

## FEAR 40 DEAD AS HOTEL BURNS

### BITING COLD GRIPS THE COUNTRY FROM MAINE TO FLORIDA

Disastrous Fires Add to Suffering Along With Temperatures Near Zero Level

NEW YORK THROWING OPEN ITS ARMORIES

Relief Workers Pressed To Care for 10,000 Homeless; Midwest and Northwest Have Extremely Cold Weather; Even Florida Feels the Cold

(By the Associated Press.) From Maine to Florida and through the central areas of the nation there was biting cold today.

Disastrous fires added to the suffering.

In Lansing, Mich., 12 persons were known dead and nearly 100 were unaccounted for as the result of flames which swept through the Kerns hotel.

In New York City two men died of the 12-degree cold. The city planned to open its armories to 10,000 homeless and furnish them with hot coffee. Forecasts of snow added new worries to hard-pressed relief agencies.

Six inches of ice covered central Maine today. Chicago dug out of a 19-inch snowfall; Boston had a 58-year record cold of five degrees; snow fell in Georgia and the deep South, and Ows Head, in the New York Adirondacks, reported 17 degrees below zero.

Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by fire of undetermined origin which leveled two main buildings of the Crowninshield Shipbuilding Company plant at Somerset, Mass.

A fireman who fought flames which destroyed the four-story factory of the Atlantic Rag Company in Baltimore, Md., last night was in a critical condition today. One fireman was killed and 11 injured combating the fire.

While temperatures of zero or lower were recorded in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan, the South suffered proportionately. Readings under 20 degrees were common in Georgia, and Alabama, Atlanta and Birmingham, both reporting minimums of 18.

Even Florida felt the frigid weather. Jacksonville reported a minimum of 28, Tampa, 30 and Miami 43. Louisville, Ky., and Asheville, N. C., with 12 and 14, respectively, recorded the lowest temperatures Tuesday morning.

### 3 Trawlers At Hatteras Are Ashore

Floated by Heroic Efforts of Coast Guardsmen Just off the Inlet

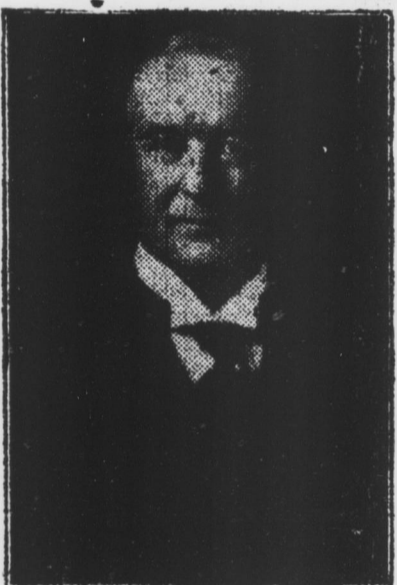
Manteo, Dec. 11 (AP)—Three fishing trawlers which went ashore on Hatteras inlet bar this morning at 10:20 o'clock, while one of the worst December snow storms in the history of the Dare County Weather Bureau swept the coastland, were floated later in the day by a crew from the Hatteras inlet coast guard station under command of Captain Bernice Malisic.

A 30-mile gale and blinding snow combined to constitute one of the worst threats to navigation the coast country has known this winter. Coast guard crews all along Dare's 250 miles of coast were on the lookout this afternoon.

The boats which were floated today, after going ashore at Hatteras Inlet, were the Bitzy C., and the Mary, of New London, Conn., and the Ladorette, of Philadelphia. The Bitzy C. was so badly damaged that coast guardsmen took her to shallow waters for repairs.

A. W. Drinkwater, in charge of the Weather Bureau, here, which has been in operation for the past 30 years, said shortly after noon that the temperature was 28 degrees and that the wind was from the north.

Creators of Great Duke Fortune



Above is James B. Duke, whose benefactions created the Duke Endowment, which has come to be a blessing to thousands in the Carolinas, and below is his father, Washington Duke, founder of the huge tobacco industries from which was drawn the wealth that made these things possible.

### J. B. DUKE'S LIFE LIKE STORY BOOK

Founder of Duke Endowment Started as Poor Farmer Boy in 60's

Learned Rudiments of Business With His Father and Saw Tobacco Business Grow To Immense Proportions

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Str. Walter Hotel, By J. C. Baskerville.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—The meeting of the members of the board of trustees of the Duke Endowment here today is focusing attention upon the unusual life story of James Buchanan Duke and his phenomenal rise from an obscure farmer boy to one of the greatest industrial leaders of the entire country. In many ways the actual life history of James B. Duke is more thrilling and more interesting than any of the fictional stories ever written by Horatio Alger or other authors who have written countless stories of how boys with humble beginnings have risen to fame and fortune by overcoming difficulties.

Duke was born on a farm near Durham December 23, 1856, and was named in honor of James Buchanan, then recently elected President of the United States. Like many other Southern families, the Duke family had suffered much misery and privation during the Civil War, and at the end of the war was left in almost complete poverty. While the father was away at the front during the war, the Duke family had been compelled to sell the farm to a neighbor. Although this

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair, slightly colder on the coast tonight; Wednesday fair, slowly rising temperature.

### BENEFICIARIES OF DUKE MONEY MEET FOR CELEBRATIONS

Over 200 Executives of Participating Hospitals, Orphanages, Schools Unite

ENDOWMENT SET UP JUST TEN YEARS AGO

Visitors at Raleigh Gathering Inspect Methodist and Catholic Orphanages and Rex and St. Agnes Hospitals Are Guests at Luncheon

Raleigh, Dec. 11 (AP)—More than 200 executives of participating hospitals, orphanages and educational institutions today celebrated here the establishment ten years ago of the Duke Endowment for philanthropic purposes in the two Carolinas. The visitors were taken on an inspection tour of Rex hospital, the Methodist Orphanage, the Catholic Orphanage and St. Agnes hospital, beneficiary institutions here, this morning, and lunch was served to the white visitors at the Methodist Orphanage and the colored guests at St. Agnes. Especially gratifying to them was the fact that it followed closely the removal under League auspices of another European war threat. This was the Saar basin territory plebiscite, on which a Franco-German financial agreement was made last week, and a solution reached on the difficult problem of policing the territory during the vote.

### Chicago Is Choked By A Blizzard

Chicago, Dec. 11 (AP) A blinding blizzard that stalled traffic and sent Chicagoans scurrying to cover had subsided today.

Striking yesterday, the snow stalled automobiles and snarled traffic so badly that scores of loop workers spent the night at hotels rather than risk trying to go home. Traffic was near normal, however, today.

More than ten inches of snow fell and drifts were piled high in the streets. The weather Bureau described the freak storm the worst the city has experienced for six years.

Two men dropped dead while walking the snow-laden streets. Heart attack, induced by exertion, were given as the cause of the deaths.

### Hauptmann Plea Seeks Complaints

Flemington, N. J., Dec. 11 (AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann stood handcuffed in county court today for 15 minutes as he listened to preliminary arguments in his attorney's demands on the State for a bill of particulars on the indictment that he murdered Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. The argument on the bill of particulars was short-lived, for Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Trenchard, who presided, postponed hearings in the matter until Thursday, when the defense requested that he fix a date when Edward Reilly, chief defense counsel, could be present.

### Cummings and Morgenthau Compete As "Policemen"

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A friendly rivalry for the title of policeman's No. 1 policeman appears to be developing between Attorney General Cummings and Secretary Morgenthau.

Soon after Cummings took over the Justice Department, he began an anti-crime drive. Public enemies, one after another, were eliminated—men like George "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson. Cummings himself announced the arrest of Richard Hauptmann in the Lindbergh kidnaping case. He told

### Balkan Quarrel Is Ended As Great League Triumph

FOLLOWS CLOSELY SAAR SETTLEMENT TO ASSURE PEACE

Both Hungary and Yugoslavia Approve Resolution Deploing Alexander's Death

STATESMEN FREED OF GREAT WORRIES

Budapest Government Instructs Its Envoys At Geneva To Vote for Proposal After Lengthy Study; Hungarians Asked To Punish Guilty

Geneva, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A threatening Yugoslav-Hungarian quarrel was ended today and the agreement hailed by Geneva statesmen as a notable triumph for the League of Nations. Especially gratifying to them was that it followed closely the removal under League auspices of another European war threat. This was the Saar basin territory plebiscite, on which a Franco-German financial agreement was made last week, and a solution reached on the difficult problem of policing the territory during the vote.

Both Hungary and Yugoslavia, at a session of the League's Council last night, approved a resolution "deploring" the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia at Marseilles. Not a dissenting vote was cast.

Hungary was asked, in a tactful way, to take "punitive action against any authorities whose culpabilities have been established," and to "communicate to the Council the measures which it takes to this effect."

Both Yugoslavia, which had charged Budapest with complicity in the assassination by harboring terrorists, and Hungary appeared satisfied.

Statements of major European powers were vastly relieved when the government at Budapest after studying a draft of the agreement, instructed

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### WAR DEPARTMENT HELPED DUPONTS

Reserve Army Materials Offered To Help Fill Japanese Orders

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Testimony was presented to the Senate Munitions Committee today that the DuPont powder Company arranged with the War Department in 1922 to get reserve army materials to make cartridges for sale to Japan. Major K. K. V. Casey, DuPont sales director, testified that after arrangements were made with the government, the company found it could get the materials elsewhere.

"But you had made the arrangements with the department to get the supplies from army reserves?" Senator Clark, democrat, Missouri, asked.

"Yes," Casey replied. "The army was willing to help us to tide us over." Casey explained the company arranged to get 100,000 rounds of ammunition from army reserves to fill the Japanese contracts.

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### Business Is Better Over Cotton Area

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ON HUNGARIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER



Above is the market place at Szeged, Hungary, which is crowded to capacity, as pictured, now that many of the 27,000 Hungarians expelled from Yugoslavia are using it as a haven. It is located on the Hungarian-Yugoslavian border. Below is the vital spot not far from Szeged that marks the triple boundary of the two aroused countries and Rumania.

### New Money Given For School Buses

Washington, Dec. 11 (AP)—The Public Works Administration announced today the grant of \$183,600 allotted to the North Carolina State School Commission for construction of 750 school buses had been increased to \$197,000 to cover increased cost of construction.

### REFERENDUM FOR TOBACCO STARTS

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Tar Heel tobacco growers began voting in the Kerr-Smith referendum this week, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, said today.

In each county, he said, the farm agents will set the day for voting, which must be some time between now and December 20. Polls will be set up in each community so that every grower will have a chance to vote.

Throughout each county, the voting places will be open for one day. In addition, one poll in every tobacco

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### HOLocaust OCCURS WITH TEMPERATURE NEAR ZERO WEATHER

Many Guests of Lansing, Mich., Establishment Jump to Streets, Others To River

MANY LEGISLATORS AMONG THE GUESTS

Had Gathered At State Capital for Special Session; Intense Cold Causes Tremendous Suffering Among Survivors Who Escape

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—(AP)—An early morning fire in zero weather turned the Kerns hotel here into a death trap today, and, with twelve known dead, police and firemen predicted that the number of fatalities might reach forty.

Their escape cut off by the flames, many guests jumped from upper windows, some to the street, others into the Grand river, which flows at the rear of the hotel. A score or more of the guests were legislators here for a special session.

Five of the known dead drowned. Five others died of injuries suffered in leaping to the street. Fleeing witnesses told of stumbling over the body of David Monroe, the assistant hotel manager, who apparently died of suffocation or injuries.

An incomplete list of injured in hospitals stood at 27.

No complete list of missing could be compiled because the hotel records including the register apparently were destroyed. Police and firemen, however, said they believed the hotel ruins, still blazing fitfully, and too hot to permit investigation, contained probably 20 bodies, and that possibly almost as many drowned in the river.

State Senator John Leidlein, of Saginaw, was missing, and a fellow legislator who pounded at his door with the flames ticking up at his heels, said he was unable to arouse him. Apparently he perished.

It was apparent that with the hotel records missing, it might be days before the full extent of the tragedy could be told.

Intense cold, only a few degrees above zero, added to the suffering of the guests who were injured, and those who fled in scanty attire. The fire was discovered about 5:30 a. m. on the second floor of the hotel by a watchman for the Lansing State Journal, whose building is nearby. The cause had not been ascertained, but early reports were said it started in a guest room.

### LINER RAMS FERRY IN FRISCO HARBOR

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11 (AP)—The coastal liner Ruth Alexander, bound in from Seattle, rammed the ferry boat Callistoga in the bay here today, but apparently no one was injured.

### State Near The End Of Grice Trial

Defense Expeted To Offer Its Testimony Speedily at Goldsboro

Goldsboro, Dec. 11 (AP)—Several witnesses went back to the stand to complete State's evidence today in the trial of Mrs. Ruby Grice and her brother, Donald Sasser, charged with complicity in the slaying of the woman's husband, for whose death one man already is scheduled to be electrocuted Friday.

Sheriff Paul Garrison took the stand again after leaving it last night when court adjourned. He testified as to investigation and following up of clues which led to arrest of Rufus Waterfield, the man under death sentence.

The prosecution rapidly neared the end of its case as the morning wore on, with indications the defense would plunge immediately into evidence tending to refute charges that the 30-year-old widow and her brother had anything to do with the ambush of Herbert Grice, an iron worker, at his home here the night of October 22, 1933.

Satterfield was the State's star witness yesterday, being brought here from State's prison at Raleigh to give his testimony.

