FDR Asks Huge Defense Budget

Soviets Massing 7 Divisions And Germans May Join Them; Finns Press Russian Defeat

18 Are Dead As Result Soviets Are Of Blaze In Apartment Much Irked

Marlborough Hotel in Minneapolis Burns in By Defeats Sub-Zero Weather; Fire Spreads Rapidly; Three Burned to Death in Charleston.

emen, who fought the blaze in

of the victims were killed peared to start simultaneously in timee-story brick building. was sounded. were trapped in blazing
y- or dished to death when
the burned through and fell.

THREE LOSE LIVES IN
BLAZE AT CHARLESTON
Charleston, S. C., Jan. 3.—(AP)

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Spearhead for a major offensive against the Finnish Mannerheim line on the Karelian isthmus.

by the sound of an explosion, but its source was not immediately discovered. Most of the occupants an early morning fire ravthe Mariborough apartment and flames blocking halls and stair-

ways.

How the blaze spread so quickly -Area weather, were still search-for bodies four hours after the men. The building is in three sections and firemen said the fire ap-

Revenue Of State Shows Upward Business Trends

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Jan. 3.—Business was bet- secutive 12 months 1939 than in 1938, as every one a tew of the most confirmed the calendar.

which are erity and general business ac- in highway division revenues. collections rose slightly more by gasoline also indicates increased six per cent to \$25,163,678.34.

that this form of tax has ever passed the \$25,009,000 mark for any con- already has become acquainted."

Business Up Seven Percent.

These calendar year figures, workats will admit: but nothing ed out by your reporter from the Dethis fact more clearly than the increase in sales and gasoline diections in North Carolina durbe year whose last leaf was just in the year whose last leaf was just in the part whose last leaf was just in the cumulative totals on the department's December statement, which is provided in part of \$71 per cent. showed an increase of 8.71 per cent fund collections for the ed with hawklike keenness as first six months of the current fiscal ed with hawklike keenness as this six increase of 6.79 per cent redices of the ebb and flow of year, and an increase of 6.79 per cent To Receive Bids

During 1938 neither showed Summing the whole thing up, it ing approaching an ebb, as sales appears from these two indices that North Carolina enjoyed at least a ever 1938 to a total of \$11,597,- seven and a half percent increase in for the twelve months; while business over 1938; though the excess same time gasoline gallonage of sales tax increase over that shown

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June Rose Not Seeking Erwin Job

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sn Walter Hotel. Jan. 3.—If Superintenhas been losing any sleep over school superintendent and tment commander of the Amer-Legion, intends to run for his he can now rest in complete

e hasn't even a remote idea of ing the campaign and probably idn't be dragged into it under any The veterans' leader told your leigh reporter a day or so ago that ere's absolutely nothing in the reats, which he said emphatically

ort and repose.

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U. S. Money Financing Irish Army

Dublin, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A charge

resembing a raid on the Phoenix (Continued on Page Seven.)

New Heavy Quake Hits Turk Areas

Ankara, Turkey, Jan. 3.—(AP)-A new earthquake was reported to-Public Instruction Clyde A. day to have levelled ten villages in the Yozgad area, adding to Turkey's possibility Junius Rose, Green- quake damage of last week as the river Euphrates broke its banks, spreading terror in the region of southern Anatolia.

The Yozgad, scene of widespread suffering from previous tremors, was thrown into a panic by the latest shocks. Hundreds of dwellings collapsed. Nearly 1,060 persons made homeless. The death toll, however, was expected to be slight, since the people had sufficient warning to flee to open spaces.

With scores of villages in western Anatolian submerged, flooding of the Euphrates valley was expected to in-crease the estimated 46,200 dead in

the combined disasters.

First reports said it was impossible to estimate the damage or loss of life from the flood waters. The Euphrates still was rising, sweeping houses, cattle and whole settlements south-

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SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK; TWENTY LOST

Dublin, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A charge London, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The swedish steamer Svarton. 2,475 tons, was reported torpedoed today by a submarine off the northeast coast of Scotland and sunk in a subject of the sunk in a sunk Justice Minister Gerald Boland, minute and a half.

were missing. Eleven survivors on really is needed. Then he's hit on as a raft were rescued by a life boat.

tral-Eastern Area; Germany to Enter Baltic War if Eng. As Choice land And France Send Forces to Finns.

Helsinki, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Irked by setbacks. Soviet Russia was reported today to be massing seven army divisions—about 105,000 men—as the spearhead for a major offensive a-

number of injured was teny set at upwards of 25.

he knew how the fire started.
residents said they were and shortly before 6 a. m.

Three persons died in an early norming blaze here today. One other was painfully burned, and a fifth escaped by sliding down a fifth escaped by sliding down a guy wire strung by the house.

Under a new Soviet commander, the fresh troops were said by Finnish sources to be ready for a tremendous push against the Finnish fortifications, which have been de-Under a new Soviet commander, scribed by the Russians as comparable to Germany's Siegfried line. Russia lost 400 tanks and 150 air-

planes in operations against Finland in December ,a semi-official news agency reported. The agency asserted that Russia had used more than 1,-000 tanks on the Karelain isthmus alone, and added:

"At the end of the first month of the war, we are able to state the defenses in Finland remain unshaken and there has been found a new

GERMANY TO ENTER WAR

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Authorita-tive sources said today Germany

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Saturday, Jan. 16, On 17 Road Jobs

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission will receive bids on January 17 on sixteen road projects which will cost approximately \$860,000. Projects included the following:

Johnston and Wilson counties, surfacing 10.62 miles of Route 52; Craven and Pat, grading and structures on 3.20 miles between the Pitt line and Vanceboro: Johnston, surfacing 13.34 miles between Route 70 and Wilson.

Lenoir and Greene, surfacing 6.96 miles of Route 258 near Snow Hill; and Wayne, concrete widening of 11.36 miles of

Vance Negro Says He Did Robberies

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Director Frederick C. Handy, of the State Bureau of Investiga-tion, said today that Charlie Watkins, Negro, had confessed eight robberies in the State since his release three months ago from a so-son camp in the Shelby-Kings Mountain section. Handy said Watkins had con-

fessed to Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, of Warren county, and S. B. I. Agent Willard I. Gatling to rob-beries at Kings Mountain, Shelby, Henderson and Norlina since his release October 3. Watkins is from Halifax county, but was sent up from Vance county in March, 1933, on an arson charge.

Poe Takes Losses Heavy in Cen- Farm Drive

Will Devote Energies To Campaign "For Balanced Prosperity In South" Rather Than Working For Governor.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Dr. Clarence Poe. in formally renouncing his ambitions to become governor of North Carolina, did so for the expressed purpose of dedicating himself to a campaign termed by its sponsors "for bal-anced prosperity in the South."

In a statement of something more than four typewritten pages, he out-lined his investigation of the gubernatorial possibilities and declared he reached the definite conclusion he could be successful in the May and

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IF ALLIES SEND TROOPS TWO Negroes Dead, White Man Hurt, In Wreck of Auto

Fayetteville, Jan. 3 .- (AP) -Two Negroes were killed and a white man, Scott McDonald, critically injured when their automobile failed to negotiate curve on the Lumberton-Fayetteville highway, near here, today. The machine overturned several times, coming to rest when it struck a telephone

high into the air.

The dead were Sandy
Thomas and John Henry Rop-

Mrs. D. F. Westbrook, a witness, said Roper was catapulted to the top of a house nearby, the impact of his fall breaking a two by four beam. The Negro then bounded against a chimney, leveling it with the oof, she said. The body came to rest on a pile of lumber on the opposite side of the house.

The other men were thrown to the roof of a porch of the house, a distance of around ten yards. The porch gave way un-

Both Parties Afflicted By Nuisance Candidates

By CHARLES P. STEWART

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Senator Bridges

Senator Bridges generally.

A "nuisance candidate" is different from a 'dark horse." A "dark horse" is kept in the background. He doesn't manifest himself unless there's a free to say so.

Senator Styles Bridges of New Twenty members of the crew deadlock in his convention and he

The proves to be very serviceable-Central Press Columnist
Washington, Jan. 3.—Politicians, reassembled in Washington for congress' early 1940 session, have hit on badly licked, but he hadn't gummed session, have hit on the expression the expression muisance candidates for pression candidates for pression the G.O. P.'s cards in advance of his nomination. He took what was offered him and did his best. A "nuisance candidate" is a bird who starts ance candidate is a bird who starts this campaign too soon and mixes up the cituation prematurely with very idential nomina- the situation prematurely with very

tion a few months few favorable chances of his own.
The Democrats are not much bothhence. Almost any presidential c andidate is a nuisance to his various rivals. To be a missing to hear and the standard of a missing to his a candidate not a mere nuisance to remove a more nuisance to the New Deal but the standard to have been wounded ported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have been wounded strangely in Miss Freeman-Mitford was reported to have genuine "nuisance of a "dark horse." Ditto State Seccandidate" he must be a nuisance to K. Wheeler and others. Paul V. Mc-

his party quite Nutt doesn't rate a joke, either, generally.

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Bridges, Bricker, Gannett. The Republicans, however, have some nuisances, and Republican managers, confidentially, are quite

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Back for Opening



Vice President John Nance Garner (left) gets the latest capital news from Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the Senate, as Garner arrives in Washington for the new session of Congress.

Isms Waning Due To War, Dies States

Not Over Million Americans Affected By Foreign Movement, Committee Advises Congress; Much Communism in CIO.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)— The Dies committee estimated today that not more than 1,000,000 Americans have been seriously affected by subversive activities, which it said were declining rapidly because of the in-ternational situation.

"May the time speedily come when they will cease to be seriously re-garded by any one in the United States," the committee said in report-ing to the House on its two-year investigation of un-American activities. In a 15,000-word summary of its hearings, signed by all seven members after a story meeting, the com-mittee drew these major conclusions: 1. The overwhelming majority of CIO members, including President John L. Lewis, are not communist or communist sympathizers, but the

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English Girl, Hitler's Pal, Returns Home

Folkestone, England, Jan. 3.-(AP)—Sentires with fixed bayonets guarded the return to England to-day of Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford, the peer's daughter, whose blonde "Nordic beauty" charmed Reichfuehrer Adolf Hitler

Lord Rede dale, her father, was waiting on the quayside with a car and ambulance when the chan-nel steamer from Calais arrived shortly before 4 p. m.

accompanied on her journey home by her mother. Miss Freeman

Freeman-Mitford was revelver bullet from her neck.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued cold to-ght: Thursday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer followed by rain with sonw Thursday afternoon or night in

New Taxes Proposed To Finance Program For Army And Navy

President Urges National Unity And Says America Must Be Prepared For Peace Role; Seeks Economy Elsewhere.

Washington, Jan. 3.--(AP)-President Roosevelt coupled an emphatic plea for national unity in the face of war-born disintegration abroad today with a recommendation that Congress vote new taxes to finance "emergency spending" for a "common sense" national defense.

FRANK MURPHY

Get Job On

High Court

the Supreme Court and Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson will suc-

cecd him as attorney general, it

Pierce Butler last November 16.

with both Murphy and Jackson.

Cummings. He had served two years

as governor of Michigan, and prior

to that was high commissioner to

Department since 1936. After head-

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was learned today on high author-

Talked.

the Philippines.

To Supreme Court sage, "the permanent security of America in the present crisis does But, he said in his annual mesnot lie in armed force alone." He continued:

"What we face is a set for worldwide forces of disintegration-vicious, ruthless, destructive of all

HIGH SPOTS

Washington. Jan. 3 .- (AP) --Here in brief is the program recommended to Congress by President Roosevelt today:

1. Additional taxes to finance "emergency" expenditures for national defense.
2. Extension of the reciprocal

trade agreement act as "an ind'spensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace." 3. Increased appropriations

for national defense, but reduction "in practically all other im-portant items of the Federal budget."

4. Continued search for a solu-tion of the unemployment pro-5. Development of a spirit of

national unity, in Congress and

Murphy Will the moral, religious and political standards which mankind, after centuries of struggle, has come to cherish."

To this he added that "national unity, is in a very real and deep

sense, the fundamental safeguard of all democracy." Personally delivering his annual message before a joint session of the House and Senate, the chief

executive called for extension of the reciprocal trade treaty program -already under fire from Repub-Leftwing Robert licans and some Democrats—"as an indispensable part of the foundation Jackson to Succeed of any stable and durable peace." sage to be submitted to the new

Attorney General on session of Congress tomorrow, would call for reductions", in prac-Promotion by Ap- tically all important items except pointments of Presinational defense.
He asked for special taxes to meet

dent; Shift Long that extra cost "in the hope that we can continue in these days of increasing economic prosperity to reduce the Federal deficit." And he declared that an answer

Washington. Jan. 3.— (AP) — must be found "in terms of work Frank Murphy will be appointed to and opportunity" for the unemployment problem, because

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This shift in the Justice Department has been widely predicted ever since the death of Justice CALLS ISSUED FOR BANKS' CONDITION The reports increased yesterday when President Roosevelt conferred

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for the condition of all national banks at the close of busi-Murphy became attorney general on January 2, 1939, succeeding Homer ness Saturday, December 30.

STATE BANK CALL.

he Philippines.

Jackson has been with the Justice Raleigh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, issued a call today for the condition of all State banks at the close of

Eight Men Lose Appeals From Sentence Of Death

Raleigh, Jan. 3.-(AP)-The State berland; Glenn Maxwell, twice con-Raleigh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The State berland; Glenn Maxwell, twice consuper Court today upheld death sentences imposed on eight men in five cases appealed from four counfive cases appealed from four counforth killing of a newsboy. ties. The court granted one man con- Rogers last week confessed, pri-

The death sentences were affirmed also confessed that he took part in The death sentences were affirmed on: Roy Kelly, Wade Hanford and Ralph Hanford, all convicted in Alamance of the murder of Sheriff M. P. Robertson during a hold-up; J. P. Murray and Archie S. Stephens, sentenced in Durham for the robery-slaying of A. M. Snipes: Robert William Countied of range in Cum-after the first conviction. Williams, convicted of rape in Cum- after the first conviction.

ties. The court granted one man convicted of murder a new trial.

The court's rulings fixed Friday,
January 19, as the death date for the eight men. The State has never executed more than three men on a sin-tence from Hoke county for the dou-ble crime of burglary and murder.