

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness today, colder with occasional light rain tonight; Friday, considerable cloudiness and colder.

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Strike Riots Spread South

Marseille Police Arrest 130 Persons For Disorders; Two Killed

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Marseille police arrested 130 persons as strike violence, instigated by Communist-led unions fighting a back-to-work movement among the nation's 2,000,000 idle workers, swept tonight through Southern France, including the fashionable Riviera.

Two men were killed at Valenciennes — shot to death during a fight with police at the railroad station, strikers said—raising to 24 the number of fatalities from France's wave of rioting and sabotage. The strikers drove police out of the station and re-occupied it.

Twenty-two persons were injured at Nice where, as at Cannes, police battled mobs at the post office. A general strike was called at Nice. A strike at Antibes-Juan Les Pins closed almost all businesses and the city hall.

Airmen Strike

The Marseille arrests were made for a variety of disorders. At the Marseilles Airport outside Marseille, a strike by Air France personnel halted service between Corsica and Marseille. Troops continued to unload wheat from ships in Marseille, however, and four post offices reopened in the city, with army trucks carrying the mail between Marseille and Lyon.

The government claimed a strike in Paris when a union representing 250,000 store clerks cancelled a strike, saying it had obtained some of its demands. The Interior Ministry said a saboteur had blown up a 150,000 volt high tension line at Pessac, near Brittany.

THOUSANDS VIEW 'FREEDOM TRAIN'

Charlotte Crowds Form Four-Block Line To See U. S. Documents

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 4.—Thousands of Carolinians filed slowly through the Freedom Train today to get a brief glimpse of the greatest treasure of historical documents ever gathered in one place.

Thousands of others couldn't get close enough to get even a peek at the exterior of the sleek red, white and blue streamliner which played a one-way stand in the Southern light yards.

At 4 p. m., the waiting line extended twice around a block. "It has been a jam ever since we have been," W. H. S. Hien, director of the train, said. "At Winston-Salem yesterday we had more than 11,000 people here."

"As far as we have had—up until the time we started letting them in here this morning—663,537, virtually two-thirds of a million. We clock ever person that goes in. And we have hardly got started. We have been in 14 states and we are going into all of them before we end the trip next September. Everywhere the people have stormed us and we only wish that more persons could see it."

The train moves on to Greensboro tomorrow and to Raleigh Saturday. At Winston-Salem more than 2,000 persons were unable to get aboard. Members of the sponsoring committee in Charlotte were fearful that many more would be disappointed tonight.

Judge John J. Parker and Asst. Attorney General Lamar See THOUSANDS on Page Seven

The Weather

FORECAST
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.
TEMPERATURES
6:30 a. m. 49; 7:30 a. m. 49; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 68.
Maximum 67; Minimum 46; Mean 58; Normal 51.
HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 79; 7:30 p. m. 75.
PRECIPITATION
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0 inches.
Total since the first of the month 0 inches.
TIDES FOR TODAY
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Wilmington
High 1:32 a. m.; 10:37 a. m.; 3:59 p. m.; 11:14 p. m.
Low 7:30 a. m.; 1:32 a. m.; 7:36 a. m.; 3:59 p. m.; 10:37 a. m.; 6:16 p. m.; 11:14 p. m.
Moonset 1:14 p. m.
Moonrise 7:02 p. m.; Sunset 5:03 p. m.; Moonrise 1:14 p. m.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Thursday report missing. See More WEATHER on Page Seven

17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS

Wilmington Greets Older Boys' Day

City To Play Host To First Time In History; Mayor White Will Extend Welcome

BY ROBERT MILLER
Star Staff Writer
Mayor E. L. White will welcome approximately 50 delegates to the 29th annual Hi-Y Older Boys' conference of the Inter-state Young Men's Christian Association at the initial meeting of the three-day event tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Gray Hall of the St. James Episcopal church.
For the first time in the history of the Older Boys' conference, Wilmington will act as host. Representing Wilmington will be Malcolm Crawford and Floyd Williams, seniors; Larry Dagenhart and James Odham, juniors; Eugene Hicks and Randolph Lewis, sophomores.
The representatives will register at the conference headquarters, YMCA, between 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. today where they will be assigned to various homes throughout the city.
Paul L. Peterson, of Kannapolis, will preside at the opening session and introduce the representatives.
Malcolm Crawford, president of the senior Wilmington Hi-Y, will greet the State club representatives after which Bob Linn of Kannapolis, will give the response.
The Rt. Rev. Thomas Henry Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, Friday night will deliver the keynote address, "Is A Christian World Possible?"
Election of new officers will be held.

Johnson May Ask Board To Restore R. L. Fritz

Gubernatorial Candidate To Await Outcome Of Court Case

RALEIGH, Dec. 4.—State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said today that he will ask fellow members of the State Board of Education to restore the teaching certificate of R. L. Fritz, Jr., in the event the Caldwell county jury clears the former Hudson school principal of charges growing out of payroll padding activities.
Fritz, president of the North Carolina Education association and a controversial figure in state education circles, goes on trial December 15 in Caldwell Superior court on charges of obtaining money under false pretense. The money involved was over \$1,600 in state school funds.
Heretofore, Gubernatorial Candidate Johnson has steered clear of an active stand in connection with the Fritz case. At previous meetings when the Fritz matter was discussed and acted upon by the State Board of Education, Johnson either was absent or refrained from engaging in the debates.
Breaks Precedent
Shortly before the case was brought to the attention of the State Board last summer, Fritz broke precedent by announcing that he planned to support Johnson in the gubernatorial race next year. Up until that time, no NCEA president had come to such a stand.

GOVERNOR SCORES PUBLIC SPENDING

Cherry Tells Citizens Association Tax Increase Unwarranted

RALEIGH, Dec. 4.—A tax-conscious group of 40 business and professional members of the North Carolina Citizens Association thrashed out the taxation problem here today and at a luncheon session attended by a crowd of more than 200, heard Governor Cherry stress that public spending must be held in check.
North Carolina, Cherry told the Association's annual assembly, is "not in a position" to increase our taxes, "nor should we be called on to do so."
The Association's essay contest prize, \$50 bonds for the best explanation by school youths of what the state should contribute to school building construction, was presented following Cherry's address to:
Ida Moore of Oxford, Ellen Dupree of Smithfield, Mary Rose Hall of Kannapolis, Wilma Broome of Mt. Airy, John Taylor of Washington, Juanita Jordan of Massey Hill.
Gets Cup Also
Miss Dupree received in addition a silver cup.
In its election of officers, the group picked Howard M. Wade, president of Wade Manufacturing Co., as president.

THIRD ATTACK ON WOMEN REPORTED

Mrs. Gertrude Jones Robbed Of \$55 By Negro Man

For the second time in three nights and the third time in a week a Wilmington white woman last night was assaulted by a Negro man purse snatcher, local detectives reported.
Mrs. Gertrude Jones was pushed to the sidewalk in front of her residence at No. 7 South Fourth street by an unidentified Negro who grabbed her purse, containing \$55 and ran, she told the police. Mrs. Jones sustained abrasions of the forehead and lacerations on the side of the head in the assault detectives said.
She was just returning to her home after being downtown when she was attacked at around 7 p. m., police said.
Local detectives, who under the direction of Captain L. A. Teague were still working on the case and checking possible suspects at an early this morning, said that they believed that the robber was the same man who attacked Mrs. Lucile Cannady, 410 Grace street, with a brick Tuesday night.
Mrs. Cannady, who was assaulted about three doors from her home while returning from downtown and who was treated at James Walker Memorial hospital for her injuries, said that her attacker fled with her purse containing around \$10.
When apprehended the Negro raider will face charges of highway robbery, since he used armed force in his assaults on the housewives, police pointed out.

ICE STORM HITS PARTS OF KANSAS

Great Bend Area Suffers Worst Condition In 75 Year Period

By The Associated Press
A severe ice storm, reported to be the worst in 75 years in some sections of Kansas, was centered in Southwestern Iowa Thursday night and moving Northeastward toward Northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.
The storm caused extensive wire breaks and crippled long distance lines throughout central and Western Kansas Thursday, and was expected to reach Michigan Friday.
Snow was reported from sections of the Western mountainous states and there was occasional rain in the lower Mississippi valley. In North Hollywood, Calif., rain up to 1.50 inches broke the Southern California record.

Betty Britt's Service-Bits Cover Many Things

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 4.—Ten-year-old Betty Britt got businesslike today when she set out to earn her Christmas money.
She advertised "Service With A Smile—From A Child," and listed her rates for "Betty Britt's Service Bits."
Piano Music for programs and parties, 50 cents.
Piano lessons, through the first book, 25 cents a lesson.
Cup cakes, 30 cents a dozen.
With frosting, five cents extra.
Baby sitting, 25 cents an hour.
Leaves raked, 25 cents per "average yard."
Front porch and walk swept, 10 cents.
Windows cleaned, 15 cents each, cleaning powder included.

Arab World Intensifies Campaign For Recruits To Fight Partition; New Food Conservation Drive On

Meatless, Eggless Days To Continue

Distillers, Brewers To Be Asked To Extend Grain Holiday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—An intensified voluntary food conservation drive to combat inflation at home and provide relief for Europe was announced by President Truman's food cabinet committee today coincident with a government report showing average wholesale prices at a new Postwar high.
One of the primary features of the new campaign is continuation of eggless and meatless days. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said this phase must prove effective or "I don't see how we can avoid price control on meat."
The food committee said a "major objective" of the drive is to keep food prices from going still higher. It also calls for:
1—A reduction by distillers on their use of grain after the voluntary 60-day shutdown ends midnight Dec. 24. The Distilled Spirits Institute, representing about 70 per cent of the industry, announced immediately that it will recommend a plan for reduced operations by distillers.
2—The brewing industry will be asked to extend its conservation drive beyond Feb. 1.
3—The baking industry will be asked to take more vigorous action to curtail consignment selling of bread.



THE FORMER GRAND MUFTI of Palestine, Haj Amin El Husseini, who fled to help Hitler during the war, is shown at a meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, with other Arab leaders. Their talk at the time centered around the future plans for Palestine, should the U. N. plan for partition go through. Pictured facing the camera are (l. to r.): Bishop Hakin of Haifa; the ex-Grand Mufti; Isa Bendak, Mayor of Bethlehem, and Emil Ghoury, representative of the Christian Arabs on the Arab High Committee. (International Exclusive)

Thousands Enlist To Battle Jews

Riots, Property Destruction Spreads To Arabian Sea Coast

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4.—Acceleration of the Arab world's recruiting campaign for soldiers to fight the partition of Palestine was reported tonight as a armed riot and destruction spread unchecked through the Middle East from the Mediterranean to the Arabian Sea.
Volunteers flocked to the Arab colors in many Arab states and vague reports circulated in many places of an invasion of the Holy Land from other countries to fight the Jews.
Bloodshed and disorders were widespread throughout the Middle East and in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, the office of the United States Information Service was raided and wrecked. In Palestine, angry Arabs took their fight to the highways, as a wall of encircling British troops and police kept apart would-be combatants in the major cities.
Two British soldiers were found seriously injured, unconscious and robbed of their Sten guns tonight on the bloody border separating Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Police said both Arabs and Jews lived in the streets where the soldiers were found and were unable to determine which faction attacked the pair.
Score: Wounded
Aler security forces on 24-hour duty contained Palestine's major threats, but scores of Jews and Arabs were wounded in attacks on taxis and bus convoys and the Associated Press compilation of deaths for three days of rioting, arson and looting mounted to 20 Jews and 16 Arabs.
The compilation listed hundreds of injured. Hebrew newspapers estimated damage in Jerusalem alone at \$4,000,000, only 15 per cent of the loss being covered by insurance.
A Jewish-owned coffee house in one of Jerusalem's three safety zones was burned tonight and three children and one Arab were wounded when an Arab band ambushed a convoy of six Jewish automobiles in front of the Transjordan Consulate in the Holy City.
The reports of a Palestine invasion See THOUSANDS on Page Seven

Nurses Answer Staff Doctors; Charlotte To Bargain Direct

Memorial Director To Seek New Pay Scale, Holiday Schedule For Girls

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 4.—Graduate nurses at Charlotte Memorial hospital have voted unanimously to deal personally with the institution in their request for increased salaries. Administrator R. Z. Thomas, Jr., said tonight.
Thomas added that he would make recommendations for pay increases and improved working conditions for the nurses to a special meeting of the executive finance committee of the hospital Monday night.
The nurses' action today apparently removed the North Carolina Nurses Association from the picture as a bargaining agent.
Yesterday Mrs. Marie Noell of Raleigh, executive secretary of the association, said that she had tried to arrange a conference with Thomas to represent the nurses, but that Thomas had declined to see her.
Thomas said he was confident that suggestions for improved salaries and conditions could be worked out directly between the nurses and the hospital, without See MEMORIAL on Page Seven

84 YEARS AFTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Eighty-four years ago the Riggs & Co. bank quickly honored a \$5 check signed by Abraham Lincoln and made out simply to a "colored man with one leg."
Today the Riggs National bank was not so gracious with another "colored man with one leg" who aimed a toy pistol at teller John J. Gorman, Jr., and demanded \$1,000.
Gorman, noting that the pistol was as phony as a \$9 bill, summoned a guard who held the man for police. Booked on a charge of attempted robbery, the man said he wanted money "for Christmas."

Meeting Recalls Upholding Physicians When They Raised Call Fee

The 38 resigned nurses of James Walker Memorial Hospital in a meeting last night took occasion to answer the staff doctors of the hospital in condemning their resignations as being "unprofessional."
The nurses said that they had upheld the doctors when the doctors raised their fee from \$3 to \$5 for day calls and \$8 for night calls.
"We remained loyal to the doctors as professional ethics require and made no comment unless it was in support of the doctors," the nurses said. "Wherever we practice the profession of nursing we shall continue to be loyal to the doctors with whom we are working," they added.
The staff nurses made it clear that the economic security program of their national association is being put into effect all over the nation, and the issues have been settled in other hospitals besides the North Carolina hospitals recently in the news.
"The economic security program is national in scope," the spokesman emphasized. "First launched in California, it is already a definite success there. After the California nurses persevered through a long campaign."
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ATTORNEY LAUDS TONNAGE REPORT

Ports Authority Well Pleased Over Future Business Possibilities

State Ports Authority Attorney J. Metville Broughton yesterday praised the report on anticipated tonnage and business here if harbor and warehouse facilities are made available at the local port and said the report would be used as the basis for future harbor expansion.
The result of several months' work by the Frederick R. Harrison Engineering company of New York, the report was given yesterday to Broughton, Executive Secretary J. T. Hiers of the Wilmington Port Commission; Henry C. Boyd, Sr., industrial traffic and rate expert in Wilmington; and R. B. Page, Sr., SPA chairman.
Details of the report, financed by funds from the Federal Works Administration, were not made public; but it was said that it disclosed innumerable possibilities for increased tobacco, lumber and other type tonnage to be handled through Wilmington and Morehead City.
Supporting Data
Declaring that "We'll get the business if we can get the facilities," Broughton said of the report, "It will be the supporting data for any state or federal appropriations we may ask for in the future."
"There are some surprising things disclosed here, and I'm sure that if Wilmington and Morehead City can get the facilities necessary for water borne commerce, North Carolina's will have its brightest future in history."
He said that the report would be disclosed in full when it is finally clarified in all phases by the State officials.

ZIONISTS SEEKING TO RECRUIT ARMY

Rabbi Baruch Korff Says 250,000 Will See Palestine Duty

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Rabbi Baruch D. Korff, 33, of New York said today that a Zionist organization was recruiting 250,000 Americans as a volunteer army to fight for the Jewish nation in strife-torn Palestine.
Korff, co-chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine said "we volunteers—to be known as the "George Washington Battalion"—hoped to win arms and support from the United Nations.
Korff was in Boston visiting his father, Grand Rabbi Jacob L. Korff of Dorchester, after being cleared of French charges that he planned to shower London with propaganda leaflets.
However, a State Department spokesman said passport issued to any person in the United States, who signed up as a volunteer to fight in Palestine or anywhere else in the world would be invalidated.
"For several years," the spokesman said, "American passports have borne the statement, 'this passport is not valid for travel to or in any foreign state for the purpose of entering or serving in the armed forces of such a state.'"
Statement Denied
A statement by Korff that troops in the American occupation army have smuggled arms to the Jewish underground drew See ZIONISTS on Page Seven

OHIO CITY TAKES TOYLAND'S GUNS

Ordinance Even Bars Side-Arms From Colorful Cowboy Suits

PAINESVILLE, O., Dec. 4.—The annual "disarmament" of Christmas toy displays in Painesville stores has been resumed this year.
Acting under regulations of a 45-year-old city ordinance, Painesville's police department uncovered three miniature "depots" of toy guns and pistols in local stores—and ordered them removed from the sight of admiring youthful eyes.
Police Chief John A. Barstow explained that the ordinance prohibits sale of toy guns of metal or any hard substance" within the Painesville city limits as a precaution against possible See OHIO on Page Seven

NEWSPRINT PRICE BOOSTED \$6 TON

Canadian Producers Announce Increase Effective January 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Abitibi Sales Co., Ltd. today announced in Toronto an increase of \$6 a ton to \$96 in the price of newsprint effective Jan. 1, 1948. The company is the selling agency for Abitibi Paper and Paper Co., Ltd., one of the largest Canadian producers.
Abitibi's announcement followed a statement in Montreal by Consolidated Paper Sales Ltd. that the latter's price would be unchanged for the first two months of 1948. The statement said a future advance seemed unavoidable "because of continuing sharp advances in our production costs." Consolidated See NEWSPRINT on Page Seven

Along The Cape Fear

LIGHTS FOR CASTLE—For the first time in history Christmas lighting will be extended to the Castle street business district with the erection of holiday lights between Sixth and Seventh streets, according to an announcement yesterday by John H. Farrell executive secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.
The lights already are being erected and will be ready for illumination by Saturday, Farrell said.
Merchants in the block are contributing to the cost of the holiday lighting project, he disclosed. The innovation will make the Castle street area one of the bright spots of the Wilmington holiday shoppers mecca.
MAY MAKE HISTORY—Historic Wilmington, cradle of the American revolution and scene of the South's gallant blockade running in the War Between the States, has a flare for historical firsts in the documents of the Old North State and the current controversy over the recognition of the North Carolina Nurses association as bargaining agent for staff nurses at James Walker Memorial hospital may set another historical precedent.
Half a dozen or more hospitals in the state are eagerly watching the progress of the controversy in Wilmington, and editors of a number of North Carolina dailies are asking to be informed of the latest developments here each day.

And So To Bed

A Lake Forest woman driver yesterday backed her car from its parking place and ran into an object in the street. She stopped suddenly, got out and took a look at what she hit.
Lying in the street under her car was an automobile battery. "Oh, my goodness," she exclaimed. She picked up the heavy battery, placed it in the car and drove to a service station.
"Please put my battery back in place," she urged the bewildered attendant. "You see," she explained, "my I was backing out of a parking place it fell from the

40,000 Football Fans Change Tenor Of Speech

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 4.—The course of autumn events spoiled the plans of James S. Childers, member of the Chapel Hill authors' colony, had made in preparing a speech to be delivered before the University Club.
Childers was scheduled to talk on "The Foundation and Operation of a University," and in the speech he prepared he planned to say that an ideal university would have "no football team and no fraternities and would really be run by the faculty."
But before time for the speech to be delivered, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels defeated Virginia 40 to 7 before 40,000 fans in Chapel Hill.
So when the faculty meeting was held, Childers made a speech about wild animals he had seen while hunting big game in Africa.

AMATEUR YEGGMEN DAMAGE OFFICES

Swift Plant Food Division Building Entered Thursday Morning
Amateur safe crackers made a vain effort to break open the six-foot safe at the offices of Swift and company's Plant Foods division plant on the Nigger Head road early yesterday morning, according to J. S. Zapf, manager of the plant.
The bandits entered the building through a window and apparently after an unsuccessful attempt to open the safe they broke into numerous desks and ransacked the drawers.
The combination of the safe was knocked off and the robbers attempted to remove the heavy door by knocking off the hinges and removing the bolts.
Harry Fals, city-county identification bureau chief and sheriff's department officers investigated the break-in and reported that foot prints found outside the window indicated that four men took part in the entry.
The break-in was discovered by the nightwatchman shortly after dawn yesterday morning. Only a small amount of petty cash is kept in the office building, the manager told officers.