

WEATHER

Fair today, tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer today and tomorrow; warmer Saturday; frost in eastern section tonight.

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DE GAULLE WILL RESIGN AS INTERIM PRESIDENT U. S. NAVY NOT EQUAL TO MAJOR BATTLE-KING

DEMOBILIZING TOO FAST SAYS NAVY'S CHIEF

Warns Against Taking His Word "Disintegrated" Too Literally

KEY MEN LET OUT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The navy's chief of operations told a congressional committee today that the United States navy is not now prepared to fight a major battle if it were necessary to do so.

The statement was made by Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King in response to questions by house military committee members after he had endorsed universal military training legislation.

King had commented that the rate of demobilization of the navy had resulted in disintegration of units.

Asked by Rep. Leroy Johnson (R-Calif.) if the disorganization was such as to render the navy unable to fight a major battle immediately if necessary, King replied:

"I'm afraid I will have to say 'yes' to that question." The navy, the admiral said, is not "the going concern" it had expected to be because of speedy demobilization and "it is more or less disintegrated."

"I don't want to be taken too literally on that," he cautioned, "but I don't know any other way to express it."

Many key men in units have been demobilized, the admiral explained, and have not been replaced. While fighting units may be up to their usual complement in actual numbers of men, he pointed out, these complements do not constitute what the navy knows as "ships companies."

Earlier King told the committee the atomic bomb in its present form "cannot prevent fleets from operating."

Testifying in support of President's request for universal military training legislation, the five-star admiral said he believed it

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JACK FROST PAYS VISIT

Jack Frost painted the windows, coated the ground with covering almost like light snow and altogether heralded the approach of winter in cold-blooded fashion last night.

Local thermometer dropped to 24 degrees causing people to reach for extra blankets in the wee hours of this morning. Overcoats were the rule on the streets early today.

Today warmed up as it went, however, and the sunshine was beating back fringes of winter with vengeance.

Last night's cold snap ended a long run of mild weather and furnished a punctuation mark for one of the most beautiful falls on record. For the most part the weather has been ideal for cotton picking and general outside activity.

For the rest of this week the weather man has promised warmer weather and a fair week-end.

Executives Hear Dr. Nash Tonight

Dr. Vernon Nash, former Rhodes scholar and for many years a resident of China, will address the Cleveland Executives club tonight at 7 o'clock at the Hotel Charles.



KIMMELL AND SHORT AT HEARING—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel (left), naval commander at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked, and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, Hawaiian army commander at that time, listens closely at the Senate-House hearing in Washington on details of the disaster.—(AP Wirephotos).

Pre-Pearl Harbor Convoys In Pacific

Witness Thinks No German Subs In Pacific At Time Convoy Order Was Given

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The navy ordered the conveying of merchant shipping in the Pacific 12 days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a senate-house inquiry committee learned today.

Admiral T. B. Inglis put into the record of the disaster investigation a copy of an order issued Nov. 25, 1941, by Admiral Harold E. Stark, then chief of naval operations.

Stark instructed naval officials at San Francisco to route all merchant shipping on a southern route and to "provide necessary escort."

Inglis testified copies of the order went to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commander in chief of the fleet at Pearl Harbor, and others.

In a series of rapid-fire questions, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) established that at least two convoys were on the Pacific in the week before the Japanese attack. He asked Inglis if any German submarines or surface vessels were in those waters and the admiral said he thought not.

Inglis testified that the heavy cruiser Pensacola was conveying eight ships west bound. He did not mention the makeup of the other convoy.

WHEREABOUTS Ferguson asked Inglis to obtain information on the whereabouts at that time of the cruiser Boise, which the Michigan senator indicated he thought was conveying a number of ships, including the merchantman, American leader.

A Japanese message to Tokyo intercepted nearly a month before Pearl Harbor described the late President Roosevelt as believing that Japan would be "on the move soon."

This came to light today as the

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Automobile Industry, Workers Still Far Apart On Wage Issue

DETROIT, Nov. 16.—(AP)—The automobile industry and the CIO Auto Workers union appeared no nearer to a peaceful solution of the wage problem today as further peace feelers stood rejected and sharp verbal blasts were hurled by both sides.

In fact the simultaneous entry of all the "Big Three" car companies into the dispute only served to emphasize the difference between them and the union on the latter's 30 per cent wage increase demands.

This was the picture as two of the big three—General Motors

Russia Holds Key To Atomic Bomb Control

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Russia holds the key today to success or failure of the Anglo-American atomic control program. American officials say the next move is up to Moscow.

Hence the immediate future is viewed as an extremely critical period by those who regard the existence of the atomic bomb as probably the foremost problem of diplomacy in the world.

During this period the ability of the great powers to work together in the United Nations for the prevention of war is bound to undergo a severe test. The outcome of the test may well determine whether the United Nations will be a strong and effective organization in the years ahead.

President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee of Britain and Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada laid the groundwork for the test yesterday with their proposal that the United Nations organization create a special commission on atomic energy.

Russia's reaction may either be made known quickly or withheld until the United Nations holds its organization meeting at London during the first week in January.

WORLD WILL LEARN That is where the issue will have to come to a head.

Meanwhile, the world probably will learn something more about American thinking on the subject tonight from Secretary of State Byrnes. The State Department said he would devote part of his speech when he appears at a testimonial dinner in Charleston, S. C.

The job for the United Nations presumably will be proposed formally by the United States as soon as the security council is organized.

While no details have been disclosed officially, it is expected by officials here that the proposed atomic commission will be set up

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Industry Promises Statement

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Industry delegates to President Truman's labor-management conference promised to make known today their stand on the collective bargaining issue.

Indications were it might take the form of a counter proposal or amendment to a request by CIO President Philip Murray that the conference approve bargaining within the framework of the administration's broad wage-price policy; raise wages generally without increasing prices.

Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told newsmen management's "10 percent" view would be presented to the conference executive committee at its closed meeting today (noon).

Presidents William Green of the AFL and John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers have objected to the CIO resolution if it can be construed as holding collective bargaining within the boundaries of the administration wage-price policy.

Green told reporters no labor representative could object to the idea of endorsing collective bargaining on wages as a principle.

CONCURRENCE Many management delegates also seemed willing to concur on a general statement of that sort. Some suggested amending the Murray resolution to cut out the reference to the President's policy.

The executive committee decided yesterday to speed up the conference by insisting on final reports by Saturday night from the six working committees.

One group studying how to minimize disputes over existing con-

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COMMUNISTS FIRE ON TRAIN OF GEN. PECK

General, Uninjured, Asks U. S. Planes To Strafe Village

WARNING IS GIVEN

SHANGHAI, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The U. S. China theater headquarters reported today that a train bearing Maj. Gen. Dewitt Peck, first marine division commander, was under fire from a communist-occupied North-China village yesterday.

General Peck, uninjured, requested that U. S. Planes strafe the village if the firing continued, headquarters disclosed.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commanding U. S. Forces in China, in a carefully worded reply authorized "appropriate military action" but only after "considerable" warning to the village and adequate precautions to avoid endangering innocent persons.

Headquarters was unable to confirm Tientsin reports that marines aboard the train returned the fire.

The report of the attack was received by Wedemeyer from Maj. Gen. Keller Rockey, commander of the third amphibious corps. Rockey's message said the train was en route from Tangshan to the coal port of Chinwangtao, and that the small-arms fire was coming from a village 600 yards north of Tangshan.

Rockey instructed Peck to send an emissary to the village to inform the Communist leader that "if firing continues I will order an air strafing mission against the village."

ROAD DESTROYED Rockey's message also reported that 300 yards of track and roadbed of the railway had been destroyed by mines, causing several casualties among Chinese workers. No American casualties were reported.

Wedemeyer in his reply said, in part: "After insuring that your warning to said military leader or responsible authority has been received and understood, and should firing that jeopardizes American lives continue you are authorized to take appropriate military action."

Associated Press correspondent Olen Clements, at Tientsin, said travelers reported the Marines aboard the train returned the fire, but Marine headquarters remained silent.

Travelers said that the fight took place at a spot between Tangshan and Chinwangtao, where Communist troops have been giving the Nationalists trouble for days," Clements reported. He said it was not known whether Communists knew General Peck was aboard the train.

TASK INCOMPLETE Wedemeyer told a news conference today that the task for which Marines entered China—disarming 1,091,000 surrendered Japanese—was two-thirds completed.

Asked why the remaining one-third still carried arms, he said it was due partly to the fact that central government forces were "insufficient" in certain remote areas, and also to the fact that

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Chinese Nationalist Troops To Begin Mass Move Into Manchuria

By Spencer Davis PEIPING, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist troops will begin a mass movement "quite soon" into Manchuria in air transports turned over to China by America, a spokesman at Chiang's field headquarters said today.

Their destination will be the main airfield at Changchun, capital of Manchuria, which unconfirmed reports say is in the hands of Chinese communists following a withdrawal of the Russians.

An official Chinese government dispatch received at Chungking yesterday said Russians had yielded control of Changchun's postal and telegraph facilities to a handful of Chinese government authorities, and indicated that the Russians have not yet completed their planned withdrawal.

Chiang's men are opposed in a ground movement toward Manchuria by the communists in the presence of the communists in two Manchurian ports evacuated by the Russians recently caused ships of the U. S. Seventh fleet to pull away without putting ashore the nationalists on board.

American air crew ferrying unmarked C54 transports here from Kuming protested to commanding officers of the 10th Airforce, that flying without the U. S. insignia increased the hazards of being shot if forced down or flying low.

MORE SERIOUS The generalissimo's spokesman said that conflict with Chinese communist forces throughout north China is becoming "more and more serious." He voiced a need for more

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JAYCEES PLAN LADIES' NIGHT

A tinge of expectancy will flavor the interest of members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their guests Monday night at the annual Ladies' Night program to be held at the Hotel Charles at 7 o'clock, as T. K. Fletcher, chairman of the committee on arrangements, promises an eye-full of entertainment for the evening.

Guests of the Jaycees for the occasion will include their wives or sweethearts; the local commander of the American Legion, Willis McMurry, and Mrs. McMurry; presidents of various civic clubs and their wives, President Clyde Short, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Short; Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dale Stentz, and Mrs. Stentz, and wives of Jaycee members now in the armed forces.

The program will begin with a song, followed by the invocation, Dinner will be served, and then Lee Shuford will introduce and welcome the guests. Mrs. Rush Hamrick, jr., will give the response. Following a special song, Joe Beckham will make special prize awards, and special gifts to the women will be made by T. K. Fletcher. R. T. LeGrand, jr., will introduce the entertainer, whose name will not be revealed until that time.

Concluding the service will be the singing of songs, with Dale Stentz leading, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Stentz.

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UNABLE TO GET COALITION GOVERNMENT

Decision Came From Communist Demand For Cabinet Posts

UNANIMOUS CHOICE

PARIS, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Gen. De Gaulle's office announced today that the general had decided to resign as interim president of France because of his inability to compromise differences with the communist party and form a coalition government.

De Gaulle's decision grew out of a demand of the communist party, most important single political group in the newly elected constituent assembly, for key cabinet posts in the proposed three-party coalition government.

De Gaulle was elected unanimously by the constituent assembly Tuesday to serve as president during the creation of the fourth republic. The general then shed his uniform for civilian clothing.

He became head of the Free French movement after escaping from his homeland to London in mid-June, 1940, and won undisputed control of the French committee of national liberation in Algiers in November, 1943, when Gen. Henri Giraud resigned as its co-president after a bitter dispute with De Gaulle over the composition of the administration.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW De Gaulle's letter announcing his decision to resign was expected to be placed in the hands of Felix Goun, president of the assembly, this evening. The assembly will be convoked tomorrow to hear the resignation and to act on it—either to reject it or accept it and elect a new president.

The deadlock developed when the communists in two letters

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JEWISH LEADERS DEPLORE RIOTS

British Take New Precautions To Halt Illegal Immigration

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16.—(AP)—British authorities took new precautions to halt illegal immigration into Palestine today as Zionist leaders deplored a two-day reign of violence in Tel Aviv estimated to have caused more than 100 casualties and \$500,000 property damage.

With quiet at last reported restored to the troubled city, Isaac Ben-Tsevi, chairman of the Jewish national council, issued a statement attributing the riots to "irresponsible youths" and declaring they were "highly detrimental to the Jewish cause."

He added that Jewish leaders had urged self-discipline and non-violence.

At the same time the pro-Zionist Palestine Post declared editorially that all responsible Jews strongly disapproved the outbreaks in Tel Aviv. Describing the rioting as "a shoddy episode," the Post said:

"There is no Jew worthy of the name but will disassociate himself from fascist terrorism which swoops and strikes where the victims are few and defenseless."

"That British firms should have been singled out for destruction and plunder is a stain which every Jew of decent feeling will long carry in shame."

Dispatches from Tel Aviv declared the city was quiet last night as British armored cars and troops of the reinforced British Sixth Airborne division patrolled the streets enforcing a strict curfew. Maj. Gen. E. L. Bols, commander of the Sixth, said the curfew probably would be lifted today.

Several hundred persons were reported arrested, however, before the

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Van Mook Asks New Indonesian Cabinet To Meet Him Tonight

By LEIF ERICKSON BATAVIA, Nov. 16.—(AP)—Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting governor general of The Netherlands East Indies, called upon the new Indonesian nationalist cabinet tonight to meet him in an informal discussion at the earliest possible moment, in an effort to save Indonesia from further bloodshed and threatened famine.

Van Mook made his statement at a press conference at a time when Indonesian resistance was officially reported to be slackening at battered Soer-

abaya before the assault of tanks, guns and planes of the slowly advancing British Indian troops.

The acting governor general expressed disappointment that the Indonesians had been unable to attend a meeting last night under the chairmanship of Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, allied commander in the NEI, and said it was imperative in the interests of Indonesia as a whole that both sides cooperate to keep order and prevent the economic ruin of Java.

An official British summary to-

day said there was "nothing to report" on the situation at Soerabaya. A summary of yesterday's fighting said the resistance of the 15,000 Indonesians in Soerabaya "decreased" as the Indian troops expanded the area under their control.

(The Hilversum radio quoted a dispatch of the Dutch news agency Aneta as saying 3,000 British-Indian troops landed on Sumatra without Indonesian opposition and began rounding up Japanese at

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