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Hartsville Banker Named. Treasury Undersecretary

Wiggins Is Appointed Successor To Gardner

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has chosen A. L. Wiggins, Hartsville, S. C., banker, to be Undersecretary of the Treasury.

The White House announced today that Wiggins, former president of the American Bankers Association, will succeed O. Max Gardner when the latter becomes Ambassador to Britain.

President's Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the nomination of Wiggins will be sent to the Senate after the Senate acts on the diplomatic appointments. Gardner will continue as Treasury Undersecretary until that time.

Atom Post Is Filled

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today appointed Carl Louis Wilson, 38-year-old engineer, as director of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Starling Message Crackles From Ship

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP)—Three female airmen, Navy agents in Panama. Also immigration.

South Breeder Dies

BORTH PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Death has claimed 58-year-old Willis J. Borth, a well-known factor and former owner of a race stable. He succumbed to a heart attack Saturday.

Timber Harvest Tips In Forestry Issue

Today's Carolina Farmer pages are devoted to forestry and the timber lands of North Carolina. This fine special section, four pages of news, pictures, and features, is a regular department of Monday's THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Despite Tobey's Challenge

GOP Senators Stick By Plans To Pick Officers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republicans went ahead with plans for election of officers today despite a challenge from Senator Tobey, Republican from Hampshire, of their authority to act until Congress actually meets.

Informed by reporters of Tobey's stand, Senator F. W. Claiborne, D., chairman of the steering committee, replied: "I have no doubt of the right of the elected members to caucus and elect officers before they meet and decide what they are going to do."

Tobey, however, said his assignments could not be settled until later. Tobey had objected particularly to agreeing on them at an afternoon meeting.

CITES RULES

Tobey argued that the rules of the Republican conference, organization of Senate Republican conference, the election of conference chairman and appointment of a new steering committee are all matters which are not within the new session of Congress has convened. The 80th session starts Friday noon.

That who probably will also head the new steering committee, presiding at a two-hour session of the outgoing steering group, Chairman of Plans were laid for general conference of

House Group Moves

WASHINGTON (AP)—The sharp official criticism of House on Capitol Hill today by the Soviet Union went to war with Germany—demanded that the United States cease "positive leadership" in European economic affairs.

Simultaneously it asserted that if Russia actually is found to be using Western Army plans to rearm, the Western Allies should denounce the entire Potsdam Big Three agreement and demand that the Soviets "vacate Germany completely."

TWO HURT

Despite the widespread havoc wrought by the recent blizzard, injuries to two persons were the only casualties reported.

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Composer Seriously Ill

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charles Wakefield Cadogan, composer who wrote the popular songs "Swing Time" and "Ain't She a Sweetheart," is in a hospital today as seriously ill in a hospital of a heart disorder. Among his other well-known songs are "Land of the Sky Blue Waters" and "Ain't Doin'."

Trend May Be National

N. Y. Liquor Dealers Announce Price Cuts

NEW YORK (AP)—Price cuts at the retail level on Scotch, bonded bourbons and ryes were announced today by several New York liquor stores, and industry sources said the trend was apt to become nationwide.

NAM Hits Wage Demands

Says Arguments 'Nonsense'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers today described CIO arguments for a new round strike as economic adjectives, "pure guesswork" and "statistical nonsense," and reiterated that higher wages will force up prices again.

NAM made its position known in a statement by Dr. Ralph Robey, its chief economist. Robey is a former newspaper and magazine editor and served as an economic adviser to Alf M. Landon, the Republican nominee, in the 1936 Presidential campaign of 1946.

Robey sharply criticized the report made for the CIO by Robert Nathan, its economic and former war production planner. "Robey asserted Nathan had a record of faulty predictions which show that employment would reach 8,000,000 in the Spring of 1946."

Nathan maintained in his report for the CIO that present business conditions are such that the industry can grant pay boosts up to 20 per cent without raising prices or reducing profits, owing to wartime peaks.

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"The whole theory of the report to the CIO," Robey's statement said, "is based on the fact that as to what business profits are in the last quarter of 1946 and the first quarter of 1947 will continue to earn at least that much."

Strikes Cut Coal Output

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's soft coal mines shut down by two major strikes during the year, produced 85 per cent less coal up to Dec. 21 than was mined during the same period last year.

However, anthracite coal production, untouched by major work stoppages, was 100 per cent over output recorded for the 51-week period of last year.

Soft coal production suffered from major strikes in April and May, and in November-December. Wheeler estimated bituminous production at 100,000,000 tons during the week ending Dec. 21.

Production for the week ending Dec. 21, 1946, was 13,220,000 tons, the highest since before the strike in the industrial district, the week ending Dec. 22, last year, 11,100,000 tons of coal were produced.

U. S. Zone Deficit In Germany Seen

BERLIN (AP)—A \$134,000,000 deficit for the three states in the U. S. zone of Germany is predicted by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of the U. S. military zone, in a monthly report that revenue of the German state governments will approximate \$1.4 billion in 1947.

Novelist's Widow Dead

LONDON (AP)—Lady Hawkins, widow of the prize-winning novelist Anthony Hope Hawkins, died here today at the age of 80.

Zoo Surplus Sale

CHICAGO (AP)—Monkey business is good and the retail demand for alligators is even better, but the best of statistics these days.

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