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in Policies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)

Would End Uncertainty

"Uncertainties that exist in the

is essential, the statement

Mr. Roosevelt, who said a week ago he was working toward the abolition of all holding companies, qualified this yesterday by saying he recognized that some types are in the unbil interact

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Ceremony Held as Excavation Is Begun for City Auditorium



L. Silverstein, chairman of a special citizen's advisory Harry committee in charge of construction of the new city auditorium, is shown as he lifted the first shovelful of dirt from the auditorium site at Virginia and Truslow streets Thursday morning. Mayor Dawson stands in the center, while others in the

in the public interest. The business men, finding much to endorse in administration ef-At This Hour forts, pledged support for the prin-ciples of wage and hour legislation, federal protection for farm income, modernization of anti-trust laws, Futile Debate?

and long-range planning to keep in-dustrial employment steady. There was an apparent agreement We spoke recently of the distribution of taxes and real that the current recession doer not call for renewal of heavy federal property valuations as between the 17 southern counties of this state and the 38 northern counties. The 17 comprise 36.5 Recommendations of the council per cent of the state's area, and iogether with comments by the President, included: 1. Stimulate the flow of private capital by modifying the undistrib-uted profits and capital gains taxes the 38 comprise 63.5 per cent. Yet the 17 have 43.17 per cent of the total real property valuation, and the 38 have 56.83 nor cent. On property of all kinds combined, the 17 southern counties pay 52.08 per cent of all the taxes and the 38 northern counties pay only 47.92 per cent of the totak We remarked

uted profits and capital gains taxes (which congress is already work-ing on) and by giving investors ("reassurance as to the direction re-form is to take." 'The President urged new machinery for selling securities to small investors." 2 Make peace with the utilities by eliminating fear of government competition and eliminating abuses without crippling the whole indus-try. Mr. Roosevelt replied his quar-rel was with only 15 per cent of the utility industry. that the "inequalities of assessment" evidently were more marked in the northern counties than in the southern. 3. Do not cheapen the dollar o adopt "pump priming" expendi-tures. This supposedly was ap-proved by the President in giving

will provide labor for the project.

California Governorship Race

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (UP).-Comptroller of the Currency J. F.

In a letter to the President,

pressing matters there."

administration,

April 1.

T. O'Connor today tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt.

group include City Manager M. R. Mathews, A. F. Wysong, architect for the auditorium; Alexander P. Gates and George Sutherland, city councilmen, and Artie M. Starling, manager of the Charleston office of the West Virginia Employment service, which



A senate judiciary subcommittee considered the qualifications of So-licitor General Stanley F. Reed supreme court nominee. Harry Silverstein Starts Work on City Project **Currency Official Expected to Enter**

at Brief Ceremony

Suspect Arrested Harry Silverstein, chairman of a special citizen's advisory committee, tarned over a shovelfull of wet earth at Virginia and Truslow

streets Thursday morning and broke ground on the first of a series of public works projects scheduled for Charleston during the next two years, which will cost approximately \$3,000,000.

O'Connor said he desired to relinguish the office "to return to my Mayor D. Boone Dawson and other Mr. Silverstein, in company with some in California to take care of city executives, was officially inaugurating construction work on the new civic auditorium, designed to seat 5,000 persons.

O'Connor reviewed the work his office had accomplished during his administration. In reply, the President accepted he resignation but asked that it not the resignation but asked that it not become formally effective until

April 1. It is generally understood that O'Connor will seek the Democratic of the funds for the auditorium proj-The Morganiewn Post took us to task, and we replied. Now comes the Post again, saying that while Kanawha (for example) has had a very large increase in popu-lation its realty assements were lation its realty assements were to as long ago as 1922, That does seem remarkable, but The tool of the function district coroner Dr. Paul Morin, district coroner

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 20 (AP). Safety Director William Croom said today a Negro identified by Police Detective II. E. King as Isaiah Thomas Edwards, 27, had confessed he ating runs today for bodies of per-sons killed, and for those wounded

LYNCHING BILL

FAILURE SEEN

Senate Foes Claim

Power to Shelve

Plan in Week

to force shelving of the anti-

Senator Ellender. Democrat. Louisiana, starting his sixth day of speech-making against the measure, joined Senator Connally, Democrat,

Texas, in saying southerners would drop the anti-lynching fight any time to consider President Roose-

lynching bill.

velt's program.

rise. Two hundred and eight days have

Man Arrested at Lewisburg in Stolen Car Not Recognized by Officials; **Amount of Loot Increased**

FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON AUTO

USED IN FLIGHT AND ABANDONED

(Photograph on Page 4)

An intensive search was being continued Thursday for three, or WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP). possibly four, bandits who Wednesday noon robbed the First Na-Pressure for enacting admin- tional Bank of South Charleston. Bank employees Thursday mornistration legislation, southern ing failed to identify a suspect who was caught late Wednesday senators predicted today, will night near Lewisburg in an automobile stolen from Charleston. grow strong enough next week bank by J. B. Reynolds, F. B. I. in-

Approval Stamp Placed on Reed

BANDIT HUNT PUSHED

ANEW AS EFFORTS TO

IDENTIFY SUSPECT FAIL

bank by J. B. Reynolds, F. B. 1. in-vestigator, and Sergeant Andrew Morgan, of state police. W. W. Al-len, bank president, after viewing the suspect with bank employees, said, "he does not appear to be one of the bandits. He was not identi-fied by hank employees." Amount of Lent Higher WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)-A senate judiclary subcommittee voted unanimous approval today

of the nomination of Stanley F. Reed to be a justice of the su-Connally said an effort probably would be made early next week to sidetrack the anti-lynching bill and preme court. The vote was taken immediate-ly after the committee concluded take up the appropriations measure carrying funds for the government's independent offices. Proponents of the former measure a brief hearing on Reed's qualifi-

RAID KILLS 400

IN BARCELONA

Rescue workers were still search-

One bomb went down an elevator shaft in an apartment building and

exploded in the basement, bringing down most of the building on the

who still lived.

cations. Senator Logan, Democrat, Kengave no ground, however, and pre-dicted that night sessions and strict enforcement of senate rules would break the fillbuster next week. tucky, said there was no discus-sion of the 52-year-old Kentuckj-an's qualifications by the commit-As the speechmaking continued, Senator Norris, Independent, Ne-braska, said some effort might be tee members.

The brief hearing was attended by Reed, now solicitor general, and Attorney General Cummings. The judiciary subcommittee will tion was proceeding along "several put the nomination of the solicitor general before the full judiciary committee Monday.

theories." The Ford automobile used in the holdup was found abandoned in the Loudon Heights section of the South Hills at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. It was positively identi-fied as the car used by the bandits to make their get-away from the bank.

Amount of Loot Higher

Meanwhile It was learned that the loot, first estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000, was somewhat

greater. Bank officials declined to state the exact amount found miss-ing after a final check. They stressed, however, the fact that all

bank. Loudon Heights Area Searched "While one group of state and fed-eral officers questioned the suspect why was arrested late Wednesday night at Lewisburg in an automobile stolen from Charleston, enother group of state and city officers searched the Loudon Heights section where the abandoned holdun car

May Be Hiding Here

The fact that only one of the three men who robbed the First National bank of South Charles-National bank of South Charles-ton was masked caused a great deal of speculation among police officers. In all probability, police said, the masked man was a local resident, or had been living in the city for several weeks sizing up the situation and planning the robbery. Bank employees told po-lice that the bandit with the mask seemed to be in charge. It is the belief of some afficers.

ienants. The raid was a complete surprise. Nobody had time to take shelter. There was no air alarm. People in the crowded main streets fled mad-It is the belief of some officers that the bandits, following aban-donment of the car, went to a prearranged hideout in the city. ly, trampling each other. A big vas severely dam. the state's borders, automobiles were aged and caught fire. Two hundred being stopped and occupants quesdead or wounded were removed, tioned. All police units were working on Appropriations—House debates aval supply bill. Anti-lynching bill — Southern American Ship Seized the theory that four men and two automobiles were involved in the robbery. A marine stationed at the South Charleston nava! reservation, PARIS, Jan. 20 (AP)-French and American naval authorities today senators continue filibuster. Farm bill - Conferees consider sought details of the reported seiz and two or three other witnesses told police Wednesday night of seeof the Nantucket Chief, an miscellaneous provisions. Housing bill--Conferees resume deliberations. American oil tanker, by two Span-ish Insurgent war vessels off Baring the holdup car, with three men in it, closely following a larger car at a high rate of speed.

In Extortion Plot

A warrant against Edwards charges that he wrote Tielke a letter threatening death to his father Tielke, the company's vice president, if the money was not

Three Drown in Auto SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 20 (AP).

today, carrying Bernard Richman, 33; Charles Newcomer, 20, and an unidentified girl to their deaths,

An automobile plunged from an ice-coated dead end downtown street into St. Joseph river early

templed to extort \$8,600 from Homer F. Teilke, secretary of the Crucible Steel company, of Cleveland,

The Nationalist planes descended to 1,500 feet and dropped their bombs along a straight line leading in toward the railroad station. One of the planes machine-gunned people along the streets near the station

In Congress By The Associated Press

Thursday

Supreme court-Senate subrom-

mittee holds hearings on nomina-tion of Stanley Reed to be an as-

more witnesses on tax revision.

Wednesday

bill; house began debate on navy

Senate debated anti-lynching

Three Major Holdups Since 1933

victed.

Over Thousand-Wounded as Three Rebel Airplanes **Bomb Loyalist City** BARCELONA, Jan. 20 (UP).-Casualties in a 95-second air raid of three Nationalist airplanes yes-terday were estimated unofficially today to total 1,600-400 killed, 1,200 where the abangoneu non-terday were estimated unofficially all automobiles passing over the state's highways. At bridges along

of the loss is covered by insurance. W. M. Morris, of Washington, another F. B. I. investigator, entered the case Thursday. He was conduct-ing his investigations with state and city police. At noon, he said that he had nothing to say for publication except that "we hope to break the case soon." He said that the investiga-

Rivers-Weather

cil statement. 4. Limit the campaign for elimina-

tion of holding companies to the un-(Continued on Page 4, Column 2)

OOL and cloudy weather prevailed in Charleston and vicin-ity on Thursday. Rainfall here at 8 a. m. Thursday for the last 24 hours was measured at .03 of an inch. At II a. m. the mercury had risan 2 degrees from the night's minimum of 32 degrees. The 8 a.m. reading was only half a degree

above the freezing mark. Heavy fogs prevailed over Charleston and vicinity Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Auto-mobile drivers experienced difficulin distinguishing objects only a lew feet in front.

Sun rose .. 7:41 Sun sets .. 5:33



at Charleston, 5.2 feet, pool; at Kanawha Falls, 2.6 fect, failing. The New at Hin-ton, 2.3 feet, failing; .01 inch rain. The Ohio at Point Pleasant, 20.5 feet, pool.

Temperatures at 8 a. m. from 14
representative cities reported to the
United States weather bureau:
New York 26, Columbus 30
Poston
Chicago 52: Pittsburgh 18
Denver 28 Little Rock 50
San Francisco 48 Paracisonig
Mami

Daily Mail by Radio FHROUGH Station WCHS of the Co-umbia system, daily "flam" news is oroaccast by this paper-11:30 a. m. systept on Salurday, 10:13 a. m.

WHAT'S GOING ON TONICHT Fneater and Redio features listed to

"For Your Entertainment," Page 13,

what are the facts as to Monongalia county (for another example) and what is the compari-

son with Kanawha?

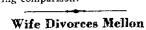
The latest census figures we have are those for 1930. Kanawha county's population increased between 1920 and 1930 hy about 32 per cent, and there no doubt has been some increase since: and it is true that from 1929 to 1936 Ka-

nawha's total realty assessments actually declined by about 20 per cent, How about Monongalia? Thai

county's population increased between 1920 and 1930 by the larger percentage of about 49 per cent but its total property assessment 10:59 p. m. between 1929 and 1936 was decreased by the much larger percentage of 53.

> The Post asks, "Does it sound .. 38 reasonable to believe that, while population [in Kanawha] was increasing 50 per cent [?], realty values should be declining?" Yet we find that the question is even more pertinent when applied to Monongalia. That county's population increase, instead of 32 per cent, was 49 per cent; and its

decline in assessments, instead of 20 per cent, was 53 per cent. Did our Morgantown contemnorary overlook this interesting comparison?



PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20 (AP). Mrs. Grace Rowley Mellon, 29, to-

day had been granted a divorce William Larimer Mellon, Jr., of W. L. Mellon, Sr., board from son of W. L. Mellon. Sr., board chairman of the Gulf Oil corporation. Desertion was charged.

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Dr. Paul Morin, district coroner opening an inquest into the early morning tragedy, listed as dead the 25 others missing in the belief their

Mr. Roosevelt accepted the resignation.

FIRE SET AT 47

Score Still in Hospital,

of Whom Five May Die;

Inquiry Launehed

(First Pictures on Page 16)

DEATH TOLL IN

bodies were buried under the frozn wreckage of the school, Fears were expressed the death

toll might mount to more than 50 when five of the most seriously inticing law. jured were reported close to death.

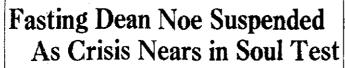
Garrison Man, Injured The last rites of the Roman Catho-lic church were administered. In Mine Accident, Dies Twenty-one of those who escaped the flaming structure were hospital-Funeral services were being ar-

Some were injured by leaps ranged Thursday for William Ralph Lyons, 59-year-old machine operator at the Webb Coal Mining company into the snow. Almost all were clad

n night clothes. Dr. Morin announced the four at Garrison, who died Wednesday identified were Brother Jean Bap- night in a Charleston hospital as a tiste, 64, Sherbrooke, Que., who died result of injuries received in a mine of injuries, and three students, Deus accident while at work earlier in the Richard, 15, Jean Noel Vincent, 15, day,

and Lucien Lecler all of St. Hyacin-According to attendants at th ne. Valley Furniture mortuary at Relatives of victims crowded into Whitesville, to which the body was

the city council chamber for the in-quest, which was adjourned after the death list and identifications Survivors include his wife and were announced. several children.



Diocesan Bishop Takes Hand on 19th Day of Odd Experiment; Cleric's Wife Collapses

deanery today in which he noti-

fied the clergyman he was taking over the duties of St. Mary's

This stop had been urged for several days by some leaders of

Episcopal cathedral.

MEMPHIS, Tenna, Jan. 20 (AP).—Bishop James M. Maxon ordered the suspension of fasting Dean Israel Harding Noe today. fact of immortality; made no im-

nediate comment. Noe had sought seclusion to-day, the 19th day of his program of absolute abstinence from "nourishment for the flesh." The bishop, recovering from a serious illness, sent a lenghty written communication to the

His wife, whose illness preventdi the de-year-old clergyman from going to Knoxville for the state diocesan convention of the Epis-copal church, remained at the St. Mary's cathedrai deanery despite the suggestion of her physician that the arter a hearital that she enter a hospital.

the church. It came at a time Dean Noe describes his fast as an effort to prove that he can "put on the Godhead bodily." when the dean apparently was getting much weaker. The dean, fasting to prove the

to meet any and every legilimate M. R. Mathews; A. F. Wyson, archi-demand of business," O'Connor wrote. O'Connor was appointed compfice of the West Virginia Re-em

troller shortly after President Roosevelt took office in 1933. He nish labor for the project; and sev was called to the post from Los Angeles, where he had been prac-Receipt of a telegram from PWA

Receipt of a telegram from PWA regional offices in Chlcago on Wednesday notified Mayor Dawson

that work on the auditorium could officially begin after a telegram the previous day had placed PWA ap-

proval on council's action in ap-proving bids and contracts for the vork.

One service station now standing n the property will be torn down and a frame garage at the rear of

the city lot is to be dismantled. Another frame structure will be noved in order to make room for the new auditorium

Suits to Condemn

appropriations, **Bridge Land Filed**

Approximately 60 Charleston property owners have been notified that condemnation proceedings will begin in circuit court Feb. 28 to clear the way from Clendenin street to Elk river for a right-of-way for the Elk river bridge and builty and project oulevard project,

The condemnation suits were filed by City Solicitor Phillip H. Hill and assistant, P. G. Meador, and will Two Slain, Five Captured and Cash Recovered in embrace only the boulevard right-of-way on the eastern side of the

Chances are if the men who held up the First National Bank of South Charleston had looked up their statistics, they'd have gone somewhere else where the chances of ultimate success are better.

State police records show that, state police records show that, outside of the city of Charleston, bank robbing has been highly haz-ardous, as well as unprofitable. Here are the facts: Jan. 17, 1933, Bank of War held

up by two men who got \$1,500. They and two accomplices were arrested the same day, all the loot recovered and all were con-

Dec. 11, 1933, Bank of Adrian Colfgy's Virginia Street.

The Naptucket Chief was reported reliably to have been carrying a cargo of oil from Tuapse, Russian Black sea port, to Barcelona, Gov-

Unemployment-Senate commit-tee hears Chester M. Colby, presiernment Spain. The United States naval attache's lent of National Association of Taxes-House committee hears

ing their escape from South Charles-ton. That road leads from the Mont-rose section of South Charleston and office said it was seeking details and that Washington had been informed. meets the Fort Hill road at the Evans lead plant

Teruel Recapture Seen

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Fron-tier, Jan. 20 (UP)-Nationalist re-ports from Salamanca said today the reoccupation of Teruel would be (Continued on Page 4, Column 3)

blance of a bank holdup in mod-ern times has been the three raids

upon the Community Savings and

Loan company in McFarland street.

The institution was robbed the (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

Evans lead plant, Licutenant James H. Fillinger, state police investigator, was called in on the case from Jackson's Mill where he was conducting classes at the state police school. At day-light Thursday morning he led a contingent of officers to the "lay-(Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

Boute of Escape Revealed

Officers knew definitely Thurs

day that the daring bandits used the old Kanawha Turnpike road in mak-

SPEED AND ACCURACY

As a matter of record of serv-loe to Daily Mail readers, it should be recorded that:

The holdup of the First Na-tional Bank of South Charleston occurred at 11:46 a. m. Wednes

day. At 12:15 p. m. your evening paheld up by two men and robbed of \$1,300. One bandit was killed, the other captured and convicted and the entire loot recovered. per had an edition on the streets with a news story about the holdup that gave elementary descriptions of the bandits, the li-cense number reported to have Dec. 4, 1935, Bank of Wades-town heid up by two men who got no money. One bandit was killed and the other captured and conbeen on their car, first estimate of the amount of the loot, and information about the police hunt In Charleston the only sem

Elapsed time: 35 minutes. At 12:36, through WCHS, a radio bulletin direct from the Daily Mail office gave further details. At 2:43, the Daily Mull's final edition gave some 2,000 words et detail and pictures of the holdup scene

project. Pedro Alvarez, Spanish Vice Consul, Stricken PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20 (AP) ----

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20 (AP).— Pedro Alvarez, 43, Spanish vice consul here, was found dead lasi night at his home. Dr. George Wilson said Alvarez died of a heart attack. He was found in a bedroom after Juan Peinado. Spanish consul-general here and po-lice broke into the house. Alvarez's wife and 10-year-old daughter. Maria, have been in Clarksburg. W. Va. the past two weeks, visiting relatives, Peinado

weeks, visiting relatives, Peinado i said.

Bank Robberies Don't Pay In West Virginia, Records Show

sociate justice.

Manufacturers