

SCORES OF DEATHS IN FRANCE CAUSED BY ZERO WEATHER

All of Western Europe Affected by a Cold Wave Which Brought Snow to Many Countries.

LISBON COVERED BY HEAVY SNOW

In France Cold Weather Has Caused Scores of Deaths in All Parts of the Country.

Paris, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Christmas brought real winter to western Europe. All France is freezing, with scores of deaths reported in the last three days.

The snowfall in Lisbon began Saturday night. When the shivering populace awoke, it was to find a city of white shining under a brilliant sun.

France is unaccustomed to extreme cold, and the number of deaths is attributed to that fact. There is an inch of ice on Paris lakes.

DEATH OF NURSE IS STILL DEEP MYSTERY

Police Unable to Get Facts About the Death of Miss Mary McGuire, Well Known Nurse.

Asheville, Dec. 27.—(AP)—No light had come today to dispel the dark veil of mystery which for sixty hours has overshadowed the tragic death of Miss Mary McGuire, 71-year-old hospital dietitian whose lifeless and mangled body was found between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning in the mud and water at a street intersection.

CHILDREN INJURED IN ACCIDENTS IMPROVING

Charles Burns and Horace Lutz, of Hickory, Hurt When Car Crashed.

Hickory, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The condition of Charles Burns, 15 years old, son of Alderman and Mrs. W. W. Burns, of this city, was said to be improved today, following an accident on Christmas evening in which his throat was cut severely.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN CALIFORNIA CITIES

So Far as Can Be Learned No Damage Was Caused by the Earth Tremors.

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 27.—(AP)—An earthquake was felt here and in Tullock at 1:20 this morning. The shock was felt by telephone operators and others, but apparently did no damage.

Grow Hair on Bald Mice: Try It on Humans.

Taunton, England, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Bald mice have been made to grow hair in experiments designed to discover a cure for baldness among humans.

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SUGGEST SAFETY CONFERENCE FOR THE STATE SOON

Greensboro, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Plans for a safety conference to be held under the auspices of the Carolina Motor Club and other organizations, looking to make the highways safe for motorists and pedestrians will be discussed at the meeting to be held Wednesday at headquarters of the motor organization here.

REFUSES TO DIE

Notwithstanding Four Doctors Have Condemned Him to Death. (By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Despite the 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 best of any number of doctors.

JOHN HALL, HICKORY MAN, LONG MISSING

Wrote His Wife November 20th That He Was Going Home—Not Seen Since.

Hickory, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of John Hall, 55, peddler of perfumes, who wrote to his wife from Shelby about November 20th that he would be home the next few days. He has not been heard from since.

TWO REPORTED KILLED IN OIL EXPLOSION

Several Others Hurt in Explosion at Refinery of Central Petroleum Company.

Ventura, Calif., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two men were reported killed and several others injured when an explosion rocked the refinery of the Central Petroleum Company, two and one-half miles from here this morning.

Bathing at Wrightsville.

Wilmington's beaches as all year round resorts got another boost Christmas day when bathers were seen enjoying the surf at Wrightsville.

Dead Body of Emperor Reaches Tokyo.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Silent and bare headed, more than a million mourners lined the four-mile route from Harajuku station to the Imperial Palace as the body of the late Emperor Yoshihito was returned to Tokyo tonight from the royal villa at Hayama where he died Christmas day.

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 Nashville Rises 51 Feet. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—At least 2,000 persons had been driven from their homes tonight or were prepared to leave the flooded sections of north and east Nashville due to the Cumberland river flood, according to police estimates and surveys of the inundated regions.

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USELESS IN BUSINESS

In explaining his remarks, Mr. Morris said, "I have no high opinion of the value of universities for education for such essentially practical purposes as industry or commerce, in fact, a university training is, from a business point of view, absolutely useless."

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 originally there. If they are, it is quite likely to obliterate them. It does not, for instance, give them an understanding of the psychology of the workers in an industry. As one who went to work early in life in an engineering shop, I got my training in a practical school. I know what the worker thinks."

With Our Advertisers.

S. W. Preslar is offering from 25 to 50 per cent. discount on all goods in stock for this week only. Did Santa Claus forget anything for you? If so, you can get it at Hoover's.

FUNERAL CONDUCTED 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 suddenly at his home here on Christmas eve night from heart trouble, was held from Central Methodist church at two o'clock this afternoon and interment was made in Stony Hill cemetery, about eight miles east of the city. Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of Central Methodist church, conducted the funeral.

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SWEDISH VISITORS PAID

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden paid for the special car which, attached to regular trains, took them across the country on their recent visit, but the Prince of Wales and Marshal Foch of France rode in special trains that cost them next to nothing.

THE COTTON MARKET

Issuance of January Notices of About 98,000 Bales, Featured Early Trading. New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Issuance of January notices featured the cotton market today on resumption of trading after the Christmas holidays.

Salisbury Man Kills SELF AT AUTO WHEEL

Ernest Thornburg Commits Suicide at an Early Hour This Morning. Salisbury, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Ernest Thornburg, white man about 26 years old, of this city, old truck driver, committed suicide at 5:30 this morning by shooting himself in the right temple, the pistol ball passing entirely through the head. The deed was committed 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 shot. He leaves a father, mother and other relatives.

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NO PROSPECT FOR FAIR WEATHER IN RAIN SOAKED AREA

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THE NORTHEASTERN STATES BLANKETED WITH HEAVY SNOWS

Streets in New York City Turned Into Icy Glare From Inch of Sleet and Light Snowfall. New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Snow and ice today covered the northeastern states, with a white and slippery coating after mild Christmas temperatures.

MANY ACCIDENTS REPORTED TODAY

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THREE COUNTIES PROJECT HOSPITAL

Representatives of Edgecombe, Martin and Halifax Consider Undertaking. Tarboro, 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 of the Edgecombe Benevolent Association of Halifax, to erect a permanent hospital for permanent hospital purposes.

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Concord Theatre De Luxe

HOLIDAY WEEK ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY-TUESDAY BUSTER KEATON'S Latest Mirth Provoker "THE GENERAL" WEDNESDAY Another Family Day Special—Aileen Pringle in "THE WILDERNESS WOMAN" THURSDAY-FRIDAY COLLEEN MOORE At Her Very Best "TWINKLE TOES" Don't Miss a Single One of These