estern Europe Afby a Cold Wave Brought Snow to Countries.

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in All Parts of

nnaccustomed to extreme number of deaths is atthat fact. There is an

the past 35 years has JOHN HALL, HICKORY lent of Asheville, the po to grope for clues in effort to solve the most ristmas tragedy this city

INJURED IN CIDENTS IMPROVING

and Horace Lentz, of rt When Cars Crashed. 27.-(A)-The con-

les Burns, 15 years old, city, was said to be imwing an accident on ning in which his throat Horace Lutz, Jr., so improving from inthe same accident. local druggist, and ers of the two cars in a fog and rain, were

as five 'smashups have ut no one was serious

AKE FELT IN CALIFORNIA CITIES Can Be Learned No Dam-

Caused by the Earth alif. Dec. 27 .- (A) -- An is felt, here and in Tur-

this morning. The by telephone operators apparently did no t Turlock dishes were shaken and many per

towns. Severe shocks from Hanford and Porre were no reports of

in Bald Mice; Try It on

ingland, Dec. 27.—(A) we been made to grow

ments designed to disfor baldness among hu-

air on mice is easy, scien but the trick was to E. Crew, principal of the

eeding Institute of the liversity, has discovered ay be made to shed their acting certain gland subr. Crew also says that

a substance from normal fting it on the bald ones, able to promote the e coat again either comertially, according to the

ments are being continued of ascertaining if human not be due to the same leficiency, and therefore similar way.

HER FORECAST.

light and Tuesday, fol- year in advance. in west portion Tues-

SUGGEST SAFETY CONFERENCE FOR THE STATE SOON

Greensboro, Dec. 27.-(A)-Plans for a safety conference to be held under the auspices of the Carolina Motor Club and other or ganizations ceeking to make the highways safe for autoists and pedestrians will be discussed at the meeting to be he'd Wednesday at headquarters of the motor organi-

The conference will be held in February, it was stated, the place t to be selected.

REFUSES TO DIE

Notwithstanding Four Doctors Have Condemned Him to Death.

(By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Despite he rather discouraging fact that four doctors have already condemned him to death, with a fractured skull; two fractures of the arm: a fractured collar bone; and internal injuries, Frank R. Garland, 26 years old Atlanta man, refuses to die at the behest of any number of doctors.

Furthermore, he declares that at spend one more Christmas with nis family. And it seems true. Garland's injuries resulted

about two years ago. He was uncame back with a smile on his face. Two weeks ago an unknown assailant plugged him with two bullets

in his abdomen, causing eight intestinal wounds from which surgeons gave up all hope for his life. He already has undergone several opera-

hospital here, Garland is making pre- other buildings, while those in need parations not for death, but for have been provided with tood and Christmas! And now the doctors clothing. who gave him up as "dead" are ready to admit that he will probably feeted area were forewarned and

When brought to the hospital two weeks ago, surgeons shook their heads and said: "There is no hope." "You're wrong about that, Doc," said Garland. And he grinned. "I Dec. 27 .- (A) - No light can't die." And he didn't!

> nation to live. I'm not ready to die an aged woman from a small old hopsital yet. Of course, I know I've got to go in an inundated section, of north 1 and 2 going to try to spend Cristmas at ed to a foot over the floor of her home once more.'

And the same will power and endurance to hang on that made it canoes were used in rescue workpossible for him to drive his automohe had joined in cele- bile to the hospital here after he b two bullets in his body, will in all ral services were being probability give him his life back.

Wrote His Wife November 30th That are inundated.

was the motive behind the sudden dis- yesterday. appearance of her husband. A vigor-

that there were two men with Hall States weather bureau announced. A stone floor of the capital. when he got his ticket in Shelby to further rise of 12 inches is anticipatcome back to Hickory. That is the ed by tomorrow with indications that clamor which was raised some weeks last information obtainable. Judge the river will reach 53 feet crest ago-quite some weeks ago-in favor the lamp to the powder, causing an E. B. Cline, of this city, has recently stage Tuesday. taken charge of the search. Hall is in this section during crippled in his left foot and walks FUNERAL CONDUCTED with a cane. He is tall and slender pt the Burns and Lutz and wears a sandy mustache.

TWO REPORTED KILLED . IN OIL EXPLOSION

Ventura, Calif., Dec. 27 .- (AP)-Two men were reported killed and ment was made in Stony Hill ceme- 000,000 or more, as it had at first inseveral others injured when an explotery, about eight miles east of the tended, because it is beginning to sion rocked the refinery of the Central city. Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of realize that the state had better slow Petroleum Company, two and one-half Central Methodist church, conducted up a little in issuing bonds and bormiles from here this morning.

sorption unit of the plant. Flames morning cold in death by his landpected to blow up at any minute.

burned to death. Six or seven others cause of his deatah.

were rushed to hospitals. The header of the reducing unit olew off from an undetermined cause. The refinery is located in approximately the center of the Ventura oil

producing area. All available equipment for combatting the flames was rushed to the scene from nearby towns and oil com-

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CONCORD, N. C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1926

Murder of Boy Stirs Memories of Loeb-Leopold Case







Walter Schmith (left), six, was hammered to death by Harold Croarkin (right), twenty-six, a member of a prominent Chicago family, with a brutality and lack of motive that suggested the Loeb-Leopold case. The boy was found dying by Father C. J. McCarthy and Father L. J. Sweeney, shown conferring with Coroner I. J. Eichenfeld. Croarkin had made a confession to the priests.

2,000 DRIVEN FROM HOME BY FLOODS

Turbulent Cumberland River at No General Trend Toward a Definite Nashville Rises 51 Feet.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26 .- At from their homes tonight or were a prepared to leave the flooded secmine disaster in Harrodsburg, Ky., tions of north and east Nashville due to the Cumberland river flood, ac- tax schedules here and there, but as conscious for over eight hours, but cording to police estimates and surveys of the inundated regions.

Relief work, begun yesterday morning, is being continued under direction of the police department and hundreds are volunteering for

The refugees are being housed with relatives or friends, or in public But on his hospital cot at the city buildings, churches, warehouses and A majority of residents in the af-

> managed to escape the rising waters with their household effects. The city temporarily was assuming liability for stores of coal and

provisions for the refugees, Neither death nor undue "It's like this," he said. "I've got despite freezing temperatures. hours has the will power and dogged determi- Relief workers late today rescued West' some day, but not now. I'm Nashville aftter the water had cumb-

There were numerous cases where

contains approximately 20 feet of ed from the present tax schedule, over 130 feet from the top of water. Lumber mills, sand and gravel And this in turn means that more works and other industries along the than one state department and in-MAN, LONG MISSING works and other industries along the east bank of the Cumberland river stitution will go without its Christ-

He Was Going Home Not Seen Tennessee where the Cumberland, ments and institutions will cry lust Tennessee, Ohio and other rivers are ily when they find that the toy they Hickory, Dec. 27.—(P)—Mystery on rampage the losses will be heavy, wanted most was omitted from their surrounds the disappearance of John Washouts in state highways are stocking by the budget commission, Hall, 55, peddler of perfumes, who holding up traffic in many direct and there is every indication that wrote to his wife from Shelby about tions. The United States weather considerable odor will be raised in November 30th that he would be home bureau here today raised the esti-the legislature from time to time by within the next few days. He has mates on flood stages at Burnside, the disappointed children of the not been heard from since. Mrs. Hall, Ky., Celina, Cathage, Nashville and state. But pigs is pigs, taxes is taxwho lives with her people a few miles Clarkesville, Tenn., approximately es and hard times is hard times, and from Hickory, believes that robbery two feet above the estimates of late it has always been rather difficult to

ous search has now been instituted. attained a depth of 51 feet here, 11 able number of the tears which will It has been learned by investigators feet over flood stage, the United be shed will sp'ash in vain upon the der under his arm while he wore

FOR GRADY W. LILLY

Well Known Albemarle Man Found Dead in His Room Early Christmas Morning. .

Albemarle, Dec. 26.-The funeral of Grady W. Lilly, who died sudden-Several Others Hurt in Explosion at ly at his home here on Christmas eve Refinery of Central Petroleum Com- night from heart trouble, was held almost pampered child of the state, from Central Methodist church aat has decided to ask for the bond issue two o'clock this afternoon and inter- of only \$30,000,000 instead of \$50,the funeral.

The explosion occurred in the ab- Mr. Lilly was found yesterday ports current here.

The "Champeen" Fiddler.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 27 .- When fiddle in the hills of North Carolina and fairly "made it talk", folks listened and believed, for Jim was the "champee fiddler."

But now Jim brings to Franklin a tale, which although vouched for tion among amateurs as well as ex- mourners lined the four-mile route by his wife, is causing much specula-

and how, next morning he arose, and after relating the dream to his wife, took pick and 'shovel, journeyed to the spot and actually found it.

An almost perfect Masonic emblem cut upon the side of the stone was either the work of nature or an amateur, according to experts. Jim shows the jewel to corroborate his story and states he has already refused an offer of \$50 for it.

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and southeast winds. your subscription as early as possible. new high record.

TO BE NO MOVES FOR AN INCREASE OF TAXES

Increase of Taxes. Raleigh, Dec. 27 .- There just natuleast 2,000 persons had been driven rally isn't going to be any move tor an increase in taxes in the forthcoming legislature! Of course there may be some slight adjustment of

> far as any general move toward a than any other man in the state, but who preferred not to be quoted tain-side, and the further prepara at this time. He knows the state and tion of models in his New York Stuits people intimately and when he speaks, he is always listened to with deference. He does not live in Ral-eigh, and thus is able to keep in rapidly and at less cost than we excloser touch with all sections of the pected," said the scu'ptor. "While it state than if he really resided in the would be rather premature at this

"For a while it looked as if there might be a concerted move on the part of some members of the legislature, to put over a slight increase in revenue to the point where it really should be. But that possibility is gone now. With 12 cent cotton in the shack east, and the slump in real estate in the west, and with no one in the Piedmont section clamoring for higher taxes, there is not a chance in the

Thus the chief business of the legislature will undoubtedly be the The flooded section stretches for difficult task of paring down the already too-robust state budget so that The Union stock yards is partially it can be taken care of by the almodels-that is, one qurter the sized of submerged while the baseball park ready too-insufficient revenue derivmas candy, and perhaps a toy or Through out middle and west two. Of course these various departextract blood from a turnip. So the The Cumberland river at 4 p. m., chances are that at least a consider Ed. Morrison, a miner, made the fa-

This is undoubtedly the reason the of lavish appropriations and big expenditures has been hushed, so effectively that not even the echo what some politicians at first thought canction, has turned out to be u growl of disapproval. And most poli-

ticians have good hearing. Even the State Highway Commission.that favorite and sometimes rowing money, according to latest re-

That does not mean, however, that broke out uncontrolled and threatened lady, Mrs. H. Morris, and from all the others are not going to ask, for the a nearby gasoline tank, which was ex- circumstances he must have died usual number of departments, instiearly the night before. The physi- tutions and what not will be as killed. The two men were believed to have cians pronounce heart failure the severely afflicted with the "gimmies" as in years past. There will be those of 7 who held up and robbed an elecadvocating a state highway police; force, even if it, will cost \$750,000 a; year to maintain it; a universal victed in Scranton. "Fiddling Jim" Corbin played his drivers license for drivers of all automobiles, will also be asked, to cost a dollar a bead.

Dead Body of Emperor Reaches To-

Tokio, Dec. 27 .- (A)-Silent and from Harajuku station to the Imper-

palace the streets were sprinkled with white sand as a ceremony of purifica-

With Our Advertisers. The Parks-Belk Co. is having an after-Christmas sale of misses' coats and dresses. Half price on fine mill-The J. C. Penney Co. storei s one We will give The Progressive

PROGRESS OF WORK ON STONE MOUNTAIN

Done Witin Two Years. International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27 .- Satisfac operations on the memorial to the Southern - Confederacy at Mountain, was expressed here recently in an interview with Augustus Lukeman, noted sculptor of New York, here to inspect the operations

of the gigantic memorial. Recently, Mr. Lukeman has di-vided his time between supervising the actual carving on the huge moun-

"I find that the work on Stontime to make a statement as to what the actual saving will be, it is albe at least fifty per cent less than originally estimated.

"We have taken off 264,000 cubic feet from September 15 to December 1. and ts I stated before on my last ary, and if the weather holds and conditions warrant, and also the finances, we have every reason to be lieve that our statement that the first panel would be done within two

next two weeks and on their arrival at Stone Mountain will be placed on public display.

FOUR KILLED WHEN CAN

Fire From Miners' Carbide Lamp Set Fire to Powder He Carried Under

Bristol, Va.,-Tenn., Dec. 27.-(A)-Four lives were snuffed out at In- Railroad fares alone, at winter tourist man, Va., a mining district, three miles from Appalachia yesterday when mately \$20,000 for the nearly eighty tal mistake of carrying a can of nowlighted carbide lamp on his cap. gust of wind as he started out of the door of his home carried the flame of explosion that killed one of his children, two neighboring children who were visiting at his home, and injuranswers when inquiry is made. For ed him fatally. Morrison died three hours later. He was preparing to go was the voice of the people raised in to work when the explosion occurred

TWO PUT TO DEATH FOR ALLEGED MURDERS

Paul Orlakowski and Paul Fasci Pay For Crimes When Electrocuted. Bennefonte, Pa., Dec. 27.-(A)-Paul Orlakowski and Paul Fasci, conicted murderers, died in the electric

day. Neither man made any confession or admission of guilt. Orlakowski was convicted in Pitts burgh of participating in a riot at Western Penitentiary in Febru-1922, in which two guards were

Fasci, alleged member of a band tric car near Wilkesbarre in July. 1923, killing a passenger, was con-

Says Prohibition Has Changed

Christmas. Hickory, Dec. 26 .- "Christmas not what it used to be." J. F. Abernethy, one of the oldest residents of ris said, "I have no high opinion of Hickory, said as he walked into the the value of universities for education bare headed, more than a million police station to pass the time of day for such essentially practical purposes with the force. Twenty-five years as industry or commerce, in fact, a ago, he said, he would have had to university training is, from a business perts.

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William I ratajuku station to the interestry training is the interestry training is the interestry training is the interestry training is the interest buried in an old mine near his home; Hayama where he died Christmas said. "It used to be that the old ed man of any use in my organizamen got drunk, but now it is the tion, and I am going to say that for and other relatives. From the railroad station to the young men," he observed. Mr. Aberbusiness a university training is an nethy, who is of the old school, beabsolute waste of time. lieves that the eighteenth amendment is doing more good than the younger generation realizes.

> Big Reduction in Clothing at Richmond-Flowe Co.'s.

Beginning Tuesday, December 28. and running through Monday, January 10th, the Richmond-Flowe Co. will give 25 per cent, discount on all men's and boys' suits and overcoats. They sell the well known Kirschbaum Business nousee and industrial and Michael Stearn clothes, and nothand is one of the best farm papers plants in the city, halted for Christ- ing will be reserved in this sale. They mas, resumed work this morning will have a special job lot of men's Business practically was a a stand- and boys' overcoats at \$7.95 and This offer may be withdrawn at Two thousand vessels have enter- still here Saturday and Sunday and \$8.95. They tell you about this sale temperatures Tuesday. any time, so we advise you to pay ed the port of Antwerp this year—a some of the textile plants had been in a page ad. in both The Tribune and The Times today.

ROYAL DELUXE TOURS COSTLY TO RAILROADS

Expected That First Panel Will Be Notables Tour the Country at Nominal Cost to Themselves, Washington, Dec. 27.—(P)—Supplying of special trains and cars to distion at the rapid progress of carving tinguished foreign visitors who wish to see this country in deluxe style has become an interesting phase of Ameri-

Through the courtesy of the railal families and other notables have dustry stopped, livestock drowned, roads, in many cases, members of roybeen able to tour the United States and railroads and highways washed height, twenty barges broke from their and Canada in luxurious equipment at out. nominal cost to themselves. The President Machado of Cuba ar out- mar, Tenn., from exposure standing instances when the railroads

Swedish Visitors Paid The Crown Prince and Princes of Sweden paid for the special car which, most safe to say that the cost will across the country on their recent of the city were inundated by the

most of the transportation bills.

The most consistent user of special trains is President Coolidge, but he buys his own ticket out of a special appropriation provided for the purpose. The government at times employes special equipment with which from New York to Washington and thrown out of work by high waters Phoenix, being a new low for the year,

sightseers is necessary in supplying trains at nominal cost to the guests. Under the law only railroad employes Kentucky was recovering from its in order to carry Queen Marie, for example, at one dollar fare, a special tariff had to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and that body's approval received.

10,000 Miles for \$1 In Marie's case, she paid out of her own pocketbook one dollar for herself, her two children and each member of her immediate 'party to each of the several railroads over which she traveled on her 10,000-mile tour. rates, would have totalled approxi

persons aboard the Royal Rumanian. Another huge expense borne by the roads was that incident to stocking diners and private kitchens aboard the several special cars making up the royal train. Special illustrated booklets describing the country through which the queen passed and elaborate menu cars also were paid for by the

railroads. Railroad men agreed that the royal Rumanian was the most luxurious equipment ever assembled. Comrpising six special cars, all of them the property of railroad presidents, and equipped with the most modern con-

UNIVERSITY TRAINING WASTED TIME-MORRIS

Growing Skeptical as to Use of Colchair at Rockview Penitentiary tolege Education for Business Men. Oxford, England, Dec. 27 .- (A)-Captains of industry in England are beginning to grow skeptical as to the value of a college education for future business men.

> Even the century-old prestige of Oxford and Cambridge is being questioned, for in a recent interview. W. R. Morris, head of the Morris Motor old, of this city, oil truck driver, com-Company, and known as "the Henry mitted suicide at 5:30 this morning Ford of England," declared that "uni- by shooting himself in the right temversity training is an absolute waste ple, the pistol ball passing entirely of time" and "a severe handicap in through the nead. The deed was comcommercial life."

Useless in Business In explaining his remarks, Mr. Mor-

Lose Psychology of Workers "A university education will make a scholar, but it will not give those qualities essential for commerce and industry, if those qualities are not original-If they are, it is quite likely to obliterate them. It does

workers in an industry. As one who

went to work early in life in an en-

the worker thinks. case of chickenpox was reported to will have to be turned away.

day at the county health office.

NO PROSPECT FAIR SLAVE TUBER IN RAIN SOAKED AREA

Rivers Already Gushing Streets in New York City From Banks Promised More Power by Additional Rains.

STORM WARNINGS

erty Damage Has Been Great in a 'Number of

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.-(A)-Rivers that reached out of their banks and grasped valley dwellers in five Southern states in their icy grip to- coating after mild Christmas temperday were promised still further pow- atures. er for the weather forecast was for Streets in New York were turned more rain today and tonight in all of into an icy glare from an inch o

Few lives were lost for the warnings had come in time, but property damage mounted into thousands of dollars, as farms were inundated, in-

Two men were growned near Pine transcontinental jaunt of Queen Marie Bluff, Ark., and another near Columof Rumania and the earlier visit of bus. Miss., and another died at Sel-

In Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky. Hell Gate. The fact that the brages themselves played host and footed Mississippi and Tennessee rivers and streams were out of their banks and for tugs to tow them back to safe the latter state probably felt the de- anchorage after lines had been atstructive power of the high waters tached. more than the others. In Nashville attached to regular trains, took them more than 50 blocks of the lower part visit, but the Prince of Wales and Cumberland River, which had risen Marshal Foch of France rode in spe- today to 51.1 feet, higher than ever cial trains that cost them next to before except in 1882 when it rose to the southern Rocky Mountain states 55.3. Nearly a score of Tennessee and desert regions today following a towns were cut off from rail or high- week-end storm which brought snow way traffic by flooded lowlands. The to the valleys as well as to the tower-Nashville flood drove 2,500 people ing peaks. from their homes, and halted indus- Snow fell at Tucson for the first tries and hundreds of acres were in- time in three years, leaving a mantel undated near Chattanooga.

In Alabama 1,000 miners were tains. return when they pay official calls to in Walker county. Arkansas damage and threatening the citrus crops. the national capital.

More than the desire of the railroads to be courteous hosts to visiting
aightseers is necessary in supplying the Tombigbee River rose and crops and highways suffered heavy loss. THREE COUNTIES flood conditions as the high waters swept on toward the South, but the Representatives of Edgecombe. Marflood still was felt and a coating of sleet over the western part of the state had paralyzed communications over the week-end.

THE COTTON MARKET

Issuance of January Notices of About 98,000 Bales, Featured Early Trad-

New York, Dec. 27 .- (A)-Issuance of January notices featured the cotton market today on resumption of trading after the Christmas holidays, sition. No definite estimate of their number they represented nearly the entire certificated stock of around 98,000 bales. and while their circulation brought out ome liquidation it was readily absorbed by the buying of spot houses against sales of later deliveries.

This buying helped the tone of the general market and after opening steady at an advance of 4 to 9 points active months sold 18 to 20 points higher, January advancing to 12.62 and May 13.05 before the end of the first hour. Reports of continued bad weather

for harvesting in the South probably brough in some buying of later deliveries. Cotton futures opened steady: January 12.42; March 12.74; May 12.92;

SALISBURY MAN KILLS

July 13.12; October 13.29.

Ernest Thornburg Commits Suicide at an Early Hour This Morning. Salisbury, Dec. 27.-(A)-Ernest Thornburg, white man about 36 years mitted as the man sat in his automobile on North Main street near the street car barns. He had been at the barn only a few minutes before he called up several acquaintances, one a woman, and told them of his intentions. Parties at the barn, however, thought he was going home, but instead he walked to his car only a short distance away, took seat behind the steering wheel and fired the fatal

Russians to See Barbarous Sport To-

Moscow, Dec. 26.-The barbarous 'sports' of the pagan era will be Moscow's way of celebrating the had entrusted to American naval great Christian festival of the year. On Monday, forty man-eating ity was observed within the zone. Siberia, will battle to the death with Statesville Man Shoots Himselfnot, for instance, give them an un-derstanding of the psychology of the savage dogs. As a pre'iminary, foxes and rabbits will be worried to death by huge hounds.

During this bloody spectacle. gineering shop, I got my training in a practical school. I know what hunters armed with rifles. The promoters of the "attraction"

STATES BLANKETED WITH HEAVY SNOWS

Turned Into Icy Glare From Inch of Sleet and Light Snowfall.

MANY ACCIDENTS REPORTED TODAY

Few Lives Lost But Prop- When Sleet Storm Was at Height, 20 Barges Broke From Moorings.—Occupants All Saved.

New York, Dec. 27 .- (A)-Snow

and ice today covered the northeastern states, with a white and slippery

sleet followed by a light snowfall, and numerous accidents were reported One man was killed when he down slippery steps and a skidding When the sleet storm was at its great efforts by fire boats and tugs. The barking of dogs attracted attention to the barges as they drifted into

Unusually Low Temperatures in th

were lashed together made it possible

Rockies. Denver, Col., Dec. 27.-(A)-Unusually low temperatures prevailed in

nearly a foot deep on nearby moun-

tin and Halifax Consider Under-

Tarbor, Dec. 27 .- County officials, prominent physicians, attorneys and other citizens from Halifax, Martin and Edgecombe counties met here at noon today to consider the offer cf the Edgecombe Benevolent Association of the Edgecombe general hos-

pital to be used by these counties for permanent hospital purposes. Final action was deferred but the meeting was favorable to the propo

Chairman Vines Cobb of the Edgewas available, but it was supposed combe board, called the meeting to order. Commissioner J. W. Whitaker, of Halifax, acted as permanent chairman of the meeting and Weddell acted as secretary. Dr. J. M. Baker explained in detail the object of the meeting, saying that a simple deed would be made to the three counties if the hospital proposition is accepted, without cost to them for the use of all people of these

> Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the Duke en dowment, was present and ably discussed the matter. He said he would do all he could to further the propo sition. He pointed out the great need of such an institution for the benefit of the people of these counties. He gave valuable assistance on the subject and his able address made a profound impression. He said that in the three counties twenty-five hundred people are sick daily and many

counties.

SELF AT AUTO WHEEL poor people cannot now be treated in hospitals. He said the Duke Endowment would contribute one dollar a day for each charity patient in public hospitals, and the churches and charitably inclined people should be

DISARMED RIGHT SOON

willing to contribute the balance,

American Bluejackets in Position to Guard Neutral Zone. Washington, Dec. 27 .- (A)-Rear Admiral Latimer, who landed American bluejackets at Puerto Cabazas, Nicaragua, and proclaimed a neutral zone last week, advised the State department today that he had notified Nicaraguan Diaz government forces, recently defeated by liberal troops, He leaves a father, mother that they would be disarmed if they were forced into the Bluefields' neu-

tral zone. It was emphasized at the State department that the Bluefields' neutral zone agreement was still in effect, and that the military leaders of both sid forces the task of seeing that neutral-

Expectted to Die.

Statesville, Dec. 26 .- P. D. Cline, 26, jitney driver, is in Long's sana-the torium in a critical condition as the noble audience will be guarded by result of a self-inflicted pistol wound through his left lung. He shot his self while alone at his home. He was announce that over \$50,000 persons found shortly after the shot was One case of scarlet fever and one have applied for tickets and many fired lying face down in his kitchen.

No reason has been shown for his act. He is not expected to live,