

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Rain and
foggy cold today and becoming colder
tonight with more rain Sunday clear-
ing and continued rather cold.

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Police Chief
Appointee Is
Found Shot

Sgt. Phil J. Parish Takes
Own Life According
To Coroner

IN ILL HEALTH

Brother And Fellow Of-
ficer Locate Body At
Greenfield Lake

The body of Police Sergeant
Phil J. Parish, who was appoint-
ed to head the Wilmington police
department February 21 was found
just outside the city limits be-
hind Greenfield Lake early last
night with a bullet hole in his
right temple, said by Coroner Gar-
dner Doran to have been self-in-
flicted.

He was discovered by his
brother, A. R. Parish, and Jack
Moore, both fellow police officers,
after a search had been instituted
for him at the request of his wor-
ried family.

When found, Parish was lying
on his back with a .38 caliber
bullet lying beside him. His hat,
pistol and a .38 caliber bullet were
lying near his head while he
was lying on his back. He had been
knocked from his head when he
fell, were found beside his right
knee.

Parish, who only this week re-
turned from James Walker Mem-
orial hospital where he had been
undergoing treatment since he was
stricken with what was believed to
be a kidney ailment on February
21, left home about 3:10 yester-
day afternoon. Police officials re-
ported that physicians notified
him shortly before that that he
would have to return to the hos-
pital for about a week's stay.

His family said that they be-
came worried when he did not
return within a short while, as he
said he would upon leaving his
residence at 1716 Carolina ave-
nue.

Coroner Doran last night ex-
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FELLOW OFFICER
DESCRIBES SCENE

Coroner Places Parish
Death At "About 4:30
P. M." Friday

Policeman Jack Moore, one of
the first persons to reach the
body of Police Sergeant Phil J. Parish,
41, just off the Community Drive around
Greenfield Lake at 7:30 o'clock,
last night, described a scene that
struck "me like a stick of ex-
ploding dynamite."

Moore, who was accompanied
by A. R. Parish, brother of the
dead officer, was out looking for
Parish when he did not return
home before dark. He had left
home about 3:10 p. m. and had
said that he would be gone only
"a little while."

The policeman said that he and
Parish were riding down the road
when they saw a car parked on
the highway. When they discovered
the car parked about 100 yards off
the highway in a spot popu-
larly known as "Lover's Lane."

"Of course we didn't know what
to expect," Moore said. "We drove
up the sandy road, parked our
car and got out. It was raining,
and from a distance I couldn't
see in his car because of the
water on the glasses."

He said he walked around the
side of the car, playing his flash-
light over it, but the light wasn't
strong enough to pierce the wet
glasses.

"When I got opposite of the
left side of the car—a 1937 Ford
coupe—the beam from the flash-
light cut through the wet glasses
sufficiently for me to be able to
see that the right hand door was
open."

He said that he had no idea what
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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
By Alley

PAHSON SAY DEY AIN'
NOUGH SYMPHY IN
DE WORL'—SHUCKS!
DEY'S PLINTY UV IT.
DEY'S JES' SO MANY
FOLKS WHUT KEEPS
IT FUH DEY-SE'F !!!

Navy Expedition Sub Moves Through Ice Pack



This picture taken from the Mount Olympus, flagship of the U. S. Navy's Antarctic Expedition, shows the submarine Nautilus moving with caution through the Antarctic ice pack. Radar was used in spotting icebergs. The eastern, western and central task groups of the expedition have started the homeward trip. The western group is en route to Sydney, Australia, while the eastern force will visit Rio de Janeiro for six days. The central group will stop at Wellington, New Zealand. U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto.)

DUTCH SAY SHIP
CARGO "STOLEN"

Capt. Gray Claims Martin
Behrmann Taken From
Him By Marines

The Hague, March 7. —(AP)—A
Netherlands Foreign office
spokesman asserted tonight that
the cargo on the American
Liberty ship Martin Behrmann
consisted of "stolen products,"
and therefore the action of the
Dutch armed forces in seizing
the vessel was entirely legal. He
said an official communique will
be issued tomorrow.

Batavia, March 7. —(AP)—Sixty
Dutch Marines, sailors and civil
police boarded the American
Liberty ship Martin Behrmann
today and overpowered the first
mate as he attempted to raise
the gangplank in carrying out the
orders of his defiant captain to
frustrate the Dutch authorities.

Tugboats nosed the ship to
another dock for the unloading of
her \$3,000,000 cargo in accord
with a confiscation order from
the Netherlands East Indies gov-
ernment. The ship had been
loaded at Cheribon, in republican
Java, contrary to Dutch regu-
lations.

Capt. Rudy Gray, who had
notified the Dutch several hours
before that he intended to sail for
the United States, walked off the
ship after informing Dutch Navy
Lt. John Hamerslag that control
of the vessel had been "taken
from me forcibly by armed men."

"This is sheer piracy," he
explained.

The civil police pinned the
arms of First Mate Alexander
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MASS MEETING ON
BILL SCHEDULED

Over 100 Invited To At-
tend Session On Pro-
posed Legislation

Over 100 Wilmington business
men and operators of motor trans-
port have been invited to attend
a meeting in the Woodrow Wilson
hut this morning at 10 o'clock to
coordinate plans for effective pro-
test against a proposed legislative
measure governing private motor
carriers in North Carolina.

Col. H. E. Boyd, traffic-man-
ager of the Wilmington Port-
Traffic Association, said yester-
day that he would explain the de-
tails of HB 1-3, the bill under
fire throughout the state. He re-
cently testified before joint
senate-house utilities committee in
Raleigh against the measure.

He said late yesterday that he
is planning to recommend a
course of action to the group at
this meeting's session and includ-
ed a committee to keep watch on
the legislation and on any future
action taken on the bill.

The public hearing at which
Boyd testified, which was held
last month, resulted in the pro-
posed measure being delayed by a
sub-committee for study and re-
writing, Boyd said.

Affected by the bill are certain
types of operating carriers, among
which are ice cream trucks and
bread carrying-vehicles.

United States Stands Pat
On Hot Palestine Mandate

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March
7. —(AP)—The United States told
Britain emphatically tonight that
she would have to bring the Pal-
estine case formally to the United
Nations before the Washington
government could agree to any U. N.
procedure for handling the ex-
plosive mandate issue.

Herschel Johnson, deputy U. S.
Delegate, informed Britain dele-
gate Sir Alexander Cadogan that
a proposal for a U. N. commission
the United States could not act on
of inquiry on Palestine until the
case has been officially given to
the United Nations.

The Weather

FORECAST:
South Carolina — Rain Saturday end-
ing in afternoon, followed by clearing
Saturday night; not much change in
temperature Saturday, colder Saturday
night; Sunday fair and rather cool.

North Carolina — Rain and rather
cold Saturday; cloudy and becoming
colder Saturday night with rain in east
portion, followed by clearing and con-
tinued rather cold Sunday.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES
1:30 a. m. 39 7:30 a. m. 39; 1:30 p. m.
48; 7:30 p. m. 45. Maximum 49; Min-
imum 36. Mean 42. Normal 51.

HUMIDITY
1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p. m.
48; 7:30 p. m. 96.

PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.
0.12 inches. Total since the first of the
month 0.83 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

High Low
Wilmington 10:59 a. m. 5:32 a. m.
11:18 a. m. 5:36 p. m.

Masonboro 8:44 a. m. 2:29 a. m.
9:08 p. m. 2:51 p. m.

Sunrise 6:32; Sunset 6:14; Moonrise
8:02p; Moonset 7:41 a.
Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville at
2 a. m. Friday 11.8 feet.

RETIREMENT ACT
LUNCHEON TOPIC

Revised Railroad Em-
ployees' Annuity Provi-
sions Explained

An explanation of the 1946 con-
gressional amendments to the
Government's railroad retirement
act and a discussion of the prin-
ciple changes proposed by them
featured the monthly luncheon
meeting of the Wilmington Life
Underwriters association yester-
day.

Guest speaker for the luncheon,
held at the Crystal restaurant,
was C. R. Willis of Rocky Mount,
federal representative of the United
States Railroad Retirement board.

For the benefit of the insur-
ance profession, Willis devoted his
remarks primarily to the act's
survivor benefits provisions.

In this respect he pointed out
in the beginning that the purpose
of the law was to set up an an-
nuity supplement, not a sole
means of income for purposes of
livelihood.

The original railroad retire-
ment act, he explained, was made
into law by Congress on August
29, 1935, although subsequent ex-
perience served to establish that
the act in its original form was
lacking in protective scope.

Generally speaking, Willis ex-
plained, the 1946 congressional
amendments were designed to ac-
complish the following results:

1. Afford protection to survivors
of railroad workers.

2. Provide benefits for persons
who were prevented by disability
from carrying on their regular
railroad work, but who, under the

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S. S. JOHN ERICSSON
SUFFERS \$1,500,000
DAMAGES BY BLAZE

NEW YORK, March 7. —(AP)—
Fire raged for nearly four hours
through the superstructure of the
20,067-ton U. S. Lines vessel John
Ericsson late today causing an es-
timated \$1,500,000 damage and de-
laying the departure of the giant
British liner Queen Elizabeth which
was berthed at the same Hudson
river pier.

One crewman and two firemen
were injured.

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mentioned a pamphlet which Mr.
C. C. Chaboudin was kind enough
to loan us. The little booklet was
written by Dr. Walter Gilman
Curtis, who for 30 years served
as state quarantine surgeon for
the Port of Wilmington.

SOUTHPORT'S PRIDE—Com-
parable to the Cape Fear Acad-
emy here was Smithville's first
permanent school. And so that
there be no confusion, all of us
should remember that Smith-
ville is an earlier name for South-
port.

According to Dr. Curtis neither
history nor tradition records any
attention or consequence paid to
education or public schools prior
to 1845.

NAVY MAY CLOSE
TRIAL TO PUBLIC

Ruling Expected Today In
Washington Case;
Local Witness

Morning Star Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 7 — A
navy court martial delayed today
until tomorrow a decision on
whether or not to open to the public
the trial of Lieutenant Command-
er Edward N. Little, a Bataan vet-
eran facing charges of alleged
complicity in the mistreatment of
American comrades in Japanese
prison camps.

Among his fellow-prisoners wait-
ing to testify against him are Army
Sergeant Creston Rowland of Wil-
mington, N. C., and his cousin,
former Army Corporal Cohen T.
Rowland of Route One, Varina, N.
C.

Secretary of the Navy James
V. Forrestal had been expected to
rule today on the question of
opening the courtroom doors to the
press and public. But the issue,
sent up to "higher authority" yester-
day, was tossed back into the
lap of the court this afternoon.

After more than an hour of de-
cision, the court recessed with-
out a decision. It will reconvene
tomorrow morning.

The prosecution wants the trial
opened; the defense is fighting to
keep it closed. The defendant who
lists Decatur, Ill., and Tucson,
Ariz., as his home addresses, has
indicated that he will have some
witnesses here within a few days.

MARSHALL TO GET
GERMAN FACTS

Secretary Arrives In Ber-
lin For Conferences
With U. S. Officials

BERLIN, March 7. —(AP)—U. S.
Secretary of State George C. Mar-
shall arrived in Berlin today on
the last leg of his flight to the
"Four-Power Foreign Ministers'
conference in Moscow and headed im-
mediately for conferences with
high officials of the American Mil-
itary government.

He was greeted at Tempelhof
airport by Gen. Joseph T.
McNarney, the retiring American
military governor for Germany,
and Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay,
governor-designate, who hurried
from a meeting of the allied co-
ordinating committee to be on
hand to honor the American
secretary.

Marshall came from Paris,
where he placed a wreath at the
tomb of France's unknown soldier
under the Arch of Triumph in a
ceremony watched by thousands
of Parisians.

The weather will determine
when Marshall will leave for Mos-
cow. He is due in the Soviet cap-
ital by Monday for the formal
opening of the meeting to discuss
drawing up peace pacts for Ger-
many and Austria.

Along The Cape Fear

SCHOOL AGAIN—Every com-
munity in the Lower Cape Fear
region can boast of a famous
school. Just as residents of the
Port City point to the illustrious
Cape Fear Academy under the di-
rection of Professor Washington
Cattlet, every other city has an
institution of learning which con-
tributed substantially to the up-
building of the state through its
alumni.

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Truman Seeks Permission To Ship Arms
To Greece, 200 Million Loan For Nation;
Clark Starts Clincher Against Miners

LEWIS PROTESTS
COURT DECISION

Union Leader Charges
Government Acting As
"Muscle Man"

WASHINGTON, March 7. —(AP)—
Attorney General Clark moved to
clinch the Supreme court's "no-
strike" edict against the United
Mine workers today as John L.
Lewis protested that the govern-
ment is acting as "muscle man"
for the mine operators.

Clark drafted a motion for the
court asking that its mandate
against Lewis and the union be
issued "forthwith" instead of wait-
ing the customary 25 days. That
delay would bring it up to March
31, and Clark declared there is
"danger" of another soft coal
strike then because of the dead-
line set by Lewis when he ordered
the miners back to work Dec. 7.

Clark based his motion "upon
the public interest in these cases." He
notified union attorneys that
he will appear before the court
Monday to ask that it be granted.

The decision which upheld the
contempt convictions against
Lewis and the union yesterday
gave five days after issuance of
the mandate for Lewis to rescind
his contract termination notice—
equivalent to a strike call—and
notify the miners of the action.

He failed to do so, the full \$2-
500,000 fine assessed by Federal
Judge T. Alan Goldsborough
against the union will be imposed;
otherwise it will be cut to \$700,000.

No Suggestion
Lewis, telling the Senate Labor
committee that the government is
blocking peace in the coal in-
dustry by playing the role of
"muscle man" and "police patri-
ot," said flatly he had no sug-
gestion on how to prevent another
nationwide coal strike.

Beginning his testimony while
newsreels hummed and flash
bulbs flared from every direction,
Lewis said there is nothing the
matter with the coal industry "ex-
cept the ill treatment being af-
forded the employees." Add that
the union could settle with the
coal operators if the government
would cease using a blackback to

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RED CROSS FUND
NOW TOPS \$9000

Campaign Chairman Asks
Division Leaders To File
Report Today

Reports from the ten divisions
in the Red Cross campaign reveal
that a total of \$9,331.86 has been
donated thus far toward the cam-
paign's goal of \$21,253.

At the end of the fourth day of
the ten-day campaign, several di-
visions have reported over half
their quotas.

J. H. Carswell, campaign chair-
man, said last night that they
hoped to push the figure up con-
siderably today and asked that
division chairmen turn in their re-
ports daily. Campaign head-
quarters, Room 231 on the second
floor of the Custom house will re-
main open until 12:30 today, he
said, and workers are asked to
use the Princess street entrance today.

Division reports submitted thus
far are as follows: Downtown,
Hal J. Love, \$469.50; Residential,
Mrs. L. W. Preston, \$278.86;
Railroads, C. S. Morse, \$1,511;
Commercial, Robert Dennenbaum,
\$143.50; Public Service, L. S. Hub-
bard, \$119.50; Public Employees,
H. R. Emory, \$118; and Advanced
Gifts, Walker Taylor, \$659.50.

The employees of S. & B. Solo-
mon company contributed 127 per
cent of their goal; the U. S. Naval
Reserve, 100 per cent; U. S. Cus-
tomal employees, 100 per cent; and
the U. S. Collector of Customs of-
fice, 144 per cent, it was report-
ed.

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WEATHERMAN SAYS
MORE RAIN SEEN
FOR CITY TODAY

The weather in Wilmington is
just slightly below normal for this
time of year, Paul Hess, local
weather man, said yesterday as
he predicted temperatures of 48-
50 for today.

Occasional light rain is also in
the forecast for today. Winds will
be moderate from the east and
northwest.

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'No Comment' On Decision



United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis gives a "no comment" brush-off to reporters as he enters the Mine Workers Building in Washington. He had just been informed of the Supreme Court decision which upheld the coal workers' union's conviction against him and the miners' union, but reduced the union's fine from \$2,500,000 to \$700,000. (International Soundphoto.)

Finals Scheduled Tonight
In Star-News-YMCA Tourney

STAR-NEWS-YMCA
TOURNEY RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Richlands 36, Atkinson 16
(Boys).
Shallotte 14, Acme-Delco 9
(Girls).
Clarkton 22, Bolivia 11 (Girls).
Elizabethtown 42, Acme-Del-
co 18 (Boys).

TODAY'S GAMES
8:00 p. m.—Clarkton vs Shall-
lotte (Girls).
9:30 p. m.—Elizabethtown vs
Richlands (Boys).

HOUSE GETS BILL
TO AID VETERANS

Umstead Measure Would
Set Vocational School
At Camp Butler

RALEIGH, March 7. —(AP)—The
North Carolina legislature speeded
into its home stretch today as
leaders, with the approval of Gov-
ernor Cherry, sent down the word
that adjournment must come by
midnight of April 4.

Meanwhile, Rep. Umstead of
Orange and others sent to the
branch a bill to effect a vocational
school at Camp Butler for vet-
erans of World War II. An ap-
propriation of \$25,000 would be made
to start the school and an extra
appropriation of \$10,000 would be
made to provide quarters for
married couples. The couples
would be charged rent, which
would be used to repay the \$10,000
appropriation. Veterans would be
taught such trades as refrigera-
tion plumbing and heating.

Senate Bills
The Senate passed a bill provid-
ing for segregation of youthful
first offenders, making mandatory
their separation from older and
hardened criminals, and a measure
which would allow the use of school
buses to transport persons to
events approved by the State
Board of Education.

The same body received a
measure by Senator Powell of
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SHIPS SLATED TO
LEAVE HERE SOON

Three Liberty Craft From
Lay-Up Basin To Be
Refitted

Three Liberty Ships are schedu-
led to leave the Wilmington Re-
serve Fleet Lay-Up basin within
the next few days to be refitted for
voyage, local customs officials said
yesterday.

The S. S. Edward Ballamy and
the S. S. David Starr Jordan will
depart for Charleston and the S. S.
Enos A. Mills will sail for Savan-
nah, Ga. All three ships will be to-
ward their destinations where
they will be refitted for voyage
and put into service.

The vessels are not being sold,
it was stated, but are to be used
by the U. S. Maritime Commission,
probably under an agent.

20,000 Troops Comb Wide
Area For Car Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Palestine, March
7. —(AP)—Some 20,000 British
troops today combed an area 65
miles long and 20 miles wide for
Jewish extremists who blew up a
British staff car, seriously injur-
ing one officer and two soldiers.

The searchers began at dawn
from Rehovot in the South of Haifa
in the north under the strictest
secrecy and ended six hours later
with 31 Extremist suspects in cus-
tody.

PRESIDENT CALLS
MEETING MONDAY

Congressional Leaders To
Discuss Diplomatic
Crisis

WASHINGTON, March 7. —(AP)—
Determined to avert a major dip-
lomatic crisis in the Mediterranean,
President Truman next week will
ask Congress for permission to
ship arms and ammunition to the
Greek army and grant the embat-
tled nation a \$200,000,000 loan.

This was disclosed by official
sources today soon after Mr. Tru-
man postponed indefinitely the Car-
ibbean cruise he had planned to
start tomorrow, to devote his full
attention to the Greek problem.

He reviewed the situation with
his cabinet this morning and sum-
moned Congressional leaders, includ-
ing top-ranking members of the Sen-
ate and House Foreign Affairs and
Appropriations committees, to con-
fer with him at 10 a. m. EST, Mon-
day. A special message to Congress,
outlining his proposals is expected
to be submitted the same day or
on Tuesday.

Arms Export
Official sources said the mes-
sage would request legislation to
permit the export of arms to
Greece and quick approval of a
\$200,000,000 loan to prevent a com-
plete collapse of that country's al-
ready-weakened democratic gov-
ernment.

They said that military assist-
ance, other than troops, is consid-
ered just as important as financial
assistance because money would
accomplish little if the Greek army
is not strong enough to "stabilize
the situation."

These sources said the United
States hopes to establish Greece
on a "sound economic basis" with-
in two years so that further aid
either military or financial, will be
unnecessary. The program's cost
is estimated at \$250,000,000 now but
might increase to \$350,000,000 by
the time it is completed.

The entire U. S. approach is
based on what Greece needs, not
on what aid the British have sup-
plied in the past. Any commit-
ments for assistance, it was said,
will be a matter entirely between
the Greek and U. S. governments.

No Troops Involved
It was emphasized that no U. S.
troops would be involved. The as-
sistance would be provided prin-
cipally in the form of guns, am-
munition and transport badly
needed by the Greek army.

British troops there were pic-
tured as engaged in what was de-
scribed as "less than hold the line"
operations. Britain already is com-
mitted to withdraw her troops 90
days after the Bulgarian peace
treaty goes into effect. It was made
on the understanding that Russia
would withdraw its troops from Bul-
garia at the same time.