WILL PROHIBIT BRANCH BANKING

SUPREME COURT HOLDS THAT NATIONAL BANKS PROHIBIT-ED BY LAW.

DEGISION WILL HAVE EFFECT

Opinion Reached in Case of First National Bank of St. Louis to Be Far-Reaching

Washington.—In a decision which is cted to have far-reaching effect on the branch banking by national banks, the supreme court in a case brought by the First National Bank in St. Louis, held that national banks under the federal banking act are prohibited establishing branches unless come within the exceptions pointed out by the court.

Specifically the court held that the

opening of a branch by the St. Louis bank was in violation of the federal law, and furthermore, that a Missour state law which also forbade it could e enforced in the state courts Whether the decision which was de livered by Justice Sutherland, would apply also to existing branches of national banks established under federal laws passed in 1865 and 1918 will be determined by interpretation and study of the court's decision or by further cases which may come up for consid-

The law of 1865 permitted state with branches to become national banks retaining their branches; the law of 1918 permitted other na tional banks to absorb the former. In that way hundreds of national bank branches have become into being.

It is understood that the comptroller of the currency was inclined to construe the decision as not affecting the recent rule that national banks might establish teller's windows for conveninece of customers at outlying points, but lawyers who studied the decision were doubtful of the soundness of the comptroller's

However far-sweeping or narrow the decision ultimately may prove so far as concerns the rights of national banks to establish branches under federal statutes, the court unequivocally took the position that states enforce in their own courts their laws prohibiting branch banking, even though the offencer was a national bank.

The decision was by a divided court but the division was not over the question of branch banking, but over the right of states to enforce their laws in this respect against national banks. Chief Justice Taft and Justices Van Devanter and Butler, in a dissenting opininon delivered by Justice Van Devanter, took the position that national banks were immune from the operation of state laws, and that the question of branch banking by them could only be brought under federal statutes.

Ford Company Sets Record Detroit, Mich The Ford Motor Company made 2,200,682 automobiles, rucks and tractors in 1923-775,059 more than in any previous year, according to production figures for the year announced. Of the total 1,915,-485 automobiles and trucks were made in this country and 175,474 in foreign plants, including Canada. To the total of these are added 101,898 tractors and 7.825 Lincoln cars.

The figures were coupled with an announcement that the Ford Company expects to exceed this figure in 1924 production and that it plans to start early this spring on its program of 10,000 cars daily.

"The production of more than 2,-200,000 automobiles in one year probably is the greatest feat in manufac turing ever accomplished, especially any controls the complete manufacture and raw material supplies for a large proportion of everything that goes into the make-up of its product."

Five Burned to Death. Farrell. Pa.-Five persons were urned to death and four others ser iously injured in a fire which destroy

The dead: Wade Poling, Mr. and Mrs. John Cioco, Mrs. James Mac

log and David Orz. A series of explosions preceded the fire and the police expressed the be Hef that they were caused by a broken which served the houses de stroyed. Firemen were seriously ham pered by explosions after they ed the scene and it was not until five hours had passed that they were able to recover the bodies.

Four Meet Death in Motor Wreek. Hammond, Ind.—Four persons were killed, another probably fatally injur ed and two others less seriously injur-ed when a Nickel Plate passenger train struck an automobile here. The dead are: Robert Paterson, &

ine; Mrs. Beatrice Doner, 28 in Doner, three, and John Doner

one, all of Hammond.

Mrs. Nancy Schult, driver of the car; was probably fatally injured an Lucilia Biegel, 12, Roby, Ind., and trene Doner, four, suffered internalinjuries, cuts and bruises.

FIFTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS.

Pawtucket, R. I.-Fifteen persons were killed when escaping gas flooded a two-family cottage at Manville and an explosion and fire which followed wrecked the building. The victims were Michael Conway, who lived in one side of the house; Adelard Hamel, his wife, six sons and five daughters, Miss Apolline Dancour, a boarder with the Hamel family.

So far as the authorities could the two Conway boys, after smelling escaping gas, opened the cellar door and a light in the hallway ignited the gas. The explosion which followed, is believed to have detonated some dynamite which Hamel, who was a wood chopper, had stored in the cellar. Hundreds of windows within a radius of half a mile were shattered by the combined gas and dynamite explosion and the detonation was heard 20

OUTLINE STEPS FOR RELIEF

CHIEF EXECUTIVE TALKS OF SITUATION IN THE NORTHWEST.

Congress Told of Necessity For Action That Will Prevent Further Failures.

Washington.-Moved by the increastion in the Northwest, President Cool- miners escaped. The rescue work is idge sent to congress a special mes-proceeding favorably. The main head-sage outlining steps for relief and ing has been explored to the face of quickened efforts of the federal gov-ernment to prevent further bank failing into the side entries. We expect

The chief executive presented five

embodied in the Norbeck-Burtness charge of the bodies. bills, is under study by senate and ministration leaders to give it impetus.

private interests, Mr. Coolidge asserted, would seek to bring about the almost a mile, he shouted at indebtedness of the farmers, to restore the impaired capital of banks of new financing agencies, such as have been organized by live stock interests to work in cooperation with

the war finance corporation. The work of restoring the impaired capital banks already has been started with the sending of a federal mission headed by Comptroller Da./es to the Northwest. The war finance corpora tion has been directed to extend all aid it legally can give and Mr. Coolidge has determined to call bankers in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul to Washington for conferences in event they hesitate to accord the co-operation asked by the Dawes mis-

sion.
The president told congress the welfare of large business concerns, railroads, mercantile establishments and agricultural supply houses was immediately connected with the welfare Wallace and Managing Driector Meyer of the war finance corporation to confer with representatives of these interests, to bring about refunding of farmers' indebtedness.

Plan to Withdraw Ships.
Washington.—Tension over the Mexican situation appeared to have been completely relaxed when the state department announced that American war vessels ordered to Vera Cruz and Tampico were already in process o' being withdrawn from Mexican waters since the rebel leaders had abandoned their attempted blockade of Tampico and had ordered mines removed

rom the harbors under their control. With this compliance with the demands of the Washington government, the De la Huerta leaders have with-

Unless American lives and property should again be jeoparized, it is unlikely that the Washington government will take an further action than to continue to make sales of war mu-

Gets Dislocated Neck Watching Game Hornell, N. Y. Bernice Skinner, eighteen, is suffering from a dislocated neck received while watching a high schools of Corning and Hornell. and the steamboat Midland, with an The crowd was so large that chairs were placed on the floor of the court and two players running at full speed crashed into the chair where the giri sat. Her head was thrown back with such violence that the neck was dis-located. The girl is at a hospital and surgeons said she might recover.

BELIEVE 40 WERE KILLED BY BLAST

SEVENTEEN BODIES ARE REMOV-ED FROM THE LANCASPIRE MINE.

JOHN RICO SAVES 9 LIVES

Coffee and Sandwiches Served to Rela tives Throughout the Night; Women Comforted.

Shanktown, a .- Forty men lost their lives in the explosion which wrecked the Lancashire mine of the Barnes and Tucker Coal company here ac cording to the best estimates obtain

Seventeen bodies have been brought out, and nine miners, who were saved by the prompt efforts of another miner, are in hospitals recovering from the effects of shock and gas. Exper ienced rescue crews, led by J. B. Par ker of the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines, are working in one hour relays to penetrate the workings and reache the entombed men. All

son to believe there were 40 victoms of the mine disaster. Seventeen gling and ship liquor matters which bodies have been located, and there is ng acuteness of the economic situa- hardly a possibility that the 23 other pleted. to have the mine completely explored.

The women and children who stood nethods for "organized cooperation of in the bitter cold and blinding snow the present federal government and awaiting vainly for some news from the local institutions of that terrri- the workings, were induced to go to their homes by the Red Cross nurses Congress, he declared, should extend and the Salvation Army workers. financial assistance, through a feder. They served sandwiches and coffee to in farming by the wheat growers and and, comforting the stricken women lengthen from March 31 to December and children, finally led them home. 31, 1924, the period during which the The nurses were then sent to the war finance corporation may make emergency morgue at Starford, a The diversification proposal, neighboring village, where they took

John Rico, a miner, was on his way, house agriculture committees and the to work in the night shift shortly bepresident's message is expected by ad- fore' 4 o'clock when he saw a great volume of smoke burst from the pit. Without hesitation, he ran into the The executive branches of the gov- mine and almost immediately came ernment working in cooperation with upon a broken pick and a smashed dinner bucket. Tearing all along for refunding of the pressing past due mouth of every gallery, but got no response, until he was near the sixth heading. Here a faint cry answered and confidence in those banks, and to him, and his search was rewarded by promote creation by private capital finding nine men alive, but some of

them bordering on unconsciousness Rico induced them to soak, their handkerchiefs in water and tie them about their faces. He quickly found an air passage, and leading the weak where he knew the earth had fallen in from above. He then helped them one by one to climb to the surface

U. S. Warships Quit Tampico.

Tampico.-The United States war raft, which compelled the rebels to call off their blockade of Tampico. have departed. The destroyers Cory and Hull sailed for Vera Cruz, and the cruiser Richmond for Galveston. The Rebel gunboats Zaragoza and Tampico remain outside the port but are not

Juan Casiano-Los Naranjos region. forcing them to fall back upon Lotone, half-way to Zazamixtie, where they are retrenching.

Federal troops are assembling machine guns and cavalry equipment re ceived from the United States.

Admits Murder of Wife and Brother Aurora, Ill.-Cast in a block of concrete, the heads of Mrs. Lina Lincoln and Byron Shoup, her brother, were found in a dump heap here by the including 168,428 round bales, acount authorities working under the direc-tion of Warren J. Lincoln, eccentric lawyer and horticulturist, who is ac-

cused of their murder.

the De la Huerta leaders and the drawn all threats against the dra her brother, hacked their bodies to bits and buried the pieces, sealed their heads in a block of concrete which he used for a time as a support under his porch, and then threw in the city dump.

Washington Fire Causes Big Loss. Washington.-Fire completely destroved the Washington and Norfolk Steamboat company's wharf, office basketball game recently between the building, several adjoining structures

estimated loss of \$750,000. A high wind drove the flames be-yound control of the Capital's entire flame denariment, summoned by five youd control of the Capital's entire fire department, summoned by five alarms, for more than an hour. At

MAN WHOSE STORE FIRE KILLED 7, IS A SUICIDE.

Lyndonville, Vt.-Albert Stern in whose building a fire started a few nights ago, causing a loss of seven lives and \$500,000 property damage, committed suicide slashing his throat.

Stern, who conducted a clothing store in the building, had been called as a witness at an inquest into the fire set for Monday. A preliminary investigation develop-ed the fact that Stern was in his store 10 minutes before the flames were discovered.

TO SEARCH SUSPECTED SHIPS

BECOME EFFECTIVE ON RATIFI-CATION BY ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

British Vessels Improperly Detained or Searched Would Be Compensated For Loss Resulting.

Washington.-The double-barreled liquor treaty with Great Britain was signed by Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Geddes, to become effective that any is alive he been aban- when ratifications are exchanged. By tactic agreement, however, the tw "While no one is quite sure," said governments are expected to give the Engineer Parker, "there is every rea- pact some measure of immediate application in dealing with rum-smug may arise before ratification is com-

Under the treaty suspected liquor smuggling craft under the British flag would be liable to search and seizure if intercepted anywhere within an speed of the suspected vessel being the measure of distance in her case. In return for this aid in prohibition enforcement, the United States would grant to British ships the right to sealed stores of ship liquors within American waters anywhere on the same terms that such liquors now al agency to promote diversification the emergency men during the night, pass through the Panama canal. It is to run for one year at the end of which period it can be terminted on three months' notice.

A summary of the treaty made pub lic at the state department shows a provision not previously discolsed under which British vessels improperly detained or searched would be compensated for any loss or damage resulting. Such cases would be referred to a joint commission for adjudication and award.

Signing of the treaty, which officials hope will pave the way for breaking up the rum fleets off the American coasts and also eliminate causes of irritation between the two countries with respect to ship-liquor matters an the seizure of British suspected craft, was the last official act of Ambassa dor Geddes. He called afterward at the White House to present his letters of recal land with the exceptio of one or two addresses he is scheduled to make in New York before he and staggering men along as entire sails for home his service in the United States is over.

> one to sixteen, were burned to death in a fire at Middleport, five miles from here, when their home was alalmost destroyed. Andrew Harvilla, the husband and father, was severely burned in attempting to rescue them

Mrs. Harvilla lost her life in an heroic effort to save her children. With part of the house a raging furof the farmer and announced that he interfering with the movements of nace, she dashed inside the house to had directed Secretaries Hoover and merchant ships in and out of the smoke.

Lint Figures Reflect Gain.

Washington.-Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 9,946,462 running bales, including 235,891 round bales counted as half bales; 20,181 bales of American-Egyptian, and 781 bales of sea island, the Census Bureau

To that date last year ginnings mounted to 9.648,261 running bales ed as half bales; 30,827 bales of American-Egyptian and 5,074 bales of sea Ginnings to January 16 this year by

states follows. Alabama, 595,988; Arizona, 68,673; Arkanaas, 620,136; Salifornia, 45,184; Florida, 13,485; Georgia, 608,916; Louisiana, 369,262; Mississippi, 615.449; Missouri, 109.851; North Carolina, 1,028,998; Oklahoma 643,871; South Carolina, 784,591; Tennessee, 225,581; Texas, 4,139,952; Vir ginia, 48,013. All other States, 28;

Living Costs Increased.

Washington.-Average living cost in typical American cities last December were 73.2 per cent greater than the department of labor announced. The coasts were also greater by 1.1 housing showed the greatest percent age of increases. The report was based upon findings as to retail prices in 32 cities.

37 ARE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION TAR HEEL STATE

MANY OTHERS ARE BADLY IN-JURED AS RESULT OF DISASTER.

MEN NEAR ENTRANCE ESCAPE

Last of Injured Brought to Surface and Given Medical Aid in Herrin Hospital.

Johnston City, Ill.—Thirty-seven men are dead, six injured and badly burned, while eight others suffered burns about the head and body, in a mine disaster which occurred here. After hours of faithful work on the part of volunteer rescue teams to aid the organized teams of Williamson county, the last of the injured in the xplosion at the east side mine of the Crerar Coal company mine here had een brought to the surface and given

medical aid in hospitals in Herrin. The men near the entrance escaped easily but entries Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, located in the depths of the colleries where the actual explosion took place, were farthest from a means of escape and the men there suffered the full terrior of the terrific blast.

Hundreds of men volunteered to go down into the mine after four Johnson City physicians stepped forward and announced their intention of braving the poisonous gases of the inner re cesses of the mine where the men

have been trapped. Waiting in the zero cold outside the hour's sailing distance of shore, the mine shaft relatives and workers were completely enevloped by clouds of dense, black smoke coming from the shaft. Ambulances from Herrin and Johnson City were lined up outside and as each body, borne on a stretcher, was brought up out of the smoky shaft, the waiting crowd pushed for ward fearful that it might be some relative.

> Bootleg King to Penitentiary. Atlanta, Ga.-Marble walls of the Atlanta federal penitentiary housed George Remus, convicted king of the middle west, and 11 of his associates.

Royalty was recognized by fellow prisoners, for when Remus entered the prison, coming direct here from Cincinnati on board a private car, he was given an ovation to the full extent of prison rules and regulations, the silent waving of arms through grated windows.

The Cincinnati millionaire started ervice of a two-year sentence for having conspired to violate the Volstead act. He also must pay a fine of \$10,000, and at the termination of this sentence will serve one year in a state prison in Ohio.

His associates, Harry Brown, John Gerhum, Charles Wiseman and George Dater, will serve 18 months and pay fines of \$5,000 each; Glarence Bell, Ernest Brady, George Guenbeck and George King, 15 months' sentence and fines of \$1,000 each: Harry Gardewing Four Perish in Fire as Home Burns. and Harry Boyd, one year and one Pottsville, Pa.—A mother and her day and pay fines of \$1,000 each; Elfour daughters, ranging in age from mer Roth, 15 months' sentence and a fine of \$500.

Three Mummies Are Discovered. Luxor, Egypt.—Three mimmies, two excellently preserved, have been discovered by Dr. Robert Mond, the English Egyptologist, who during the riding on September 7, 1921, at a street past week has been clearing the space behind the ramishum, or mortuary nace, she dashed inside the house to temple, of Rameses II, in the region the second floor, where she seized her known as Sheik Abd-El-Querna, to one-year-old baby daughter from her remove the rubble for his intended ex-Federal troops under General Corcrib and was making her way to the
doba have defeated the rebels in the
stairway when she was overcome by third mummy found, possibly the body tion and was possibly one of the ablest of a soldier killed in one of the wars of ancient Egypt, is in a bad state. The well-preserved mummies ar those of a goldsmith and his wife, a priestess of Amonie, of the twenty-fourth dynasty, 718 B. C. Under the outer wrappings of the priestess mummy, her clothing of fine linen, now browned by age, was found laid, neatly folded, upon the body. There was a long robe, piped with green, with a shaped opening in front and holes for the arms, fring d around the hem; then an outer garment with a hole for the head and several fringed

> Months Before Shenandoah Can Fly.
> Lakehurst, Contrary to expectations, it probably will be three months before the Shenandoah, giant Navy dirigible which was battered on involuntary flight a week ago, will be in condition to fly again, it was said at the naval-air station here. It had been hoped to place the ship back on active duty within a month.

Leap to Safety as Building Burns. High Point.-One person was injur ed seriously and a fireman was overcome by fumes in any early morning they were in the same month of 1913 fire here, which destroyed a boarding house conducted by Mrs. M. L. Swing, at 318 Broad Street. Twenty persons who occupied rooms in the building suffered minor injuries in escaping. Emmett Ussery, a young man, whose home is in Georgia, was the most seriously hurt. He is in a local his-

DOINGS IN THE

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

**************** Washington. - Mr. Doughton an-

ounces the appointment of John Blay lock Boyett, of Albemarle, to the Na val academy; and Ernest Schley Austin, of Taylorsville to West Point.
Gastonia.—The Gastonia Woole mills is the name of the county's newest textile corporation, chartered to spin and weave woolen fabrics. The incorporators are John E. White, K. M. Glass an dothers.

Wilmington.—A re-survey of the ocean bottom about Frying Pan Shoals has just been completed by the Geodetic steamer Lydonia, which removed her base from Wilmington to Char-

Hickory.—City council instructed the city manager to advertise for bids for a new 750-gallon motor truck pump and a hook and ladder service truck to be added to the presen equipment of two motor trucks of the Hickory fire department.

Asheboro. — Tuesday evening six negro prisoners overpowered Jailer Lowe and made their escape from the Asheboro fail. Large parties of men searched in every direction all night and again all day Wednesday, but as yet none of the negroes have been captured.

Wadesboro.-Much interest is felt here in the proposed bridge to be built over the Pee Dee river, thus comnecting more closely Anson and Richmond counties. The new bridge will be one of the longest in the state and will serve a highly useful pur

Durham .- Appointment of a board of censors for local moving pictures and theatrical productions here was authorized at a recent meeting of the city council, by City Manager S. W. Rigsby. This board will comprise five persons who are to be named by Mayor I M. Manning. Raleigh.-Damages in the sum of

\$100,000 are sought by L. S. Smith, administrator of Andrew L. Smith, in a suit against the Carolina Power and Light Co., in Wake County Superior Court Monday. Andrew Smith, a 19 year-old boy from Vanceboro, was killed while riding on a street car during the congested traffic of last. Fair Week.

Durham.-Plans and the profile for the spur track to be laid from a oint near Bahama to the site where the big dam which is a part of the water and hydro-electric development the city has started, have been received. They will be sent to the Norfolk and Western-railroad for the consideration of the road's officials and for a proposal on the laying o the track.

Hnckory.-Crashing through three oors, smashing ceilings and large timbers as it coursed upward, a small 150-pound boiler used by the City Pressing Club in the basement in the Palace Barber Shop on Union Square, exploded and caused property damage estimated at near two ousand dollars.

Greensboro. The biggest suit ever brought against the Southern Railway in Guilford Superior Court has been instituted by Mr. and Mrs. E. Colwell, Jr., and their daughter, Miss Dorothy Colwell, of this city, the result of a train striking an automebile in which Mrs. Colwell and her daughter were crossing here. The three suits total \$162,750.

Southern Pines .- B. J. Christman ,aged 49, veteran peachman, died at his home here of double pneumonia; Mr. Christfas was general manager of sales directors in the country.

Wilmington.-The three-span truss steel bridge across Brunswick river, two miles west of Wilmington, been completed by C. W. Lacy who held the contract under the State Highway Commission. The bridge cost approximately \$75,000 and repres ents the last link in the New Hanover-Brunswick causeway.

Raleigh.—Vallie Page, 38-year-old

river of 208 Maywood avenue, Cara leigh, was instantly killed when the driving was demolished by Norfolk and Southern train Number 30 at the railroad crossing east of the trestle between the Caraleigh Fertilizer Works and the Caraleigh Cot. Chapel Hill.—A total of 436 adults in all walks of life studied in thei

homes courses given University pro fessors last fall, according to a repor made by Prof. George B. Zehmer Chester D. Snell, director of the Extension Division.

Wilmington.—During 1923 about

\$11,000,000 of treasury savings certificates were sold in the fifth federa reserve district, nearly \$500,000 more than in 1922, according to Howard T. Cree, director of treasury savings or ganization, in a statement to Postmas ter Warren G. Elliott.

Asheville.—During the past thre years Asheville's population has in greased 40 per cent, or 10,401 persons according to figures compiled by the local Chamber of Commerce, 288 per sons have moved to Asheville each month during the period, according to

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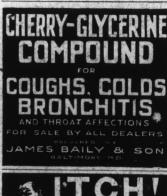
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