge in the Yadkin river Saturday. Parsons said he had deposited the reward with Sheriff C. G. Poindexter.

## 1,500 FURNITURE BUYERS JAM SHOW

### High Point Exposition Attendance Expected To Set New Record

HIGH POINT, July 21 — (AP)—There were so many buyers trying to get into the 14-story Southern Furniture Market Exposition building today that police were called to handle the crowd.

Manager Paul Casey said a new record would be established for first day attendance when final tabulations were made tonight. More than 1500 buyers had registered by noon and they were still "coming strong," Casey said. The opening day record of 1663 was set last January.

This is the first summer show of the Southern Market exhibitors since the war.

Casey said several trends were in evidence as the two-week show got under way.

In the first place, he said, prices are expected to remain steady, which follows the New York and Chicago exposition trends.

Keeping pace, he said, is a definite indication that the textile industry is keeping up with furniture trends. Casey pointed to the riot of bright and gay colors of furniture coverings as an example.

He also pointed out that much covering on the show's furniture was made of nylon—and also in multi-colored designs.

Casey said that buyers who attended the New York and Chicago shows said the buying is much faster and brisker here, in fact, the quickest they've seen since the war.

The buyers also were lavish in their praise of the local show, telling Casey that it was far superior to the other two in artistry and beauty.

Casey said that there were more than 300 exhibits of manufacturers in the building and more than a private showrooms throughout town.

## And So To Bed

The mother called in the father and a short consultation was held.

"Son," the father said "you will have to try to write better than this," as he displayed a sample of the 8-year-old youngster's handwriting.

"Well, Daddy," the little tike answered, "If I learn to write better, then you will fuss with me about the way I spell. Daddy gave up."

# Little Sally Ann O'Leary Tucks Her Leg Braces Away; If Your Tongue Rolls You Can Pronounce These Names

## Associated Press Comes To Public's Rescue On Indonesia

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Here are the pronunciations of names of some of the leading figures in the Indonesian-Dutch conflict and some of the place names in the fighting.

For example it will be noted in writings by Andrew J. Howell, that Southport was formerly Smithville and before that Fort Johnson.

Also the Cape Fear River was known from time to time as the Charles River and then the Clarendon River.

And again the cape at the mouth of the river was formerly the Cape Fair and later the Cape Fear. Wilmington itself bore the names of Newton and New Liverpool.

**ODD INCIDENTS** — Also noted in Howell's book of Wilmington is

## Along The Cape Fear

the interesting story of the causeway across Eagle's Island over in Brunswick county.

Howell wrote that with the separation of Brunswick from New Hanover a project was started to construct a causeway across Eagle's Island as part of an improved roadway between Wilmington and Brunswick.

The idea came about as a result of the difficulty of crossing the morass that formed the island.

The collector of the port, Colonel William Dry, conceived the idea of using ballast from vessels coming into the harbor for the causeway.

The work extended over a long period of time and was finally completed.

## Pittsburgh Child Walks Unaided After Baths At Famous Shrine

PITTSBURGH, July 21 — (AP)—Sally Ann O'Leary's braces are tucked away in a desk drawer today. She said she didn't think she'd need them any more.

The red-haired, freckled girl who returned this morning from an air journey to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, grimaced slightly as she closed the drawer on the steel and leather bands.

"I feel much better," she said. "I don't expect to wear those braces anymore."

To prove it, she walked about the room. Her steps were halting, to be sure, but still she walked without reaching for furniture or other aids.

Mrs. Ellen O'Leary, who accompanied her twelve-year-old daughter

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