FLOODS IN EUROPE TAKE DEATH TOLI

TRANSYLVANIA, HUNGARY, RU-MANIA IN MOST SERIOUS CONDITION

Paris.-Transylvania, astern Hungary and Rumania present the most • critical situation in Europe, which is court he placed the blame on a * slowly emerging from one of the worst slowly emerging from one of the worst nurse whose negligence, he said, the floods in its history.

The number of dead in these countries and the amount of damage in- bottle. The nurse received a * flicted probably will not be known for | * similar sentence. several days, perhaps weeks, because of the demoralization of communica tions and because of vast areas of territory which will likely remain under water for some time. But it is certain that there wil lbe a tremendous death toll and huge financial loss.

The swollen rivers and canals in Belgium and Holland are going down. The German and Polish rivers also are receding. The situation in France remains at a standstill, but the rain there continues unabated.

Details of the casualties and suffering in Transylvania, Hungary and Rumania slowly are reaching Budapest and Bucharest. It is variously esticattle and the damage to spring wheat and property is tremendous.

Most deaths occurred in isolated hamlets and on small farms, where residents had no warning of approaching danger. This makes the number of close computation of casualties alger or exposure as they waited to be rescued from their housetops or other vantage points.

Eastern Hungary has suffered greatly but the wheat reports are more re assuring. At Kis-Jano, it is known that 155 houses collapsed and several persons perished. In the Ozete district. 410 houses and farms were destroyed and it is believed that portions of this district will be inundated for at least ten days.

The worst situation exists along the River Theiss, where thousands of inhabitants still remain on the roofs of their flooded houses awaiting rescue. Great ice packs swept down from the mountains by recent thaws have completely dammed up the river at several points, causing the water to overflow the countryside.

Asks States Be Refunded Tax.

Washington.-Refund of \$100,000, 000 to southern states taxed for cotton crops during the Civil war was asked in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Edwards, of Georgia.

The bill states the sum mentioned is "now illegally held in the treasury." The government would be required to refund the money to the states affected, which in turn would return it to the planters or their heirs. The tax was levied on cotton acre-

age from 1863 to 1868. Mr. Edwards, in explaining the bill,

said the supreme court had held the tax illegal, but that no refund ever had been made.

Vaudeville Staged in Church Services.

church of Erie.

Rev. Oliver Horsman, pastor, has notified his congregation that vaude ville actors and actresses, from an Erie theater, will appear in future during Sunday evening services in the First church.

Two acts were intermingled with the church services-the first a violinist, and the second vocalists and instrumentalists.

Explaining his move, the pastor said: "In the past the church has held an attitude of aloofness and condemnation with regard to the stage. I will not say at this time whether that was right or wrong, but I though a little experiment of co-operation between church and theater might not prove amiss. I hope the congregation of this church will receive the actors and the actresses as human beings like the rest of us."

Liquor Tax Hearing.

Washington.-The supreme cour consented to hear on April 12, ahead of the regular order, two cases involving the validity of taxing illicit liquor. One is the case of Joe Dukich, from Washington state, and the other the case of Israel Seligman, of New York.

Would Strip Dohey Interests. San Francisco.—A decision, which if upheld by the United States supreme court, was surip the Edward L. Do-

hey interests of all their proceed easeholds in naval oil reserve numher one in California and deny them reserves an dat the Pearl Harbor oil n at Honolulu, was handed down here by the United States circuit

The court upheld the action of the

DOCTOR KILLS TEN

Tashkent, Russian Turkestan .- * Although charged with causing the deaths of ten children, whom * he inoculated by mistake with * * diphtheria germs instead of with * * anti-toxin, Dr. Ivan Shorkohoy, * chief physician of the Tropical Medical Institute, has been given a sentence of only ten weeks imprisonment.

At his trial before the supreme * tion being placed in the wrong *

LEXINGTON FIRE TRUCK COL LIDES WITH CAR; TWO OTHERS MAY DIE.

Lexington, N. C .- Three men were killed and two others were so badly injured that they probably will die as the result of a collision between a fire truck and an automobile in front of the postoffice here, while the apparamated that between 500 and 1,000 per- tus was engaged in answering a false sons have perished, while the loss in alarm. All of the dead and injured were firemen.

D. C. Cope was killed instantly, and Ed Cope and Howard Michael were so seriously hurt that they died within few minutes and before assistance could reach them. Henry Yarborough is suffering with several smashed ribs, most impossible. Many died of hun- and both he and Gibson may be internally injured.

Riley Cope, another member of the truck gang, was thrown clear and escaped with minor injuries.

It is said that the truck was traveling at a rapid rate of speed and was endeavoring to pass another car when the accident occurred. The two cars came together at an angle, the lighter. vehicle being overturned. It was standing at the curb and was unoccu-

The injured were hurried to a hospital, where they were said to be resting comfortably at a late hour.

Fire Destroys Historic Church

Wilmington, N. C .- The First Presbyterian church, one of the oldest and wealthiest churches in this city, burned to the ground with a loss of approximately \$300,000. Fire fighters, realiging it was impossible to save the beautiful church, turned their attention to houses surrounding the church building and had been successful in confining the blaze to the building in which it originated.

The fire broke out while prayer meeting was in progress. It is presumed the fire resulted from the furnace. This is the church of which Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the late President Wilson, was pastor for many years. The church also had an organ that cost approximately \$20,000 which was presented by the late Dr. J. M. Sprunt, as an offering commemorating peace at the end of the world war.

The property was worth several hundred thousand dollars, and will be a complete loss.

The church building proper, with its Erie, Pa.-Vaudeville acts will have high tower, was totally destroyed, a place hereafter on the program of and the Sunday school annex, called Sunday services in the First Baptist | Chadbourn Memorial hall, is practically ruined.

Four Lose Lives in Wreck.

Tacoma, Wash.—An 80-foot plunge of a street car into the waters of the municipal waterway at Eleventh street, and the consquent breakup of the car resulted in the death of four persons and the injury of four others nere. The car, beyond the control of its operator, shot through the open drawbridge and broke as it struck the water.

It is believed that the breaking up of the car prevented even greater loss of life.

Those known to be dead are: G. E. A. Farow, 63.

Toiojiro Obayashi, 57.

Mrs. Alice Scott, and Louis Scott, hve, her son. Failure of the breaks on the street

car is blamed by Clyde Staley, oper ator, for the accident. Staley declared that he applied the airbrakes in the usual manner as the car came to the bridge and he noticed the warning lights on the lowered gates. At their failure to respond he used the hand brake and then released the sand and threw his motor into reverse, he asserted.

A lifeboat, a launch and a tug-boat aided in the rescue work.

Jardine Calls Farm Meeting. Washington.-A conference for the discussion of the agricultural surplus question has been called by Secretary Jardine to convene here January 12. It will be the first of a series of conferences planned by the secretary for this purpose.

The date coincides with that for the first day's sesion of the fourth national co-operative marketing conference to be held here and many leaders in agriculture are expected here for both Cleveland, was visiting friends here

SCHOOL CHILDREN. TEN MEN-KILLED IN HEAVY BLAST

EXPLOSION OCCURS IN RETORT OF FLORIDA TURPENTINE

PLANT.

Pensalcola, Fla.-Ten men were killed and nine seriously injured in an explosion at the plant of the Newport Tar and Turpentine company here. Six additional workers at the plant had not been accounted for.

The explosion occurred in one of the fire retorts of the plant, wrecking the building. Then resultant fire spread to other buildings of the company, a million dollar plant. The turpentine products on the premises caught fire and spread rapidly.

The explosion occurred little more than an hour after the plant opened up for operations. Firemen said they had seen three bodies behind a barrier of flames in one of the buildings Many of those killed were badly mutilated by the explosion and burned be yond recognition in the fire.

The known dead are: Warren Eld ridge, Bay Minette, Ala.; Ward Eldridge, D. M. Baggett, Pansacola; Walter Watson, Pensacola; E. M. Hammac Pensacola: R. L. Calhoun, Pensacola: G. Carter. Pensacola: Charles Hunter, Pensacola; S. G. Faulk, Pensarola; Frank Moran, negro, Pensa

The injured are: B. Daniels, Tom Payne, W. J. Jones, Charles Hammac, G. D. Adcock, J. A. Stockman, negro all seriously injured and D. Lowe Charles Allison and Peter Anderson, severely but not dangerously injured. All available doctors were called to assist in attending the injured who were rushed to hospitals.

Search was continuing for the miss ing men and firemen worked furiously to subdue the flames in order to reach the interior of the buildings where the missing men were believed to have heen caught in the blaze Little hope was held out for those in the burning buildings.

Sheriff Fails to Halt Bull Fights. Tampa, Fla.—The oppearance of a sheriff who issued instructions that the proposed bull fight arranged by local promoters be called off failed to stop the show here and the fight was started on scheduled time.

Sheriff Hiers, who appeared in the arena shortly before the fight was to start, instructed promoters to call off the fight, declaring he was acting under instructions received from Gover nor Martin.

The promoters said they had receiv ed permission to stage the show, which was arranged as a part of a Spanish festival, from both the city and the local humane society. They declared it was only a sham battel in which the toreadors would use spring swords which would not hurt the animals.

Toreadors were imported for the

At the close of the fight, Manuel Garcia, the promoter, was placed un- 16 per cent during the last five years 6:38, "First Seek Ye the Kingdom of der arrest and was later released on bond of \$5,000.

World Tobacco Crop Smaller.

Washington.-A world tobacco crop slightly less than those of the past 19 countries which last year produced 74 per cent of the world crop. India and China were not included.

The more important producing cour tries in Europe show a decline of 13 per cent from last year, the department announced, the drop being the heaviest in France with a loss of 45 per cent. Jugo Slavia and Bulgaria also show declines while Czecho Slo vakia and Greece have materially increased production.

Production reports have not yet een received from the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines but the crops there were said to be of inferior quality. Turkey reports a crop of better quality than usual.

New Kind of Bandits Make Haul. Westminister, Md. - A band of thieves said to have numbered at least 50 men broke into the government liquor warehouse of the Industrial Grain Products corporation at Tannery, four miles from here, bound three guards and four other men in the building and hauled away a cargo of between 75 and 100 barrels of whiskey. The liquor was valued at \$80,000 by the warehouse manager.

Col. Roscoe H. Hearne Killed.

Washington.-While changing a tire on his own machine, Lieutenant Colonel Roscoe H. Hearne, of the United States army, was struck and fatally injured by a passing automobile near the Congressional Country club. The driver of the automobile, Charles L. Van Meter, of Washington, was exonorated.

Colonel Hearne, who recently was transferred from the canal zone to duty with the Ohio national guard at prior to leaving for his station.

* TWO DEAD RESULT Pasadena, Cal-The death list

resulting from the collapse of a temporary grandstand while its 350 or more occupants viewed the fioral pageant of the Tournament of Roses, stood at two. The dead * are Mrs. H. S. Borich of Dallas, Tex., who had been spending the winter in southern California, and Mrs. Caroline Sherman, 50, of Los Angeles. Mrs. Borch died daring the night from injuries received in the crash, while Mrs. Sherman died from a cerebral hemmorrhage resulting from shock attributed to the accident.

Over 100 bed cases were under * treatment at the Pasadena hospital, of which a score or more * were serious. Altogether more than 200 were injured in the crash.

LIOUOR SHIPPER BANKRUPT

HUNDREDS OF INVESTORS ARE INFORMED OF FAILURE OF RUM-RUNNER.

London.-The even hundred inves tors who took a flier in liquor running, many of them women, got little comfort out of a statement which Sir rum runner, made at a meeting of ship. his creditors.

Sir Broderick appeared in the bank ruptcy court. He declared his liabilities as 250,000 pound sterling \$(1,200, 000) and said that his only assets got the liquor in the United State's him.

His final shipment to the United States, he asserted, alone was worth tive, reviewing the history of the ship 250,000 pound sterling, but in this from her beginning in 1919 to her decase his partner and the dealers to whom the liquor was turned over never paid him a cent

The baronet explained that he me an American in 1923, who asked him to ship him liquor to the United States. Eventually several shipments were made, and in September, 1924, the seventh and last shipment containing 56,000 cases of proprietary brands of whiskey was dispatched. Pessimistic reports about the weather and activities of prohibition officers reached him; then came the report from the captain that ship's crew was Later he was advised that the liquor had been transferred to smaller ships and that 36,000 cases had been seized by prohibition officers.

The cerditors gloomily passed resolution for bankruptcy, and adjourned for the appointment of

Displacing Horses. modern farm machinery continues to their children the true religion of supplant the horse on American farms Jesus Christ, and commanded the was revealed in figures made public preachers of today to preach to save by the census bureau showing that the the souls and not for money or popunumber of horses on farms decreased larity. He took as his text Matthew or from 19,767,161 in 1920 to 16,535,- God and His Righteousness, and All 759 in 1925.

Bandits Make Big Haul. Kansas City.-Four bandits obtain

ed about \$17,000 in silver and currency two years but 38 per cent greater than in a daring hold-up of the Argyle amuck with a revolver, Mrs. Ruth the annual average of the five years State bank in the down-town business Townsley shot two of her children to before the war, was indicated in de-district. Scores of persons passed the death, probably fatally injured anoth-

> Mt. McKinley Opens Up For Action. Anchorage, Alaska.—The return of volcanic activity to North America's loftiest peak, Mount McKinley, 20,000 here. feet high, indicated by the volume of Doctors laid a narrow pink ribbon smoke and steam seen rising from the in her hand and told her: mountain and an earthquake felt here. s one of a series of volcanic phenomena in which many observers saw a shot her. Clifford is dead and Dorothy promise of radical permanent climatic is dying. Margaret is hurt. You did changes for this southern part of that too. Why? Alaska

> Since Mount Shishalding in the Aleutians, 800 miles southwest of Mc-Kinley, erupted November 11, this region has experienced a spring-like November and December, unparalleled in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Streams, usually frozen at this season. have remained open and in place of the usual snow-bound landscape is stroyed the Elms, a roadhouse, the green vegetation. The affected area police reported. covers several hundred square miles, ally is around zero.

Trophies Found After Long Hunt, Batum, Georgian Republic.-After a ngthy search covering trans-Caucasia,

Persia and the Caspian Sea District, officials of the Near East Relief have located the trophies of the Simpson-Roosevelt-Field museum expedition to Central Asia, which were lost in transit here. The entire collection has arrived in

good condition and will be shipped to America on the first steamer, accompanied by George Cherrie, a member of the expedition.

OF STAND FALLING SHENANDOAH CREW **CLEARED BY COURT**

NO ONE BLAMED FOR AIR TRAG-EDY BY NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Washington.-The Shenandoah disaster, which cost the lives of Lieuten ant Commander Zachary Lansdowne and 13 other officers and men, "is part of the price that must inevitably be paid in the development of any new and hazardous art."

This was the conclusion of the naval court of inquiry which investigated the accident. Its report, made public, urged the navy department to give "utmost consideration" to recommen dations that the development of lighter than air craft go forward. The big airship was wrecked by the

storm which encompassed her, said the report; whether prior minor damage to the hull structure caused by excessive pressure in the helium gas cells was a determining factor in the final breakup, the court was "unable definitely to determine."

It described as "inadvisable," how ever, the reduction in the number of automabtic gas valves from 18 to 8, a change which some critics have held Broderick Hartwell, England's' titled was responsible for the collapse of the

Exculpating the ship's presonnel from the responsibility for the wreck, the court declared that during the period of danger "the conduct of all the officers and men was deserving of were amounts due from dealers who the highest praise." Consequently it recommended that no further proceed and who apparently never would pay ings in connection with the wreck be prosecuted

The report of the court was exhusstruction over Ava, Ohio, last September 3, and taking up one by one the major points raised by Captain Anton Heinen, former German dirigible pilot; Colonel William Mitchell; Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne, the commanders widow, and other critics.

Preaches on His 100th Birthday.

Elon College, N. C.—An occasion unique in the annals of North Carolina occurred here when Rev. J. W. Wellons, D. D., chaplain of the Masonic and Eastern Star home of Greensboro, celebrated his 100th birthday by in mutiny and he had put into Halifax. preaching a sermon of more than 50 minutes before 800 of his friends assembled in the Whitley auditorium.

"Uncle" Wellons, as he is familiarly known, has been a minister in the Christian church for more than 75 years, and his sermon was a wonderful testimonial to his vitality and persistence in spite of his great age.

Dr. Wellons urged the young people of this generation to seek the things that would benefit them in life. He Washington.—The extent to which commissioned the parents to teach These Things Shall be Added Unton You."

Mother Slays Two Children

Oklahoma City, Okla. - Running er. woun juries to herself.

Doctors believe she was deranged. "It was my duty," she reiterated as she lay dry-eyed on a bed in a hospital

Your baby is dead. This is the rib bon that was around her wrist. You "It was my duty," she replied. "No.

I am not sorry. I only did what was necessary."

Three Reported Dead in Flames. Peoria, Ills.-From three to six per sons, attending an all night New Yeas'r party, were believed to have burned to death in a fire which de-

Two men, one the janitor and the all along Cook Inlet, to the northwest other a new year reveler, are being of which Mount McKinley rises, and held by the police. The latter is refar up into the valley of the Sushintna ported to have said that two women river. Anchorage had a fahrenheit and a man were burned, and that he temperature of 28 degrees above dragged one of the women to a window Christmas Day, when the mercury usu. but was forced to abandon here to save his own life.

One Dead, Three Hurt.

Rocky Mount.-Frank Belknap, 22 member of the Rocky Mount Fire Department, was killed and three other young men were injured when a small closed car in which they were riding left the Wilson-Selma Highway and crashed into a telephone pole. nap was instantly killed. The three other occupants, Herndon Perkins Charles Dove and Dorsey Battle, also of this section, were injured and tak en to Wilson for hospital treatment

Belknap was driving at the time the accident occurred.

************ DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

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

******* High Point.-While on his way to the office of a physician for a medical examination, John Anderson Hawkins suffered a heart attack and died suddenly on North Main street.

Asheville,-Exceeding the record of 1924 by almost \$2,000,000, the total in building permits for Asheville last year (1925) amounted to \$6,023,090. Salisbury.-Miss Grace Matthews 23, and a member of a family group

which have been furnishing a musica vaudeville program at a local theater for the past week, committed suicide shortly after midnight. Greensboro.-Wade M. King, big poultry farmer near this city, started the New Year in a business way or his place with the reception of 1,236

lot having died on the way from poultry concern in Tennessee. Wilson.-Frank Belknap, popular and well-known fire truck driver of Rocky Mount, was instantly killed and three of his companions were painfully but not seriously injured in

chickens, a day old, only two of the

an auto mishap which occurred about six miles from this city. of 591 mer Charlotte.—A total joined the United States military forces through the Charlotte recruiting offices of the three branches during the year 1925. The marine corps accepted 306 men during the past

Winston-Salem .- Carlos Boyles, 13 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyles of Walnut Cove, died in a local hospital as the result of blood poison ing due to the explosion of a blank cartridge in a revolver.

Winston-Salem .- Arrests totaling 584 more than in the year 1924 were made by the local police during 1925. A total of 7,840 arrests were made in 1925 and 7,266 in 1924. Asheville.-Bryson City will spend

\$80,000 for the paving of its streets, work to be started immediately, according to an announcement coming from that town. This action was taken at a recent meeting of its Chamber of Commerce. New Bern.-The body of Kenneth Dickerson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and

Mrs. N. F. Dickerson, was found shot in a small rowboat on Trent river about five miles from New Bern. Ar inquest was not deemed necessary by the coroner, as all indications pointed to an accidental shooting. Greensboro.-Yeggmen breaking into five wholesale establishments here got only \$85, it appeared although battered box that contained \$5,000 had

not been opened by the manager of Swift and Company's branch. It was

feared that the robbers got the money, then smashed the box together again. Durham.-A perusal of the record in the office of the register of deed show that Dan Cupid "did his stuff" in Durham county during the year just past and, as a result, 720 marriage licenses were issued during the twelve months, December, is appears was the "best month" for the love bitten ones, 115 licenses being issue during the same.

Charlotte.-A last rush of taxpayers who wanted to end the old year right with the county government resulted in a total of \$50,000 being paid into the coffers of Sheriff W. O. Cochran's office Thursday. This is the largest one-day total of taxes Sheriff Cochran remembers to have been made since he assumed the role of tax col-

Durham.-Wiley M. Mays, aged 69 years, a resident of Morris street, this city, is positive that 1926 is going to be his most lucky year, in fact if Old Lady Luck hadn't been with him when he took a 60 foot drop into an aban doned well and landed in 20 feet of icy water, he probably wouldn't have been alive today to say anything about it. Hendersonville.-With the steel

framework of the Mountain Fleetwood being placed on the seventh story plans are going forward for the pour ing of the concrete floors and other concrete work during the coming week. With favorable weather con ditions, it is expected that all the steel work will be riveted into place by the middle of January. Goldsboro .- Dr. W. H. House, age

34, one of the most esteemed physicians and most popular citizens o this city, died at the Goldsboro hospital following an attack of angina pec toris, which ended his life in ten min utes. Dr. House was at the hospita attending to some patients, in apparently good health as ever, when the heart attack came upon him and in spite of the presence of Dr. Theo. L. Ginn, who was at his side in a moment's notice death claimed him. Charlotte.—The Southern Industrial

institute, operated for the past 22 years by Rev. J. A. Baldwin, as a school for young men and women who are unable to pay their way through college, will not open its doors after the Christmas holidays, it was announced by its founder. Mr. Baldwin.

Hickory.-Rainfall in Hickory and vicinity during the year 1925 was little more than one-half the average am ount by the official weather recorder reveals. The total rainfall for the year was 27.07 inches, while the average amount due was 51.90, leaving a shortage of 24.43 inches.

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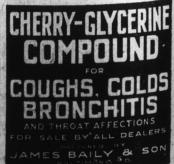
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