

Weather
Clearing tonight
with light frost. Fair with
rainy temperatures Wednesday.
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54 Feared Dead In Collision EAL PLANE CRASH

WIND LEVELS COURTHOUSE GIANT



One of the few trees left on Mecklenburg's Courthouse lawn came down with it this morning during the wild and windy storm that took the place of an expected cold wave. Gusts up to 40 miles per hour were too much for the giant, which was uprooted on the E. Trade St. side of the Courthouse. No one was injured.

Temperature Down 15 Degrees In 12 Hours

Frost, Clear Skies Due Tonight

By DWAY WINTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The wind took a hand in the weather today, chasing the clouds about the sky and promising to lift the gloom of rain by tonight. Gusts as high as 40 miles per hour blew through the city. Little damage was reported with the exception of a tree which was blown down on the Courthouse lawn.

The wind also brought in lower temperatures, and the mercury dropped sharply.

No Word Yet On Navy Chief

Adm. Sherman Due In Capital Today

By ELLTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON—AP—Vice Adm. Forrester D. Sherman, who once before helped produce an accord in the military unionization row, was due to arrive today on a flying trip from his Mediterranean naval command.

The popular expectation was that he would be named chief of naval operations to succeed the ousted Adm. Louis Denfeld.

But as the time for Sherman's arrival neared there was disappointment toward caution in such speculation.

For one thing, no official statement from the Navy Department, Secretary of Defense Johnson nor Sherman himself—had said anything publicly to support what in the past week had developed into a widely accepted conclusion.

This suggested several possibilities, among them:
1. That perhaps Sherman at no point had been slated for the post he was being brought to the Pentagon for another high post in the Navy command, or to serve again as a compromise-maker. That was Sherman's role in 1946 when the Navy was fighting passage of a law unifying the armed forces.

Four House members—two Republicans, Amden and Hays, and two Democrats—Sawyer and Bland—were expected to introduce legislation to change the way the Navy chooses its chief. Sherman and Matthews were "tricky, broken plagues and smart tactics." The Congress was expected to pass it.

Piercing Might Put End To Life

Fate Of Earth Rests With 'Shield'

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Life and death on this planet may hang by no nebulous a thread as scientists are learning.
Two separate announcements yesterday, one by the California Institute of Technology and the other by the University of California at Los Angeles, brought this grim specter into the realm of scientific speculation.
Sixty miles above the earth exists a heretofore unknown layer of oxygen molecules which constantly change the wave lengths of the sun's deadly ultra-violet rays to infra-red heat. This was announced by Dr. Joseph Kaplan, UCLA professor of physics.
If some sudden piercing of the shield should occur, the earth might be scorched by the sun's rays, which would be deadly to all life on the planet.

The effect of certain types of ultra-violet rays on living organisms may be judged from an announcement by Caltech's Dr. Renato Dulbecco, who yesterday discovered discovery of "life rays" in the sun's corona, which he said was the source of the rays with invisible light.
A certain kind of light, he said, can kill a little-known bacterium, and another kind of light can kill a little-known bacterium. This was announced by Dr. Joseph Kaplan, UCLA professor of physics.

Further study of this layer, he said, might reveal the sun's weather forecasting. Scientists could chart weather months in advance, he said, if they knew what happens in the upper atmosphere. The sun's rays are of energy with which the sun bombards the earth.

Fire, Blasts Hit Postal Dept. Bldg.

Hundreds Flee, Dozen Injured

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Fire, accompanied by a rumbling series of explosions, caused heavy damage to the \$11,000,000 Post Office Department building today and sent hundreds of Government employees fleeing to the streets.

The blast was confined to the main building, but firemen brought it under control. A section of the seventh floor ceiling fell in, injuring some. News—Asst. reporter injured.

Robert Parkinson, an Associated Press reporter, got a bad cut on the shoulder. A glass door between the seventh and eighth floors was blown out, and a fire broke out on the eighth floor.

Three firemen were taken to emergency hospital. They were injured by smoke and falling debris. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Emergency building houses several agencies in addition to the Post Office Department.

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Trail Of Small Change Leads To Loot Recovery

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Robbers who stole \$140 in small change from a man in a pocket yesterday were led to their loot by a trail of small change.

Police Patrolman Ralph McKinley answered the cleaner's call and followed a trail of small change to the loot.

Progressive Rumor

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Mrs. Ann Podolski had her first child, Ann, ten years ago. Two years later she had twin, Jeffrey and John, and eight. Yesterday she presented her twelfth, a boy, Samuel, with triplet, all boys.

He pointed out, "but within the last few years, the sun has been found to be the source of the rays with invisible light."

The existence of the protective layer of oxygen molecules which shields the earth from the sun's rays was announced by Dr. Joseph Kaplan in laboratory experiments. He calls them "energetic" molecules because of their ability to absorb energy from the sun in the form of heat rays. This release it in the form of heat rays.

Dues Withheld, Delegates Go Home Electric Union Breaks With CIO

By HAROLD W. WARD
CLEVELAND—(AP)—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America today announced it was withholding any further dues to the CIO—a certain first step toward seceding.

In a defiant statement accusing CIO leadership of following "a pattern of raising, union-busting and red-baiting hypocrisy," U. B. President Albert J. Fitzgerald said the next step is to withdraw from the CIO.

U. B. delegates walked out of the convention floor shortly after Fitzgerald said they were going home. U. B. officers have not been attending the convention although delegates were there.

There was little doubt that President Philip Murray of the CIO would accept the challenge.

Mediation officials disclosed that their chief, Cyrus S. Ching, may call on the CIO to mediate the dispute between the U. B. and the CIO.

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Steel Break Raises Hopes Coal Peace Efforts Stepped Up

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Bethlehem Steel's settlement with its union, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, today raised hopes for a general back-to-work agreement in the steel mills today and put new pressure behind Government mediation efforts in the companion soft coal strike.

Mediation officials disclosed that their chief, Cyrus S. Ching, may call on the CIO to mediate the dispute between the U. B. and the CIO.

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Big Liner And Fighter Hit In Air Craft Scheduled To Land Here

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A little Bolivian fighter plane and a big airliner collided in the air near the Washington airport today with a probable death toll of 54.

More than two hours after the crash only one person was known to have come through it alive.

It was an unidentified man who bobbed delicately in Spanish and was believed to be a Bolivian pilot, Eric Rios Brizido, 28.

There were believed to have been 30 passengers and four crew members aboard the Eastern Air Lines DC-4 which was en route to Boston and New York. One of them was Rep. George J. Bates, Massachusetts Republican.

BODIES SCATTERED
The crash site was at the Potomac River's edge. Bodies of the passengers were found over an area of 150 yards. Many apparently were lost in the river.

Military authorities and airport police said 25 bodies had been recovered.

The only body definitely identified in mid-afternoon was that of a man, believed to be a passenger, who was found near the wreckage.

The two planes came together about 300 feet in the air. Airport officials said the DC-4 had been instructed by radio to land at the airport.

Officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board, which is investigating the crash, said the crash was a "disaster."

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Five Plane Passengers Heeded For Charlotte

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