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Holiday Crowds Surge Streets and Into Stores of City Merchants.

Loose Ends Are Being Gathered up For An-

other Celebration. ds of shopping behind, the word "alcofness" in referring to on the

by the feeling "deep that they would

of "shop early" and the crowds, which have heavy during the week ted with thousands of steres were not the only

places. The postoffice and substations were flooded with anxious persons, eager to get their

MAIL IS VERY HEAVY.

Employes of the postoffice were working with might and main to packages to their dedinand were preparing to make Relief organizations were gatherloose ends in their effort to Christmas cheer to needy Some baskets were dis conted Saturday and others will tiken out Sunday and morning. Charities, the principal charitable workers were on the job, hurryuals were doing the same thing. the city had their Christmas enterminments for children of the muches to their Christmas progams, to be presented at special Pastors was poring over their Christmas emons in order that they might fully prepared to stand before

bir congregations Sunday morning d bring a message of the New Withal, Charlotte was expectant a cheerful Christmas. Childrn The all a-tremble in anticipation the visit of Santa Claus and anxof what he will bring in his ammoth knapsack when he comes

HOLD BECKER IS GUILTY OF MURDER

Bronx Man is Convicted of Killing Wife.

Sew York, Dec. 23.—Abraham lecter was declared guilty of first legree murder in a verdict returned ally today by a jury in the Bronx The penalty for the trime in New York State is electroution. Sentence will be pronouncd Tuesday. He was convicted of illing his wife Jennie last April by striking her over the head with an from bar and burying her in an ash Months later, when neighbors came suspicious and Becker had been arrested, her lime-encased body was found in the shallow pit in the lot adjacent to Reuben Norkin's ga-

forkin also was indicted for murn connection with Mrs. Bickteath and is awaiting trial. Secker, owner and operator of a reported to the police in children, and asked aid in ocating her. There were rumors of lay at the time and when, as later, he placed the chililics investigated and arrested both Becker and Norkin. The latter, poharging the taxi man with killing Backer, Norkin stood watch while Becker buried her, still moaning the alleged confession stated. taker denied that the body found in the pit was that of his wife, but heighbors identified in court clothing aken from the body as having been Mrs. Becker. The jury deerated an hour and ten minutes.

MANSION IS BURNED.

burned early

WILMINGTON INCREASE. mington, Dec. 23.—Postal bustthe holidays will exceed some recognized agricultural college. 1921 by nearly forty per Postmarter Warren G. Elliott outcod 1,000 outgoing letters be his handled in the local postoffice

Admitted, However, that it Cannot Longer Delay Co-operation With Europe; Economic Reasons Most Powerful Fa in Policy Change.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

EVERYBODY MOVING | Special Correspondent of The ? Copyright, 1922, News Publishir Washington, Dec. 23 .- A' foreign policy is develor schanging. The most inter changing. The most inter attitudes are being assume/ who fought for and fought against a so-called ist" policy. No less a person than President Harding himself taboos

the scope of American policy in the

Is this a break with the "irre-consilables?" Is it inconsistent with the movement which killed ratificaand Friday and tion of the covenant of the League rowded days in the of Nations by the American Senata? The answer given by Administration people is a nemphatic negative. And as proof of their contention Crowds were Senators under the leadership of form now proposed" but under no ucts will circumstances did it denounce the tween the Allies and Germany be for a League of Nations to insure tant as a domestic problem. the permanent peace of the world

senate "that the Nations of the world should unite to promote peace

and general disarmament." Among the signatures to the round-robin are Warren G. Harding of Ohio, Senators Hiram W. Johnson of California, and William E. Borah of Idaho and Frank Brande gee of Connecticut.

Every move the Administration has male in foreign policy has been cosistent with the doctrine, it is contended, and there is a distinct tendency nowadays to argue that the purpose has always been the same though admissions are made that the Administration was not so inclined to work out its policy a year ago as it is today.

SWING GRADUAL.

In other words. The swing of the pendulum toward an interest they ask the people to go back to in the affairs of Europe and the the shops and on the the round-robin of March 1919, sign- world generally has been gradual. ed by approximately 40 Republican The need for an export market the hope that farm products will get Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts. That higher prices if European purchasdocument anounced opposition to ing power is restored, the natural the covenant of the League "in the expectation that higher farm prod principal of international coopera- West and take away the chief thorr tion. In fact it urged that peace be- in the side of the Republican Ad minitration today-all this has made concluded and "that the proposal the foreign situation seem as impor-Incidentally the attitude of comfort to some should then be taken up for careful League of Nations supporters is not

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11,000,000 Acres.

blanket concession on all govern

ment lands in the oil district of

"It is by far the biggest

transaction in Mexican History,"

The Times said, 'and probably the

ings of the oldest established com-

panies in the Tampico and Tux-

The paper further declared "the

transaction also has important po-

litical significance, coming as i

versy between the Obregon Gov-

ernment and the American oil com-

panies, in which the United States

group will go into the Mexican oil

district and operate according to

the Mexican Article 27 and under

a Federal concession on the same

rovalty basis which established com-

panies have declared confiscatory

The concession, it is stated, per-

mits them to drill on lands imme

diately joining the richest wells in

The announcement came after

he return here from Mexico City

of W. W. Wilson, G. E. Moreland

and George J. Bushmiller, who

stated they obtained the concession

rears with provision for renewal.

The exploitation will be financed

entirely by Los Angeles capital, it

well advanced for the selection of

center for the active work of the

Mr. Martin and Mr. Moreland

are expected to return to Mexico

City to put the plan into operation

PICKED UP AT SEA

New York, Dec. 23 .- Nearly 1

000 miles off the Atlantic Coast, the

freighter, Menominee, plowing its

way through heavy seas toward

ing six men half dead from fatigue

and lack of food, according to a wire

less message received from the Men-

The men, members of the crew of

of St. John's N. F., abandoned their

QUARANTINE IS RAISED.

shipping from all American ports

due to arrive here Tuesday.

in the Mexican gulf ports.

ominee.

as soon as possible. it is said.

WRECKED CREW IS

prominent oil companies.

unsuccessiul arbitrator.

does after the extended contro

pam districts."

FARM STUDY IN MEXICO SIGNS S. C. SCHOOLS

and serious consideration.' It went

on to say that it is the sense of the

Increase of 700 Per Los Angeles Syndicate labor Cent in Students is Acquires Control of Recorded in 5 Years.

study of agriculture in the public schools of South Carolina has in creased 700 per cent in the last five years, according to a statement to day by Verde Peterson, director of rural school education in South Carolina under the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

he Salvalion Army and Associated certed effort was made to introduce the teaching of agriculture and kingranizations were swamped but dred subjects, the work has expanded until last year there was an averns to get food and comfort to the age enrollment of 2,658, the records ly's poor. Kind hearted individ- show, according to Mr. Peterson. The work was carried on the first Many of the Sunday schools of year in sixty schools in eleven counties under the direction of fourteen teachers; in 1921-22, the last year shools Friday night. Others will for which complete information is still others available courses in agriculture were being given by 124 schools in thirty counties by a staff of 96

teachers. Although statistics for this schol astic years are not yet available Mr. Peterson declared that his office had reports indicating that the sun; mary at the end of the year's work crease over the record for 1921-22.

in June would show a healthy in-In discussing the growth of the work. Mr. Peterson cited the figures for each year, giving them as fol-

1918-19-23 counties: 75 schools: 6 teachers: 763 enrolled. 1919-20-28 counties; 96 schools 0 teachers: 120 enrolled.

two the chimney Christmas Eve 1920-21-29 counties; 101 schools: 2 teachers: 1,571 enrolled. 1921-22-30 counties: 124 schools: 6 teaclers; 2,658 enrolled. The students are classified accord-

ng to three groups. Mr. Verde con-The first of these is the nigh school group, in the work of which are comprised practically all of the group in the work of which is included practically all of the rural high schools of the State Then, comes the "junior projects" ourses, in which are enrolled pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the rural schools. "The third group is, in some re

spects probably the most important and interesting of the three." Mr. Peterson declared. "It is composed of part-time students. "These part-time students."

explained, "are boys from fourteen years old and up who have been forced to remain out of school to attend to their farm duties, and adults who desire to learn the latest methods of conducting their agricultural activities. The classes are given at night or in the day, according to the circumstances at each place. We find that this feature of the work April that his wife had left him and is growing in every county where the agricultural instruction courses have been inaugurated."

In the high school groups, the students are given ninety minutes a ten in charitable institutions and day of classroom instruction, five went to live with Miss Anna Elias, days a week, Mr. Peterson said. the junior projects department, the classroom work consist of from two ce declared, made a statement to three periods a week. The classroom work of the students who are varies according to circumstances.

The instruction in agriculture, that is carried on under the supervision of Mr. Peterson is not confined to classroom study, however. Every student is given practical instruction, the farms of the vicinity of the school houses being used as "laboratories" for this class of work. In the case of the part gham, Mass., Dec. 23.— time students, they are given advice of Henry S. Denni- on their own farms and the teachers demonstrate the methods they

have taught in the classrom. tallsing a loss estimated at Practically all of the teachers em-Mr. Dennison is in Wash- ployed in South Carolina are gradu-Manher connection with his duties. ates of Clemson College, according to Members of his family had no diffi-culty in leaving family had no difficulty in leaving the house after the the Smith-Hughes act, under which the was at fire was discovered. The cause is Federal funds are made available for het know. carrying on of this work in agriculture, requires that teachers who are paid with the aid of United States appropriations must be graduates of

HEAVY FIRE LOSS. Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 23 .-Fire of unknown origin early today The ex-cabinet member was tried for together with an unusu destroyed two four-story brick busi failure to comply with a court order loss estimated at \$250,000.

AID OF LABOR

A. F. L. Secretary is Sure "Wall Street" Will Be Hurled From Saddle

MEET IN PORTLAND

Biggest Problem is Unemployment, Hence, Objection to Immigration

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23. - Or ganized labor will make a concerted effort to seat Progressive candidates in Congress during coming elections It is confident the majority of del egates in the Senate and House at the next session will be sufficiently Progressive to guarantee public interest and unsaddle Wall Street from power.

These statements were made by Frank Morrison, secretary of th American Federation of Labor while conferring with local labor of ficials on plans for the American Federation convention, which willbe held here beginning October 1

"Defeat of anti-labor leaders particularly Beveriage and Poindexter, was decidedly satisfactory." Morri son said. "Labor will be prepared at the next campaign to solidly back Progresive candidates.

"Labor's biggest problem is un employment. The 3 per cent immi gration law aided in cutting down memployment in America, but la ber favors complete stopping of immigration. There are 1,500,000 unemployed in the Country today." Morrison asserted that Judge Elbert Gary and Charles Schwab have GRANT TO OIL been leaders in stressing a shortage of labor, while, he evars, Depart ment of Labor statistics do not reveal even a shortage of common

It has been the most vicious effort ing held at Marion, Ill. State Attor. The defense called sever witness- ternoon of June 21. "The Harding Administration has

been against labor in every parti-Angeles Times today reported an cular. No legislation has been passannouncement from the promoters ed to relieve unemployment. Attorthat a group of Los Angeles man- ney General Daugherty is one of ufacturers, bankers and oil opera- the thorns placed by the Administra tors has obtained from the Mexican tion in the side of labor. If Daugh Government what "amounts to a erty were to serve the best interests of the public he would resign.' Morrison declared there is no just ification for reduction of wages be cause Government figures show end ployes should receive \$1.70 for every dollar received in 1914. most important deal of its kind in He has been secretary of the the world, for it involves 11,000 000 American Federation of Labor for acres of land adjoining rich work-26 years. Previously he was em

> LITTLE CHEER AT THE WHITE HOUSE Illness of Mrs. Harding Precludes Festivities.

ployed as a printer.

at the White House will lack much of the usual spirit of times gone by because of Mrs. Harding's illness. There will be no house guests and

no Christmas tree. Neither President nor Mrs. Harding made any holiday plans. She may come downstairs in her wheel chair and preside at the table for Christmas dinner, but otherwise the day day will be like any other since she was taken ill. To add a little cheer, the White

windows, and there will be a profusion of flowers. As a Christmas present to the thousands of governmnt employes, that the bank examiner entered into after an interview with President President Harding issued an execu- an agreement to provide Messrs Obregon, who personally went into

the details of the enterprise. Mr. Wilson said the lands desig nated comprise virtually all Federal oil lands extending along the Gulf coast from a point north of went home. Tampico to Tuxpam, close to holdings of the Standard Oil Company the Doheny interests and other

early beginning of the Christmas ther alleged that the examiner's re but the House went ahead with its consideration of appropriation Two years are given for exploraion and the concession runs for 20 bills. All but two members of the Pres-

ident's cabinet will spend Christmas day with their families in Washings announced, and plans already are ton .. The family reunion at the home of Secretary Weeks will oring together for the first time for Christmas all of the Secretary's the former partnership, had entered of the State Board of Health an grand children, and he said today when he closed his office at neen that he did not intend to return to it until Tuesday. Asked whether he torneys for Messrs. Springs and Prison, thus increasing the member would play Santa Claus, the War Secretary replied that he fully intended to "go the whole route." The two cabinet absentees over the holiday will be Secretary Mellon, who left today for his home in Pitts burgh, and Secretary Fall, who departed for Port Conway, Va. to be present at a Christmas reunion at the home of his daughter, Mrs. sonally. The attorneys for Messrs. New York, found a lifeboat contain. Brant S. Elliott.

CLERGYMEN ILL WITH INFLUENZA

the fishing schooner Gordon Rudge Wilmington, Dec., 23 .- Seven Episcopal clergymen and two laymen craft after a long and bitter strugwho took part in the recent city gle with storms on the return trip wide preaching mission conducted from Torreviega, Spain, with a carby the Episcopal Churches in Wil go of salt fish. The Menominee is mington are ill with the influenza. They are Bishop Thomas G Darst, the Rev. W. E. Hoe, execu tive secretary of the diocese of East ern North Carolina: Dr. William H uarantine regulations against vest the Rev. Archie Boogher, of Favet teville; the Rev. George W. Lay, of today gave unrestricted entry to Beaufort; the Rev. trick, Jr. of Plymouth; George B. the mercantile company and the Elliott, chancellor of the diecese subsequent developments of that col-Deratization measures which have been enforced against ships from and Thomas D. Mears, diocesan lapse. Galveston were the last of the pretreasurer. cautions taken as a result of the re-None of those mentioned is ser cent appearance of infected rodents

iously ill. HUNDRED HURT IN WRECK.

ACQUIT CUBAN LEADERS. Madrid, Dec. 23.-Reports that Havana, Dec. 23.-Sebastian Gela bert, former secretary of the trea ment had been killed and more sury, was acquitted today by a divided opinion of the Supreme Court way accident to a military train, of a charge of contempt of court. parcel past ness structures down town with a to replace a discharged treasury of scene of the catastrophe, were collapsed when Judge Charles L. lacking.

Administration Claims | PROGRESSIVES | Gruesome Details Of Mine Riot | ARREST SOON | No Change In Attitude | WILL RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses On Stand | MANY MEN IN THE RECEIVE | Retold By Witnesses ON STAND | Retold By W

-PUBLISHED AFTERNOONS AND SUNDAY.



Leading legal figures at the trial. Above, at left, State's Attorney Delos Duty. At right, Circuit Judge D. T. Hartwell. Below, defendants' counsel, A. C. Lewis, left; Angus W. Kerr standing, and George

The gruesome details of how the ney Deles Duty has active chargeness Friday to support its previously concerted plan to destroy unions. with the massacre. The trial is be- men.

mob at the Herrin mine riot shot of the prosecution. A. C. Lewis of announced contention that the slay down its victims along the road Harrisburg, Ill.; Angus W. Keer of attempted to show that extreme profrom the mine to town and in the Springfield, and George R. Stone, of vocation resulted from importation cometery there are being told by Marion are defending the miners of armed guards and non-union min eye witnesses to the shootings at accused. Circuit Judge D. T. Hart ers during the coal strike. Witness-"Such propaganda is part of a the trial of five men in connection well is presiding at the trial of the es also told of the shooting of three

union miners at the mine on the af-

Head of Lancaster Bank Program Is

Alleges Springs Plotted to Cause His Ruin.

Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 23:-Anoth er chapter in the series of litigations involving C. D. Jones, president of the First National Bank of Lancast er, and Leroy Springs, cotton mil magnate, was written in the filing by attorneys for Mr. Jones in Cir cuit Court here of a suit for one million dollars against Mr. Springs. John T. Stevens, H. R. Wright and William J. Sheetter, National Bank examiner. Mr. Jones alleged in his bill of charges, filed vesterday, that the defendants conspired to bring financial, social and professional

The suit appears to be an outgrowth of litigation in which Mr. Jones and Mr. Springs are princi pals, over the affairs of the bankrupt Lancaster Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Jones formerly was president. Mr. Springs and Stevens were large stockholders in that concern. Three weeks ago a stormy hearing was held at York before Judge Peurifoy on Mr. Jones' motion to discharge the receiver of House has Yuletide wreaths in the this company, John T. Roddey, of

In the lengthy bill of complaint filed by Mr. Jones, it is asserted tive order closing the Government Springs, Wright and Stevens with departments at noon today, and at information of a highly confidential that house most high officials as nature regarding the plaintiff, which well closed up their desks and Mr. Shector gained in the course of his examination of the affairs of the The Senate, too, joined in the First National Bank. Mr. Jones furseason, holding only a short session, port contained information that was false. Mr. Jones also declared in his complaint that Mr. Shector certified falsely against him at the trial here last March before Judge Bowman.

In the course of the hearing De cember 9 at York, arguments by attorneys for Mr. Jones included intimations that counsel for Messrs. Springs and Stevens, members of "embarass, harass and humiliate" Mr. Jones. At the same time, at-Jones declared Mr. Jones price of the staple went down, he rupt Lancaster Mercantile Company, the "goat" in sustaining losses per-Springs and Stevens also stated that which Mr. Jones had engaged had

progress about two years, and each hearing has been fought by brilliant line-ups of counsel for each side. It was learned here today that the defendants in the conspiracy suit expect to enter full denial of the Jones allegations and that a bitterly fought effort will be made when the suit is heard to refute the alltgations. The prominence of the parties in volved is expected to attract a pub lic interest in the new legal fight between these principals equal to or greater than that evidenced in the former battles over the difficulties o

MRS. FORD RELEASED.

Detroit, Dec. 28 .-- Mrs. May B Ford, arrested a fortnight ago on a charge of attempting to engage a professional gunman to kill her huseight soldiers of the Vizcaya regi- band, N. J. Ford, farmer, of Dearborn, a suburb, was released from than a hundred injured in a rail- the county jail early today under bond of \$15,000. Mrs. Ford, who were received here today. Details, was in a highly nervous condition including information as to the when she appeared in night court Bartlett anounced her release.

MILLION ASKED State Prison BIG DROUGHT HITS STATES Haynes Warns Dry Ad-

Prepared Citizens Committee Suggests Changes to Im-

prove Penal laws. Raleigh, Dec. 23 .- (By the Associ ated Press.)-Recommendations for legislation to be introduced at the 1923 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, increasing and establishing the rotation system i the board of directors of the State prison, placing the State prison un der support of governmental funds and returning proceeds from the in stitution to the State treasury, tota elimination flogging and making oth

One Hundred on Prison Legislation Abolition of the convict lease sys in addition to a system of industries and abolition of the State hospital for dangerous insane at the institu Announcement of the program was

made today by officials, following conference held here during th week. Dr. J. F. Steiner, Chape! Hil A. M. Scales, Greensboro; Dr. J. H. Pratt, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Kate Burn Johnson. commissioner of public welfare; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Raleigh Roy M. Brown, Raleigh, and W. B Sanders, Chapel Hill, participated in

SUMMARY OF MEASURES.

An official summary of the pro gram follows: "1. That at the session of the Ger eral Assembly for 1923, the Secretar into collusion with their clients to the State Commissioner of Public Welfare be made ex-officio member of the board of director of the State had ship of said board from five to sev brought himself into financial diffi- en and that at the expiration of the culties through speculation in the term of the present board, there cotton market, and that, when the shall be elected by the General As sembly, upon recommendation of the had sought to make the now bank. Governor, five persons, who, with the two ex-officio members mention of which he then was the president, ed above, shall constitute the board of directors of the State prison. "At the 1925 session of the General Assembly, all five of these profits from any speculations in members shall be elected, two for a term of two years, two for a term not been credited to the defunct com- of four years, and thereafter, the of six years, and thereafter, the The legal contests have been in term shall be six years for all, pro

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Go-Getters



THE LITTLE LOST PUP. I'm just a lonesome puppy

That's strayed away from home; I'm longing for my fam-ly-No fun at all to roam. wish they'd write a want ad And tell folks how I look-I'll bet I'd soon be back in The place that I forsook.

vocates to be Not Deceived by Wets.

Washington, Dec. 23 .-- "Be of good cheer," was Prohibition Commissioner Haynes' Christmas mes sage today to "friends of the Eight eenth Amendment,' in which he de dared the success attained in pronibition enforcement gave "every eason for hopefulness, gratification and congratulations.

"Do not be deceived nor dismayed aid Mr. Havnes, "by a Nation-wide program of misrepresentation, constituting as it does the most pretentious, most pernicious propaganda to undetermine enforcement since the enactment of the amend-

"Admitting, of course that there are violations of the Volstead Actunfortunately by some who hemselves above the law--th fact cannot and will not be conscientiously denied that the year has been marked with rapid strides toward the same degree of inforcement of this law as obtain: which are enforced 100 per cent." pen saloons as sufficient reason in itself for "good cheer" other reasons Mr. Haynes said were an ficials, Federal, States, county and municipal" resulting "more impartial observance of the law and greatand other enforcement agencies; reluction in the available beverage supply of bonded liquor and in liquor smuggling, and the fact that the "home brew fad is taking final

"Furthermore, the fact is self-evident," said Commissioner Haynes that real liquor is almost impossi le to obtain at any price, and when lrinkers fully realize that the averige bootleg product is dangerous to ife and health the law will, to an ncreased extent, enforce itself."

CHINESE HONOR MISSION LEADER

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.--Mrs. Mary Berkey lies buried today in hat squalid and fenced off acre of ancient Lone Fir cemetery, which s set apart for the graves of Chinese. It was by her request, too dangerous to complete the made just before her death two work. days ago, and the request of the Chinese among whom she had labored as a missionary, that her Richards' widow: J. L. Daniels, aged final resting place was among graves mostly headed by wooden boards marked with Chinese characters and frequently decorated with cooked foods and incense sticks.

At her funeral in the First Ban tist church several staid Chinese merchants were among those who wept perceptibly.

Mrs. Berkey was 70 years of age and had done missionary work among the Chinese here since Portland was a small town. The Chinese have arranged to place a marble monument over her grave.

NEW YORK BREAKS ing instructions from the Attorney SHOPPING RECORD

New York, Dec. 23 .- Holiday buy ing in New York has broken all rec ords and \$250,000,600 has been spent by shoppers here, it was estimated today in business quarters. This sum represents an increase of from 15 to 20 per cent over last year.

Nearly every line of Christmas trade has reported an increase in sales and more persons than ever have been required to hardle the west and west winds. business. In the 5,000 dry goods stores alone nearly 200,000 people olina: Fair tonight and Sunday: have been employed.

Mutilated Bodies Cast up From Lake Thought to Be Band's Victims.

SEND MORE TROOPS Louisiana Attorney Gen-

eral Takes Charge of Prove at Mer Rouge Monroe, La., Dec. 23.—Attorney General Coco has set January 5 as he date for the Morehouse Parish

the Morehouse kidnaping case, it was learned here today. The Attorney General and a spe rial train with two companies of Louisiana National Guard arrived in Bastrop this morning and the military men pitched camp on the courthouse square.

open hearing in connection with

IDENTIFY BODIES FOUND FLOATING IN THE LAKE

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 23 .-- Atempts to positively identify the mutilated bodies of the two men cast up from the bottom of Lake LaFourche yesterday morning by a neavy charge of dynamite placed there by unidentified persons will be made today. Relatives and friends after viewing the bodies vesterday expressed the belief that they were those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, mysteriously missing since the night of August 24, when they were kidnapped by a hooded band together with three other prominent citizens of

his town. The partial identification of the odies were made by means of the elts worn by the two men and a few shreds of clothing. The heads, arms and pertions of the legs of ooth were missing, believed to have been torn off when they were locsened from the bed of the lake. The torsos were bound with heavy wire. Mrs. Anna Garretson. Monroe, mother of Richards, will arrive here this morning and view the bodies. Before leaving Monroe she said she would be able to iden-

Company A, Louisiana National Juard of Alexandria, and a mahine gun company from New Orans, ordered to proceeded to Morehouse Parish, were due to arrive here or at Bastrop early today. It was not definitely known at which place they would be sta-

Attorney General Coco, who is o take charge of any legal proceedngs growing out of the kidnaping the New Orleans accompanied militiamen.

The Attorney General is said to have stated that the additional troops would be used to protect those engaged in the investigation of the kidnaping and to prevent a possible clash between opposing e'e-

Two pathologists from New On eans will arrive this morning and hold an autopsy on the bodies to determine if they were killed ocfore eing thrown into the lake. DEFERS THE INQUEST.

Dr. Fred Patterson, coroner, viewd the bodies late yesterday but deerred the holding of an inquest. It was stated that it would probably be held today. A troop guard will be maintained over the bodies until the completion of the autopsy and inquest and an exhaustive ef fort at positive identification has

been made. It was generally believed that arrests of at least 20 persons in Morehouse parish and the Mer Rouge neighborhood, alleged memnames are said to have cured by department of justice agents, will follow if the bodies of the two men are identified as those of Daniels and Richards. Prominent citizens of the parish are said to have been involved in the investigation. The arrest of several others in Arkansas and Mis-

issippi is anticipated. It was officially stated that no one connected with the search of the missing men in an officia! capacity was involved in the dynamiting of the lake. It is believed by the officials that those responsible for the dynamiting became frightened and fled before they discovered that the bodies had risen from their watery grave. Another attempt will be made today by a diver to locate the heads and other missing portions of the victims. An effort was

dies on the bed of the lake but anditions there were found to be The bodies were further identified this morning when viewed by

made yesterday to find them and

weights that have held the

father of Watt and a score of other relatives and friends. els is complete, according to authorities, because of the initials "F. W. D." found on a belt buckle and which buckle Daniels is said to have worn at the time he was spirited

The inquest probably will be held late this afternoon, according to a message received here this morning from Dr. Fred Patterson Morehouse Parish coroner, who returned today to Bastrop.

Dr. Patterson said no effort had vet been made to official identify the bodies. He said he was await-General as to how to proceed.



Charlotte and Vicinity: Fair tonight, Sunday and Monday; somewhat warmer tonight. Gentle south-North Carolina and South Caroslightly warmer to aght.