TRAFFIC IN ARMS MEET DISCUSSED

IMPPENDING GENEVA CONFER ENCE IS TAKEN UP BY KELLOGG

Washington. - Secretary Kellogg conferred with Secretaries Weeks, Wilbur and Hoover in preparation for the forthcoming international con ference in Geneva on traffic arms in which the United States government will be represented officially.

The cabinet members met in Mr. Kellogg's office for the initial discussion of the attitude to be taken by the American delegation-to the conference. The conference will be held May 4 at Geneva under auspices of the League of Nations and acceptance by the United States of the invitation to participate followed extensive correspondence in which it was pointed out that the Washington government was under certain constitutional limitations as to its powers over the manufacture of within its jurisdiction and could join only in the negotiation of

conventions to restrict arms traffic. The meeting was held in preparation for the appointment by the President of the American delegation after a series of informal inquiries had been made at various capitals by the state department to learn what other governments epected to discuss at the conference.

The arms traffic conference is an outgrowth of the original treaty of St. Germaine, drawn up in 1919 under the terms of the treaty of Versailles. The Washington government found it impossible to accept the treaty of St. Germaine because it involved conficts with American constitutional provisions and also because it would have prevented the sale of arms to friendly powers.

Park Fire Does \$750,000 Damage.

Livingston, Mont.—Fire which followed explosion of an oil furnace in a blacksmith shop at Mammoth Springs in Yellowstone National park was brought under control after causing damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

Swept by a high wind, the fire spread quickly after the explosion and within an hour had wiped out the headquarters building of the park's transportation and a garage together with 100 passenger buses. The machine shops, paint shops, automobile repair shop, and the homes of two park employes also were destroyed.

General Mitchell Assigned to Texas, - Brigadier General Washington. William M. Mitchell, assistant chief

of the army air service, will be assigned on April 26 as air service offiders for General Mitchell's transfer. quarters at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Secretary Weeks approved the order sfor General Mitchell's transfer, effective upon the expiration of his present tour of duty. The war secre-tary said the assignment had been for two reasons: The eighth corps area has greatr air service activities than any other area and General Mitchell has seniority of service. Safecrackers Rob Va. Post Office.

Bristol, Va.-Postoffice Inspectors arrived here to investigate the blowing of a safe at a postoffice sub-station shortly after noon and the theft of over five thousand dollars. The robbers entered the building, in the herat of the business district, by way of a fire escape to the third floor and after dynamiting one safe ,were frightened off before they had completed the

Leaps From Notre Dame Tower. Paris .- A well-dressed man whose identity has not been established, mounted the tower of the Cathedral of Notre Dame and jumped off. His body cleared the projecting gargoyles and was crushed on the pavement 223 feet below.

Bandits Get \$15,000.

Chicago,-Four robbers, one of whom carrie da sawed-off shotgun, held up seven officials an demployes of the Ashland Sixty-third Street State bank and escaped with currency estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Des Moines, Ia .- J. N. (Ding) Darling, the cartonoist, who has been serlously ill at his home here for two weeks, suffered such a relapse over the week-end that hope for his recovery coment said. Dr. Darling was taken ill March 12 with influenza and appendicitis. Later perisonitis devel-oped,

Plan to Sell Shoals Power

Washington.-Bids for the purchase of hydro-electric power developed by the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala.,

will be invited by Secretary Weeks. Estimates given the War Secretary by Army engineers reveal that the Wilson dam will begin development about July 1 of 100,000 horsepower

The decision to sell the power was gress to dispose of the Muscle Sh

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TWO CHILDREN PERISH AS MOTHER' STARTS FIRE

Norfolk, Va.-Two children were burned to death and the mother was seriously injured here when she tried to start a fire in a stove with The children, Elsie Trush, six years of age, and Josephine Trush, 10 months, were asleep in a bed near the stove when the can of oil exploded and the burning liquid was thrown about the room. The mother, Mrs. S. Trush, was severely burned when she attempted to save the children. The fire was extinguished after it had done considerable damage to the house

GOODS UNCOVERED

VARIED LOOT VALUED AT \$1,000. 000 IS TAKEN IN NEW YORK CITY

New York-Two men were arrested charged with being members of a band of robbers and bootleggers whose cache of stolen goods estimated to be worth as much as \$1,000,000 was discovered in an old two story build-

ing on South street. The suspects said they were Patrick Mitchell, a laborer, and Max Frice, a salesman, both of New York. They are charged specifically with stealing from the warehouse of Pincus, Sachs & Co., \$30,000 worth

warehouse. They denied the charges. Police are also questioning two men who said they were employed as watchmen at the building and were ignorant of the fact that it housed stolen goods.

of woolens which were found in the

In their raid on the warehouse, the police found great stores of fabrics kinds, leather, dyes, canned goods, cigarettes, and cigars, between 75 and 100 barrels of alcohol and liquor and in the basement two large stills which apparently had been in recent operation.

They found a fleet of 22 trucks, some of which have been listed as recently stolen.

They found desks, telephones, filing cabinets, typewriters, correspondence and other indications that this was the headquarters of an extensive mail order business conducted by a highly organized bandit and bootlegger band.

They found secret doors and stairways, with an ingenious buzzer signal alarm system; a trick safe concealed in a wall and a trap door operated by electricity; a store of six-shotters; altogether a fantastic combination of a nodern big business office and dime novel bandits' lair.

Shortly after police had broken into the place, a mail carrier delivered a tional relations at Johns Hopkins unibacth of letters, which were turned over to postal inspectors. It is hoped through these and the mass of correspondence found to trace mail order purchasers and to get on the trail of the bandits themselves.

Prairie Fires Rage in West.

Valentine, Neb .- Three prairie figes were raging in the Rosebud Ind n reservation while ranchers and Indians fought desperately to check the flames. Three villages had been turned in ruins by the blaze and one report received here told of a woman and two small children being burned to death at Tuthil.

Another fire, described as covering 100 square miles burned north of here. Valentine, a town of about 1,200 persons, was not endangered. The country being swept by the fires is a vast rolling region settled separately and ship. spotted now and then with pine trees. The chief crop of the region is hay but at present, not much is on Owing to this fact, it is believed the loss from the fires will be small unless it gains such a momentum as to destroy ranches. Two or three minor fires were extinguished at O'Neill, and near Gregory S D

Convicts Shot By Guard.

Raleigh, N. C .- One white prisoner was killed and two others severely wounded when guards fired in an effort to prevent an escape from the Caledonia farm, according to a message received here by Superintendent Goe. Ross Pou, from the farm supervisor.

The dead prisoner is John McNally. Wake county , who was serving an eight year sentence for murder, William Bailey, Wayne county, serving eight years for bigimy, and Kendall E. Johnson, Wake county, five years for expected to recover. Wash Brown. Harnett county, serving 15 to 25 years for murder, and Jimmie Green, Wake county, two years for larceny, succeed ed in making their escape.

Groom's Grandson Was His Best Man Fayetteville - A rather unusual marriage, with the groom's grandson as his best man, took place in a loca! boarding house when Hector Mc-Neill, 76. Hope Mills, married Etta

E. Jacques, 55. The bride gave her residence as Fayetteville but seemed to have no elatives and said that she was a Frenchwoman. The couple said they were going to begin housekeeping at once and returned to Hope Mills withgut the customary bridal tour.

JURY FINDS MAN AND WIFE GUILTY

MR. AND MRS. W. H. BENNETT CONVICTED OF MAN-

Chattanooga, Tenn,-A verdict o guilty of voluntary manslaughter was returned in the case of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett, on trial here on charge of murdering Miss Augusta Hoffman. The jury agreed on its verdict early Sunday, it was said, but

under the Tennessee law Sunday

court sessions are not permitted.

SLAUGHTER.

Punishment was fixed at 10 years in the penitentiary for each defendant. Judge Floyd Estill, trial justice, adjourned court after midnight to receive the verdict. The jury returned approximately 36 hours after retiring In contrast with the great crowds thronging the court room throughout the trial, comparatively few persons heard the verdict read as news of the midnight court session had not beer

Counsel for defense entered a mo tion for a new trial. It was continued until the next term of court with leave to make the motion earlier if counsel so wished. The joint bond of \$7,500 for the defendants was ruled sufficient by the court.

generally distributed.

In the absence of the bondsmen al ready on the bail, Judge Estill said he would waive his rule of not permit ting attorneys to sign bonds and coun sel for defense signed the two bonds pending the completion of the motion for the new trial.

Watch Pin Passing Through Child. Detroit.—The progress of a scarf pin through the body of a two and a half year old child is being watched by receiving hospital physicians using a fluoroscope, an instrument that will show foreign objects and substances in the body. The boy, Lawrence George, swallowed the pin February 25.

"When we X-rayed the child next day," said Dr. Lewis Gerapy, chief surgeon at the hospital, "we docated the pin in the stomach. We have been watching the movement of the pin twice daily through the fluoroscope.

"The pin passed gradually from the throat to the stomach. Then it went through the upper intenstine and it now is in the lower intestine. The child is out of danger and we are hoping that the pin will be eliminated

Bok Donates \$100,000 to School.

New York .- A gift of \$50,000 by Edward K. Bok, of Philadelphia, to the Walter Hines Page school of internaversity, was announced by Owen D. Young, president of the board of trustees of the school. The donation constitutes Mr. Bok's pledge of financial backing to the school for one year, the announcement said

In making his pledge Mr. Bok said the new institution means development of an international mind which is needful and imperative to our national

"We must recognize that our islation from other nations is over," he said.

Seaman Dies in Queer Mishap. San Pedri, Calif, High winds following a heavy rain dashed a 50 foot motor launch against the side of the U. S. S. Marlyland, and killed Benjamin Finke, seaman, firstclass, of that

Turkey Orders Embassies Moved. Constantinople.-The Turkish gov ernment has addressed a note to the powers asserting that it can not agree to the continuance of foreign embas sies in Constantinople. It demands the transfer of the embassies to Angora, in Asiatic Turkey, the present seat of the government, asserting that the government is prepared to offer sufficient embassy sites in Angora.

Wife and Child Slain; Hold Mate. Los Angeles, Calif.-Mrs, Irene Con way Hickey, 24, and her two-year-old son, James, Jr., were shot to death here. Police are holding the woman's husband, Patrolman James J. Hickey of the Los Angeles police department. on a murder charge.

Third Corps Area Head Leaves. Baltimore.-Colonel Russel C. Lang den, adjutant general of the third corps larceny, were both wounded, but are area since July, 1922, will leave here to assume charge of the reserve officers training corps of New York university, New York city, as professor of military science and tatics. He is being transferred at his own request.

> Use Tear Bombs to Arrest Man. Boston-A squad of police used modern methods of warfare, including gas masks and bullet proof vests, to capture a robber in a drug store in Roxbury. The robber had threatened to shoot any one who entered, so the police gas squad mobilized behind a gas bombs into the store. When all was quiet within, a policeman wearing a gas mask and bullet proof yest walked in and picked up the unconconscious form of Joseph Burke, 21, of

FIFTY-ONE PERISH IN MINE DISASTER

Stransbourg, Alsace.-The last o the victims of the disaster at the Merlebach mine, in Lorraine, have been brought to the sufface. There were 82 men in the four deck cage when it dropped 500 feet while bringing the men from their labors and 47 of them were found to be dead when the first rescue party descended into the shaft. Thirtyfive men were injured, and four of these have died, bringing the death list to 51.

The cage, a new one, had been used only two months for coal. It was being used for the first time for passengers when it fell. According to a preliminary investigation, the accident was due to failure to attach to the other end of the cable a second cage to serve as a counterweight.

ARMS MEET URGED BY BORAH

FOREIGN RELATIONS EXPERT SEES RUSSIA AND FRANCE AS STUMBLING BLOCKS

Washington- Senator Borah, of successful.

He said he thought it a good plan

Russia holds the key to world dis- Coolidge was opposed to it. armament, he asserted, and Russia stumbling block to satisfy disarma- ion in an advisory capacity. ment he declared and will continue

He said he would support President Coolidge in his efforts to get the foreign powers interested in the conference, which as contemplated would take place some time in the fall and naval armaments.

there is a chance that a conference experts before preparing the final remight accomplish some results. The port. vited to be represented.

Federal Judges Purchase Robes. buy their own robes until Congress makes specific appropriation for that made at the request of the attorney

general "The . judges," the comptroller de clared, "have themselves apparently recognized the robes as an article of personal apparel in connection with the custom of wearing them and this now having been long established, general expenses, but specific appropriation therefor would be necessary.

Foundling is Heir to Millions.

20 years.

Leeds, adopted from the foundlings convicted, in December, 1923. ward at Bellevue hospital, will inherit most of Mr. Leeds' fortune, estimated in the millions. She also inherited

Five Are Killed In Train Wreck

Paris-Five persons are known to have been killed and 50 others injured when the Bordeaux-Paris express was wrecked near here. The dead include Dr. Adolphe Pedebidou, Sen ator from the Upper Pyrenes.

Seven coaches jumped the and three of them were tumbled into the river. Some of the rescued passengers said they had to break their way out of the half-submerged Many of them were helped Moroccan soldiers on board the train.

Anti-Suffragists Attacked

Tokio.-Crowds attacked the resi dences of certain peers who were prominent in opposition to the universal suffrage measuring during the ses. left the London embassy to become sions of the upper house. Only slight American secretary of State the Gov. damage was done but the attacks have ernment sent a note to Washington recaused serious complications in the situation of the upper house, which to participate in a disarmament con-refuses to continue discussion of the ference whenever one was summoned suffrage measure until the honor of the house has been satisfied by the dicated that the dominions were ready

GROUP TO STUDY MUSCLE SHOALS TAR HEEL STATE

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE NAMES COMMISSION TO VISIT SITE OF PLANT

Washington.—President Coolidge apointed a commission of five to study the Muscle Shoals project and submit recommendation's to form a basis for legislation at the next session of Congress.

With the aid of the commission the President hopes to lay down suggestions to Congress in December that will solve the government's 'problem at Muscle Shoals that has been hanging fire since the war.

The commission, consisting of for

mer Representative McKensie, of Illionois, chairman; former Senator Dial of South Carolina; Professor Harry A. Curtis, a chemical engineer of Yale; William McClellan, an elec trical engineer of New York, and Russell F. Bower, of the American Farm Bureau federation, are expected to map out the course of precedure. Supporters of private operation of the senate foreign relations commit- Muscle Shoals are heartened by the tee, declared after a conference with personnel of the commission, three President Coolidge that he favored members of which, McKenzie, Dial calling a second arms limitation and Bower, were original advocates conference but doubted if it would be of Henry Ford's bid and later the Underwood private leasing bill.

Those favoring government opera to move toward disarmament, alltion of the property led by Chairman though in his opinion disarmament Norris, of the senate agriculture comcould not be obtained except by or- mittee, declared the commission ganized public opinion, which he did would not recommend government opnot believe now existed in Europe. | eration, particularly since President

Although no members of the cabinet could not be expected to enter into were included in the commission, an arms limitation agreement with the President expects the the secre out diplomatic recognizion by this tary of war, agriculture and com country. France also constitutes a merce to consult with the commiss

President Coolidge has available to do so as long as she insists on her \$150, 000 left over from a war appropriation, which can be used for the expenses of the commission. It was made clear that the commissioners will be paid for their services although the exact amount has not been fixed.

would be limited to consideration of to Alabama this summer and make It is a fine thing, he added, to keep an exhaustive investigation of the enthe subject of disarmament alive and

same nations that participated in the was in line with a resolution adopted was in line with a resolution adopted by the house in the closing days of the last session after it was realized that the Underwood bill could not be Washington.—Federal judges must passed. The resolution declared it was the sense of the house that a commission of experts should be named to purpose, under a ruling by Comptroller General McCarl. The ruling was and submit recommendations to the President.

To Be Courtmartialed

Washington-Papers are being prepared at the navy department for courtmartial proceedings against several officers involved in the liquor road now having been long established, on the naval transport Beaufort upon them at the expnse of the United from the West Indies. Secretary Wil-States under and appropriation for bur declined to make public the names of the officers affected.

Must Go to Atlanta.

New York.-Morris E. Brecher, former attorney, and Murray, Birn-New York.—Warner M. Leeds, vice baum, convicted with Mannie Kessler president of the Leeds Tinplate in and Morris Sweetwood for conspiracy terests until ill health forced his re- illegally to withdraw \$500,000 worth of tirement from business in 1904, died liquor from bonded warehouses, were of tuberculosis at his home here. He ordered by Federal Judge Winslow to begin immediately to serve in Atlanta. Ga., penitentiary the sentence of two A 12-year-old daughter, Joy Louis years each imposed when they were

School Building Wrecked,

Pittsburgh.-An explosioin wrecked the income from a \$2,000,000 trust the public school building at Swissvale, fund, plus \$250,000 and a fortune in a suburb. Jacob Jacobs, the janitor, jewelry from Mrs. Leeds, who in Feb- was reported missing, and police and ruary, 1922, leaped to death from a firemen began searching the ruins in window of the home where Mr. Leeds the belief that he met death in the blast. Officers do not believe the explosion was accidental and a reward of \$1,000 was offered by Fire Marshal omas Pfarr for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for wrecking the building.

American Woman Involved.

Paris -A suit for breach of promise and defamation of character against Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Dennistoun, de fendant in the sensational London trial just ended, will be filed in Lon who now is in the United States, it from the wreck by a detachment of was announced by Dudley Field Malone, who will represent the plaintiff

Britain is Ready For Arms Parley. London.—The Daily Mail says it learns that in addition to the assurances given to Mr. Kellogg before he asserting Great Britain's willingness

DOINGS IN THE

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

****** Greensboro.-Three hundred acres of wooded land near the Guilford battleground were burned this week, when dry grass took fire from sparks from a

Burlington.-Efland will be the next town near here to be served by the North Carolina Public Service Company, a deal having been closed for this service and all material ordered.

Wilmington,-The barge, "Stone Number Three," laden with fertilizer material bound from Southport to Little River and towed by the tug Manhattan, sank two miles off Little River Bar. No lives were lost.

Kinston.-Mayor Wayne Mitchell proposed an election here to vote on the question of free books for school children. The formality of an election is required by law, Mitchell stated. He would have the issue balloted on in connection with the biennial election in May.

Shelby.—The ten years sentence of Frank Lindsay, King Mountain bus driver, was changed in court by Judge Stack to read from seven to ten years in the state prison.

Elizabeth City.-Lloyd Thomas Halstead, seven-year-old son of L. T. Halstead, Sr., of Weeksville, was drowned in Newbegur Creek about 6 o'clock while fishing alone on the dock back of the Farmers' Mercantile and Supply Company warehouse at New Weeks

Asheville.-Chateau LaFayette, the \$1,000,000 Hotel to be erected on Stradley Mountain by the La Fayette Development Company, of Asheville, has been leased for a period of thirty years to the Wiggins Hotel Company, according to announcement by the officials of the company.

Wilmington.—Hampton, 7-year-old son of Rev. W. R. Noe, executive secretary of the Episcopal diocese of Eastern North Carolina, was probably fatally injured when struck by an automobile on the New Bern highway.

Winston-Salem'.-Hobart Newsome, a native of Stokes county but who has been in China for a few years, instructing the natives how to grow and cure tobacco, came home this week for a visit to his mother. He reports that China continues in an unsettled condition and that he was glad to get away from the rice growing country.

Fayetteville.-Iasiah Riley and John nie Thomas, negroes, are being held by police here for a coroner's inquest on the death of Bertha Lee, a negress who was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in her head at her mother's home on Franklin street.

North Wilkesboro, - A business transaction of considerable importance has just been announced. The Carola Lumber Company, recently organized, has become the owner of the Meadows Mill Company plant, and the consideration was around \$20,000. Fifty feet on the northern end of the property was purchased by the Wilkesboro Manufacturing Company, one of the oldest manufacturing concerns in this city.

Winston-Salem.-The challenge ex tended the Winston-Salem Real Estate Board by the Greensboro board for largest representation at the joint meeting to be held in High Point on April 10, has been accepted by the reanization and i na cation to the Gate City realtors announcement was made that the Twin City members are confidently expect ing to have 100 per cent attendance

Greensboro.—Miss Hilda Weil, of Goldsboro, was chosen president of next year's senior class at North Carolina College for Women here, in ballcting that came to a climax. A primary system, followed by the run off. was followed, and is still in progress for other offices in the senior and other classes. They will extend into next week. Concord.-The women of the Re-

formed church in North Carolina, will hold their annual classical sessions in the First Reformed church, Greensboro, March 31 to April 2. The body will be composed of representatives from all congregational societies, girls' missionary guilds and mission bands Each society has the privilege of send ing the president and two members, also all life members and members of the classical organization. Greensbord will be prepared to entertain more than 100 delegates.

Thomasville-Brown Finch. nent manufacturer, was instantly killed by Southern train No. 37, which is not scheduled to stop in Thomasville A through freight was standing on the track when Finch drove up near the crossing in a Buick car on the south side of the tracks where he waited some moments. The brakeman un cupled the freight at that point and it drew apart when Finch drove in, his car being smashe into splinters and his body thrown fifty or more feet and fell near the track where the rapidly moving train was passing, but gradual ly slowed down to a fuil stop.

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