WILL WATCH FOR ARMS SMUGGLING

SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO MEXI CAN REBELS IS UNDER EMBARGO.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE

Government Had No Indication of Intended Rebel Exportation Except From Inquiry.

Washington. - President Coolidge took further steps to aid the Obregon government in Mexico, signing a proclamation which imposed an immediate embargo on any shipments of war munitions to that country except ernment. A fine of \$10,000 or two
years' imprisonment, or both may be imposed upon convicted violators of the embargo.

Action was taken by the President on recommendation of Secretary Hughes. No formal statement accompanied the text of the proclamation when it was made public at the state department. So far as known, however, the Washington government has no exact information as to intended sales of arms in the United States to Mexican rebel factions beyond the inquiry through the department of jus-tice received from the De is Huerta agent in New Orleans concerning pur-chase and assembly in New Orleans for shipment to the rebel forces of arms and ammunition.

Border patrols against liquor, drugs, aliens and other forms of smuggling probably will be instructed to watch for arms smuggling expeditions. Secretary Weeks said, however, that while army commanders on the border would be advised of the issuance of the proclamation he would construe it at present as addressed primarily to the civil officers along the international line and would not direct the army to begin patrolling against arms smugglers. The war secretary mad? it plain, however, that in the event of any extensive gun-running, army foroes including cavalry and aircraft stationed on the border would be used to break up the traffic. .

Contract For Ford Plant Let.

company, of Chattanooga, Tenn., contractors and builders, were awarded the general contract for the erection of the Ford Motor company's assembly plant here after bids submitted by eight contracting firms had been examined for several days by Ford engineers and C. E. Ball, the Ford company's architect's superintendent. The approximate cost of the three buildings to be erected by the MacDevit-Fleming company will be around \$750,-000, it is stated. Work will be begun on the building at once.

The total cost of the new Ford assembly plant here is estimated at well over a million dollars, when the structural steel, architectural contract, and mechanical trades contracts are considered. The plant will be located on a tract of land recently acquired between the Derita and Statesville roads from the Hutchison estate for \$75.000.

The assembly plant when completed will be the largest in the south and one of the largest in the country.

Damage By Fire on Facific Coast. Ocean Park, Calif.—Fire, said to have originated in a small fish market on the ocean front falk here, virtually wiped out the entire Ocean Park amusement zone and caused damage officially estimated at \$750,000 to \$1.-000,000, of which approximately \$100,-000 was covered by insurance.

Most of the loss was sustained in the destruction of the Pickering mfilion dollar pier, the Frazer Amusement pfer and Lick's pier.

Works of South to Be Exhibited.

Washington.-Resources and products of the South will be exhibited inthe Grand Central Palace, News York, the last two weeks in January, 1925, at a monster Southern exposition, under plans announced here by F. Goher Miller, business manager of the Macon (Ga.) chamber of commerce. The Southern Exposition association, comprising commercial, industrial and agricultural itnerests south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, is sponsor for

the program. The object of the proposed exposition, Mr. Miller said, is to acquaint the rest of the United States with what the South is doing. Mr. Miller is at present in Washington conferring with Southern leaders before formulating final plans.

FOUR DEATHS ATTRI-BUTED TO COLD WAVE

Pittsburgh.-Four deaths attributed to the cold wave were reported to the coroner's office during the day. Two persons were frozen to death during the night and two others, a child and an aged man, were fatally burned while dressing in front of open fires.

The "open fire" victims were Martha Redenbaugh, two and August Foerschke, 75. The child died later in a hospital, but the aged man was so badly burned that he lived but a few minutes after the fire was smothered from his blazing bath robe.

The body of Gilbert M. Davis was found in an alley near his home. Officials believe he was rendered unconscious by a fall and became a victim of the biting cold.

Neighbors found the frozen body of Alice Watters, an aged negress, in the home where she lived alone.

HEAT BEATS BACK RESCUE WORKERS IN DISASTER AT ILLINOIS FACTORY.

Half of the 250 Workers in Corn Pro-

persons are believed to have been ber. killed and more than a hundred oth-

Rescuers could see the bodies of ap- early next month. proximately between 25 and 35 victims lying in the ruins, but the the winner immediately. The rest of flames prevented attempts to reach the prize goes to him if the country

the bodies. It was estimated it would be sev-eral hours before the ruins could be was made by Mr. Bok July 1, 1923.

Pekin and Peoria

the explosion.

The Corn Products plant was the all the known safety appliances and award. the explosion is the first serious accident since it was built.

At 9 o'clock, with the estimates of doctors on the number of dead running as high as 35, six of the dead had been identified. Fire kept rescuers from removing which could be seen and it is feared many bodies damaged two apartment houses. will be entirely consumed.

Of the hundred or more injured. ably will die. The victims were horribly burned.

Cries of nine men entombed in two telescoped box cars shattered by the explosion, had ceased this forenoon and persons working frantically to clear away the debris were of the opinion the men had perished.

Favors Harsh Action to Bar Rum.

Washington.-Drastic action to put a stop to alleged liquor drinking by members of Congress and other high Government officials and to prevent leakage of "diplomatic" liquors into bootleg channels, was demanded by Representative Upshaw, Democrat, of Georgia. His demand was embodied in a resolution and a speech prepared in support of it.

Mr. Upshaw said Congress should "clean around it sown door by page ing a resolution declaring persona non grata to the floor of the House any member found under the influence of liquor in the Capitol or House office building, or known to have liquor illegally acquired in his office."

He also suggested that all Federal appointees, including cabinet officials. Army and Navy officers and diplomatic and consular representatives abroad be required to take a pledge of total abstinence. The "exceutive guillotine," he added, should be used by President Coolidge on all Government officials known to drink liquor.

Stamps to Aid Poor.

Berlin.-Charity stamps are being ssued by the Ministry of Post to help finance the feeding of the poor. These stamps will be sold at twice their As the manager turned to fill the ornations of five, ten, twenty and fifty gold pfenigs. "Duetsche Nothilfe," he face of the stamps.

PLAN 1469 TO

PEACE PLAN ENTAILS ENTRY OF AMERICA INTO WORLD COURT.

AUTHOR IS YET UNANNOUNCED

May Hold Plebiscite Next Month to See if America Wants to "Outlaw War."

New York.-The American peace award announced that plan number 1469 had, been adjudged the best of 22,165 entered in competition for the \$100,000 offered by Edward W. Bok. Philadelphia publicist, for the best practical plan by which the United States might co-oeprate with other nations to prevent war.

In it essence this plant proposes, first, that the United State immediately should enter the dermanent court of international justice, endorsed by the late President Harding, and, second, without becoming a member of the league of nations, as at present constituted, should offer to co-operate

with the league, under certain conditions, as a body of murual counsel.

The identity of the author is unknown to the jury of award and policy

Peoria, Ills.—Between 25 and 35 committee, except one delegated mem-

The authoriship will not be disclosers injured in a terrific dust explo- ed until a nation-wide referendum has sion at the starch plant of the Corn been taken to determine whether the Products Company at Pekin, Ills.

Fire broke out after the explosion cans. This probably will not be until

Fifty thousand dollars is awarded gives the plan its support.

Announcement of his \$100,000 prize penetrated and the bodies removed. The flood of peace plans immediately Eighty injured, many of them badly began. Conditions of the award were mangled, had been removed from the made public July 22. The seven wreckage and taken to hospitals in judges were named September 16. On November 15 the contest closed with Two hundred and fifty men were 22,165 plans from 22 countries before orking in the plant at the time of the jury. The day before Christmas Mr. Root indicated the winning plan.

principal industry of Pekin. It was the action last week of Edward A. from their own well until recently at the white house which made it miles south of Siler City, Chatham built 24 years ago by the Illinois Filene, Boston merchant, in offering Sugar Refining Company, but about \$50,000 for a European competition eighteen years ago was sold to the for the best plan for restoring proper-Charlotte, N. C.-MacDevit-Fleming Corn Products Company and since ity to the war stricken continent. Mr. has been enlarged many times. The Filene frankly credited his action to plant was said to be equipped with inspiration received from the Bok

> Fire Drives 125 Into the Snow. Cleveland.-Close to 125 persons, many of them women and children, were driven into snow sovered streets with the thermometer hovering near zero, when fire destroyed a home and

Six adults and five children driven from their beds by fire resulting the "shooting" of an oil well on the physicians said a score of them prob- from an explosion in a coal furnace, shivered in their night clothing and barefooted in four inches of snow the scene, escaped injury. The dead with the thermometer eight degrees are. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stone, Herbert below zero while neighbors rescued them from the porch of thei rhome in Woburn avenue.

This was the lowest temperature zero was registered.

Two Burned to Death. Macon, Ga.-One negro was frozen to death, a white girl and a negrees were burned to death while trying to keep warm as a result of the low-temperature. The minimum temperature was eight degrees above zero, reached at 8 o'clock.

Dorethy She, 11-year-old daughter of County Engineer S. R. Shi, died from burns received early in the day when she was hovering too close to an open grate, trying to keep warm. The girl's father and her grandmother also were badly burned in trying to beat out the flames that completely enveloped the girl.

At Forsyth, Ga., Fannie Jordan, 90year-old negress, was burned to death over the same month last year, 179,955 when her clothing caught fire from a year before last and 22,043 in 1920.

Woman Leads Robbers in Hold-Up. New York .- A well-clad young woman and a man confederate held up across the Mississippi, Ohio and sels under control of those two agenthe manager and five clerks of a Potomac rivers to northern mills and cies for use in combatting rum smug-Brooklyn grocery store near closing Canada 530,701 against 825,120 last glers off the American coast. time and got away with \$680, the day's receipts.

fied in her fur coat, entered the store at southern out ports 2,232,000 against economical than the building of new alone and asked for a box of eggs. 2.420,000 last year, 2.229,000 year be- boats at a cost of from 10 to 15 milvalue and will be issued in deasmi- der, a man walked in, pistol in hand. He aimed it at the manager and the woman whipped a pistol from her coat mercial year 650,571 against 729,361 would make the vessels available them to hand over the money.

THREE MEMBERS OF CREW SUCCUMBS TO EXPOSURE

New Orleans .- Three members of the crew of the towboat Annie, bound from Mobile for New Orleans, with a barge, died of exposure in Lake Borgne while the remaining two including William Harvey, 67, of Mobile, captain of the vessel, and Howard Clement, 25, also of Mobile, are in Charity hospital here in a serious condi-

Charles W. Aikman, 46, and Gustav K. Huff, 36, New Orleans, and F. E. Dubarry, age unknown, of Demopolis, Ala.

MRS. **METZER** IS RESCUED

AMES NETTER AND HIS EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES.

High Wind Accompanying Cold Wave Bolle Food to Have Been Indirect
Cause of Fire.

ville, Clarion county.

his eight grandchildren, seven of them heing children of Claude Emminger at

was awakened by the fumes of smoke summoning her husband.

Emminger succeeded in rescuing to designated Mexican agents.

Mrs. Metzer from the second floor Although the statement issue and attempted several times to re-

gation and decided that an inquest valued at about \$12,000 each. was unnecessary.

cold wave was believed to have been

fire had burned itself out and the within its own borders. charred bones of the nine victims were placed in a small box and taken to the Tylersburg Methodist church where funeral services were held.

Six Persons Killed in Explosion. Franklin, Pa.-Six persons, one of them a woman, were killed in a premature explosion of nitro-glycerine at farm of John A. Stone, five miles from here. Two others, men near Whitman and John Whitman; brothers; Eugene H. Neil and Robert Kin-

Stone who was a son of the owner here since 1918, when twelve below of the oil lease, and his wife, went to witness the "shooting" of the well. The others were assisting in the operation. All lived on nearby farms with the exception of Neil, whose home was in Franklin.

> Larger Cotton Crop In Sight. brought into sight as compared with

The movement for December was 1.706,793 bales an increase of 164,000 over the same month last year, 176,955 The movement since August 1

6,315,937 in 1920.

shows at all United States ports 4,-840,053 against 4,150,767 last year, 2.141.128 year before last and 3,527,-686 sames time in 1920; overland year, 929,536 year before last and The woman, her face partly muf- mill takings, exclusive of consumption the opinion of the President, be more 1920; and inner stock in excess of recently in the executive's budget mes-698,909 same time in 1920.

5,000 RIFLES ARE SOLD TO MEXICO

ALSO FIVE MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AND EIGHT AIR-

Policy of Government Merely That at Alding Neighboring Nation to Maintain Order.

Washington.—Sale of 5,000 Enfield rifles with 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition for the suns and faith. Divi nition for the guns, and teight DH-4 surplus airplanes to the Mexican government was announced by Secretary

The transaction was completed during the day when word came by wire to Mexican agents that the government had transferred funds necessary to make one-half of the payment in cash, the balance to be paid within 30 days. The terms fixed by Secre-Gil City, Pa.-Nine persons were tary Weeks were equivalent to a killed in a fire that destroyed a farm cash transaction and were accepted house at Tylersburg, near Shippen by the Mexican government, paving the way for immediate delivery of the The victims were James Metzer and war munitions at the army depot where they are stored.

Under the terms of the sale the whose home the tragic fire occurred. war department will turn over the The other victim was Michael Me- rifles and ammunition at Fort Sam Manigleo, 14, who was visiting at the Emminger home.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Emminger, who had been ill. She ican government will make its own arrangements for shipment to the and groped her way to the stairway, border. Orders were issued at once for delivery of the military supplies

Although the statement issued by Secretary Weeks did not disclose the turn for the children and their grand-total amount of money involved in tather, but each time was driven the sale, on the basis of prevailing back by the flames and smoke. He prices it would appear to be less was badly burned about the face and than \$400,000, as Enfield 'rifles sell at about \$35 each and surplus ammu-Joseph G. MacMillan, of Shippen- nition at about \$18 per thousand ville, coroner, conducted an investi- rounds while the airplanes would be

While there were no developments The high wind accompanying the in connection with opposition in Conthe indirect cause of the fire. The an authorized statement of the admin-Mr. Bok's award, was followed by Emminger family had been using gas istration attitude became available when they began to burn coal. A plain that the purpose of the Washsoot fire in a defective flue was be- ington government in the present lieved to have been fanned to such transaction was wholly one of aiding 'the open fire place at the home of her a heat that it set fire to the house. | a neighbor state in the maintainance | brother, Mr. Ernest Dowd, where she The ruins were searched after the of order and governmental stability

> Reduced Amount Public Debt. Washington.-The treasury accomplished a net reduction of almost \$400,000,000 in the public debt in 1923, according to official figures made public. Oustanding obligations of the nation totalled \$21,589,160,346 when the help could come to her. books were closed.

Treasury officials expressed satisfaction that the mass of obligations, the bulk of which were incurred during the World War, now were in "manageable shape" and said the refunding operations of the last two years had left the treasury in a position to care for all maturities of the future without impairment of the program for gradual retirement of the debt. Success of the retirement program, however, they added, depended upon the continuation of the policy of economy.

Government to Abandon Caswell. Wilmington.-That it is the intention of the government to completely New Orleans.—The report by Col. ahandon Fort Caswell, at the mouth Henry C. Hester, secretary of the of the Cape Fear river, is borne out New Orleans Cotton exchange, on the by the fact that within the past few movement of the crop for the five days there has been shipped from the months ending December 31, 1923, coast defense two barge loads of guns shows a total of 8,258,325 bales and projectiles which were transported to Charleston, S. C. Although it 8.128,248 during the same period last cannot be positively learned, it is unyear, 7,107,101 the year before and derstood the ordnance material now being shipped from Fort Caswell is destined for Fort Bragg, at Fayetteville.

> May Buy Ships From Shipping Board. Washington. - President Coolidge of the business manager, J. S. Brashas requested Director Lord of the budget bureau to confer with shipping board and navay department officials with a view to purchase of ves-

Such purchase of ships for use by 505,337 same time in 1920. Southern the coast guard, if possible, would, in fore last and 1,584,002 same time in lion dollars such as was recommended those held at the close of the com- sage to Congress. The purchase also (German relief) will be printed across and covered the five clerks, forcing last year, 307,437 year before last and more quickly than they would be if they had to be constructed

FURNITURE CO. TO

Work of Cleaning Away Debris From Recent Distarious Mebane Fire to Start At Once.

Mebane.-The work of clearing away the debris of the fire which destroyed the building of the White Furniture company on December 21, will begin at once, preparatory to the erection of one of the most modern furniture factories in the south Architects are now busy drawing plans and bids received form conractors for the eretcion of this modern plant.

According to Mr. W. E. White, president of the White Furniture company, the building will be in such shape and machinery installed that they will be shipping their finished product by June 1, this year and the new build-

creased business. More workmen will be employed when this factory is finished than ever before, according to Mr. White, and all the old employes who were thrown out of work that desire are now given employment. Severel car-loads of machinery which was burn-ed has been purchased by junk dealers who will move it as early as pos-

sible. The White Furniture company, as a token of their appreciation to the Durham, Burlington, Graham and Mebane fire departments, presented each with a check ranging from \$300 down to \$100, together with a letter of appreciation.

Plan Largest Overall Factory.
Greensboro.—Plans. for expansion of the Blue Bell Overall Company here make it the largest exclusive overall manufacturing concern in the world. An addition to a building will be erected, work to start soon, which wil ltake care of the expansion of the

company. C. C. Hudson, president of the concern, has sold realty, which he has held individually, to the ocncern and a charter for the Blue Bell Overall Company, Inc., has been applied for. The capital stock will be \$375,000, all paid in. Incorporators are C. C. Hudson, president; Mrs. Daisy Hudson, vice-president, and Miss Pearl Bowman, secretary.

Chatham Woman Fatally Burned. Burlington.-Mrs. G. G. Thomas, wife of the late George G. Thomas, 10 county, was accidentally burned to death while sitting with her back to was spending the day and assisting in quilting a quilt placed in front of the fire place. It is thought the sash of the dress wore by Mrs. Thomas first caught, the flames rapidly preading to her other clothing and the unfinished quilt. Mrs. Thomas ran out into

the yard and as the wind fanned the

flames she was fatally burned before

Burlington Reports Small Fire Loss. Burlington.—Burlington's fire loss for 1923 amounted to \$82,850 according to records of the fire department. although \$60,000 of this amount went up in the fire of the Thompson-Sexton Manufacturing Company, outside the corporate limits, with water connections unavailable. This must be counted in the city's losses. Leaving out this fire the loss is \$22,850 as compared with \$25,280 for the year 1922, a reduction of \$2,430. This small loss for a town of this size speaks well for the fire company and the care of the citizens.

Let Contracts For Reformatory. The contract was let Friday by the trustees for the first group of buildings of the Morrison Training School, the negro reformatory for boys to be erelcted by the state. The Pickler-Lampley Co., of Aberdeen, was the lowest of four bidders for the general contract while the Raleigh Iron Works will put in the heating, the cost including the heating to be \$26,000. Linthicum and Linthicum, of Raleigh, are the architects.

A tractor has been purchased and the 400 acre site near Rockingham is being cleared under the direction well, former chief of poice of Hamlet. A committee composed of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Public Welfare, and J. J. Blair, who supervises plans for school buildings in the state, will go to Richmond county with the architects to decide where the first buildings are to be placed.

New Waterworks Few Laurinburg. Laurinburg.-The total cost of Laurinburg's new waterworks system, including pumping station at the creek, 3 3-4 miles of 12-inch cast iron piping. filtering plant, 500,000 gallon reservior, auxiliary station, etc., will be \$145,661.84. This is the total of the several items included in the program.