

52 DEAD AS ZERO WEATHER HEADS SOUTH

ETHIOPIAN SPIES QUICKLY HANDLED BY THE ITALIANS

Selassie's Forces Reported Routed With Heavy Losses on Northern Battle Front.

ITALIAN AIRPLANE IS BROUGHT DOWN

Its Pilot Captured and Beheaded; Kellogg - Briand Peace Pact Bitterly Denounced and Defended in American Debate Over Nation's Neutrality Policy.

Addis Ababa, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Ethiopian field army reported to the government today that its soldiers had shot down an Italian airplane at Daggah Bar.

The airplane was flying in a reconnaissance expedition in company with another.

Officials reported from Harar that the pilot, not immediately identified, was beheaded.

ETHIOPIAN SPIES QUICKLY DISPOSED OF BY ITALIANS

A skirmish and a round-up of Ethiopian spies were described today in Italian dispatches from the East African war zone which yesterday observed a Christmas punctuated by gunfire.

A caravan descending the slopes from the central plateau to the Danakil lowlands east of the northern line was enroute to the Ethiopian salt fields in the northeastern part of the country when it was attacked by Danakil irregulars, fighting for

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WPA WORKERS DIE AT GRADE CROSSING

Paris, Tenn., Dec. 26 (AP)—Three WPA workers were instantly killed when the truck in which they were going to work on a farm-to-market road project was struck by a Louisville and Nashville passenger train here.

Three other men were riding on the truck. They were injured, one seriously.

Bonus Bill FDR Will Pass Asked

Washington, Dec. 26 (AP)—Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, today forecast conferences between congressional leaders and President Roosevelt in an effort to work out a cash bonus plan acceptable to the administration.

Simultaneously, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee expressed the opinion there would be no general tax legislation at the session beginning January 3, and terminated the Townsend old age pension plan unworkable.

It was Harrison's first interview since returning from Mississippi for

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Building And Loan Pays \$5,000,000 Of Dividends

Mortgage Loans of \$7,500,000 Will be Lifted and Another \$2,500,000 Spread Among Paid-Up Shareholders; Figures Cover Fourth Loan Bank District

Winston-Salem, Dec. 26—The Santa Claus of thrift will leave more than \$5,000,000 in semi-annual dividend checks to shareholders of 413 building and loan associations in the fourth Federal Home Loan Bank district between Christmas and New Year's Day, it was estimated here today.

The estimate was made by G. K. LaRoque, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank, which serves these institutions. He said it was "conservative to say that five million dollars in ready cash will go out to meet bills for holiday luxuries, end-of-the-year obligations and 1936 purchases."

Share maturities in the building and loan associations will also mean

Lindberghs Sail Secretly for England, Fearing Kidnapers



Lindbergh Baby's Fate in Supreme Court Ruling

BRUNO MUST DIE IN CHAIR, S. SUPREME COURT RULES



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Apparently worried over reported new kidnaping threats, and harassed by Hauptmann henchmen, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, his wife and their three-year-old son, Jon, have fled to England, leaving secretly as the only passengers on a chartered liner. Lindbergh, his wife, and their son Jon, are shown above. The Lindberghs may decide to live abroad permanently.

Assassination Brings New Sino-Japan Crisis In East

Shanghai, China, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Japanese military declared today that the assassination of Tang Yu-jen, pro-Japanese vice minister of Chinese railways, "throws a dark shadow over the future of Sino-Japanese relations."

Chinese authorities immediately declared martial law throughout Shanghai and the central government's capital at Nanking.

Severe military restrictions also were imposed at Hankow against anti-Japanese demonstrations.

The Nanking government ordered a section of its railway line torn up in

a drastic measure to check the attempt of Shanghai students protesting the movement for North China separation to reach the capital in a commandeered train.

The demonstrating students seized a locomotive here when authorities refused to grant them free transportation to Nanking, and reached Changchow about 75 miles short of Nanking.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman characterized the killing of the vice minister by unidentified gunmen in the French concession here last night as "glaring evidence of anti-Japanese sentiment, leaving no doubt of the trend of Chinese sentiment toward

Japan."

A detachment of bayonet-armed Japanese marines swarmed into the Hongkew district here after a bomb exploded in front of a Japanese hotel. They were withdrawn, however, when it was learned the blast was accidental.

Armed patrols of Japanese sailors marched the streets of the area as a precaution against any further incidents arising from the death of Tang.

The vice minister for railways fell dead under a blast of gunfire turned upon him just after he left his automobile last night to enter a house in the French concession.

PAROLES MADE TO PROVIDE ROOM

That, Rather Than Christmas Sentimentalism, Won For 273.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Christmas releases for 273 prisoners turn out not to have been a piece of sentimentality, but a necessary resort to make room for others.

Implied criticism of the executive

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JACKSON DINNERS IN FORTY TOWNS

Tickets Being Mailed, And Biggest Crowds Ever Are Anticipated.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Forty North Carolina towns have signified their purpose to have Jackson Day dinner and tickets for these feasts are being mailed out by Mrs. Bessie Phoenix, president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina.

Governor Ehringhaus is giving his endorsement to the plan which is national and is the real opening of the campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt. There never has been anything of such general character undertaken in the State, though a State Jackson day dinner has been twice given in recent years.

The towns and cities which have agreed to give dinners are: Washington, Elizabeth City, Kinston, Halifax, Wilson, Warrenton, New Bern, Goldsboro, Clinton, Kenansville, Raleigh, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Louisburg, Henderson, Smithfield, Selma, Siler City, Asheboro, Winston-Salem, Oxford, Reidsville, Burlington, Durham, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Whiteville, Lillington, Lexington, Thomasville, Sanford, Hamlet, Statesville, Lincolnton, Charlotte, Shelby, Morganton, Asheville, Waynesville, Canton, and Bryson City.

Mrs. Phoenix says all reports in the State indicate the biggest crowd that

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G. O. P. IS ANXIOUS TO CONTROL HOUSE

Just Itching to Investigate New Deal Expenditures Over Nation.

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 26.—If Republican strategists were to be offered their choice between electing the next president or gaining control of the House of Representatives in the seventy-fifth Congress there is small doubt that they would prefer control of the House of Representatives. Not that they wouldn't like the presidency also, but, of the two selections, they reckon that a majority in the lower congressional chamber would be more valuable to them. They can't possibly wipe out the Democratic Senate majority; not enough seats are at stake at the coming election. However, a majority of the representatives would serve their purpose.

For one thing, with the Townsends threatening a third party movement and with bolting Democrats, led by Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, and John Henry Kirby of Texas, incubating a fourth one, politicians think they see a chance that the job of picking the 1937-41 president may be thrown into the popular house of Congress. Naturally the G. O. P. fancies the idea of being dominant there, and doing the picking.

But, setting that contingency aside,

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VERMONT CCC MEN PERISH IN FLAMES

Waterbury, Vermont, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Three army officers attached to a Civilian Conservation Corps camp were burned to death and three others were critically burned in a fire which destroyed the officers' quarters early today.

Icy Temperatures Borne Upon Bosom Of Choking Winds

Coroner To Probe Four Oaks Death

Four Oaks, Dec. 26 (AP)—A coroner's inquest will be held here at a later date into the death last night of Lois Creech, 15, who was fatally injured when struck by an automobile said by officers to have been driven by Craig Overby, of Four Oaks.

Mrs. J. A. Creech, grandmother of the girl, was also knocked down by the car. She was believed to have suffered serious injuries, and was rushed to the Johnston county hospital at Smithfield.

Exposure, Fire, Bitter Cold And Traffic Accidents Account For Many Fatalities.

MIDDLE WEST HAS TERRIFIC RECORD

Zero in Virginia and Shipping Around Norfolk Is Hard Hit; Four Degree Weather in National Capital; Snow Accompanies Drop in Localities in The West.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Fifty-two known deaths were attributed today to exposure, fire and bitter cold and traffic accidents on highways, as near zero temperatures and snow swept south after blanketing the northern half of the nation.

Three died in Illinois of exposure, four in Ohio, two each in Iowa, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Dakota, and single deaths were reported in South Dakota, Missouri, New Jersey, Indiana, Tennessee, Montana and Raleigh, N. C.

Icy highways claimed nine lives in Ohio, five in Indiana, four in Maryland, two in Michigan and one each in Illinois and North Dakota. Fires took three lives in a CCC camp in Vermont in bitter cold and five in Ohio, and resulted in two women being overcome by smoke, and 25 other tenants being driven to the streets in a four-story building at St. Louis.

The coldest reported spot in the country was Minot, N. D., with 24 degrees below zero. Numerous other states in the northern section reported sub-zero temperatures.

Fifty families were marooned by 15-foot snow drifts in Wildwood Villas near Jersey village, on Delaware bay. The temperature was 12 above, and a

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Deaths And Disaster On The Holiday

Toll Of Lives At Home and Abroad Exceeds 150; Cold Adds to the Horror.

(By The Associated Press) Disaster and death marred the Christmas holiday at home and abroad. The toll of lives, including 36 killed in a German train wreck, exceeded 150.

Traffic accidents took the heaviest toll. Crime, fire and exposure claimed other victims.

Domestic disturbances accounted for several deaths. John Rogers, 56, Philadelphia, killed his wife, his mother-in-law, his three children and himself. Joseph McElroy, 17, was

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New Differences Between Japs And Russia Reported

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A fresh conflict was reported today to have arisen on the frontier between the Japanese-advised state of Manchukuo and the Soviet-sponsored state of Outer Mongolia.

A dispatch to the newspaper Asahi from Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo, said two clashes between Japanese, Manchukuan and Outer Mongolian detachments resulted in one death of a Manchukuan and the wounding of three Japanese.

The Outer Mongolian forces were believed by the Japanese to have suffered heavy casualties.

A communique issued by the Japanese general staff headquarters at Hsinking was reported to have charged that more than 50 Outer Mongolians, riding in motor trucks invaded Manchukuo in that sector, precipitating the conflict.

The Mongols clashed with an outpost of three Manchukuan, the advices said.

Catholic And Episcopal Merger Is Now Proposed

Sponsors Say Protestantism Has Failed And Church's Only Hope Now Lies in Rome as Religious Center; Christians Urged To Arouse Themselves.

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Twenty-nine leaders of a movement to unite Protestant Episcopal churches in America with the Roman Catholic Church have appealed to Protestant Episcopal clergymen for support of the plan.

Coupled with the plea written by the American Committee of the Church Unity Octave Council was a criticism that Protestantism has become "bankrupt ethically, culturally, morally and religiously."

The committee's statement accompanied a letter to ministers by Rev. Franklin Joyner, rector of St. Clement's church of Philadelphia. The group consists of 20 Protestant Episcopal clergymen, two members of religious orders and seven laymen.

"The forces of the day have proved too strong for Protestantism and it is disintegrating rapidly," the committee declared, citing what it termed

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Generally fair, colder in central and southeast portions tonight; Friday, partly cloudy and not quite so cold in extreme west portion.

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