

5,000 PERSONS IN NASHVILLE DESERT SUBMERGED HOMES

250 City Blocks in the Tennessee Capital Covered Now by Overflow from the Cumberland River.

NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED SO FAR

People in Flood Area Warned in Time and They Are Occupying All Kinds of Homes.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Two hundred and fifty city blocks where 5,000 persons had been housed, were deserted today as a result of a swirling torrent of the Cumberland River, which swept through the streets of Nashville's lowlands.

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MOVEMENT STARTED AT KINSTON FOR SMITH

Time to Elect a "Smith" to the Presidency They Say.

(By International News Service) Kinston, Dec. 30.—A movement has been started in this section to elect a "Smith" to the presidency in 1928. It had its beginning when it was suggested by one member of the Smith clan in a speech made recently, and many members of the well known family have taken up the movement in earnest.

Padlock Plan May Be Used on Theaters in New York

New York, Dec. 29.—Padlocking of theaters that show salacious plays was seen as a possibility by District Attorney Egan today in discussing Mayor Walker's preference with producers. He expressed the opinion, however, that the citizens' play jury should be given further trial before abolishing it in favor of political censorship.

Fliers Leave for Vera Cruz

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Pan-American fliers hopped off from Tampico at 11 a. m., Tampico time, to Vera Cruz, a message received here from Tampico by the All-American Cable office here said.

City Tax Notice

A penalty of one per cent. will be added to your City Tax January 1st, 1927. Pay today, and save the cost.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

SAYS MR. PHARR WAS EXPRESSING HIS OWN OPINION

Did Not Speak for Commission in Saying Time Is Not Ripe for Action for Longer School Term.

THE COMMISSION TO MEET JANUARY 3RD

Then the Report of Dr. Morrison as to His Investigations Will Be Heard by Commission.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Consternation has been thrown into the ranks of those who are hoping that the legislature will submit the question of an eight months school term to a vote of the people, by the published statement of Edgar W. Pharr, a member of the Educational Commission, who said that although he was not speaking for the commission as a whole, he was expressing his own opinion, rather than speaking for the commission as a whole.

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NORTH CAROLINA WILL KEEP PACE

With the Gigantic Expansions of Electric Power Development. Raleigh, Dec. 30.—With expenditures totalling millions of dollars in electric power development planned for the year 1927, North and South Carolina will keep pace with the gigantic expansions forecast for the industry throughout the United States.

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TURLINGTON DECLINES OFFERED PRESIDENCY

Tells North Carolina Bible League He Cannot Head the Organization. Charlotte, Dec. 30.—Z. V. Turlington, of Mooresville, veteran legislator, today threw the meeting of the North Carolina Bible League, formerly the committee of 100, into a quandary when after calling the session to order he announced that he could not accept the presidency of the organization.

With Our Advertisers.

The A. & P. stores have some attractive offerings for you. See ad. today. Don't fail to visit Efray's before stock-taking sale. Efray department included in this sale.

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Movement For New Library Here Is Sponsored By Rotary Club Members

Club Members at Weekly Meeting Endorse Bond Issue Proposal as Best Means of Giving City Library Facilities Needed.

A movement for a modern public library in Concord was started Wednesday by Concord Rotarians at their weekly meeting and other civic organizations will be asked to lend their cooperation and support. Following an address by L. T. Hartzell, chairman of the board of trustees of the library, Rotarians at the meeting pledged their support to a bond issue which was deemed necessary as a means of securing money with which to build and equip such a library as is needed in Concord.

"Concord people are tired of drives; they have been about driven to death," Mr. Hartzell stated, "and I think the library should be supported by taxation, with every one paying his or her proportionate share."

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OBJECTS TO POISON IN DENATURANTS SO CHANGE IS ORDERED

In the Future Government Will Not Use Poisons, Under Order Made by Secretary Mellon.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—On the theory that an effective prohibition enforcement is bound to drive drink-drinkers to the use of industrial alcohol, Secretary Mellon announced a determination today to eliminate the use of poisons in the use of denaturants. The secretary's attitude, made known today at the treasury, is that he does not conceive it as a duty of the government to permit poisoning of citizens in order to enforce the law. He expects government chemists soon will be able to denature alcohol so that it will be too distasteful to drink rather than too dangerous.

When the new government denaturing formula goes into effect January 1st certain poisonous substances previously included in it will be eliminated. The four per cent. of wood alcohol provided for in the formula will remain, however, as Mr. Mellon does not think that percentage injurious. Under the old formula two per cent. of wood alcohol is used.

Improved prohibition enforcement under the administration of Assistant Secretary Andrews is believed by Mr. Mellon to have resulted in use of industrial alcohol by bootleggers, and in the consequent poisoning of some drinkers. He does not believe, however, that any portion of the numerous holiday alcoholic deaths resulted from use of poisoned alcohol, and believes excessive drinking was a more likely cause. The secretary declared today that smuggling both along the coast and on the Canadian border had been greatly diminished, if not almost eliminated. Domestic liquor leaks also have been stopped to a great degree, he said, through the concentration in fewer distilleries of the medicinal liquor stock. As a result bootleggers, he understands, are to use industrial alcohol.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 7 to 10 Points, With January Selling Up to 12.95. New York, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 7 to 10 points in response to reportedly firm Liverpool cables and reports that while the weather was clear in the South it was too cold for much progress in picking.

Fenner and Beane's Cotton Letter

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—The cotton market was a small affair today owing to the approaching holidays. Sentiment was generally reactionary but there was no selling of consequence and the market was steady though a shade lower. The weather continues bad with rains in the east and cold in the west. The forecast is for fair weather and rising temperatures but the map indicates another rainy spell is on the way into the belt. Exports continue to run heavy but spot demand is light and shipments from interior points are less than last season. Sentiment is generally reactionary but the steadiness of the market and cheapness of cotton is restricting selling for the short account.

Finds Whiskey Still in Public Square

Charlotte, Dec. 29.—Local police today were endeavoring to figure out whether some moonshiner took a New Year resolution to quit making "white lightning" or merely lost the tools of his trade. Roy Biggers, negro caretaker, who works on the city hall lawn, walked into police headquarters this morning with a five gallon still. He said he found it on the city hall square about a half block from the police station.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight, slightly colder on the coast; Friday fair, rising temperature. Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1927 being a legal holiday the banks of Concord will not be open for business. CONCORD NATIONAL BANK CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

AMERICA DECLINES TO CHANGE POLICY IN NICARAGUA

Standing Pat in Face of Battering Rain of Far-Flung Protests and the Divergent Opinions.

SACASA TROOPERS HAVING SUCCESS

It Is Said American Forces Will Stay Where They Are to Protect Americans and Property.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—While the Sacasa liberals continue to forge ahead into the interior of Nicaragua, threatening the vital portions of the conservative forces of President Diaz, American government officials in the face of a battering rain of far-flung protests and widely divergent opinions are standing pat on their announced policy of protection for American lives and property.

While conferences continue today between high officials in Washington, late dispatches from the war zone in Nicaragua told of the retreat to El Bluff from Las Perlas of the Diaz troops, their disarming in the neutral zone, and the dispatch of 200 conservative soldiers to Monkey Ridge to save that strategic point from falling into the hands of Sacasa's army.

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JUDICIAL MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE TODAY

State Judicial Conference Meets to Discuss Problems Confronting Courts of the State.

EMERGENCY ACT NOT ADEQUATE

It Is Proposed That Several New Districts Be Created for the Trial of Civil Cases Only.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Creation of judicial districts for the trial of civil cases only, and new laws covering the selection of juries are among legislative proposals made today. The judicial conference met in the Supreme Court room with Chief Justice Stacy presiding for hearing reports in the judicial system.

Associate Justice Adams recommended an amendment to the state constitution to permit the forming of the proposed superior court districts. The effect would be to permit the naming of superior court judges, without naming of solicitors in similar proportion. Appointment of emergency judges would be done away with. The present emergency judge laws were termed inadequate.

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