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WEATHER Fair tonight, warmer. Probably showers in west portion.

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WARDING LIKELY TO RELEASE RADICALS

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—President Harding today urged the release of the radicals and all other prisoners considered under the war time act. He contended that the general amnesty should be granted to all prisoners until a state of peace had been declared.

The white house was a busy place today as a program carried out by a delegation of representatives and others from the east to the west. Similar bids were made to Vice-President Coolidge and other officers. Resolutions bearing thousands of signatures were presented to individual representatives and senators separately.

WANTS TO BE RID OF AMERICANS IN DOMINGO

Washington, April 13.—Complete evacuation of the Dominican republic from the military and political influence of the United States was demanded at the white house by President Henrique Y. Carvajal.

REQUIRES COMPANY TO PAY INSURANCE

BY NAY ABERNETHY. Raleigh, April 13.—Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade's recent decision in requiring the Belt Automobile Exchange of Illinois to pay two years in North Carolina over which the issue difference of opinion as to the rights of the policyholders gave rise to the withdrawal of this case from the state. Commissioner Wade maintains that the policyholders are entitled to the insurance since it provides the contract and imposes all of the conditions upon the policyholders. He also provides that the policyholders are entitled to the insurance without his import, and that the contract should be liberally interpreted as to strip away all of the technicalities and to guarantee to the policyholders a common sense protection and treatment.

NAVIGATION BOARD NAMED BY GOVERNOR

Raleigh, April 13.—The appointment of James Shrum, C. C. Chatham, T. F. Wood and H. C. McCombs of Wilmington, and J. Ruark of Siler City, as commissioners of the board of navigation and pilotage of the Cape Fear River and Bar is authorized by Governor Morrison. The appointment is under an act of the 1921 general assembly which provides that four of the five commissioners must reside in the city of Wilmington.

MANY BUILDINGS LOST IN TOWN IN GEORGIA

Talbotton, Ga., April 13.—Fire originating from an undetermined cause in the basement of a grocery store of J. R. Callier last night destroyed five buildings and caused damage estimated at \$200,000, being brought under control shortly before midnight.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL BEGINS MEETING

By the Associated Press. Richmond, Va., April 13.—With 38 presidents and secretaries of state councils in attendance, the annual meeting of the women's council of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, was begun here today. Mission work, education and social service were discussed. The convention will come to a close next Wednesday.

GREAT FIRE LOSS ROCKY MOUNT TODAY

By the Associated Press. Rocky Mount, N. C., April 13.—With an approximate loss of \$100,000, the greater part of which was bright leaf tobacco in the refinery, a fire which started shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. The fire was aided by a strong breeze and the firemen had difficulty in saving nearby buildings.

The W. E. Fenner Tobacco Company's warehouse caught fire, but the flames were extinguished with only slight damage. No estimate of insurance has been made.

WOULD WITHDRAW AMERICAN TROOPS

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—Immediate withdrawal of American occupation forces in Germany is provided for in a resolution introduced today by Representative Fish of New York requesting the administration to return the soldiers from Germany.

FUNERAL SUNDAY FORMER EMPRESS

By the Associated Press. Paris, April 13.—Funeral services in memory of the late former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany at Doorn have been delayed, according to information received here. It is announced the funeral will be held at Doorn Sunday and another at Potsdam Tuesday.

ATTACKS FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICERS

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—Charging that officials of the federal reserve bank of Atlanta, acting in concert with reserve banks of other districts, have joined in a conspiracy to force small banks throughout Georgia to become members of the reserve banks were made today by counsel for the American Bank and Trust Company of Atlanta and more than 40 other institutions.

FRUIT IS KILLED IN MOUNTAIN COUNTIES

By the Associated Press. Asheville, N. C., April 13.—Reports received here today by C. C. Proffitt, county farm agent, indicate that practically the entire fruit crop of western North Carolina was wiped out by the heavy frost of Monday night, according to Mr. Proffitt. The loss is estimated into the millions. There are many thousands of trees in western North Carolina, it being the largest fruit growing section in the south except Georgia.

WILL KEEP FLEET FIT

Washington, April 13.—Declarations that the navy department is ready to take what congress will appropriate and keep the fleet "ready and fit to fight" and that the war department is pursuing a policy of "normalcy" were made by Secretaries Denby and Weeks before the American Legion pos of the National Press Club at a military-naval night.

New Occupation of Germany by Allied Troops



Belgian troops marching past the Frederick statue in Dusseldorf to occupy this important German city in the Rhine territory. Insert—A French machine gun on the famous Dusseldorf bridge.

BIG INDUSTRIAL TIE UP NOW SEEMS TO BE AN ASSURED FACT

Railroad and Transport Workers Decide to Join Members in Big Strike Involving Four Million Persons—No Chance to Prevent Disaster, Says Evening Standard

By the Associated Press. London, April 13.—The miners, according to the Evening Standard today, have decided there can be no renewal of negotiations for a strike settlement, even though the government make the move.

KELLOGG LAUNCHES FIGHT ON TREATY

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—Launching the fight against the \$25,000,000 Colombian treaty, Senator Kellogg, Republican of Minnesota, told the senate today that ratification of the peace would "place a stain upon the name and fame of Theodore Roosevelt" and "and would acknowledge the fact that the United States wronged Colombia in her recognition of Panama and would make payment to cure a wrong."

BIG MAIL ORDER FRAUD SEEMS CAUGHT

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—With arrests made here early today, police postoffice inspectors believe they have uncovered a colossal mail order scheme by which persons of this city, Baltimore and Philadelphia were said to have been mulched of thousands of dollars. The persons arrested were Albert E. Frank H. Hitchcock, brothers, residing here, and their detention was said to have followed notification from Los Angeles of a FBI brother, Horace D. Hitchcock and his wife.

FOUR ARE KILLED AT ROAD CROSSING

By the Associated Press. Covington, Ky., April 13.—Four persons were killed, four seriously injured and two others badly injured in a collision between an automobile and a Chesapeake and Ohio locomotive today.

FRENCH PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press. Paris, April 13.—President Harding's message to congress created a most favorable impression among French officials.

KNOX PRESENTS RESOLUTION AGAIN

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—Senator Knox of Pennsylvania today introduced his resolution to declare peace with Germany.

EDWARDS IS NAMED A MAJOR GENERAL

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—President Harding approved today the list of 12 new major generals and 26 brigadier generals as prepared by Secretary Weeks. Clarence R. Edwards, who commanded in France, heads the list of major generals.

ALABAMA OFFICER

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—President Harding promised a delegation from Alabama which called upon him today to personally ask Secretary Hughes to take up the case of Capt. Emmett Kilpatrick of Uniontown, Ala., who is held prisoner by the Russian soviets.

THOMAS JEFFERSON IS HONORED AGAIN

By the Associated Press. Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—The 178th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson was observed today at the University of Virginia, founded by Jefferson.

BORAH PRESENTS DISARMAMENT RESOLVE

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—The first move in the present congress looking to disarmament came today with the introduction by Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, authorizing the president to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan looking to naval curtailment.

TO FIND DAMAGE CAUSED BY FROST

By the Associated Press. Washington, April 13.—Fruit growers affected by the recent freeze were advised by the agricultural department today to ascertain the damage to their orchards in order to determine what spraying will be needed. Peaches are reported to have suffered most from frost.

GRAND JURY WILL HEAR HAZING AFFAIR

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., April 13.—R. H. McComb of Hickory, a junior at the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering today was indicted by the Wake county grand jury in connection with hazing several weeks ago when a number of students at the college had their hair cut and were otherwise mistreated. A capias will be issued immediately for the arrest of McComb.

Judge Connor indicated that the case would go over until the May term of superior court. The true bill against McComb charges him with willfully violating the state law in hazing. W. R. Loftin, freshmen at the college, against the peace and dignity of the state, is an alleged violation of a special act against hazing. Besides Loftin, whom McComb is alleged to have hazed were Izan Holliman, R. C. Stevens and W. T. Price.

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, April 13.—Judge Connor in Wake county superior court today asked the grand jury to make a vigorous investigation in the hazing at State College several weeks ago in which a number of Freshmen had their hair clipped. During the outbreak a number of shots were exchanged between the hazers and their victims and at least one door was broken down. The grand jury will call a number of witnesses before it and if probable cause is found, the offenders will be tried before a jury. Hazing is a statutory offense in North Carolina, the penalty for which is in the discretion of the court.

SWINDLING IS FINE ART IN BALKANS

By the Associated Press. Constantinople, March 21.—Swindling travelers in connection with passport visas has become one of the favorite means of livelihood of minor officials in the orient and Balkan countries. Mrs. J. H. K. Polly, wife of an American business man living in London, was recently a victim of this fraud while traveling on the orient express, running from here to Paris. When the train was passing from Bulgaria into Serbia, at 2 o'clock in the morning an official in uniform representing himself as a Serb inspector, demanded to see her passport, informed her that the visa obtained at the Serb Legation in Constantinople was invalid and ordered her to leave the train. After protestation, he consented to accept \$35 to let her continue her journey. She had already paid \$30 for visas of her passport.

Before leaving Constantinople many travelers are obliged to give large sums to get visas which later may be declared invalid in this manner. Since refugees from Russia are not wanted in other countries, where they become public charges, few passports are granted them officially but they are furnished with proper papers for sums ranging from \$20 to \$100. As these refugees are poor, they are often obliged to spend all but their traveling expenses for visas.

Another form of swindle results from the general European laws against taking large sums of silver, gold or paper money of a given country into another. To prevent such traffic governments place officials at frontiers who demand of each traveler the sum of foreign cash on his person. If he declares anything above the equivalent of \$70, or some such modest sum, it is taken and a receipt given which he may cash in money of the country on leaving it. Sometimes the inspector merely pockets the money, or will take a bribe to let the traveler proceed with all his cash. Americans of experience have adopted the plan of carrying only checks or drafts and thus avoid this annoyance. The oldest form of travel swindle takes the form of trains stopping due to lack of coal. Then the train crew plays cards until the passengers take up a collection with which to buy coal. This swindle has been improved upon. An official takes up tickets, and then a second official, who denounces the first one as a fraud, makes the passengers pay a second time. This is confined to local trains.

TO OPEN SOUTHERN MINES. Washington, April 13.—The question of seeking action through congress to assist in opening abandoned mines of the south will be discussed here April 18 by representatives of the mineral division of the Southern Tariff Association with the house ways and means committee.