

Wilmington and vicinity: Showers and mild today, followed by clearing weather and colder tonight; Tuesday fair and rather cold.

France Jails 1,000 People

All Paris Subway, Bus Employees To Strike This Morning

PARIS, Dec. 7. —(AP)—All Paris subway and bus employees were called out on a 4 8-hour strike for higher wages tonight a few hours after the government announced the arrest of nearly 1,000 persons in a France-wide campaign against sabotage in transport industry and transportation.

The Communist-dominated general confederation of labor (CGT) voted the strike, which will begin at midnight after the central strike committee, a central strike committee, a group of CGT members who function independently, rejected Premier Robert Schuman's government's offer of a cost-of-living money indemnity for workers.

The Paris subway normally opens at 6 A.M. and it was estimated that 2,000,000 Parisians who depend on the subways and buses would have to bicycle, use their automobiles or walk.

1,000 Arrested A few hours before the strike was called, the Interior Ministry announced the arrest of nearly 1,000 persons in its sweeping strike against saboteurs. Security police made the arrests over the past eight days, a ministry spokesman said, and about 500 of them were taken into custody Saturday and today.

"Some have been detained," See FRANCE On Page Two

NEW STORM HEADS TO NEW ENGLAND

Surge Of Cold Air Sweeping Down Out Of Central Canada

CHICAGO, Dec. 7. —(AP)—A new storm developed over the central plains today and moved eastward.

The storm brought light snow and freezing rain to scattered sections of the upper Mississippi Valley. A similar storm disrupted communications and travel in the Dakotas and Iowa last week.

Temperatures were considerably higher in the central Mississippi Valley but a new surge of cold air was sweeping toward the midwest from Canada.

The U. S. Weather Bureau said the cold wave would cut across the northern midwest, reenter Canada, and then cut back and bring snow flurries to the New England states tonight or tomorrow.

Temperatures tumbled today in Montana and North Dakota as the cold air moved in from Canada. The coldest spot in the nation this morning was Williston, N. D., where the mercury dropped to 10 below zero.

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POLICE HUNT COUPLE WHO MADE OFF WITH CASH REGISTER

RALEIGH, Dec. 7. —(AP)—A young couple who carried off a cash register containing more than \$500 from Proeschler's restaurant at Cary last night was being sought by Wake county officers today.

Officers said that the young man and woman entered the restaurant near closing time at midnight last night and ordered a dinner to be taken with them in their car.

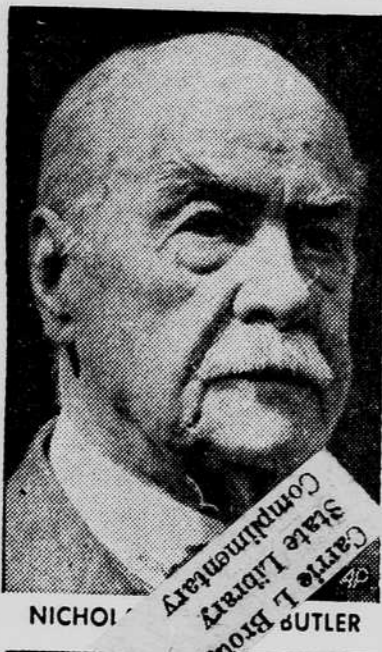
The cashier went to the kitchen to give their order, the officers said, and when she returned the couple and the cash register were gone.

The Weather

South Carolina and North Carolina: Showers and mild Monday, followed by clearing and colder Monday night; Tuesday fair and rather cold. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. Yesterday: High 60; Low 40; Mean 50. Precipitation: 0.10 inch. Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.10 inch. From the Table Published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey: High 61.5 a. m.; 12:45 a. m.; 6:30 a. m.; 1:15 p. m.; 4:32 a. m.; 10:30 p. m. Minimum 58; Maximum 68; Mean 60; Humidity 70. Precipitation: 0.10 inch. Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.10 inch. From the Table Published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey: High 61.5 a. m.; 12:45 a. m.; 6:30 a. m.; 1:15 p. m.; 4:32 a. m.; 10:30 p. m. Minimum 58; Maximum 68; Mean 60; Humidity 70. Precipitation: 0.10 inch. Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. — 0.10 inch.

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS



NOTED EDUCATOR TAKEN BY DEATH

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler Dies At New York Of Bronchial Pneumonia

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. —(AP)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, 85, eminent educator and eloquent spokesman for world peace who was president of Columbia University for 44 years, died early today of bronchial pneumonia.

Dr. Butler, who had been blind in his later years and who had been president emeritus of Columbia since his retirement in 1945, died at St. Luke's hospital where he had been admitted after suffering an attack of indigestion.

He developed bronchial pneumonia last Thursday and his condition became critical last night. He was unconscious at the end which came at 1:52 a. m. (EST). With him at his bedside were his wife, the former Miss Kate La Montagne, and his two physicians, Dr. William H. McCastline, Columbia medical officer, and Dr. William H. Boese, a member of the university medical staff.

Dr. Frank Fackenthal, acting president of the university, announced that funeral services for Dr. Butler will be held at 11 A. M. (EST) Tuesday in St. Paul Chapel on the Columbia campus to which Dr. Butler came as a 16-year-old freshman in 1878.

Dr. Fackenthal, in announcing the arrangements, said the See EDUCATOR On Page Two

FRIENDSHIP BOAT SAILS TO FRANCE

Brief Ceremony At Pier Marks Departure Of Gift Food Vessel

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. —(AP)—A friendship crammed with eight million pounds of food brought from all parts of the nation on the Friendship Train, sailed for France today with America's Christmas present for the people of that strife-torn nation.

Gaily bedecked with flags and with the words, "Friendship Cargo, USA" printed on its sides, the 10,000-ton freighter American Leader steamed from the New York harbor, sounding its whistle as it passed the Statue of Liberty, famed symbol of France's friendship for the United States.

It was the first of four ships which will carry to France and Italy the tons of food contributed by schoolchildren, farmers, businessmen and entire communities as the Friendship Train rolled cross-country from Los Angeles to New York last month.

Destination was Le Havre where the Friendship was scheduled to arrive Dec. 15 in time for distribution throughout France before Christmas.

Ton Of Honey In the holds of the American Leader were 10,000 pounds of macaroni, given by the churchwomen of Kemmerer, Wyo.; raisins from Fresno, Calif.; tons of flour from Kansas; corn from the Sioux Indian tribe at Grand Island, Nebr., and a ton of honey given by a man in Clinton, Ia.

There was \$73,000 in cash which will be used to buy more food in France. And there were See FRIENDSHIP On Page Two

Pilots On Ground Talk Man Into Safe Landing

Ft Wayne, Ind., Dec. 7. —(AP)—An inexperienced pilot who radioed that his plane was spinning to earth through a heavy overcast was able to land safely today after other pilots told him by radio how to right his craft.

C. W. Baldwin, Ft. Wayne, flying alone in a single-engine Cessna, messaged the Baer Field control tower at dusk that he was spinning in the dark, cloud-filled sky. He said he had had little experience, his plane had few instruments and he had fuel for only a short time longer.

Brotherhoods In Politics

Eighteen Organizations Form League To "Educate" Members

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. —(AP)—The President of 18 railroad brotherhoods today organized "Railway Labor's Political League" to inform their 1,250,000 members of each Congressman's record on labor issues and to get out the railroad vote in next year's general election.

With the CIO and the AFL already seeking \$1 contributions from their 13,600,000 members to defeat legislators who voted for the Taft-Hartley labor act, the projected brotherhoods campaign could swell to \$20,000,000 the fund which organized labor hopes to throw into the 1948 campaign.

Brotherhood officials indicated that they, too, would adopt the voluntary contribution system to keep within the Taft-Hartley act which outlaws use of union dues for political purposes.

Three Points The brotherhoods did not say outright that they will run for Taft-Hartley act proponents, but the preamble to the by-laws of their new league states that the organization was formed "to encourage railway workers to more fully and effectively exercise their right to vote" and to inform them:

1. Of the attitude of candidates for public office toward the social and economic problems of railway workers.

2. Of the voting records, statements and other actions of candidates for public office in matters which involve the interests of such workers.

3. Of the opinions of various railway labor organizations with respect to the qualifications of such candidates and "to do such things as may be deemed proper to fully inform railway workers as to the qualifications of such candidates."

A. E. Lyon, executive secretary of the Railway Labor Executives Association who was elected league chairman, emphasized that all contributions from railway workers would be "voluntary."

Funds Needed "Such funds as are needed will be solicited through voluntary contributions in order that we don't violate the Taft-Hartley law — although we think the act is unconstitutional," he said.

He said the brotherhoods took no position on any candidates, nor was endorsement of any presidential candidate discussed. He added that there may be some changes in the by-laws before final plans are completed.

President William Green of the AFL said, in announcing a similar AFL campaign last week, that his organization might endorse a presidential candidate after the eight national political conventions choose their nominees next summer.

Not represented in the new league are the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, headed by A. F. Whitney, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, headed by Alvanelly Johnston.

SIX PEOPLE DIE WHEN HOME BURNS

Two Other Members Of Family Make Escape From Building

MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 7. —Six members of a family of eight perished today in a fire which destroyed their second-story apartment over a downtown store in the nearby village of Greenwich as they slept.

Dead were Warnie Rice, 48; his wife, Stella, 43, and their children, Donald 18, Martha 16; Robert, 14 and Roy 4.

The two other sons, Joe, 6, and Dewey, 21, and a half-brother of Rice, Evert Ratliff, 25, escaped, although Joe's condition was reported as critical by hospital attendants.

Evert said the father died in a vain rescue attempt after first making his way out of the burning building.

Fire Chief H. S. McLaughlin said he believed the fire was caused by an over-heated wood kitchen stove.

Americans Reconciled To Failure Of Big Four Minister's Meeting; Arabs Ambush Busses At Tel Aviv

Two Jews Killed In Street Attack

Snipers Make Escape As British Convoy Moves To Rescue

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 7. —(AP)—Two Jews were killed today in a lightning attack by Arabs on 30 busses, convoyed by British armored cars, in the hill country between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The Arabs lay in ambush on the fringe of a pine forest on the mountain road. They opened fire as the main group of busses passed. Two Jewish passengers, a man and a woman, were killed.

The attackers fled, as police raced up in their armored cars, and escaped up a steep hill.

Two Jews were wounded seriously today when an Arab hand grenade struck a bus in Jerusalem as it was being driven to the Hebrew university.

The body of a Jew found killed in Jaffa, Arab sister city of Jewish Tel Aviv, brought the day's death toll to three, and brought the unofficial death toll in a week of fighting since the United Nations voted to partition Palestine to 78—53 Jews and 25 Arabs.

It is believed that numerous additional Arabs have been killed. See JEWS On Page Two

CHORUS PROGRAM FEATURES SOLOS

Trumpet, Tenor Numbers Will Be Presented At Home Benefit

Program for the musical performance scheduled for Wednesday evening at 8:15 in the New Hanover high school auditorium for the benefit of the Catherine Kennedy Home New Building Fund was announced today by the sponsoring organization, the Atlantic Coast Line Male Chorus.

Highlighted by the first public appearance of the ACL Ladies Chorus, the program also features trumpet solos by young Emerson Head, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lila W. Head; violin solos by J. E. Rose, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Edwards; tenor solo by G. S. Blomme; several members by the Male Chorus Vocal Ensemble and a grand finale by the combined choruses singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah."

The concert is under the direction of Edwin D. Clark, conductor, with Mrs. Sam A. Troy, Jr., accompanist.

In addition to "The Messiah" number, the evening's program See CHORUS On Page Two

Elizabeth City Clubs To Share Their Food

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 7. —Representatives of Elizabeth City civic and social clubs pledged themselves at a meeting here today to forego needless refreshments at their parties and meetings in order to send food to starving children of Europe.

The group voted to organize "Food For the Future Campaign," and representatives of the various organizations to explain the campaign to their groups and to distribute pledges for the club members to sign.

The pledge follows. "We the people of this community have at long last recognized that the children who are starving in Europe are starving through no fault of their own.

"Wanting to do something concrete and direct to aid these helpless children of Europe, believing that the salvation of these children means the peace of the world, and realizing that in our entertainment at home in our clubs and churches we overindulge in food to the extent of wastefulness, we pledge to forego

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Along The Cape Fear

INDEPENDENCE CRADLE—With the coming of the Freedom Train Wednesday, a reader of this column has sent in some historical notes worth more than a passing.

It is pointed out that in Wilmington the first flame of the American Revolution began to crackle, and that it was the indomitable spirit of the sons of Wilmington which gave the other colonies the courage to fight to the end.

After this was won the natives resumed their progressive activities. The townsmen devoted much of their time to improvement of the historic town.

After the establishment of the Wilmington Gas Light company in 1854, Wilmington was considered a very modern city.

But the beat of drums, the sound of marching feet, and the boom of cannons came again in 1861 to shatter the progress of peace.



FREEDOM TRAIN ARRIVES WEDNESDAY—Residents of Wilmington and Southeastern North Carolina will have the opportunity to see the famous, priceless historical American documents touring the nation aboard The Freedom Train from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. Wednesday as the train is parked on the Atlantic Coast Line spur track at the shipyard here. Powered by a 2,000-horsepower Diesel engine capable of 120 miles an hour, the train, sponsored by the American Heritage foundation, will arrive in the city with its precious cargo early Wednesday morning.

\$7,500,000,000 Looms As Goal Of Marshall Plan Installment

Meat Rationing Needed Now, Sen. Flanders Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. —(AP)—The administration was reported ready today to ask Congress for a \$7,500,000,000 first installment on the Marshall European recovery plan but some leaders of both political parties said it was far too much.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, chairman of the powerful Senate Republican Steering committee, said he had revised "downward" his thinking on a long-range foreign spending and was "approaching" the \$4,000,000,000 mark.

Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., a ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said he believed that "one-half to one-third of what the administration wants should do the job."

Some observers saw the state- See \$7,500,000,000 On Page Two

WILMINGTON MAN HONORED BY CPP

Hugh Morton Named Vice President Of State Press Photographers

GREENSBORO, Dec. 7. —R. W. Stevens, chief photographer for the Raleigh News and Observer, was chosen today by members of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association to head the organization for the coming year.

He succeeded June Glenn, Jr., of the Asheville Citizen-times at the annual meeting held here.

Other officers for 1948 were Hugh Morton of Wilmington, first vice-president; Don Martin of the Charlotte News, second vice-president; Johnny Haylock of the Greensboro Daily News, recording secretary, and Richard Minor of the Burlington Times-News, treasurer.

Frank Jones of the Winston Salem Journal-Sentinel was appointed publicity chairman and a new membership committee consisting of John G. Hemmer of the State News Bureau, Raleigh, Charles Kilbreth of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, and Charles Cooper of the Durham Herald was also named by the new president.

The cameramen approved a proposal to enter the North Carolina Press Association and designated the president or his appointee as the standing delegate to the sessions of that body. The next meeting of the N.C. P.A. will be the annual institute at Chapel Hill in January.

Gun-Toting Girl Makes Man Rob His Own Home

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7. —A gun-toting girl, feigning illness, tricked a motorist into giving her a ride early today, police said, and then forced him to loot his own home of jewelry, silverware and clothing before driving off in his automobile.

Police later arrested Joyce Brown, 22, a nightclub hostess who, they said, admitted the bizarre holdup. Miss Brown, freed last week under \$1,000 bail on charges of stealing a taxicab,

was taken into custody after an eight-state alarm was broadcast. The holdup victim, Clement B. Hoskins, 26, of suburban Gladwyn, said the girl forced him to drive to his home where for two hours she covered him with a revolver while he loaded his family's valuables into the car.

His wife and infant child were spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West, in Norfolk, Va., Hoskins, a former Navy lieutenant, said,

Molotov Unlikely To Change Views

Marshall Reported As "Muffed" Over Dulles Paris Visit

LONDON, Dec. 7. —American officials are virtually reconciled to failure of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference well-informed sources said tonight. Some officials are prepared, if the meeting breaks up in disagreement, to recommend that no date be set at present for another meeting.

All hope has not been abandoned that Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov still may make some concession to avoid open failure, such as whittling down materially its demand or \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany.

But there has been nothing to indicate any chance for agreement between Russia and the Western Allies on any major point of the German and Austrian treaties.

The atmosphere of gloom surrounding the conference deepened when American officials close to Secretary of State George C. Marshall indicated strongly that he was displeased over the "fact finding" visit to Paris of John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy expert who is a key member of the American delegation.

Dulles Returns Dulles returned tonight. It was understood that he would prepare a memorandum for Marshall on his talks in Paris with French government leaders and with Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

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TRUMAN ATTENDS CHURCH SERVICES

President Spends Afternoon On Beach; Flies Home Today

KEY WEST, FLA., Dec. 7. —President Truman went to church with the Navy today, attending services held in the small chapel of the sub-marine base where he is staying.

Because services of several faiths are held in the same chapel, the President had to get up early to make the Protestant services which began at 9:30 A. M.

Wearing a seersucker suit and swinging a favorite cane, the President walked about five blocks from his quarters to the chapel with Capt. C. C. Adell, commanding officer of the naval base.

The chapel is in a small, second-story portion of a barracks-type building. The President and members of his staff sat in pews in the front of the room. Back of the President were several wives of officers holding small children on their knees, and the fathers looked a bit embarrassed when the restless children started dropping hymn books on the floor.

Lt. Davis Preaches Lt. W. J. Davis, of Brunswick, Ga., the Protestant chaplain of the base.

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SYRIAN PARLIAMENT VOTES TO MOBILIZE ARMY FOR HOLY WAR

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 8. —(AP)—The parliament of Syria, springboard of the proposed "Jihad" against proposed Palestine, has voted general mobilization of the army, the Exchange Telegraph news agency reported today.

The agency reported that the Syrian legislators sang their national anthem after passing the bill. Heavy patrols of gendarmes were posted in the Jewish quarter of Damascus, Syria's capital, as a precautionary measure.

And So To Bed

An old member of the Wilmington Exchange club, who had not attended the past three meetings, was recognized by President Sam Berger at their meeting held recently.

As the gentleman was thanking the president and fellow Exchangeites for being able to attend the meeting, the fellow sitting next to him was brushing foot off his coat.

The gentleman looked at the Exchangeite, and said, "You see, the Exchange club wants clean members in this club."