

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with light rains to-day and in east and central portions tonight; cooler today; Tuesday, partly cloudy, little change in temperature.

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DEMobilIZATION OF JAP COMBAT FORCES FINISHED

All Controls On Construction, Airplane Travel Lifted Today

Live Allied Prisoners Of War Used By Japs For Bayonet Practice

By Duane Hennesy

TOKYO, Oct. 15.—(P)—The use of live allied prisoners of war as bayonet practice targets, while allied officers were forced to look on, has been fully established, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The new record of atrocity was developed by the secret allied translation and interrogation section of the allied headquarters which worked through the war in interviewing Japanese prisoners and sorting documents seized in battle zones. The secret unit, the existence of which was undisclosed until last week, included many Japanese-Americans and worked often while shells were still blasting across contested positions.

One of the worst of the bayonet practice atrocities occurred on Guadalcanal where two Europeans and one Eurasian were used as practice targets while allied officers were forced to stand in line and watch for six and a half hours while the three were horribly mutilated and tortured by the stabbing, jabbing Nipponese, the announcement said. Enlisted prisoners periodically were paraded past the scene so they could see the death agonies of the three.

Records of the ATIS disclose that one of the bayoneted prisoners

had been recently married, another left a wife and two children while the third had a wife and one child.

The translated diary of a Japanese officer gave full details of the horrible scene. Similar instances, in which Chinese prisoners were used as targets, were disclosed by the questioning of superior private Tokuhashi Nakino, who told ATIS agents after his capture that during basic training in China his company was provided with live Chinese prisoners on which to practice.

Hands Tied The Japanese officer's diary said that at Guadalcanal, the three prisoners used were thoroughly beaten and then led out with their hands tied behind their backs. They were fastened to a barbed wire fence and the bayonet practice started while the sickened

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RECONVERSION MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Officials, However, Warn Labor Strife Will Delay Progress

WPB PROBING LAG

By Sterling F. Green WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(P)—All controls came off construction and airplane travel today as the nation entered its third month of peace.

Lifting of WPB's ban on civilian construction was expected to stimulate business expansion and provide a new source of jobs for the country's rising total of unemployed.

It came as reconversion officials voiced general satisfaction with the progress thus far made while cautioning at the same time that the upsurge of labor strife would delay the back-to-normal process.

From official and unofficial quarters came these forecasts of future trends and actions:

Wages—Labor wants a 30 percent increase to offset losses of overtime. Official sentiment is growing for federal approval of a rise of perhaps 15 percent, but this plan so far lacks White House blessing.

Prices—Such a wage boost necessarily would increase price levels by 3 or 4 percent. Meantime OPA is holding the line, insisting on 1942 retail prices for most goods coming back on the market.

Strikes—Failure to date in set-

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MRS. MARY E. McBRAYER

Funeral Today For Mrs. Mary McBrayer

Shelby's "Greeting Lady" Dies At Age Of 90 After Prolonged Illness

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at 2:30 for Mrs. Mary E. McBrayer, Shelby's quaint and beloved lady of the past who carried to this generation all the fine traditions of Southern aristocracy, gentleness, faith, love and appreciation. The end came Saturday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. McBrayer, who celebrated her 90th birthday on February 2 of this year, was born in Lincoln county, the daughter of the late Ell and Martha Lander Fulenwider. She came to Shelby at the age of five with her father who became one of the pioneer merchants of Shelby. She died in the home where she and her husband, Reuben McBrayer, moved as bride and bridegroom. He was a prominent attorney but died fifty years ago.

On Mother's Day of last year Mrs. McBrayer fell and sustained a broken hip which made her bedridden until the end came, but her bright and unflinching memory never failed until a few days ago when she developed flu. It was her custom and pleasure to remember anniversaries of friends and call them up, extending condolence or congratulations as the case might be. She carried thousands of anniversary dates in her mind without the aid of a notebook. After she became bedridden, one of the first chores of the morning was to have

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Soldier Husband Held In Slaying Of Youthful Bride

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—(P)—Corp. Frank Likar, 22, was charged with second degree murder today in the Saturday night scarf-slaying of his 18-year-old bride, Mrs. Marie Wilfong Likar of Newton, N. C.

Detective Thomas Deveries said the Army Air Corps corporal admitted choking his wife to death and leaving her body in a field after she told him:

"I don't love you and I never did."

Deveries said Likar called police headquarters Saturday night, told officers of the slaying, and then directed them to the body.

The soldier, who said he was due to report Thursday at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, told detectives he had met his wife on a blind date in 1943, and that they were married last July after he returned from England.

Deveries quoted Likar as saying: "I knew I did the wrong thing as soon as I choked her. I shook her to return to consciousness. Now I'd like to be a doctor to help other people live."

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60 Injured When Bleachers Collapse

SPARTANBURG, Oct. 15.—(P)—A section of wooden bleachers at the county fair grounds here collapsed Saturday afternoon, injuring more than 60 spectators at automobile races. Several were seriously hurt, and were treated at local hospitals and at Camp Croft hospital.

JAPAN SLIPS INTO MILITARY OBLIVION TODAY

Political Leaders To Put Democratic Principles Into Effect

CURB ON HIROHITO

By Russell Brines

TOKYO, Oct. 15.—(P)—Japan slipped quietly and with mingled feelings into military oblivion today as its demobilization was completed on schedule, and for the first time in history these islands held no combat military force, either in fact or in name.

As the fighting force of 7,000,000 soldiers and sailors at home and abroad was reduced to nothing, the translation and interrogation section of Allied headquarters produced evidence that Japanese troops had used live Allied prisoners in bayonet practice on Guadalcanal and in China.

With the exit of the defeated, discredited warlords, Japanese political leaders stepped onto the national stage to put into effect a new constitution of democratic principles prescribed by Allied headquarters.

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, one of Emperor Hirohito's close advisors, said in an interview that "his majesty is anxious that revisions be made" in the constitution to bring about the reforms decreed by headquarters.

CURB POWER

Konoye, who was boomed as the head of a new political party, added that constitutional revisions under consideration yesterday curb Hirohito's almost unlimited power over his 77,000,000 subjects and give the Diet some supervision over expenditures of the imperial household. Another being mentioned prominently as a prospective party head was Gen. Kuzushige Ugaki, 77-year-old militarist politician.

Japan's incubator of imperialistic schemes since 1878, the imperial general staff headquarters, was dissolved formally yesterday and the general staff went out of office today, in accord with Potsdam declaration terms.

The once proud and powerful army and navy ministries continued to do business but merely as "ministries for demobilization."

Allied headquarters announced

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Unidentified Plane Wreckage Sighted Atop Mount Guyot

ATLANTA, Oct. 15.—(P)—Army search crews have located the wreckage of an unidentified plane atop Mount Guyot in the Tennessee-North Carolina Smoky Mountains, the Atlanta Army air base announced today.

The Army spokesman said the plane is believed to be a C-45 transport which was reported missing October 5 while on a flight from St. Louis to Charlotte, N. C.

Mount Guyot is on the North Carolina side of the state border about 50 miles due east of Knoxville.

Army rescue parties from Asheville, N. C., are now enroute to the mountain top under the guidance of U. S. Forest rangers, the public relations office said.

Since the C-45 plane was reported missing, the Army said search crews have covered the country from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic ocean. The wreckage, still to be identified, was first spotted by a C-47 search plane from Scott Field, Ill.

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Truman May Demand Postwar 'Little Steel' Wage Formula

By NORMAN WALKER WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(P)—President Truman may tell the War Labor Board today to fashion a postwar wage formula similar to its wartime "Little Steel" yardstick.

Six members of WLB—which had considered itself a dying war agency until a few days ago—had a White House date to talk over the present rash of management-work-or unrest.

Earlier Mr. Truman had instructed WLB to liquidate as soon as possible.

The group summoned to the

Laval Executed As Traitor After Failing In Suicide Attempt

By Mel Most

PARIS, Oct. 15.—(P)—Pierre Laval was executed as a traitor to France today after failing to cheat the firing squad by swallowing poison.

FIVE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

One Body Thrown Clear Of Car, Four Others Burned

NEWTON, Oct. 15.—(P)—Richard Turner Summers, 36, of Statesville, driver of a truck which yesterday was involved in a collision that claimed five lives, was at liberty today, under bond pending an inquest into the deaths.

The dead, all of Newton, were Fred Holler, 33; Will Swezey, 45; John Sigmund, 40; Jule Towery, 29; and Walter Towery, 7, son of Jule Towery.

The accident occurred on a curve on the Shelby highway, about 15 miles west of Newton and in Lincoln county. A 1930 model sedan in which the five victims were riding crashed heading with an empty milk truck-trailer owned by G. H. Gantt of Statesville and driven by Summers.

According to highway patrolmen who investigated, Holler was thrown free of the wreckage but the other accident victims were pinned in their cars, which burst into flames after the crash. The four bodies in the car were burned beyond recognition.

Sheriff George E. Rudisall of Lincoln county said Summers was released under bond until an inquest.

MRS. BENTON FATALLY HURT

Mrs. Ida Painter Benton died in the Shelby hospital Saturday night at 9 o'clock, from injuries sustained when she was struck by a car driven by Talmadge Rippey near Grover Saturday about 5 p.m.

Mrs. Benton had been to Grover to buy groceries and was on her way home when she dropped a package and stooped over to get it. While she was reaching for the package she was struck by the car driven by Mr. Rippey.

Funeral for Mrs. Benton was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Draytonville Baptist church with services conducted by Rev. Clarence Hampton and Rev. Pink Wright. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Horace Benton; a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Earls, of Clinton, Tenn.; a son by a former marriage, Paul Davis; a brother, Billie Painter, of Gaffney, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Jim Godfrey, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Ada Thompson, of Facolet, S. C.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall.

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

TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

The man who collaborated with the Germans as chief of government in old Marshal Petain's Vichy regime died from a coup de grace, fired through his ear, when a volley from the firing squad did not kill him.

Doctors restored the swarthy traitor from effects of poison taken four hours earlier. He was led to the courtyard of the bleak old Fresnes prison and died with a cry of "Vive La France" on his lips.

He was refused a final request to give the order for his own death, to the execution squad.

Laval refused a proffered blindfold and faced his executioners.

These were his last words: "It is not the soldiers' fault. They know not what they do. Vive La France!"

The twelve riflemen fired. Laval fell only to his knees.

An officer rushed up immediately aimed his revolver into Laval's ear and fired. The coup de grace dispatched Laval at 12:32 p.m. and he fell dead into the dirt of the courtyard.

The man who before the war had thrice been premier of France and a dozen times a member of her cabinets was condemned by the high court of justice last week—the same court which condemned former Marshal Petain and Joseph Darnand, and the head of the Vichy militia.

Petaim's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and disgrace; Darnand stood before a firing squad only a few days before Laval.

It was not the first time Laval had felt the steel of a bullet. While leading the Vichy government, he was wounded and almost killed by a youthful assassin. Laval testified during the trial of Marshal Petain that the wounds from that attempt still bothered him.

TUMULTUOUS TRIAL

The trial of Laval was cut short by Laval's own sidestroke against the proceedings, which he termed a "judicial crime." His first statement had been greeted by a burst of jeers and shouts from the presiding judge, prosecutor and jurors. Twice during the first three days, Laval was ejected from the courtroom. His lawyers quit at the start of the trial, but returned only when threatened with disbarment.

After his second ejection from the trial, Laval was confined in a dungeon beneath the courtroom. He wrote some brief notes outlining his defense.

A coffin lay near the spot where Laval had pitched forward in

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DEATH CLAIMS MARVIN LUTZ

Prominent Farmer Of Belwood Dies Of Stroke; Rites Tuesday

Marvin L. Lutz, prominent farmer and fertilizer dealer of Belwood died Sunday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis suffered Saturday morning from which he never regained consciousness. Mr. Lutz was 62 years of age.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Kadash church of which he had long been a faithful member. He had served as steward for many years. The body will lie in state at the church for a half hour before the services.

PIONEER FAMILY

Mr. Lutz was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lutz, a pioneer Cleveland county family. He was first married to Mammie Elizabeth Elliott who died Sept. 8, 1924. His second marriage was to Amy Cansler of Hickory who survives, together with the following children: Mrs. Guy Brown of Flay, Mrs. Burgin Brown of Morganton, Marvin Lutz, Jr., Billy Lutz, Robert Lutz, and Everett Lutz, who live at home.

Mr. Lutz was one of the largest and most successful farmers in the Belwood section and highly esteemed by his host of friends.

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War Fund Drive Is Lagging Seriously

Few Reports Workers So Far Turned In; Need For Fund Growing Daily

Only a very few of the workers in the United War Fund drive which started here last Tuesday morning have treasurer of the fund, and the campaign is lagging badly. Treasurer of the fund and the campaign is lagging badly, he said.

MARINES TO LEAVE CHINA

CHUNGKING, Oct. 15.—(P)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said today at his first post-war press conference that United States Marines would be withdrawn from North China "very soon."

He said they would start leaving as soon as they were relieved by Chinese central government forces. The Marines were sent into North China recently to help Chinese authorities disarm surrendered forces.

Chiang said he hoped to visit the United States, Britain, Russia and France "as soon as time permits," but he added "it is very difficult to determine the time before-hand."

The generalissimo said he felt certain that Soviet forces in Manchuria would be withdrawn according to provisions of the Sino-Soviet pact. He is now awaiting a report from his representative, Gen. Hsiung Shih-Hui, who arrived in Manchuria about two days ago.

Chiang said his government is not considering a shift to Peiping. It would be reestablished as a free city as soon as conditions become normal—about six months—he said.

Gastonia, Gaffney Men Killed In Crash In N. J.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 15.—(P)—Two employees of the Akers Motor Lines, Gastonia, N. C., were killed today, Inspector Joseph Near of the Hudson county police said, when a ten-ton truck crashed into a tonnele Ave. near Terrace Avenue.

Near said the victims, Lloyd Stacy, 30-year old driver of the truck and trailer, who lived at 214 South Kane Street, Gastonia, and his co-driver, Horace Smith McKinney, 33, of R-1, Box 39A, Gaffney, S. C., were making repairs to their truck.

The inspector said the ten-ton truck, owned by the Novack Transport company, of Roanoke Va., was operated by Arthur LeRoy Middleton, 31, of 1126 Forest Street, Baltimore, Md. With him was his brother-in-law, a voluntary co-worker, Gordon Edward Wilhelm, 29, of the Forest Street address.

TODAY IN CONGRESS:

Tax Cutting Bill Is Main Fare On Congressional Menu

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(P)—The \$5,350,000,000 tax cutting bill began the second stage of its journey through congress today.

The senate finance committee opened hearings on the measure which the house already has passed.

Otherwise on Capitol Hill lawmakers were busy on such subjects as the Pearl Harbor investigation, minimum wages and demobilization.

And there was talk about strikes and merging the army and navy. Tax cutting, however, still was

the main event.

The finance committee must pass judgment on the house bill, then report its findings to the full senate for debate and a vote.

In contrast to the ways and means committee of the house, the senate committee planned open hearings to hear Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson and other witnesses.

Senator Byrd (D-Va) told a reporter he wants to know first of all what, if anything, is being

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