

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Sunday; not quite so warm in northeast portion; a few widely afternoon and evening thundershowers.

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Congressional GOP's Want Dewey To Tell Pearl Harbor Secrets

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Republicans demanded today that congress invite Thomas E. Dewey to tell whether he has reason to believe the high command was aware of Japan's war intentions hours before Pearl Harbor.

They also asserted that a joint senate-house committee investigating the disaster must take a look at a letter Gen. George C. Marshall wrote the New York governor while Dewey was running for president last year.

Dewey has confirmed receiving the letter, but referred reporters to the chief of staff for its contents. Last night the war department said Marshall was not available for comment.

(A Life magazine story says the letter asked Dewey to keep the secret that the United States had broken a Japanese code, because the Japanese still were using it.)

(The story goes on to say that before the letter was written, Dewey had learned the U. S. had solved the Japanese "ultra" code. It adds that as a result President Roosevelt and the high command knew 15 hours before Pearl Harbor that the Japanese would break with the U. S., but did not know the exact place where the military attack would come.)

Ministers Concerned Over Trade Pact

Today's Meeting, At Which Hungarian Treaty Was To Be Talked, Is Canceled

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Foreign ministers of the Big Five canceled at the last minute today their scheduled morning meeting. Simultaneously a British official expressed deep concern over the disclosure of a Russian trade pact which, in the British view, would give Moscow control over half Hungary's economy.

Today's meeting had been scheduled to take up the Hungarian peace treaty. No official explanation was given for the cancellation. It appeared the ministers would not meet until Monday.

Americans at the council meeting, apparently shared Britain's interest in the Hungarian trade treaty. Official British sources declared the pact was considered another step in what appears to be a Soviet campaign to hold a tight rein over the economic as well as the political life of all eastern Europe.

The agreement, which has been initiated and awaits Budapest's ratification, is said to propose founding Soviet-Hungarian combines for the development of steel, oil and other industries. Also said to be included are shipping on the Danube and Tisza rivers, airlines, trucks and motor traffic and a joint bank to finance mutual trade.

The British are consulting Washington on the development.

RUSSIANS SILENT No Russian comment was available.

Earlier, a reliable source said that Soviet foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov had protested that the council's communications had been too detailed and that too much information had leaked out of closed sessions.

This source said the Big Five agreed to meet his objections. A considerable part of yesterday's session was taken up by discussion of the protest.

Results became apparent quickly. Last night's communiqué said only that the Romanian peace

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Navy Planes Lock Wings, Crash, Burn In Heart Of Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Two navy planes, one apparently in distress, locked wings and crashed into the heart of Miami's business district last night, killing two pilots and setting buildings ablaze in a two-alarm fire.

One of the planes crashed through the roof of the Tuttle hotel garage, struck down a wall of an adjoining hardware warehouse, and set fire to both structures.

Both planes were one-man single-engine night fighters from the Melbourne, Fla., training station. Names of the two pilots killed were not immediately available.



FAMILY RESCUED BY ROW BOAT IN CAPE FEAR FLOOD—A row boat has come to the rescue of these women and children who had been marooned in their home by flood water of the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C. All were taken out safely.—(AP Photo)

TRUMAN OFF FOR AN OUTING

Will Spend Week End At Jefferson Island Club On Chesapeake

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—President Truman left by automobile at 8:30 a. m., EWT., today for a two-day outing on Chesapeake Bay with fellow Democrats.

The president will spend the week end relaxing at the Jefferson island club and return to the capital late Sunday. He was accompanied by members of the White House staff.

Other congressional and government party leaders will be at the club, headed by former Democratic Senator Harry Hawes of Missouri, now a Washington lawyer.

Mr. Truman's itinerary called for a trip by automobile to Annapolis, site of the Naval Academy, and thence by ferry and launch to Jefferson Island.

The occasion recalled another presidential picnic on Jefferson island in 1938 when Franklin D. Roosevelt paid a visit there for talks with members of the senate and house.

Mr. Truman's automobile caravan included White House Secretaries Matthew J. Connelly and Charles G. Ross, John W. Snyder, reversion director, and George E. Allen, advisor on war plant liquidation.

Leslie Biffle, secretary of the senate, said there would be upwards of 300 guests, including senators, representatives, government officials, and Governor O'Connor of Maryland.

The outing is strictly informal. Reporters are accompanying the president as far as Annapolis.

17,314 Visitors At Employment Offices

RALEIGH, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Dr. J. S. Dorton, state director of the War Manpower commission, said here today that visits of veterans to local U. S. employment service offices reached 17,314 in August.

Local placements of veterans on jobs reached 2,094 in August, the first month in which the number has exceeded 2,000, Dorton said. Of those completing applications for work in August, 317 were classified as handicapped, and 162 such veterans were placed in jobs.

Demand Increases For N. C. Workers

RALEIGH, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Marked increase in demands for workers in industrial, business and service activities in North Carolina since V-J day and in spite of the lay-offs of more than 15,000 workers in war plants, are shown in the orders now on file in the local offices of the U. S. Employment Service.

Job openings have increased from 27,000 on July 1 to 40,500 on Sept. 1, Dr. J. S. Dorton, state manpower director, reports.

MINISTER DIES

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The Rev. J. N. Randall, 49, pastor of suburban Hickory Grove Methodist church since 1942, died at his home last night after a long illness.

A native of Rutherford county, the minister had served churches in Concord, Pineville, North Charlotte, Gastonia, Shelby, and Connelly Springs.

Atomic Bomb Destruction Is Spectacular

By AL DOPKING

TOKYO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—America's atomic bombing of Nagasaki Aug. 9 wrought "more spectacular" destruction than the first atom bomb at Hiroshima, said Brig. Gen. James B. Newman, Jr., head of the War Department's atomic bomb mission to Japan. There were no measurable signs of radioactivity in the area, however, he reported.

Newman returned from Nagasaki after studying effects of the second and more powerful bomb, and left there to complete their observations. Studies already have shown that there is no radioactivity at Nagasaki that could have any effect on human or animal life, he asserted.

Although the bomb left no crater, its destructiveness was startling.

CASUALTIES "The bomb hit between Japan's largest torpedo factories and a great steel mill," General Newman said. "The Japanese now estimate their death toll at 35,000 to 40,000, with some 80,000 injured."

"Modern structural steel buildings sheathed with steel plate, 2,000 feet from the center of the blast, became a single mess of twisted girders and were completely burned out, while the buildings of the torpedo plant, some 4,000 feet from the center, were completely wrecked by the force of the blast."

Newman said that almost all buildings at Nagasaki sustained minor damage, and those in the industrial area were destroyed.

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Canal Outmoded By Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The navy's new 45,000-ton aircraft carriers, biggest warships afloat, are too hefty to pass through the Panama Canal. In order to reach the Pacific they must round Cape Horn or sail east.

Confirming this today, naval sources said it is not a case of a man building a boat in his basement too big to take through the door. It is simply recognition that the canal, as a controlling factor in naval construction, is outmoded.

The three behemoths are the Midway, already commissioned; the Franklin D. Roosevelt, launched but not commissioned; and the Coral Sea, still under construction. They were designed for the in-fighting which looked inevitable in the Pacific war.

Supplemental locks, begun before the war but not completed, will eventually permit the carriers to get through the canal.

ON LABOR FRONT:

Number Of Idle In Nation Hits New High Of 230,000

By the Associated Press The nation's post-war labor disputes, most of them stemming from workers' demands for wage increases, hit a new high for the year today and the outlook for the immediate future was not bright.

The country's idle resulting from strikes and forced shutdowns for varied line of industries and businesses mounted to around 230,000 in 1945 and more than 100,000 above the number killed by disputes immediately preceding V-J Day.

As government agencies planned efforts to halt the rising trend of

EPES CASE TO GO TO JURY

Lawyers Paint Conflicting Pictures Of Defendant In Pleas

By HENRY LESENE

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 22.—(AP)—The fate of Lt. Samuel C. Epes, dashing young army officer charged with murdering his school teacher wife for the love of a 19-year-old blonde, was expected to be placed in the hands of an all-male jury late today.

Barring a mistrial, the jury can return one of three verdicts—death, conviction with a recommendation of mercy which carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment, or acquittal.

The trial is now in its sixth day. Arguments to the jury commenced before noon yesterday, after the defense decided not to put the wan, impassive 27-year-old defendant or other witness on the stand.

The lawyers painted two pictures of Epes before the jury: The prosecution portrayed him as a cunning wife-slayer who planned and executed a nearly perfect crime, even to burying his 98-pound wife, Mary Lee Epes, in an abandoned foxhole, so he could love a blonde war worker he met on maneuvers in Louisiana.

The defense pictured him as a devoted but sometimes philandering husband whose only offense was to lose his head when his wife died from an overdose of a sedative.

"He may have acted like a crazy maniac," said Defense Attorney Richard E. Broome, "but he did not kill her."

Saying the state has produced no actual evidence beyond Epes' own admission to officers that he secretly buried his wife, the lawyer pointed out that this is not the offense for which Epes is on trial.

Clint Graydon, a criminal lawyer who is a special prosecutor, told the jury that Epes buried his wife in an abandoned foxhole and stuck a "latrine closed" marker over the grave possibly while his wife was in a deep anesthesia but still alive.

THE OTHER WOMAN His two-hour summation dwelt at length upon the state's evidence linking Epes with "the other woman" 19-year-old Nelson Kingsland of Lake Charles, La.

Epes admitted spending a "platinum" week-end with Miss Kingsland in a New Orleans hotel, and 52 endearing letters he wrote her in 42 days were entered as evidence in the trial record.

Leith Brenner of Richmond, Va., a defense attorney who is a friend of Epes' father, industrialist Travis Epes, ridiculed the state's references to premeditated murder and a nearly perfect crime.

He said Epes could have found a

Observe Week For Handicapped

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—President Truman acting pursuant to a congressional resolution, today proclaimed the week of October 7-13 as National Employ-the-Physically-Handicapped-Week.

He asked governors, mayors, government agency heads, and civic leaders to make every effort during the observance to enlist public support of a sustained program from the employment and development of the abilities and capacities of those who are physically handicapped.

WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY 10:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.—USO center open to Shelby folk visiting in city.

MONDAY 7:00 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p. m.—State Guard drill at armory.

Travel Resumed Today On N. C. Roads Except In Cape Fear River Areas

By The Associated Press

Travel was resumed today on all main North Carolina highways except those in the Cape Fear river areas, as four overflowing rivers—the Cape Fear, the Neuse, the Tar, and the Roanoke—which have been on the rampage nearly a week, subsided in their middle and upper reaches.

At Fayetteville, the Cape Fear was receding slowly, after leaving more than 2,500 homeless out of the city's population of 20,000. Today, the weather bureau reported a reading of 66.7 feet there, which was a drop of two feet since yesterday.

At Weldon, the Roanoke had risen to 48.8 feet and continued to rise slowly. There was 42 rainfall there last night, but weather bureau officials say that the Roanoke has just about reached a crest there. The textile mill and paper board mills at Weldon and the textile mill at Roanoke Rapids are reported closed because of the high water.

The Neuse was still rising at Goldsboro and Kinston, with stages of 25.8 feet and rising at Kinston, and 17.3 at Kinston. The highway department said that "chances are in our favor" in regard to closing the highways at Goldsboro and that they may be kept open in spite of the rising waters.

HIGHWAYS CLOSED The Tar at Rocky Mount was stationary today at 13.5 feet. U. S. 15-A was officially opened this morning at Lillington. However, east of Fayetteville, the road situation remained unchanged.

Highways closed this morning were: N. C. 87 southeast of Elizabethtown leading to Wilmington; U. S. 74 between Maxton and Lumberton; N. C. 53 between Fayetteville and Atkinson; N. S. 217 between Erwin and Linden; and N. C. 95 east of Rocky Mount.

The highway department said U. S. 701 may be inundated at Elizabethtown, where the Cape Fear continues to rise in its lower reaches.

Two Killed In Grade Crossing Accident

Double Rites For Raymond Melton And "Bud" Melton To Be Held Sunday Afternoon

A double funeral will be held at 4 P. M. Sunday at Union Baptist church for Raymond Melton, 34, and his nephew, George Lee "Bud" Melton, 18, killed in a grade crossing tragedy west of Shelby late Friday evening.

The two men met instant death when the southbound Southern Railway passenger train, running from Marion to Rock Hill, crashed squarely into the side of the automobile driven by the former at the Highway 26 crossing just east of the Dover Gin. Their badly mangled bodies were taken from the wreckage some 200 feet from the scene of the impact as Engineer J. W. Weatherspoon had applied his brakes when he saw the crash was inevitable, bringing his train to a quick stop.

George Lee Melton, a member of the Merchant Marine who was visiting relatives here, was riding with his uncle, a tenant on the D. A. Beam farm near Grover, en route to pick up the former's father, Wilbur, at the farm of John Philbeck whom he had been assisting. The fact that George Melton was driving so that his car faced into the brightly setting sun may have obscured his view of the oncoming train for he did not slacken speed despite the whistle and bell warnings Engineer Weatherspoon said he used when he saw the car approaching the crossing.

Surviving George Lee Melton are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Brown Melton, and seven children, Marjorie, Roselee, Hazel, C. A., Lorene, Billy Jean and Minor Lee; four sisters, Mrs. Arnold Philbeck, Mrs. John Philbeck, Mrs. Forrest Philbeck and

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All-India Party Rejects British Proposals For India

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The working committee of the all-India congress party rejected today new British proposals for India as "vague, inadequate and unsatisfactory," a Reuters dispatch from Bombay said today.

The report quoted the committee as saying "nothing short of independence can be acceptable to the congress and the country."

Light Earthquake In South Pacific

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(AP)—A light earthquake, estimated at 8-300 miles from New York and probably located in the southwest Pacific area, was recorded on the Fordham university seismograph today.

The Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, director of the Fordham seismograph station, said the shock was recorded at 5:42 a. m. (EWT.)

ROAD DAMAGE IN AREA LIGHT

Noell Estimates Total At \$40,000 For Three Counties

Highways and bridges escaped with abnormally light damage considering the extent of the flood waters of the past week it was stated this morning by Hugh Noell, division engineer who estimated total damage of only \$40,000 in the Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba and Alexander there was virtually no damage suffered.

Mr. Noell said highway authorities are gratified that damage was so light compared with the situation in 1940 when water of about the same extent caused damage running into many hundreds of thousands in the same area.

Most of the damage was to bridges, many of which were entirely under water, while some fills adjacent to bridges and low sections of highway suffered from the high water.

HIROHITO NOT EXPECTED TO ABDICATE

Konoye Denies Washington Report Emperor To Give Up Throne

TWO NEW DIRECTIVES TOKYO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—General MacArthur today demanded an accounting of all Japanese financial dealings from Pearl Harbor day to the present, including those of the imperial household whose chief tenant, the emperor, reportedly has no intention of abdicating.

A member of the royal family, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, said there was "absolutely nothing" to Washington hints that Hirohito would quit the throne.

Lt. Gen. Kenji Dolihara, Japan's top military field commander, meanwhile went to work as usual at the Japanese war ministry despite an order for his immediate arrest, issued by MacArthur yesterday but not immediately transmitted to either American or Japanese arresting officers.

Two additional directives were passed on today to the Nipponese government, burdened with a heavy day of order-taking. One called for the arrest of Nobuyuki Abe, former governor-general of Korea, and the other demanded complete demobilization of the Japanese naval police force before Oct. 31.

Vict. Premier Konoye told correspondents that the constitution prohibits the emperor from abdicating, but he added that Hirohito might step down from the throne in event of illness. In that case, a regent would serve until Hirohito's death, then the crown prince would inherit the throne—the procedure followed in the case of Hirohito's father in 1924.

GENERAL FINANCES In addition to a report on the books of the emperor and the government, MacArthur asked for the amount of money held by banks, insurance firms and all other financial institutions, lists of directors and top executives of all firms dealing in big money, and lists of all their heavy investors.

The scientific section of the Allied staff needs the financial reports, headquarters officers said, to block, if necessary, use of Japanese money in a manner inimical to the objectives of the occupation.

Chikuhel Nakaizuma, minister of commerce and industry in the Japanese cabinet, declared in an interview that his nation must reestablish trade with the United States before even the bare essentials of life for its economy can be produced.

MacArthur's instructions on the demobilization of the naval police superseded Japanese plans to keep 11,278 of the police on duty at the end of October until all arms are collected.

IN CUSTODY Naval police stores of arms and ammunition must be placed in custody of civil police by the new order.

Meanwhile, the occupation program expanded at such a pace

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