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THE WEATHER
N. C.: Partly cloudy in extreme east and mostly cloudy and somewhat warmer with occasional rain in west and central portions Monday; Tuesday cloudy and somewhat colder, probably rain.

MARITIME FORECAST
Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate to fresh and southwest winds shifting to westerly over north and central portions and overcast weather with occasional rain Monday.

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FIRE ABETS FLOOD IN CINCINNATI

Labor Secretary Calls Both Sides Into Conference

GM and Strike Leaders in Washington Wednesday Act of March, 1913
Lewis Invited As Adviser of the United Automobile Workers Union

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins tonight invoked the powers of her high office to order representatives of capital and labor to meet here Wednesday in an attempt to negotiate a settlement of the General Motors strike.

Representatives of the belligerent forces were instructed to attend the conference "without condition or prejudice." The cabinet minister acted under power granted by congress when the act creating the labor department was passed on March 4, 1913.

The law specifically authorizes the Secretary of Labor to intervene in labor disputes when industrial peace is threatened.

To Both Sides

The conference call went out in letters to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president; William S. Knudsen, executive vice president and Donaldson Brown, finance chairman of General Motors, and to John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O. Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers and Wynndana Mortimer, vice president of the union.

The letter emphasized that the conference was not to settle the strike but to find "plans and methods" of resuming negotiations which had been agreed upon at Lansing but collapsed last Monday.

The labor department made

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Marine Strike Settlement In East Ratified

Ships Plying Between East and West Coasts Still Affected

New York, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—The three-month insistent seamen's strike on the East and Gulf coasts was officially ended tonight when a majority of ports of these sections and the Pacific maritime unions ratified the action.

Termination of the strike was announced at a noisy session of 2,500 seamen at Stuyvesant high school.

At New Haven, Providence, Jacksonville and Mobile agreed to end off the strike. The action was voted at a local meeting here last Thursday.

The port strike council on the Pacific coast ratified the action on the grounds that "it would not affect the west coast strike."

The strike still continues on in-

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Roanoke River Flood Nearly Claims Victim

Flood waters very nearly took toll of human life in North Carolina last week, according to Captain W. O. Gibbs of the tanker *North State*, who says that he and his crew pulled a colored man out of the swollen waters of the Roanoke river late last week.

The *North State* was making its way up the river when the Negro was swept in his swamped canoe looking on for dear life to an overhanging tree limb, scarcely more than a foot above the current threatening to break his hold at any moment. The tanker dove to a line and the man about the man's shoulders and he was hoisted aboard.

He was put ashore near his home on the Cashie river and was then the subject of the action of the state and city.

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State Is Asked To Raise \$11,000,000 More Revenue

The Assembly Makes Quick Work of Bus Bill, Slows Up On Child Labor

Confessed



Radek Admits Conspiracy With Trotsky

Russian Court Is Crowded With Officials and Diplomats

Moscow, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Karl Radek, internationally known Soviet publicist, today admitted before a Russian military tribunal that he was the leader of a group of Bolsheviks who conspired with Leon Trotsky to overthrow Joseph Stalin.

The wizened, pipe-smoking writer, often known as the "duck of the revolution" gave his damning testimony without once losing the salty irony and biting sarcasm for which he is famous. His testimony was in striking contrast to the prosaic but equally damaging recital given the court yesterday by George Platokov, another of the 17 alleged conspirators.

Radek made one slight effort to save himself from death, which, resignedly, he indicated he knew was almost inevitable. While testifying that he led the anti-Stalin group and was the contact man for Trotsky, now exiled in Mexico, he insisted stoutly that he never accepted the alleged final instructions of the former Soviet war commissar to overthrow Stalin with the aid of Germany and Japan who were to have slices of

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Miss Beasley Is Returned To Georgia Home

Conduct Funeral Services Here Before the Body Is Taken to Statesboro

Funeral services for Miss Sallie Beasley were held at the Twiford funeral home Saturday night, prior to taking the body to her former home at Statesboro, Georgia, yesterday morning. Interment will be made upon her arrival there today.

Miss Beasley died at 9:45 o'clock Saturday morning at the Albemarle hospital, where she was taken following an illness which developed on January 11. An operation was performed shortly afterward, but failed to bring about a turn for the better in her condition.

Coming here in 1921 to accept a position as supervisor of the primary school, she had remained in that capacity ever since, and had made an outstanding record

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Legionnaires Will Have a Look At New Quarters

The Seth E. Perry Post, No. 85, American Legion, will occupy quarters in the new Community Building on Dyer Street beginning with its first meeting in February. It has been announced by J. P. Mercer, Post Commander.

Finishing touches have been put on the interior of the building, which was constructed with WPA labor and funds, with some financial assistance from the local Legion post.

The new quarters of the Legion will be inspected by local Legionnaires tonight following their last meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall which they have been using as a meeting place pending completion of their new quarters.

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\$3,000,000 Blaze Sweeps City; Cold New Threat To Homeless

Ohio City Faces Gravest Crisis In Its 148 Years

Emergency Holiday

All Businesses Except Food and Drug Stores Are Closed

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—A second gasoline explosion started a roaring fire tonight in the North Bend District of Cincinnati's flood zone.

Flood waters upset a huge storage plant of the Gulf Refining Co., county police reported.

The plant, located on Brower Road, caught fire almost immediately, according to first reports.

The flames spread rapidly and six houses burned.

Those living in the vicinity escaped safely.

Gravest Emergency

The city of 750,000 faced the gravest emergency in its 148-year history. Rain and melting snow forced the waters higher.

City Manager C. A. Dykstra declared an emergency holiday tomorrow. All stores, except those selling food, drugs and other necessities, will be closed. All street car service was discontinued to conserve electricity because of fears service might be disrupted.

The fire was believed to have started when a high-tension wire snapped and ignited gasoline

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Local Red Cross Is Raising \$200 For Flood Area

Chairman Potts Acts Quickly After Learning Quota Local Chapter

Seventh District Coast Guard headquarters here having already helped out to the extent of rushing six of the district's life boats and 25 of its men to the flood area, Elizabeth City yesterday, thru its Red Cross chapter, set about the job of providing further help for the flood-stricken Middle West.

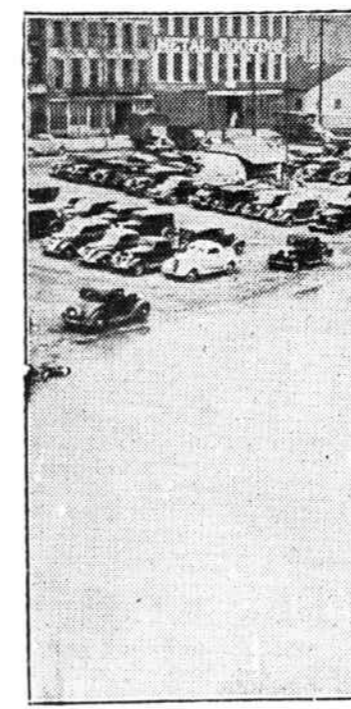
In response to a telegram from Rear Adm. Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the American Red Cross, the Elizabeth City Chapter of the Red Cross set about raising its quota of \$200 in a nation-wide campaign for \$2,000,000 for relief work among 270,000 persons driv-

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Today's Local Calendar

- A. M.
- 8:30 Mens Christian Federation.
- 10:00 Ministerial Association P. M.
- 1:00 Rotary Club.
- 3:30 First Methodist WMS Circles.
- 4:00 First Baptist Jr. Girls Auxiliary.
- 7:30 Pocahtontas; Kiwanis Jr. Glee Club; W. O. W.
- 8:00 American Legion.
- Library Hours: 10-12, 2-6.

City Beset by Two Terrors



A GRAPHIC picture of how Midwest rivers have overflowed their channels as a result of continued torrential rains. This view shows freight yards in Cincinnati, with the Ohio river already inundating some of the tracks and bridges. In the midst of the flood fire swept a section of the city.

Seventh District Sends More Boats and Men

More men and boats from the Seventh District left yesterday afternoon to reinforce Coast Guardsmen already giving assistance in the flood districts of the Mid-West. It was announced by Commander J. A. Price of district headquarters here.

Seven boats with crews of three men each were dispatched from the Creeds Hill, Hatteras Inlet, Portsmouth, Bogue Inlet, Fort Macon, Cape Fear and Oak Island stations to Wilmington where, under the command of Boatswain W. H. Barnett of Oak Island, they will entrain for Memphis, headquarters of relief operations in the southern flood area.

In addition two boats and crews are under orders to proceed from Pea Island and Cape Henry stations to Norfolk, where they will receive final orders as to their movements.

Streams at Highest Crest On Record; Looting Begins

Threat of Disease

President Appeals to "All Our People" to Aid the Stricken

By UNITED PRESS
Freezing cold, disease, raging fires and looting added to the horrors Sunday night of 300,000 refugees left homeless by Ohio and Mississippi valley floods.

Streams from Ohio to Tennessee and Mississippi rose to their highest crests in history, crippling police and fire departments and leaving rescue workers almost helpless in the onrush of homeless families.

The Ohio river and its tributaries receded slowly in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but further downstream rains threatened to send the flood to new heights. The rain, snow and sleet added to suffering of refugees.

Fires were reported at Cincinnati and Louisville, Ky.

Huge Losses

Damage in the entire flood area mounted to more than \$13,000,000. Industrial losses were counted at least equal to that amount in closed factories and thousands left without jobs.

More than 40 were known dead and hundreds were feared missing.

President Roosevelt appealed "to all our people" to aid the nation's flood refugees. The Red Cross announced a \$2,000,000 drive for emergency funds. The federal government threw 35,000 WPA, NYA and CCC workers into the fight against the rising streams.

Rescue work was aided by thousands of volunteers.

Disease Spread

Fear of spreading influenza.

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Nation Rallies To Appeals Of Relief Heads

Admiral Grayson Is Designated by President to Co-ordinate Efforts

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—Government and Red Cross officials worked together tonight to feed, clothe, shelter and protect the health of 350,000 persons driven from their homes by floods from Wheeling, W. Va., to Memphis, Tenn.

Rain continued falling over large areas of the flood region, adding to the crisis. Weather reports bore ominous forecasts of still more rain. Sub-freezing temperature spreads cold, influenza and pneumonia among homeless refugees and health officials said the menace from germs is the greatest of any flood in U. S. history.

Chairman Cary T. Grayson of

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Hosiery Workers Plan Campaign In Washington

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.)—A drive to force enactment of the National Textile act will be initiated here tomorrow at the 26th annual convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, President Emil Rieve said tonight.

Defeat of the measure, Rieve added, will precipitate a wave of hosiery workers' strikes in the spring. The proposal, introduced by Rep. H. Ellenbogen, D. Pa., seeks to impose a "Little NRA" in the textile industry.

"The voluntary labor code which the hosiery manufacturers imposed upon themselves was rapidly breaking down," Rieve said. "Unless the textile act is passed in Congress, the hosiery industry will probably be the scene of many bitter strikes in the spring."

Arrangements have been made to care for 150 delegates from 18 states at the convention which is expected to last one week. The sessions will be addressed by John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization to which the hosiery workers belong.

Officials of the hosiery workers who have been active in a movement to amend the federal

J. Henry LeRoy, Sr.



A Brief Sketch of One Who Brought to Everything He touched a High Degree of Intelligence, An Indefatigable Industry, Scrupulous Attention to Detail, and Courtesy With Dignity.

He went up to Baltimore last week to take some electrical treatments for an asthmatic condition, from a specialist who had been recommended by a friend. He expected to remain in Baltimore for a series of treatments and had looked forward to the trip as a sort of vacation.

But while in Baltimore he underwent an operation for sinus trouble and suddenly determined to return home. He telephoned his family Friday to meet him in Norfolk Saturday morning.

His wife and son, J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., went to Norfolk early Saturday morning and boarded the Old Bay Line steamer to greet him. He was not among the disembarking passengers. Going to his stateroom, Mrs. LeRoy found him unconscious and gasping for breath. He succumbed then and there, without regaining consciousness. So died John Henry LeRoy, Sr., who may well be rated one of the most conspicuous lo-

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Funeral Services For J. H. LeRoy Sr., Held Here

Funeral services for J. H. LeRoy, Sr., who died of a heart attack on the Old Bay Line steamer State of Maryland early Saturday morning, were conducted from the home on West Main Street yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with the Rev. E. H. Potts, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. LeRoy was 67 years old and was a native of Tyrrell County.

A quintet composed of Mrs. J. H. Cartwright, Miss Ethel Jones, Miss Emerald Sykes, Roland Sawyer, S. S. Burgess sang "Rock of Ages" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Active pallbearers were W. T. Culpepper, Harry Bundy, W. W. Stienmatts, W. E. Pappendick, R. L. Garrett, S. G. Scott, Dr. J. H. Bell, and T. B. Sumner, of Hert-

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