## THREE SAILORS, MARINES, DROWN

LIGHTER OVERTURNS AND FOUR BODIES ARE UNRE-COVERED.

Managwa, Nicarauga.-Three soilors and one United States marine from the United States gunboat, Tulsa, were drowned in Lake Managua Saturday when a heavily loaded lighter on which the men were conveyed to a larger vessel capsized.

The men were members of a liberty party of 100 from the Tulsa.

The Tulsa had accompanied Dr Leo S. Rowe, director of the Pan-American Union, to Managua from The sailors and marines were guests of the Nicaraguan govern-

The lighter, loaded with baggage and 40 men, capsized midway between the shore and the larger vessel. The party had left the railroad at Boqueron to complete the journey to Managua by water. When the lighter capsized many of the men were saved by

The bodies of the drowned men were not recovered and it is thought they may have been devoured by alligators. Parties searching for the bodies have not returned and the names of the victims are unknown at present.

Washington .- The navy department was advised that four men of a liberty party from the cruiser Tulsa were missing and "probably drowned" as the result of the capsizing of a small boat on Lake Managua. They are Seaman James W. T. Burton, G. Hough, H. C. Cook and Private Willie Bowen, of the Marine corps. The home address of all were listed in Georgia, in the Marine corps record.

Burton's home is given in navy records as 395 Allene avenue. Atlanta: Hough, 211 West Solimon street, Griffin; Cook, Buford Ga., while Bowen's home as shown in marine records is care of Mrs. Annie E. Bowen, Route 2. Hine, Ga.

Plans For Great Mail System.

Washington.-Heads of the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and Nickel Plate railroad systems laid out to Interstate Commerce commission ers specially considering railroad consolidation projects, their joint plans for assembling much of the rail mileage of the northeastern quarter of the United States into four great, unified systems of approximately equal size.

Samuel Rea, president of the Penn sylvania railroad, and his subordinates continued unwilling to accept the four system plan. No intimation of a stand on the subject was given by the commissioners.

J. J. Bernet, president of the Nickel Plate, and O. P. and M. J. Van Swear. ingen, whose negotiations for control of the Erie, Chesapeake and Ohio, and other roads already have laid out the structure for one of the four great sys tems described: P. E. Crowley, president of the New York Central, and Daniel Willard president of the Baltimore and Ohio, described the four system plan, going into the financial status population served, and operating conditions. In addition, tentative roposals by the Pennsylvania made at previous conferences were analyzed.

The basis of today's arguments for the four system plan was that it proposed and equal division of eastern rail mileage, Atlantic port facilities and terminal factilities while it was argued the Pennsylvania plan propos ed the creation around that road of a system which would be materially larger than any that might be built up for possible competitors after consolida

#### Yeggs Get \$25,000.

New York .- Jewelry valued at \$25, 000 was stolen from the safe in the store of Hugo Faulkenstein in bronx. Gloyed burglars who left no finger prints broke a hole four feet square in a wall 10 inches thick in the rear of the store from an adjoining

Twins Are Asphyxiated.

St. Catharine, Ont.—The 10 year old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everett, of Thorold, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas fumes while taking a bath at their home Saturday night. It is thought the boys turned on the gas heater but forgot to light it.

Butter Company Dies. Miami, Fla.-Hoston Wyeth, presi dent of the Blue Valley Butter company, of St. Joseph, Mo., and capitalist died suddenly here of heart disease.

Two Railways Report Prosperity.

Chicago.-The Illinois Central railroad increased its net railway operating income by \$3,238,633.89 for the year ending December 31, 1924, says an anouncement here. The total net rating income for that period was \$28,102,073.45, with railway operating venues totaling \$13,838,131 99. This as a decrease of \$12,925,034.54 from the revenues of 1923. For the month of December operating revenues to taled \$15,168,004.75, an increase of TROY SUFFERS \$200,000

FIRE WITH \$2,000 INSURANCE Troy.-Troy witnessed the worst

fire of her history when the Blair building caught. An entire block of business property was destroyed. The fire originated in either basement of the Bland hotel or the rear of the Bland pharmacy, from either the steam plant or rats, about 2 a. m. and was fought continuously until 7 o'clock. The flames spread rapidly, due to the construction of the building which was an old frame structure, veneer ed several years ago, and completely destroyed the entire building. One section of the first floor as well as the entire second and third floors were used by the Bland hotel, while the remainder of the ground floor was occupied by the Bland pharmacy, Pastime theater, Troy Baking company and The Montgomerion Printing company.

The estimated loss is placed at \$100,000 with only \$2,000 insurance.

#### RALEIGH SUFFERS BIG FIRE

FIRE DESTROYS ELEVEN HORSES AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY AUTOS.

Raleigh, N. C .- One hundred and thirty automobiles, 11 horses and considerable valuable automobile equipment was destroyed by fire here when the Raleigh Tranfer company's building was completely destroyed and the Raleigh Cornice & Roofing company's plant adjacent, badly damaged. The second floor of the transfer company's building was occupied by Motor Service branch number two, where most of the automobiles were stored.

Perrin Gower, manager of the motor service company and W. F. Smith, of the transfer company, estimated that the total loss would run between \$225,000 and \$250,000, partially cover ed by insurance.

The fire is said to have originated shortly after 4:30 o'clock in the motor service company, but the cause of the blaze is as yet undetermined.

The fire was the most spectacular in Raleigh in many years. The explosions of the gasoline tanks of the many automobles rendered the work of control more difficult and the proximity of two gasoline filling stations constantly endangered the fire fighters. The automobiles in the building were, for the most part, the property of individuals who had stored them there for the night. An accurate list

Spinning Gains in December.

of the owners was unavailable.

Washington.-Cotton spinning activity showed continued improvement during December, the Census Bureau's monthly report indicated.

Active spindle hours in December totaled 7,816,590,215, or an average of 206 per spindles in place, compared with 7,123,959,934, or an average of 188 in November last year, and 37, 645,709 and 34,044,870 for December a year ago.

The average number of spindles operated during December was 34,241,-240, or at 90.4 per cent capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 33, 117,749 or at 87.5 per cent during November last year, and 32,674,471, or at 86.8 per cent during December a year

Gasoline Stocks Show Gains.

New York.—Gasoline stocks increas ed to the extent of 382,423 barrels during December, according to reports received by the American Petroleum Institute covering approximately 62 per cent of the operating capacity of the United States.

The daily average gross crude oil production of the United States increased 18,650 barrels for the week ending January 17, totaling 2,023,650 barrels, according to the weekly summary of the American Petroleum In-Daily average production east of California was 1,420,450 barrels, an increase of 21,450. California pro duction was 603,200 barrels, a decrease of 2.800.

Eight of Family Killed. Rome.—Dispatches from Cagliari, Sardinia, reported that unknown assassins invaded a home during the night and killed eight members of one family as they slept. The messages stated that a widespread search had been instituted for the criminals. whose motives were not known.

Robbers Get \$10,000 in Jewels. New York .- Four robbers forced their way into the apartment of Mrs Sadie Geller, in the Bronx, and after choking the maid and threatening Mrs. Gellerfi who was ill in bed, escaped with \$10,000 in jewels and a valuable

Bodies of Aged Couple Found.

Hendersonville.-The charred remains of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, age 75 and 80, respectively, were found in the ashes of their two-room cabin on a mountain side, six mile west of here, by a neighbor.

A son of the aged\_couple, Harris Nelson, expressed the opinion that his father and mother had been murdered before the cabin was fired, as they are known to have sold the properay a few days ago and are believed to have had the purchase price in their home.

### DEATH CLOSES VARIED CAREER

GLENN YOUNG AND TWO OTHERS KILLED IN HOTEL LOBBY FIGHT.

Herrin, Illl.-S. Gleng Young, Ku Klux Klan liquor raider; his first assistant, George Forbes, and their opponent. Deputy Sheriff Ora Thomas of Williamson county, were killed in a hotel lobby fight as a climax of many stormy months of contention in Williamson county.

Several other persons were wounded during the melee and five are reported to be in hospitals, while others suffered slighter wounds. The affray took place in the lobby of the European hotel and reports differ widely as to just how it started.

It was reported that Young had valked the streets during the day as the result of a report that his enemies vere looking for him and that both Young's supporters and partisans of the other side were keyed to a high pitch as night came on. About 10 o'clock Young and Thomas met in front of the hotel. Some one fired a according to some witnesses, and sought refuge behind a cigar counter. Then the fight began.

American Loan Huge Sums.

Washington.-More money was loaned abroad by American investors and institutions during 1924 than in any previous period outside of war years The commerce department reported

that tabulations by the finance and investment division, placed the total foreign securities publicly offered in the United States a year at \$1,208,438,394, as compared with \$538,318,500 in 1923, and \$841,335,000 in 1922. More than a billion dollars out of

ments, national, provincial or municipal, while \$132,902,500 was borrowed by corporations on their own bond is sues. Europe was by far the largest borrower, taking \$567,770,000 of the total, while Canada and New Foundland took \$444,295,844. The statistics do not cover the entire field of American investments made abroad, it was explained, because accurate figures on in stocks, bonds and property of other countries are not obtainable.

More Intensive Weevil Campaign. Washington.-A more intensive campaign on the part of the government said he could not perform any kind against the boll weevil will be conducted the ensuing season than ever before, it was made certain when the senate, without amendment, passed the army appropriation bill.

In that bill is an item appropriating \$25,000 to meet expenses of experimentation by the chemical warfare de partment of the army. The agricul-tural appropriation bill, passed some days ago, carried \$100,000 to be expended by the agricultural department in furthering and completing, if possible, its experiments.

In all, the government next season will put its experts in two departments, it soil and its gas experts, to work in exterminating the veevil, and the total sum appropriated, \$125,000, is regarded as ample.

The appropriations were insisted apon by the Southern senators and representatives. The item in the appropriation bill was secured by Senator

Believe France Will Pay.

nited States is the problem uppermost now in the mind of every Frenchman. It was the dominating topic of private conversations in the French parliament throughout the past week, which was devoted to a discussion of question of resumption of diplomatic and released in \$5,000 bail. relations with Moscow.

But both parliament and the country appear to realize that all other questions are of secondary importance when compared to the debt imbroglio, the settlement of which strikes at the very root of France's economic and financial life, and Premier Herriot's speech on the subject this week is expected to be the most important declaration the present government has been called upon to make since

it assumed power last June. A cabinet council presided over by President Doumergue will meet at once. It is reported that Premier Herriot then will lay before his colleagues for their approval an outline of his declaration on France's debts.

Vote to Pay Aemrican Debt.

Warsaw.—The chamber of deputies voted unanimous ratification of the agreement for funding Poland's debt to the United States. The payments will continue until 1984. Poland, under the agreement will pay to the United States more than a million dol-

lars this year.
Premier Grabski in an address to the hamber referred to the timely assistance offered Poland by American re-lief organizations in time of need. He explore and drill for the gas and to said the funding of the debt marked an

GRADE OROSSING DEATHS DIMINISHED LAST YEAR.

Washington.—The fact that 133 fewer deaths were caused by grade rossing accidents between June 1 and October 1 1924 than in the same period of 1923 on the basis of interstate commerce commission reports was attributed by the Amercan Railway association to the safety campaign being conducted by the railroads.

This decrease was brought about the association stated, despite an increase of approximately 20 per cent in the number of automobile in use. During the four months of 1924, the statement showed, 738 fatalities and 2,191 injuries were due to grade crossing accidents as compared with 869 and 2,973, respectively, during the same period

#### VOTAW RESIGNS FEDERAL JOB

FORMER MINISTER IS ONE OF LAST OF HARDING'S FRIENDS TO BE OUSTED.

Washington.-Herber H. Votaw, superintendent of prisons and brothershot apparently from the window of in-law of the late President Harding, a building. Thomas ran into the hotel, has resigned from the Government service.

> Mr. Votaw was appointed by Attorney-General Daugherty in April, 1921. At present he is in a local sanitarium where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Department of Justice officials delined to discuss the resignation, but indicated that Attorney-General Stone might make a statement later.

With the withdrawal of Mr. Votaw from official life, and the indicated retirement soon of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, the circles of the intithe 1924 total went to foreign gavern mate friends of President Harding, brought to Washington by him at the beginning of his Administration will rirtually have disappeared.

Before he became superintendent of prisons, Mr. Votaw was a minister of the gospel. His office came under fire during the Daugherty investigation in bank credits, commercial accounts large part in the reorganization of in the diplomatic gallery when the and direct investment by Americans the official force at the Atlanta penitentiary.
Mr. Votaw advised the Attorney-

General he desired to retire March 4, because of his health. He has been ill for some time, and his physicians

Senate Favers New Arms Meet. Washington.-President Coolidge has been authroized and requested to call

a second arms conference under an amendment to the national appropriation bill approved by the senate without either discussion or a record vote before that measure was passed.

At the same time, Senator Mc-Kellar, democrat, Tennessee offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the senate if the last arms onference treaty limiting the navies of the great powers was violated by Great Britain in the construction of the Rodney and the Nelson, which have been described in the senate as combination battleships and air craft carriers. The resolution went over under the rules, but Senator McKellar said he would press for early action on

The amendment relating to a sec Harris of Georgia over the protests of ond arms conference, which would the budget commission. was sponsored by Senator King, democrat, Utah, and accepted without ob-Paris.—France's war debts to the jection by Chairman Hale of the naval the relief fo sufferers in the flood ommittee.

Financial Wizard Short.

New York.—After confessing forgeries totaling \$1,300,000 in a scheme to enrich himself and investors. Moe the government's foreign policy with Turman, managing director of the regard to the suppression of the Equity Finance and Service company, embassy to the Vactican and the was indicted for second degree forgery

Clients who had been assured-and for a while received-300 per cent per annum on money loaned Turman, started an investigation a week ago Turman disappeared. He wandered through Buffalo, St. Louis, Jefferson City and Kansas City and then, re turned here as he was reported have said in his confession, "to t to the office of the district attorney to tell all about it.

The indictment was based upon the alleged forgery of one \$6,000 There were eight complainants, how ever, who charged Turman wit ing swindled them of nearly \$3,000,000 There also were bundles of notes, leged forgeries, representing large

Bill to Increase Helium Gas

Washington.-A bill to promote roduction and conservation of helium gas by the government was passed by

The measure conte tion of the gas especially for use of the army and navy and storage of s reserve supply. Export of the gas would be prohibited.

The secretary of the interior would construct necessary plants for

# BAN IDLENESS AT FEDERAL PRISON

NEW WARDEN CONFERS WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ABOUT ATLANTA PEN.

Washington.—As the first step in program for improving conditions in the Atlanta Federal Prison, John Snook, who takes charge as warden is prepared to establish a new industry for employment of idle prisoners and to seek better housing conditions in the overcrowded institution.

Mr. Snook's policies have been out-lined to Department of Justice officials with whom he was in conference and it was announced that as a result of these conferences, Luther C. Whitem, Cambridge, Mass., will be named as purchasing agent succeeding David Allen, who resigned under pressure during the recent investigation of the prison directed by Attorney-General

Selection of a deputy warden to suceed former Deputy Warden Fletcher now under indictment with former Warden Sartain, as a result of the housecleaning at the prison was discussed between Mr. Snook and department officials but conclusions reached, if any, were withheld.

Snook told Department officials that his brief visit to the prison before coming here for the conferences, convinced him that one of the chief problems at Atlanta was the idleness of prisoners. The present condition he was quoted as saying, represented a dead loss to the prisoners themselves and to the Government since about half of the men in the institution are lying around in their cells for want of an occupation to employ

Poland Refunds Debt to America Warsaw.-The Polish diet ratified an agreement with the United States for the funding of Poland's debt to America. The debt, amounting to \$178,000,000, is due for food credit given Poland in 1919 and 1920.

The diet took occasion to give an extremely hearty and friendly demonstration on behalf of the United States who was represented by Albert J. the Senate and recently he has had a Pearson, minister to Poland, who was

> A deputy, referring to the aid lent by the United States during the most critical days of Poland's post-war history, was interrupted with loud cheering for the American republic. deputy laid emphasis on the friendship shown Poland in the funding agree ment, saying the United States had done everything possible to facilitate funding of the debt.

Afterwards, Premier Grabski also delivered a speech of appreciation of America's friendship for Poland and thanked the United States for its continual proof of this friendship.

The debt funding agreement was ratified unanimously and afrtewards all the deputies stood at their desks applauding.

To Illumnate Falls.

Schenectady, N. Y.—A battery of 24 searchlights, providing 1,320,000,000 candlepower, for the purpose of the illumination of Niagara Falls, to begin at a celebration May 24 and 25 will be installed under a contract signed by the city of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the General Electric company here.

To Aid Flood Victioms.

Washington.-The war department granted a request from Senator George, democrat, Georgia, to aid in stricken area of the state. The depart-ment will rush tents, provisions and this section, too. The death of Mrs. supplies into the districts where residents have been driven from their

To Sell Money Bonds.

Washington.-The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad applied to the interstate commerce sion for authority to issue \$23,000,000 in six per cent bonds to pay off a like amount of indebtedness which falls due April 1. next.

Much Damage By Fire. Richmond, Va.-Three hundred men were throw nout of employment and damage estimated at \$300,000 was caused by fire that destroyed the box factory of the Surry Lumber company at Dendron. The blaze was started by sparks from a neighboring plant.

Influenza Takes Toll. Tokio.—Forty-seven hundred per-sons are reported dead as the result of an influenza epidemic in greater Tokio which started about 20 days ago.

Third Court For U. S. Court Talked. Washington.-Federal Judge Webb of North Carolina, conferred with Senator Overman of that State, and fficials of the Department of Justice on the question of the creation of a third Federal judicial district in North

Because of existing condition in the ourts and for the convenience of litigants, it is desired to establish a new district in the central portion of the

### DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARA-GRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Salisbury.-S. H. Bridges, Jr., the three and a half-year-old son of S. H. Bridges, died at the Salisbury hospital from injuries received when he was struck by a Salisbury-Albemarle jitney on East Innis street.

Sanford .- R. E. Carrington plans to put in a crop of asparagus on a commercial scale, and ship to northern points. Mr. Carrington is a dewherry grower, and feels that this crop would pay him great dividends.

Newton.-D. M. Reeves, of Gastonia, was fatally injured when his car left the hard surface at Maiden Creek, half mile this side of Maiden, and ran down an embankment into the creek. He was rushed to a Lincolnton hospital where he died. Elkin.—The muncipal power plant

built and operated by the town of Elkin located at Carter's falls, four miles up Elkin river, was destroyed by The building and machinery were totally destroyed, the loss being estimated around \$5,000 or \$6,000.

Charlotte.-Lamborn and Company of Savannah, Georgia, was given verdict for approximately \$41,000 against the Snider Grocery Company of Salisbury by a jury in Federal District court here.

Winston-Salem.—Mrs. Nancy Hamby has instituted suit here for \$50,000 against the Crystal Ice Company of this city. Mrs. Hamby, who is 65 years of age, was injured by being run down by a truck operated by an agent of the company last November.

Henderson.-The completion of the Hendersonville-Asheville cement road has been effected by the laying of the last remaining bit of road at the bridge across Mud Creek. As soon as this small strip properly sets traffic will be opened on the road thus eliminating the detour vit Naples.

Roanoke Rapids.-Norman Powell whose home is about six miles from Roanoke Raids, on the Halifax road was killed as the left front wheel of the coupe in which he was riding slipped into a hole in the lane leading from the road to his home and threw him through the windshield.

Statesville.-R. F. Roves, former county treasurer, is getting signers for a petition to send to Representative Turlington asking that in the event provision is made for the raise of the salaries of the sheriff and the register of deeds that the salary of the treasurer be raised from \$1,800 to \$2.400.

Greensboro .- J. B. Norton, Guilford county tenant farmer, was cleared by Superior court jury of charge of mur-dering his landlord, W. E. Grimsley, four miles from here at the home of Norton last July. The jury deliberat ed about one hour and a half on the

Mount Olice.—News of a tragic death at Dobbersville, a well known country settlement and former postoffice about ten miles west of here, has been received here. Mrs. Lillie Best, wife of Tobe Best, was burned so badly that she died. The unfortunate lady was given to epileptic attacks, and it was supposed that while suffering with one of these attacks, she fell into the fire. Salisbury.—Coroner Summerset held

an inquest into the death of Brawley Austin, a negro man, who was shot in the face by his wife at her home in Dixonville and who died during the night. The woman used a shot gun and the load tore one sid of the face The coroner's verdict was "justifiable homicide" affd the woman wa liberated.

Eliza Summerlin, who resided with her son, Henry Summerlin, about ten miles southeast of here, in Duplin, occurred, according to reports to the ocal paper, at the ripe age of 106. Two of her children, now well advanced in age, and hosts of grand and reat-grandchildren survive her.

Charlotte.-The Parks Land Company owend and controlled by the heirs of the late D. P. Hutchinson has offered the school commissioners of the city a gift of \$10,000 if the new high school to be established in the fourth ward is named the Parks-Hutchinson High School.

Wilson.-Much interest is being manifested here in Congressman Kerr's effort to get a postoffice and Federal building for Wilson. This has een the dream of the town for several years and the friends of the Congressman have faith in his efforts to make this dream come true. The postoffice facilities here are a kind of a joke when compared with other ideas of progress prevailing in the city.

Sanford -- John S. Phillips, of Camerton, states that the dewberry crop will be cut one half on account of the poor growth of the vines. The vines are about half their usual length, he said. The growers lost money on their ast year crop.

Goldsboro.-Roland Strickland, son of Ed Strickland, of the Belfast community, died here of injuries received when the car in which he was driving turned turtle on the Wilson highway, one mile north of Goldsboro. His comstate. In order to accomplish that, panion, Joseph Sauls, of the same com-legislation by Congress would be munity, lies in the Goldsboro hospital suffering from minor injuries

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