

139 PERSONS DIE AS GALE, BLIZZARD SWEEP NATION

French Premier Resigns As League Diplomats Convene

To Submit Formal Notes Wednesday For Self, Cabinet

Ethiopians Regain Much of Territory

Britain Concentrates Forces In Egypt; Italy's Duce Silent.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Friends of Premier Laval said today the government leader would submit the resignation of himself and his cabinet to President Lebrun Wednesday, but meanwhile France's leaders strove to keep the collapse of the Premier's government from causing a financial crisis or internal disorder.

The break between radical ministers and Laval was attributed to disagreement over the premier's handling of France's foreign policy in the Italian-Ethiopian conflict.

These Cars Hit Head-on Saturday



Meeting over the crest of a hill on Highway No. 18 South of Shelby, these cars hit head-on Saturday, injuring Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wellon and Marion Moore of Blacksburg, occupants of one car and Mrs. L. E. Sanders and Clyde Strickland of Shelby riding in the other car. Mrs. Wellon and Marion Moore are still in the hospital from injuries. This picture was made by a Star photographer under adverse weather conditions.

High Court Fails To Rule On TVA, Or Again On AAA

Government Files Brief Asking Clarification Of Rice Miller Act; Move Dismissal Of Talmadge Suit

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Supreme Court adjourned today for two weeks without passing on the validity of the Tennessee Valley Authority act.

Late Bulletins

King Sinking

Big Surplus

Clear For Bonus

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The spot cotton markets showed slight improvement in demand last week as business in Worth street began to show improvement. One of the features of the market has been selling of January around 11.75 against purchases of May by brokers who operate for producers pool account. Most of hedging sales are being placed in July, transfer of short hedges from near to later months. Scarcity of desirable free cotton, we believe, will continue to give strength to March and May and under improved mill demand higher price level is most likely.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot — 11 1/2 to 12 1/2
Cotton seed, wagon, ton — \$31.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton — \$34.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. 23, Mar. 11.29, May 11.00, July 10.75, Oct. 10.17, Dec. 10.15.

Four Persons Hurt In Head-On Crash On Highway 18

Two Still In Hospital Here

Marion Moore Of Blacksburg And Mrs. L. E. Sanders Of Shelby Have Serious Injuries.

Four people were hurt, two seriously, Saturday afternoon when two cars struck head-on four miles South of Shelby on Highway No. 18. Mrs. J. A. Wellmon of Blacksburg and Charlotte has bad bruises and lacerations about the head and body and Marion Moore of Blacksburg has a dislocated hip and other injuries.

In the Plymouth car coming in the direction of Shelby were Mrs. L. E. Sanders of the Eron Mill village, riding with her cousin Clyde Strickland, also of Shelby.

In the Chevrolet car, driven by J. A. Wellon, an employee of the Duke Power Co., were his wife and Marion Moore. This car was going south in the direction of Blacksburg and just as the two cars passed over the crest of the hill, they struck head-on. The impact of the cars demolished the radiators, fenders, motors and entire front ends.

All four injured were rushed to the Shelby hospital and after receiving first aid treatment, J. A. Wellon and Clyde Strickland were dismissed.

School Men Meet To Decide Date Of Forensic Tilt

The Cleveland county schoolmasters Club will meet tonight for the first meeting of the new year and in addition to a program on "Teaching as a Profession" will consider the annual oration, declamation, reading and essay contests for high school boys and girls.

General speakers at the meeting will be Prof. O. W. Morris, of Waco school on "Class Room Problems" and Prof. W. R. Gary, principal of the Fallston school on "The Intrinsic Values of Teaching."

A number of teachers from the Rutherford county school system is expected to be with the body tonight.

The athletic committee is also expected to come to a definite decision on what to do with the extra games on the county league basketball schedule which accumulated during the three weeks of weather in which no games could be played.

Miss Edna Davis Dies Here Today

Miss Hattie Kendrick of Osola, S. C. died yesterday, according to a message received by Paul Webb of Shelby and her remains will be brought to Shelby Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for interment in Sunset.

Older people of Shelby will remember Miss Kendrick who lived here at one time and was a sister of Mrs. J. I. Webb, Druggists Tom Kendrick and Mrs. Lula Conley.

Dixon's Lespedeza Gets High Rating

Butler Dixon, Bethlehem farmer is helping bring Cleveland county one step nearer the top as an ideal county and is conforming to the proposed substitute for the AAA in soil conservation by growing some of the best lespedeza in the state.

An announcement today from the state extension department shows that Mr. Dixon is one out of six men in the entire state who will have certified lespedeza seed of the highest quality this year.

A test by the department indicated that his Korean lespedeza is 99.76 percent pure, that they germinated 97 percent, and is some of the best ever grown in the state. Mr. Dixon harvested about 5,000 pounds this year.

Will Rotate Cases Of Patrol Except With Justice Depriest; Finds No Fee Splitting Here

Lieut. Fisher Investigates Irregular Practices And Orders Changes; Patrolmen To Follow Up Own Cases

Lieutenant L. R. Fisher was dispatched to Shelby Saturday by Capt. Chas. D. Farmer, head of the State Highway Patrol to investigate alleged irregularities so far as salaries officers allowing warrants to be returned in the name of deputies on the fee system and after the investigation, ordered several changes in methods with reference to the highway patrolmen.

"I can understand," said Lieut. Fisher, "how a bad practice has arisen. To illustrate what I mean, I will refer to the time during the county fair. About 24 were given citations by highway patrolmen for parking on the highway or other minor infractions. Out of this number 18 of those cited failed to appear before the trial justice. Naturally the patrol did not have time to look up these violators and bring them in. Deputy Bob Kendrick who knew defendants was allowed to make arrest and return the warrant in his name. I think this was a far better practice than to allow those defendants not to answer the charge."

Cleveland Makes Financial Report With Big Balance

Report Goes To Government Commission; \$127,000 Cash Balance.

"A statement of the county's financial condition, given semi-annually to the local government commission in Raleigh was being sent today by the county, and there has never that the county rates one of the best balance sheets in its history."

The statement was made on an estimated basis of 57,000 persons now residing in the county, who pay taxes on an assessed property valuation of \$28,703,049. The tax levy for the current fiscal year is set at \$191,004.89.

Collecting Fast

Of the total levy less than \$80,000 remains to be collected, and the payments are coming in fast now, with several days to go before the penalties begin.

The tax rate, the lowest in the state has been at 36 cents per hundred dollars valuation since 1933, dropping from 43 cents.

There are no debts assumed by the county which were not made by the county, and there has never been any default in either principal or interest, the report indicates.

One Dark Spot

The only dark spot on the record is about \$50,000 in uncollected back taxes which accumulated during depression years and previously.

Outstanding debts on county wide bonds amount to \$236,500 and bonds for special districts within the county reach \$508,000. Combined with school notes and other items the indebtedness totals \$901,950.

The county now has a cash balance of \$127,000, not including the PWA balance of about \$135,000, which runs it to one of the highest figures ever recorded in financial history.

King George Signs Document Creating Council Of State

SANDRINGHAM, England, Jan. 20.—(AP)—King George V. propped up in bed today, signed a document setting up a council of state to assume most of his duties during his grave illness of a heart weakness. The sovereign's privy council, summoned from London, met in an apartment adjoining the royal sick room and appointed members of the council of state while the 70 year old king entered a possibly decisive stage of his sickness.

Heads Navy



Shakeups in personnel of the United States fleet high command between now and June 15 will place Vice Admiral Arthur J. Heppburn, above, as commander-in-chief of the fleet. He will succeed Admiral Joseph M. Reeves. Heppburn now is commanding the scouting forces.

Property Damage In Cleveland Is \$10,000 Or Above

Houses Unroofed, Windows Broken, Rural Power Lines Greatly Damaged

Out of the South came a 45 mile gale Sunday morning and did a property damage estimated at \$10,000 in Cleveland county. No one was injured in this locality, but 17 lives were lost in Florida, Georgia and Alabama where the storm seemed the fiercest.

It began with a rain Saturday night during which there was thunder and lightning. All night long it rained and about nine o'clock Sunday morning a fierce cloud appeared, bringing strong wind and a heavy rain.

Houses Unroofed

Roofs were damaged, trees were uprooted; billboards and signs were blown down, fences were laid low, garages were overturned, awnings were ripped into shreds, telephone and electric poles were blown down, plate glass show windows were smashed.

Parts of the roofs on the Belmont Mill, Weathers apartment, Kendall Medicine Co., J. E. Webb building were blown off. Roofs on numerous houses were damaged.

Garages Move d

A two or three car garage on the rear of Mrs. Kate North's residence on East Marion street was tumbled over into the yard of Mrs. Fred Morgan. The cars were unroofed. City electric power was off all day.

(Continued on page eight.)

Snow, Sleet, Rain Hamper Schedules Of Trains, Busses

Carolina Damages Above \$1,000,000

Ships Founder Off Atlantic Coast; 58 Die In Traffic Accidents.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Tornadoes swept three southeastern states while a blizzard lashed the northern tier of states from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast. The nation today counted at least 139 dead, including 58 in traffic accidents.

Snow, ice, and sleet blanketed most of the upper half of the nation and the weather report called for more snow and colder weather. Many schools were ordered closed; traffic generally was seriously impeded; many airports were closed and planes grounded; and railway trains ran far behind schedule. Heavy snows and rain in some southern states brought new menace of floods.

Ship Aground

The S. S. City of Camden went aground off the New Jersey coast but its 70 passengers were brought ashore safely. The F. S. Ipswich, reported aground near Panama City, Florida, was reported in no immediate danger.

Property damage was reported at more than \$1,000,000 from tornado, freezing and fires. Tornadoes claimed 18 lives in Florida, Georgia and Alabama; six persons were frozen to death; seven died from over exertion; three were burned to death and a number died from other causes.

Rising Streams

Rising streams brought the menace of extensive floods to the Carolinas today in the wake of a wind and rain storm which swirled over the two states yesterday causing an estimated \$1,000,000 property damage. Wind damage was not large in any one place but hardly a community went untouched.

Power lines went down, trees were uprooted, the more flimsy buildings were destroyed and many windows were smashed.

The coast was whipped by a 50-mile gale but damage to shipping was relatively small. The Hungarian freighter, Geikos, went aground in the Cape Fear river but was expected to be refloated soon.

(Continued on page eight.)

Spangler To Lead Scout Work Here; Yearly Meet Held

Cleveland Well Represented At Gastonia; To Observe Anniversary.

M. A. Spangler has been elected president of Boy Scout work in Cleveland county for the coming year, which office makes him vice-president in the Piedmont Council which embraces 14 counties in this area.

His election was announced following a meeting last week in Gastonia of representatives from all the counties for the annual conference and luncheon. Judge Miamark Capps, of Gastonia was re-elected president.

Capt. B. L. Smith was re-elected Scout Commissioner by the body. This county was represented at the meeting by some 25 or more leaders in Scouting, and reports made from Cleveland were submitted by all the scoutmasters and in addition by H. B. Miller, an organization and enrollment. R. W. Shoffner, on rural scouting; and B. N. Barnes of Kings Mountain on school relations. About 350 attended.

The date for the celebration of the beginning of the 26th year in Scouting was announced as February 8 and the entire council will begin its roll call or financial program in the early spring. President Spangler will call a meeting of leaders here at an early date.

Black Freed In Greene's Death; Recorder's Court Has Busy Day

The busiest week of the year was reported in Recorder's Court on Saturday, both in Shelby and Kings Mountain where the periodical sessions were held.

The Saturday docket here was unusually heavy with sentences ranging from 18 months down, and ten persons being found guilty of gambling, all of whom were given a one month sentence with payment of costs. All appealed and were placed under a \$50 bond.

The alleged gamblers were Henry Black, Claude Eskridge, George Kilgore, Emmett Hardy, King Long, J. D. Toms, Bird Wray, Dick Hardy, and Sam Vinson.

Ben Stubbs was given 18 months for giving a worthless check; H. R. Evans was convicted on a drunken driving charge and was given four months, fined \$50 and the costs and had his driving license suspended for 12 months.

F. F. Black was dismissed on an involuntary manslaughter charge that he was responsible for the death two weeks ago of Willie Greene, Kings Mountain textile worker. Defense showed lack of probable cause.

Grady Peeler was given six months suspended on payment of costs after officers found him in possession of a quantity of liquor.