SUPREME COURT HOLDS THAT NATIONAL BANKS PROHIBIT-ED BY LAW.

DECISION WILL HAVE EFFECT

Opinion Reached in Case of First National Bank of St. Louis to Be Far-Reaching

• Washington.—In a decision which is expected to have far-reaching effect on the branch banking by national banks, the supreme court in a case brought by the First National Bank in St. Louis, held that national banks under the federal banking act are prohibited from establishing branches unless they come within the exceptions pointed out by the court.

Specifically the court held that the opening of a branch by the St. Louis bank was in violation of the federal law, and furthermore, that a Missouri state law which also forbade it could be enforced in the state courts. Whether the decision which was delivered by Justice Sutherland, would apply also to existing branches of national banks established under gederal laws passed in 1865 and 1918 will be determined by interpretation and study of the court's decision or by further cases which may come up for consideration.

The law of 1865 permitted state banks with branches to become national banks retaining their branches; the law of 1918 permitted other national banks to absorb the former. In that way hundreds of national bank branches have become into being.

It is understood that the comptroller of the currency was inclined to construe the decision as not affecting the recent rule that national banks might establish teller's windows for conveninece of customers at outlying points, but lawyers who studied the decision were doubtful of the soundness of the comptroller

However far-aweeping or narrow the decision ultimately may prove so far as concerns the rights of national banks to establish branches under federal statutes, the court unequivocally took the position that states could enforce in their own courts their laws prohibiting branch banking, even though the offencer was a national bank.

ational bank.

The decision was by a divided court but the division was not over the question of branch banking, but over the right of states to enforce their laws in this respect against national banks. Chief Justice Taft and Justices Van Devanter and Butler, in a dissenting copinion delivered by Justice Van Devanter, took the position that national banks were immune from the operation of state laws, and that the question of branch banking by them could only be brought under federal statutes.

Ford Company Sets Record.

Detroit, Mich. The Ford Motor Company made 2,200,682 automobiles, trucks and tractors in 123-775,059 more than in any previous year, according to production agures for the year announced. Of the total 1,915,-485 automobiles and trucks were made in this country and 175,474 in foreign plants, including Canada. To the total of these are added 101,898 tractors and 7.825 Lincoln cars.

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The figures were coupled with an announcement that the Ford Company expects to exceed this figure in 1924 production and that it plans to start sarly this spring on its program of 10,000 cars daily.

"The production of more than 2, 200,000 automobiles in one year probably is the greatest reat in manufacturing ever accomplished, especially in view of the fact that the Ford Company controls the complete manufacture and raw material supplies for a large proportion of everything that goes into the make-up of its product."

Five Burned to Death. Farrell, Pa.-Five persons were burned to death and four others berlously injured in a fire which destroyed four houses here.

The dead: Wade Poling, Mr. and Mrs. John Cioco, Mrs. James Mac-Cauley and David Orz.

A series of explosions preceded the fire and the police expressed the belief that they were caused by a broken gas main which served the houses destroyed. Firemen were seriously hampered by explosions after they reached the scene and it was not until five hours had passed that they were able to recover the bodies.

FIFTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS

Pawtucket, R. I.-Fifteen persons were killed when escaping gas flooded a two-family cottage at Manville and an explosion and fire which followed wrecked the building. The victims were Michael Conway, who lived in one side of the house; Adelard Hamel, his wife, six sons and five daughters. and Miss Apolline Dancour, a boarder with the Hamel family.

So far as the authorities could learn, the two Conway boys, after smelling escaping gas, opened the cellar door and a light in the hallway ignited the gas. The explosion which followed, is believed to have detonated some dynamite which Hamel, who was a wood chopper, had stored in the cellar. Hundreds of windows within a radius of half a mile were shattered by the combined gas and dynamite explosion, and the detonation was heard 20 miles away.

OUTLINE STEPS FOR RELIEF

CHIEF EXECUTIVE TALKS OF SITUATION IN THE NORTHWEST ...

Congress Told of Necessity For Action That Will Prevent Further Fallures.

Washington.—Moved by the increasing acuteness of the economic situation in the Northwest, President Coolidge sent to congress a special message outlining steps for relief and quickened efforts of the federal government to prevent further bank-failures in that section.

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war finance corporation may make amergency morgue at Starford, a A summary of the treaty made publicans. The diversification proposal, neighboring village, where they took embodied in the Norbeck Burtness charge of the bodies. bills, is under study by senate and John Rico, a miner, was on his way ministration leaders to give it impetus.

The executive branches of the government working in cooperation with private interests, Mr. Coolidge asserted, would seek to bring about the refunding of the pressing past due indebtedness of the farmers, to re-store the impaired capital of banks and confidence in those banks, and to promote creation by private capital of 'new financing agencies,' such 'as have been organized by live stock interests to work in cooperation with the war finance corporation.

The work of restoring the impaired capital banks already has been started with the sending of a federal mission headed by Comptroller Dawes to the Northwest. The war finance corporation has been directed to extend all aid it legally can give and Mr. Coolidge has determined to call bankers in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul to Washington for conferences in exent they he sitate to accord the cooperation asked by the Dawes mis-

The president told congress the welfare of large business concerns, railroads, mercantile establishments and mediately connected with the welfare of the farmer and announced that he had directed Secretaries Hoover and Wallace and Managing Driector Meyer of the war finance corporation to confer with representatives of these interests, to bring about refunding of farmers' indebtedness.

Plan to Withdraw Ships. Washington. Tension over the Mexican situation appeared to have been completely relaxed when the state department announced that American war vessels ordered to Vera Cruz and Tampico were already in process of being withdrawn from Memcan waters single the rebel leaders had abandon; ed their attempted blockade of Tampico and had ordered mines removed from the harbors under their control.

With this compliance with the demands of the Washington government. the De la Huerta leaders , have withdrawn and threats against the con-tinued movement of peaceful American commerce, and the occasion for sending the ships has passed.

Unless American lives and property should again be jeoparized, it is unlikely that the Washington government will take an further action than to continue to make sales of war munitions to Obregon.

KILLED BY BLAST

SEVENTEEN BODIES ARE REMOV-ED FROM THE LANCASHIRE MINE.

JOHN RICO SAVES 9 LIVES

Coffee and Sandwiches Served to Relatives Throughout the Night; Women Comforted.

Shanktown, a .- Forty men lost their lives in the explosion which wrecked the Lancashire mine of the Barnes and Tucker Coal company here according to the best estimates obtain-

Seventeen bodies have been brought out, and nine miners, who were saved by the prompt efforts of another miner, are in hospitals recovering from the effects of shock and gas. Exper, ienced rescue crews, led by J. B. Parker of the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines, are working in one hour relays to penetrate the workings signed by Secretary Hughes and Amand reache the entombed men. All bassador Geddes, to become effective hope that any is alive he been aban- when ratifications are exchanged. By doned.

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house agriculture committees and the to work in the night shift shortly be-president's message is expected by ad- fore 4 o'clock when he saw a great volume of smoke burst from the pit. Without hesitation, he ran into the mine and almost immediately came upon a broken pick and a smashed disner backet. Tearing a leop for almost a mile, he shouted at the mouth of every gallery, but got no response, until he was near the sixth heading. Here a faint cry answered him, and his search was rewarded by finding pine men alive but some of them bordering on unconsciousness.

handkerchiefs in water and tie them about their faces. He quickly found an air passage, and leading the weak and staggering men along its entire length, he finally came to a point ed States is over. from above. He then helped them one by one to thimb to the surface and safety.

U. S. Warships Quit Tampico. Tampico.—The United States war craft, which compelled the rebels to call of their blockade of Tampico, have departed. The destroyers Cory and Hull sailed for Vera Cruz, and the cruiber Richmond for Galveston. The recultural supply houses, was im Rebergunboats Zaragoza and Tampico remain outside the port but are not With part of the house a raging fur-interfering with the, movements of nace, she dashed inside the house to merchant ships in and out of the the second floor, where she seized her

doba have defeated the rebels in the stairway when she was overcome by Juan Casiano-Los Naranjos region, smoke. forcing them to fall back upon Lotone, half-way to Zazamixtie, where they are retreaching.

Federal troops are assembling machine guns and cavalry equipment received from the United States.

Admits Murder of Wife and Brother. Aurora, Ill.—Cast in a block of conrate, the heads, of Mrs. Line Lincoln and Byron Shoup, her brother, were found in a dump heap here by the authorities working under the direc-tion of Warren J. Lincoln, eccentric lawyer and horticulturist, who is ac- island. cused of their murder.

Making his fourteenth statement and his fifth confession in an many days, Lincoln told his questioners that he had shot both his wife; and her brother, hacked their bodies to bits and buried the pieces, sealed their heads in a block of concrete which he used for a time as a support under his porch, and then threw in the city dump.

MAN WHOSE STORE FIRE KILLED 7, IS A SUICIDE.

Lyndonville, Vt .- Albert Stern, in whose building a fire started a few nights ago, causing a loss of seven lives and \$500,000 property damage, committed suicide by slashing his throat.

Stern, who conducted a clothing store in the building, had been called as a witness at an inquest into the fire set for Monday. ' A preliminary investigation developed the fact that Stern was in his store 10 minutes before the flames were discovered.

TO SEARCH SUSPECTED SHIPS

BECOME EFFECTIVE ON RATIFI-CATION BY ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

British Vessels Improperly Detained or Searched Would Be Compensated For Loss Resulting.

Washington.-The double-barreled liquor treaty with Great Britain was signed by Secretary Hughes and Am-Engineer Parker; "there is every rea- pact some measure of immediate apgling and ship liquor matters which

under which British vessels improp. erly detained or searched would be compensated for any loss or damage resulting. Such cases would be referred to a joint commission for adjudication and award.

Signing of the treaty, which officials up the rum fleets off the American ceasts and also eliminate causes of fritation between the two countries with respect to ship-liquor matters and was the last official act of Ambassa-dor Geddes. He caffed afterward at Rico induced them to soak their the White House to present his let ters of recal land with the exception of one or two addresses he is scheduled to make in New York before he sails for home his service in the Unit-

> Four Perish in Fire as Home Burns. one to sixteen, were burned to death fine of \$500. in a fire at Middleport, five miles from here, when their home was alalmost destroyed. Andrew Harvilla, the husband and father, was severely burned in attempting to rescue them.

Mrs. Harvilla lost her life in an heroic effort to save her children. one-year-old baby daughter from her

Lint Figuree Reflect Gain.

Washington.-Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 9,946,462 running bales, including 235,891 round bales counted as half bales; 20,181 bales of American-Egyptian, and 781 bales of sea island, the Census Bureau announced.

To that date last year ginnings amounted to 9,648,261 ranking bales. including 168,428 round bales, acounted as half bales; 30,827 bales of Amer-

Ginnings to January 16 this year by states follows. Alabama, 595.988; Arizona, 68,673; Arkansas, 620,136 Salifornia, 45,184; Florida, 13,485; Georgia, 608,916; Louisiana, 369,262; Mississippi, 615,449; Missouri, 109,851; North Carolina, 1,028,998; Oklahoma 643,871; South Carolina, 784,591; Tennessee, 225,581; Texas, 4,139,952; Vir-

37 ARE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

MANY OTHERS ARE BADLY IN-JURED AS RESULT OF DISASTER.

MEN NEAR ENTRANCE ESCAPE

Last of Injured Brought to Surface and Given Medical Aid in Herrin Hospital.

Johnston City, Ill.—Thirty-seven men are dead, six injured and badly burned, while eight others suffered burns about the head and body, in a mine disaster which occurred here.

After hours of faithful work on the part of volunteer rescue teams to aid the organized teams of Williamson county, the last of the injured in the explosion at the east side mine of the Crerar Coal company mine here had been brought to the surface and given medical aid in hospitals in Herrin.

The men near the entrance escaped easily but entries Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, located in the depths of the colleries where the actual explosion took oned.

tactic agreement, however, the two place, were farthest from a means of "While no one is quite sure," said governments are expected to give the escape and the men there suffered the full terrior of the terrific blast.

Hundreds of men volunteered to down into the mine after four Johnson City physicians stepped forward and

The chief executive presented five mathods for "organized cooperation of in the bitter cold and blinding snow In return for this aid in prohibition shaft. Ambulances from Herrin and the present federal government and swaiting vainly for some news from enforcement, the United States would Johnson City were lined up outside the local institutions of that territhe workings, were induced to so to grant to British ships the right to and as each body, borne on a stretcher, tory. Congress, he declared, should extend and the Salvation Army workers. within American waters anywhere on shaft, the waiting crowd pushed forward fearful that it might be some

> Bootleg King to Penit intiary. Atlanta, Ga.-Marble Atlanta federal penitentiary housed lic at the state department shows a George Remus, convicted bootleg provision not previously discolsed king of the middle west, and 11 of his associates.

> Royalty. was recognized by fellow prisoners, for when Remus entered the prison, coming direct here from Cincinnati on board a private car, he was given an ovation to the full extent of prison rules and regulations, hope will pave the way for breaking the silent waving of arms through grated windows.

The Cincinnati millionaire started service of a two-year sentence for having conspired to violate the Volthe seizure of British suspected craft, stead act. He also must pay a fine of \$10,000, and at the termination of this sentence will serve one year in a state prison in Ohio.

His associates, Harry Brown, John Gerhum, Charles Wiseman and George Dater, will serve 18 months and pay fines of \$5,000 each; Clarence Bell, Ernest Brady, George Gillenbeck and George King, 15 months' sentence and fines of \$1,000 each; Harry Gardewing and Harry Boyd, one year and one Pottsville, Pa .- A mother and her day and pay fines of \$1,000 each; Elfour daughters, ranging in age from mer Roth, 15 months' sentence and a

Three Mummies Are Discovered. Luxor, Egypt.-Three mimmies, two excellently preserved, have been discovered by Dr. Robert Mond, the English Egyptologist, who during the gast week has been clearing the space behind the ramishum, or mortuary temple, of Rameses II, in the region known as Sheik Abd-El-Querna, to remove the rubble for his intended ex-Federal troops under General Cor- crib and was making her way to the cavation of the tomb of Ramose, visier of the hertic king of Akhenation. The third mummy found, possibly the body of a soldier killed in one of the wars of ancient Egypt, is in a bad state. The well-preserved mummies ar those

of a goldsmith and his wife, a priestess of Amonie, of the twenty-fourth dynasty, 718 B. C. Under the outer wrappings of the priestess mummy, her clothing of fine linen, now browned by age, was found laid, neatly folded, upon the body. There was a long robe, piped with green, with a V. shaped opening in front and holes for the arms, fringed around the hem; then an outer garment with a hole ican-Egyptian and 5,074 bales of sea for the head and several fringed

Months Before Shenandoah Can Fly. Lakehurst, N. J.-Contrary to expectations, it probably will be three months before the Shenandoah, giant Navy dirigible which was battered on her involuntary flight a week ago, will be in condition to fly again, it was said at the naval air station here. It ginia, 48,013. All other States. 28, had been hoped to place the ship back on active duty within a month.

BANK RESOURCES INCREASE

Excellent Showing Made in Stockhold ers' Meeting of Land Bank at Durham.

Durham .- Resources of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank here have increased more than six-fold, according to the reports at the large stockholders' meeting held here. The total jumped from \$790,000 to \$4,250.

All directors of the bank were reelected to office at the meeting, and one new one, R. R. Cotten, of Bruce, was added. The officers, consisting of Gen. Julian S. Carr, chairman of the board; Southgate Jones, president; J. A. Long, Roxboro; W. P. Clements and E. H. Meadows, Jr., of New Bern, vice-presidents, and John R. Holloway, secretary and treasurer,

were re-elected. Among the out of town stockholders who attended the meeting we're: J. A. Long, president of the People's Bank of Roxboro; C. A. Johnson, president Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Tarboro; D. F. Weoten, president of the First National Bank, Kinston; Jesse M. Ross, vice-president Bank of Washington, Washington, N. C.: H. A. Parker, president of Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of Benson; A. L. Healy, of Page Trust Company, Pinehurst; G. A. Barfoot, Wilson; E. H. Meadows, Jr., New Bern, and J. G. Goddard, president of Martin County Savings and Trust Co., Williamston, N. C.

Fourteen Dentists Licensed.

Asheville.-Fourteen of the 17 applicants for licenses to practice dentistry in North Carolina before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners in Greensboro January 7-9, passed the examination, Dr. F. L. Hunt, Asheville, secretary of the board announced.

The mid-winter examples are given dentists who have practiced in other states and desire to enter practice in this state, the main examinations coming in June. Those who passed the board are as follows.

Dr. B. W. Barnes, Greensboro; Dr. M. L. Watts. Raleigh; Dr. H. W. Chandler, Greensboro; Dr. V. R. Davis, Salisbury; Dr. J. B. Wright, Goldsboro; Dr. J. E. Fennell, Kerr; Dr. J. B. Shea, Asheville; Dr. H. P. Pressly, Jr. Rock Hill, S. C.; Dr. W. T. Burke, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. W. L. Nance, Fort Valley, Ga.; Dr. C. N. McMillan, Washington, D. C.; Dr. L. C. Rogers, Raleigh, and Dr. C. E. Cox, Fries, Va.

Strawberry to Carry Certificates.

Whiteville. - Columbus county strawberries grown on the lands of farmers who wish it, and who follow some small requirements of the health department, may carry a clean bill of health on each crate when it is placed on the market this year. Dr. Floyd Johnson is posting the following letter at all postoffices in the county and he will be glad to have berry growers consult him about the matter in ques-

"The state deputy health officer has promised to help us to advertise the quality of our fruit by allowing' me to furnish certificates for each package when the farm and premises of producer have been inspected and the sanitary conditions found to meet the approval of the heealth department. 'Any one wishing to take advantage

of this will please communicate with me at once and I will furnish information as to what preparation will be necessary to procure the certificates."

Tobacco Sales Exceed Expectations. Kinston. - Tobacconists here say their estimate of season's sale of 30,-000,000 pounds on the Kinston market will be slightly exceeded. The auction warehouses will close Friday, February 8, after one of the longest selling seasons in the market's history. The opening took place in August. The sales total will break all records.

Current "breaks" are small. The January sessions of the market are held for "mopping up" purposes. Packhouses on farms are being swept clean of their last few thousand pounds. Prices are ruling well.

Chain of Warehouses For Rowan. Salisbury .- A chain of bonded warehouses is to be built in this city for the purpose of serving the carmers of Rowan and adjoining counties, the Piedmont Bonded Warehouse Corporation being the name of the new enterprise, which is financed and officered entirely by Salisbury men, who have already demonstrated their faith in this city and county by making large outlays in the construction of industrial plants and numerous residences. The officers of the new warehouse corporation are: E. A. Goodman, prestdent; L. C. Goodman, vice-president, and A L. Klutts, secertary and treas-