

# Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

## WAR DEPARTMENTS TO FIGHT ARMY DECREASE

Washington—The war department is preparing to fight any attempt by an economy-minded congress to cut the army below 1,070,000 men without a corresponding reduction in occupation responsibilities, it was disclosed.

This decision figured prominently in a detailed outline of the army's legislative program given privately to a session of the national council of the reserve officers association.

The reserves were told by Secretary of War Patterson that the regular army already is "stretched so thin that we really have no striking force left." Other officials noted that in Europe there remain only one division and the 38,000-man constabulary force in Germany in contrast with Russia's

## TAYLOR SENT BY PRES. TO MIDDLE EAST AGAIN

Washington — President Truman sent Myron C. Taylor back to the Vatican for important new peace discussions and bolstered American diplomatic representation in the troubled Middle East today in twin moves to far-reaching significance.

Taylor left by plane last night for Paris on the first leg of his journey. A White House announcement was issued today, saying that Mr. Truman had directed him to "continue his mission in behalf of peace."

The statement said Taylor's new mission will be "of short duration, not exceeding thirty days." This prompted speculation whether this country is about to end its nearly seven-year-old representation to the Vatican or possibly send another delegate. Some diplomatic authorities believe this was not necessarily so, however,

acknowledged 40 divisions.

Meanwhile, with the national guard and organized reserves in only the first stages of reorganization, the army at the moment is "woefully short" of forces adequate to meet an emergency, officials contended.

## PITTSBURGH HARD HIT BY SOFT COAL STRIKE

Pittsburgh—The soft coal walk-out bit deeply into steel production today as 87 blast and open hearth furnaces were shut down to conserve fuel by four of the nation's largest steelmakers.

Some firms were staggering work schedules but no complete layoffs have been reported yet.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., biggest U. S. Steel subsidiary, banked seven of its 27 huge blast ovens in the Pittsburgh district. Two of the seven were closed for repairs and will not be reopened until normal coal production resumes, a company spokesman said.

## ECLIPSE SEEN BY MANY ON SUNDAY

New York—The moon passed between the sun and the earth Sunday, bringing a partial solar eclipse for more than three hours and revealing a large number of sun spots, one of them much larger than the earth itself.

Clouds spoiled the show part of the time for observers in the

and reported Taylor wants to be back in America by Christmas.

## Buildings Destroyed By Fire On ASTC Campus Saturday

Boone—Two buildings on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus, one of them the first building constructed for the old Watauga Academy, were destroyed by fire early Saturday at a loss that may reach \$200,000.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college and founder of the old Watauga Academy out of which the college grew, wept as he watched flames consume the 47-year-old structure, which he helped to erect.

The fire was discovered by a night watchman at 2 a. m. and

quickly spread to the art building. Firemen were summoned from Boone and Blowing Rock. Their work prevented flames spreading to the adjoining home economics building and Watauga General Hospital.

Students, aroused from bed by the fire, gathered around the area and watched as flames consumed the two structures and destroyed band instruments for both the college and high school, which had been purchased last fall. The old academy building had been used by the music department in recent years.

All equipment in both buildings was destroyed. Miss Catherine Smith, art teacher, said some of her personal property, including paintings owned by her grandfather, were destroyed in the conflagration. Other teachers in both the art and music departments lost personal property. College officials said two buildings were insured, but could not say whether the loss would be completely covered. The origin of the fire had not been deter-

mined Saturday night.

The loss could not be accurately estimated by college officials last night. They said a check of records would have to be made, but said the damage would prob-

ably not be as great as \$200,000.

College officials were unable to say last night what steps would be taken to replace the two structures.

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THURSDAY (ONLY) BARBARA STANWYCK VAN HEFLIN Elizabeth SCOTT Plus Latest News

Plus Latest News Dean Hanks, Sturgills



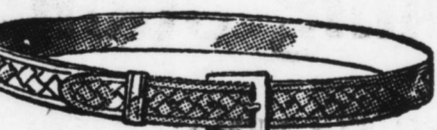
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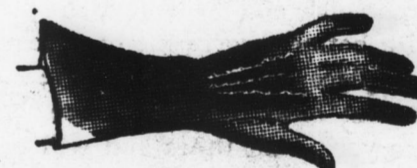


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