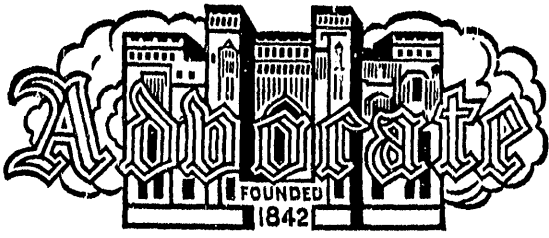


THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy this morning, tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight with low near 48 degrees. High yesterday, 73; low this morning, 63.

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SENATE MAY NOT APPROVE C. E. WILSON

Indications Are Chamber To Insist on Disposition Of G. M. Holdings Which Appointee Seems to Oppose

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chances that the Senate will okay Charles E. Wilson as defense secretary in the new Eisenhower administration appeared to be shrinking—unless he gives up his huge General Motors holdings.

Even if the names of Wilson and four prospective Defense Department aides are formally submitted by Eisenhower, they will be referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee for a hearing tomorrow.

At that hearing Wilson will get a chance, if he wishes, to alter his previous testimony that he would not dispose of 2 1/2 million dollars in stock, a yearly pension and a retirement bonus from General Motors.

While there have been proposals to change the law which bans federal officials from transacting business with companies in which they have an indirect financial interest, some senators said amendment of the law may not be enough to win approval for Wilson.

These senators said the alternative either is for Wilson to dispose of his stock or to ask that his name not be submitted.

Livingston Man Sentenced; Killed Son-in-Law '51

LIVINGSTON, Jan. 20—Wallace Cooper, Denham Springs, was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary Saturday for the shotgun slaying of his son-in-law, Bob Haley, in September, 1951.

Louisiana Has Elaborate Inaugural Parade Float

WASHINGTON (AP)—Although Louisiana and Mississippi wound up in the Democratic column last November, Louisiana's parade float for the inauguration of Eisenhower will be the only one to depict the state's major industries.

Behind the float came the Clinton, Miss., High School Band. Louisiana's float was an elaborate affair built around the theme of the 150th anniversary of the Louisi-



EISENHOWER BECOMES PRESIDENT—Dwight Eisenhower today takes the oath of office as president of the United States. The oath is administered by Chief Justice Fred Vinson (left). Mark Trice, clerk of Senate, is in the center holding the Bible.—AP wirephoto.

HUNT ABANDONED FOR 11 ARMEN

Seven Are Killed and Four Missing Off China's Coast

HONG KONG (AP)—Seven men were killed and four are missing in the loss of two U. S. military planes, one to Chinese Red ground fire, in the strait of Pormosa, the captain of a British frigate said today.

Ten airmen were rescued by the Halsey Powell, a U. S. destroyer. Allied warships Monday abandoned search for the four missing men. Red shore guns fired at a U. S. destroyer taking part in the rescue operations, but it was not damaged.

Chiefman Saltonstall (R-Miss.) said Herbert Brownell Jr., Eisenhower's attorney general, had been asked to take on the case.

Seven of the survivors were from the Neptune and three from the U. S. naval officers at Hong Kong speculated that some of the missing fliers might be prisoners of the Communists. These officers, (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Both floats were in the fourth division of the parade, Louisiana's being 21st among the states, Mississippi's 29th.

Each state also was represented in the color guard of Korean War veterans. In this group were Pfc. William F. Killian, New Orleans; Master Sgt. George D. Kinkaid Jr., Long Beach, Miss., and Sgt. Ronald B. Bartels, Meridian, Miss.

Democracy Is Evidenced In Whopper of a Parade For Ike's Inauguration

10 Miles of Floats, Bands, Animals, Etc. Included In Spectacle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democracy marches today in a whopper of a parade.

And riding proudly at its head, performing his first chore as the new president, will be Dwight D. Eisenhower.

For three hours or more, 10 miles of floats, bands, military units, beasts and birds arranged to parade down historic Pennsylvania Ave. from the U. S. Capitol past the White House.

Like democracy itself, this parade has a bit of everything: A dog sled team from Alaska, 20,000 to 22,000 servicemen and women, 65 musical units, 50 floats, 5,000 civilians including 250 Indians, 3 elephants, 350 horses and a flock of pigeons making as if they were doves of peace.

2 Bandits Rob Bank In Caddo

GILLIAM, La. (AP)—Two unmasked men robbed the Gilliam branch of the Caddo Savings Bank and Trust Co. of an estimated \$30,000 today and sped northward in a green 1952 Oldsmobile sedan.

Two persons on duty in the bank were threatened if they tried to interfere but no one was hurt. The preliminary estimate of the amount of money taken was made by Henry C. Dillard, president of the bank who was at the main office in Belcher at the time of the robbery.

FOOD AND PAROLE DEMANDS MADE

800 Prisoners Riot in Second Pennsylvania Pen

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP)—Nearly 800 convicts who rioted and seized six guards as hostages at the Rockview branch of Western State Penitentiary, set up a cry today for "better food" and a "better parole system."

The demonstration, without violence, followed hours of tense, uneasy quiet which had settled over the prison during the night and early morning hours.

The rioting broke out shortly before 6 p. m. yesterday, minutes after settlement of a 24-hour outbreak in the main part of the prison at Pittsburgh, 160 miles to the west. The convicts took over and barricaded the three main cell blocks.

Then, as the rioting wore on, the convicts grew restive. Some rattled cell block doors. Many others boomed and shouted derisive phrases and called out: "Have you got the parole board here yet?" "We want better food!" "We want a better parole system."

They stretched those signs at the barred doors and windows. The rattling of the heavy doors and the booming subsided to a resentful mutter when several state policemen were sent to the cell blocks.

Truck Driver Is Drowned in Bayou Near Opelousas

OPELOUSAS, La. (AP)—One man drowned and another was slightly hurt when a heavy trailer-truck crashed through the Courtaulieu Bayou bridge and plunged 40 feet into the water on U. S. Highway 190, ten miles east of here last night.

Deputy Sheriff Elvin Jaubert identified the drowned man as Glenn Eugene Sanders of (635 S. Sprigg) Cape Girardeau, Mo. The body was recovered at 9:15 a. m. today after fishermen in pirogues searched the bayou.

Policy of Appeasement Rejected by Eisenhower As He Becomes President

GENERAL BEGINS 'GREAT CRUSADE'

Ike Becomes America's 34th President at Noon Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dwight D. Eisenhower today takes up active command of the "Great Crusade" which he promised the American people he would conduct as president.

The noontime ceremony at the Capitol inaugurating him as 34th chief executive of the United States was the awaited signal for the new regime to take over the reins of government.

Eisenhower himself appeared ready and eager to get into action—and his aides predicted he will move at a fast pace.

He selected the key members of his team shortly after the Nov. 4 election. They have met with him, drafted programs, are set to start putting them into effect.

For Eisenhower at 62, it is the beginning of heavy new responsibilities in the life of a man who already has carried staggering burdens in the service of his country—supreme command of the Allied forces in Europe during World War II, for example, and later on the duties of chief of Western Europe's defense forces.

Advance Planning Those assignments took much advance planning, just as the days since the election have for the presidency.

And yet, a basic Eisenhower philosophy is: "Don't plan too carefully." He used those words in advising Columbia University students in New York last Friday.

Leave room for flexibility, he told the students. Tackle each day's problems as they come along.

That is the way he has gone about preparations for the "Great Crusade" which he pledged during the campaign would lift the morale of the government in Washington.

Eisenhower knows where he is headed, say the associates who have been working with him, but he plans to pick the roads as he goes along—as a commander in the field does.

Eisenhower put in a busy day yesterday, his last for a long while as a private citizen. Then he retired for the night before 10 p. m. in preparation for a much busier one today.

Picks Up Truman After church services this morning, the schedule called for a brief rest at his Statter Hotel suite, then a drive to the White House to pick up President Truman, then on to the Capitol for the shift of authority—from Democrat to Republican, the first in 20 years.

Hold Out Hope for Peace, But not at Any Price—New President Says Nothing Specific About Plans for His Administration as He Is Inaugurated—Top Officials Look on

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dwight David Eisenhower took office as President today with a pledge to strive for peace but to reject any appeasement of Communist aggression.

Right hand uplifted, the 62-year-old citizen soldier repeated the solemn oath of office and launched his administration with a declaration of "faith that the future shall belong to the free."

BEGIN EFFORTS FOR PORT SITE

Negotiations Are Under Way to Purchase Port Allen Land

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of a total of 128 7/8 acres of land just inside the south border of Port Allen as sites for the initial docks of the new Greater Baton Rouge Port.

The plans, revealed at the regular meeting of the Port Commission yesterday, were approved at a special commission session Jan. 2 and involves a total expenditure of \$47,000.

Two tracts of land just inside the south limits of Port Allen are involved, one belonging to Herbert Wimberly, Joanna Glassell Hanger and Warren Watson, and the second owned by the Oaks, Inc.

The commission said it is offering \$500 an acre for 35 acres of the Wimberly-Watson-Hanger tract. The total amount, \$17,500, will also include 17.7 acres of levee and baffle abutting the property.

The commission is also offering \$50 an acre for 59 acres, or a total of \$29,500. Also involved in this transaction will be 17 acres of levee and baffle land.

Dock Facilities Present commission plans call for the construction of the Greater Baton Rouge Port's initial docking facilities on the land, which has approximately 2,000 feet of river frontage, and is 2,500 feet in depth. If the northern and southern boundaries of the property were projected across the river, they would connect with North and South Blvds.

The land will be bordered on the west by the State Hwy. 168. Commission officials said yesterday the \$500-per-acre figure for the property was arrived at by impartial appraisal by qualified persons.

In its Jan. 2 action, the commission authorized Ernest D. Wilson, its president, to negotiate for the purchase of the land, and in the event the owners decline to sell, then the law firm of Haynes & Mathews is to institute expropriation proceedings.

Questions Action Commission Member W. W. Tennant asked yesterday if perhaps the commission were "too hasty" in authorizing expropriation proceedings without providing for an interval during which both sides could be heard.

Member C. F. Averill answered that such a period is provided by law, and the commission's expropriation authorization was merely laying groundwork in case the sellers were necessary. He added the owners are "very amiable" and feel they have been given sufficient notice.

Averill added, however, "they feel the price is ridiculous." Discussion of the resolution authorizing purchase of the land came up yesterday during a required reading of the minutes of Jan. 2 meeting.

Thin Sunlight

Cloudy skies gave way to the thin sunlight of winter just as the Texas-born, Kansas-reared Eisenhower and President Truman left the White House for the ride to the Capitol and the noon (EST) swearing in of Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

They rode bare-headed through cheering crowds. Nixon took the oath as vice president first at 12:23 p. m. EST. It was 12:32 p. m. when Eisenhower took the oath, pledging in clipped, firm words to "faithfully execute the office . . . preserve, protect and defend the constitution."

30-Minute Lapse By the constitution, Truman's term had come to an end on the dot of noon. So for 32 minutes, the country technically was without a President.

Eisenhower donned thick-limbed spectacles for the reading of his speech. And at the outset he departed from his prepared text, asking the audience to join him in an extemporaneous prayer.

He called it his "private prayer" and the open words were: "Almighty God as we stand here at this moment my associates and my future associates of the executive branch join me in beseeching you to permit full and complete dedication to serve the people of this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

Grant us the power to discern clearly between right and wrong." He asked also for the power to serve all citizens equitably, regardless of their race, creed, color or political beliefs, and for the grace to "work for the good of the country and all its citizens."

Just a moment before, with completion of the oath of office, Eisenhower had kissed his wife, Mamie, and shaken hands with Truman and with Chief Justice Vinson who administered the oath.

There was a handshake, too, for the new vice president. Eisenhower's prepared address, only 2,250 words in length -- was cast strongly on a spiritual plane. He said nothing of specific plans. There will be a later state-of-the-union speech to Congress to set out his legislative program.

Today, he listed nine "fixed" principles which he said must guide the nation "in history and in pressing our labor for world peace."

First and foremost he listed a determination "to develop the (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

Pegler Lash Laid on as Demos Leave By WESBROOK PEGLER WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—The hour of deliverance from the knouts and goads of the unspeakable oppressor found many Republicans in an embarrassment of riches.

Hope Sees New Regard for Businessman

Esso Head, Here for C. of C. Dinner, Envisions No Depression

By ERNEST GUEYMARD The top man of Esso Standard Oil Company looks with favor on the new Eisenhower administration which took office today and doesn't mince words in airing his views.

He sees new hope for the oil industry and for all industries, with the American businessman regarded as an integral part of U. S. progress and not as a group with purely selfish aims.

The Standard Oil executive is in town to address the Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner to be held tonight at 7:15 at Mike & Tony's.



INDUSTRIALIST IS VISITOR—A distinguished visitor in Baton Rouge today is Stanley C. Hope, president of Esso Standard Oil Company, who is shown here conversing with Esso's vice-president, Henry J. Voorhies, who is also general manager of the local refinery.