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Sen. Black Chosen For Supreme Court SCORE DIE IN TENEMENT

Three Ancient Buildings Wrecked By Flood From Overflowing Sewer

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 12.-At least 19 persons were crushed to death in their sleep early today, amid a smothering avalanche of bricks and debris, when three Staten Island tenement buildings collapsed during a violent rainstorm.

Tons of water, roaring down from an overflowing storm sewer about midnight, struck the ancient brick dwellings and ripped them asunder. Rescue squads of police and firemen pulled at the tangled wreckage for additional victims.

Three persons were still missing. Four others, who escaped from the shattered structures, were taken to the Staten island hospital with serious injuries.

Policeman Dies A Hero

Patrolman Joseph McBreen of emergency squad No. 10, the first rescuer on the scene, died a hero. He plunged into one of the buildings after the first structure collapsed. Searching squads found him later, buried in the wreckage. In his arms, with her arms curled tightly around his neck, was the body of 4-year-old Virginia Bud-

of a thunder and electrical storm that swept the metropolitan area and Long Island, in which four other persons were killed by lightning or were drowned.

The disaster struck at the height

Police Commissioner Lewis J Valentine, directing the rescue work. called the tragedy "the worst of its kind in years."

The trapped victims were crushed and then buried beneath wreckage in a 30-foot cellar filled with muddy water. Most of them apparently never knew what struck them, being killed outright.

Staten island, the scene of the disaster, lies five miles from the Battery, the lower tip of Manhattan, in lower New York harbor. It is 14 miles long and nearly seven miles wide at its widest place, with 160,-000 residents, many of them commuters who work in New York. The tragedy occurred directly across the Kill Van Kull, a narrow strip of

water, from Bayonne, N. J. The three buildings, erected near- will be published and will be placsteep hillside from a storm sewer. | said. They were levelled as if struck by board stood intact.

No Warning

Neighbors said the houses collapsed without warning. One minute there was only the steady din of rain pouring from black skies. Then came a terrific roar as the first two structures crashed.

Thousands of residents rushed to the scene, creating such chaos that police fought to hold them back. Two priests stood with the rescue workers-the Rev. Edward Gobin of St. Peter's church and the Rev. Edward Jordan of Sacred Heart church. They administered last rites to victims brought from the death-trap still breathing.

Two of the victims, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coral, of Staten island, were visiting friends in one of the buildings, waiting for the rain to let up so they could go home, when the structure went down with a roar. Rescue squads, comprising 350

police and firemen, worked feverishly with picks and shovels throughout the night. A searchlight, brought from Manhattan, glared on

Six of the dead were women, six

were children, the others men. The death list follows:

Mrs. Virginia Budnick, 28. her son. Joseph, 2, and two daughters, Helen. (Continued On Page Nine)

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

EF'N YO' PLOW RUN GOOD EN YO' MULE WALK RIGHT EN YO' TERBACCER SET GOOD YO' MIN' GWINETER BE SA'SFIED !!



admitted benefitting from the estate of one and had sought to collect

Four mysterious illnesses-of two men and two women-also were

under scrutiny as city, county, and federal authorities delved into the history of the woman, Mrs. Anna Filser Hahn.

TAX DIRECTOR

C. N. YELVERTON.

WORKERS MAKE

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Encouraging reports were being

turned in today by workers in the

"500 Club" drive, reported H. F.

"Results thus far are very en-

couraging," he stated. "Workers.

some of them, have been delayed

pective members, but taken as a

PROTEST EJECTION

OF ORGANIZERS

FROM LAUREL

(By Associated Press)

activities," the telegram to Gover-

LIGHTNING KILLS

FOUR SISTERS

(By Associated Press)

CREEDMOUR, N. C., Aug. 12.-

The bodies of four sisters killed by

lightning were prepared for funera!

The four, Misses Maurice Hester

24, Vivian Mae Hester, 19, Mary

Swain Hester, 16, and Edith Hester,

13, died instantly, ap, tently of shock, when a bolt of lightning

struck near where they were work-

son. Joe, the girls and two other rel-

when the men, none of whom were

IN THE (MONEY BAG)

"As governor of Mississippi you

nor White said.

ties of your state.'

rain began to fall.

injured, reached them.

ersi Pheasants for sale.

whole results are very good."

State Teachers college.

McWilliams, general chairman.

in the Carter building.

nati cobbler, who, police say, was accompanied by the woman after she first had gone to the bank

> for the action." Police Inspector I. B. Bruce of Colorado Springs said that so far as he knew no murder charge had been filed

Bruce said he issued a grand larceny warrant after the recovery in a Denver pawnshop of two diamond rings he said were pawned the senate headed into a filibuster by Mrs. Hahn and which, he add- on the Wagner-Van Nuys bill which ed, were stolen from a hotel where Mrs. Hahn had registered with islative program and block an early

Coroner J. Thomas Coughlan analthough an autopsy had disclosed no traces of poison, "exhaustive" tion by Senator Wagner, Democrat chemical tests of organs from of New York, for consideration of Obendoeorfer's body were being the anti-lynching bill.

case and contended, Lieut. George W. Schattle said, that she met

quiry were those of Jacob Wagner, will be in charge of a district em- 78, Albert Palmer, 72, and Ernest bracing nine counties. Offices are Kohler, an elderly teamster who died several years ago. Wagner's body was disinterred a week ago group for all major bills and orand portions of the viscera were dinarily can hold up any which it

> Kohler in his last illness and that were considering several methods of she claimed he bequeathed her the overcoming the opposition. \$12,000 home in which she has re-(Continued On Page Nine)

ANSWER THREAT WITH TROOPS

Names of members of the club ly half a century ago, were hit by a ed upon a bulletin board at State day against the threat of attack foaming torrent rushing down a Teachers college, Mr. McWilliams from Japanese warships lining the wharves of the great commercial

> Japanese marines were reinforced by 2,000 blue jackets from Yangtze river ports and 500 from the advance elements of the first fleet. Two Japanese transports, cram.ned with men, were reported steaming to

tional quarter for protection but their counsel say they know nothgraphed a request today to Gover- some, who remained voluntarily in ing about it. nor Hugh L. White of Mississippi their homes outside, hoisted the for an investigation of the "forcible stars and stripes as a warning to

After a heavy artillery attack, the Japanese were reported to have oc-"Irrespective of the economic cupied the Nankow railway station views of the CIO representatives area. The Chinese, under command

and the opposition to such views by of Gen. Wang Chung-Lien, used Japanese also moved troops south from Tientsin to head off a report-

vigorous prosecution of the participants in this lawless act, and pre- policy with the United States tovent the spread of the vigilantism ward the conflict, displayed uneasi- tion. The machines, it is reported, and mob violence to other commu- ness over the Japanese announce- are leased to the school, with an

> came convinced that hostilities Pennsylvania. would be prolonged and abandoned

(Continued On Page Nine) EDITH WHARTON, NOVELIST, DIES

(By Associated Press) SANT BRICE SOUS BOIS, France, Aug. 12 .-- Edith Wharton. the noted American novelist, died

perous tobacco farmer, said he, a it was learned today. The author of "Ethan Frome" atives were stringing tobacco around and many other stories was 75 far as Lafourche parish officials cident closed." a large bench at his farm when a years old.

ning struck somewhere in the vi- stroke early in the morning. cinity, and the four girls toppled She never regained consciousness over in a heap. They were dead after the stroke.

HOT FOOT (By Associated Press)
NEW LEXINGTON, O., Aug. 12.—

12.—Solace for the luckless is a sign at a same farm near here: "Hunt-

Senators Agree to Make It Special Business At Next Session

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Senate leaders reported today they had negotiated an agreement to consider anti-lynching legislation next session in order to break the current legislative log-jam over the controversial issue.

Republican Leader McNary said an agreement had been made and agreed to by all parties to lay the anti-lyching bill aside but give it. the status of a "special order" for the senate in January.

Fiiibuster The agreement was negotiated as threatened to delay the entire leg-

Southern senators, determined to nounced in Colorado Springs that block the bill, had taken the floor today to prevent a vote on the mo-

There was still a possibility, however, of some hitch in the arrangement Senator Connally, Democrat

lynching bill A majority of the house rules committee, opposed to the wage and hours measure, was refusing to give it legislative right-of-way. The committee acts as a sort of sifting

of Texas held the senate floor in a

long speech denouncing the anti-

Administration leaders, stymied by the committee's refusal to act. Crop Loan Problem

does not favor.

Another controversial subject still before congress was the demand of farm-belt and southern members for price-stabilizing crop loans. The administration apparently remained unshaken, however, in its position that congress must guarantee first to provide crop production control. Farm Bill

The senate agriculture committee today approved a concurrent the first week of the next session. 360. There was a belief among some

(Continued On Page Nine) WPA REFUND REPORT SURPRISE TO

ELLISVILLE PEOPLE

(By Associated Press) LAUREL, Miss., Aug. 12. - If works progress administration officials in Washington want a refund of the \$24,000 grant to the Jones County A. H. S. and Junior college in Ellisville, given toward construction of a vocational school building, local school officials and

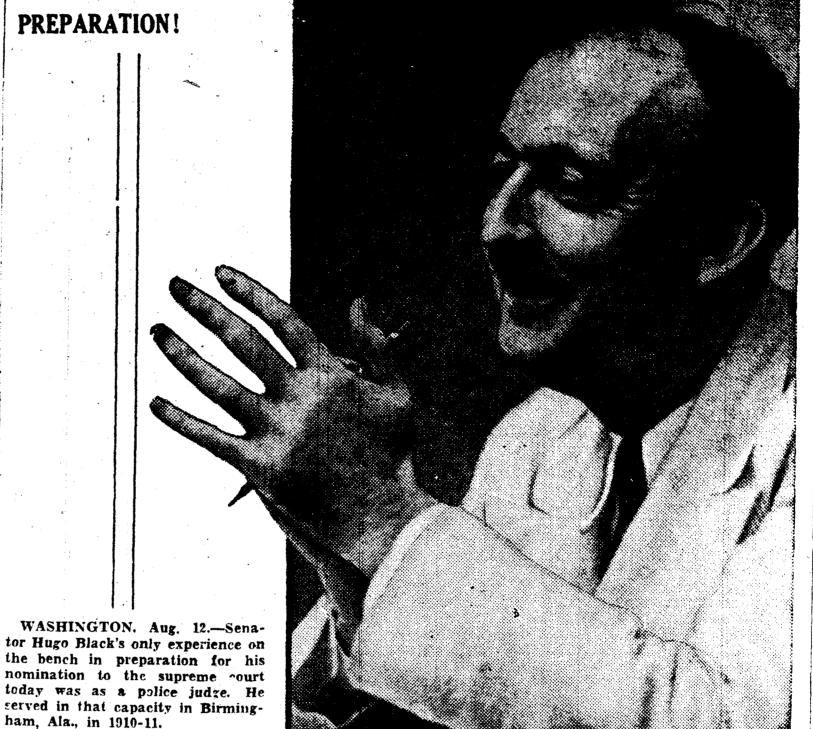
News dispatches from Washington say Wayne Alliston, state WPA money on the charge the building It was war in everything but the is being used for commercial pur-

> "There was an investigation of the project about a month ago," said State Senator M. P. Bush, Concart street, cost \$2,750. president of the school, "but I have not been notified of any action of

any kind. They nave not written me a word." A. B. Schauber, counsel for the board of trustees of the school, de- Gulfport street, cost \$25. clared he knew nothing of the reported action by WPA officials.

The vocational school building has been completed and machines for making silk hosiery brought Great Britain, planning a parallel from a plant in Pennsylvania, have Hardy of near Moss, in Jasper counbeen installed and are in opera- ty, entered a plea of guilty on a ment the British concession post of understanding the owners are to

> worker to earn at least part of his imprisonment, but the case was reschool expenses and at the same versed by the supreme court. When time learn a trade which may be it was called up for new trial. Hardy useful when he finishes school.



Senator Hugo Black of Alabama who was nominated for vacancy on Supreme Court by President Roosevelt

BUILDING

JULY PERMITS TOTAL \$12,476

totalling \$12,476 in expenditures. were issued during the month of land, in 1886,

this month, the total for August probably will be higher. Permits istake up general farm legislation in thus far this month aggregate \$14,-

> Recent permits follow: Mrs. K. B. McIntosh, add room to

> Nollie C. Felts, build double garage apartment, corner Eleventh avenue and Camp street, cost 31,000. J. R. Denton, repair house, Willis

> and Fredny avenue, cost \$25. J. W. McMullen, add room to residence on Seventh avenue, cost unestimated. Miss Lillie Owens, rebuild resi-

dence, double garage, Dabbs street. M. M. Bush, build residence of brick veneer, Mamie and Seventh

avenue, cost \$3,000. Gulf Refining company, repairs to warehouse, Fifth and Jackson

Miss Ethel Baylis, repair residence, 449 West Fourth street, cost

W. R. Cooksey, build residence on West Seventh street, cost \$2,500. Mississippi Power company, build

penthouse for ceiling fan, 114 West Pine, cost \$150.

Francis Ross, build residence on Leo Korndoffer, jr., remodel residence, 707 Eufalla avenue, cost \$60.

W. W. Parker, build house, John street, three rooms, cost \$175. H. B. Rumph, build garage, 203

Miss Kate Lou Lord, remodel (Continued on Page Nine) PLEADS GUILTY

charge of arson and was sentenced to two years in the state prison in the machines under direction of a reported. Hardy was tried in August, In Tokyo Emperor Hirohito be- half-dozen instructors brought from 1936, on a charge of firing the home of Mrs. Vester Hardy, widow of his The plan is for the student uncle. He was sentenced to 15 years

TAX RECORD **PUBLICITY** (By Associated Press)

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 12.—Re- LANDS plying to a letter from Senator An oil lease to the Phillips Pe-

"I find myself wondering," Chair- for 12 months. man Stone wrote, "just how the

Court Nominee, 51, Started

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 12-Fire turned Hugo L. Black from a Statistics at the city hall today small town law practice to the political career which led to his nomishowed that 26 building permits, nation for the supreme court by President Roosevelt today.

On basis of the first ten days of to the door of the nation's high tribunal have been phenomenal. Young Black worked his way through law school, and set up prac- preme court justices to retire at 70 tice in his native town. One morning when he went to work as an with full pay?

> Moves to Birmingham But Black was not dismayed. He

residence, 1412 North Main street, for Birmingham, Alabama's industrial city and steel capital of the his success to the burning of his law

office. Except for this apparent "misfortune," he oft since has re-Clay county, Alabama, and now terday in the Sun Oil company's tom" that whenever any member of might be arguing the law in the Tally Number three well in Lamar the chamber was nominated to the cotton country about his birth- county.

found his resources to be \$10. The young country barrister had very

Closing Stocks

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Stocks took on a recovery tinge in today's market and, numerous issues pushed up fractions to a point or more. Principally favored in the come-

near their tops of the day. Brightening business prospects about a mile north of Purvis or

accounted for the moderate revival Volume was larger than in the

STONE OPPOSES

wise and unsound."

Out As Small-Town Lawyer

The survey, said to be the first

of its kind ever made in Missis-

sippi, was to check on the log al-

The survey apparatus, which

came here from Houma. La., was

mounted on a big truck and the

complete outfit was reported valued

For five or six hours work here

the company making the survey

The Schlumberger test will chart

accurately the porosity and resis-

tivity of formations in a well and

will provide a check on cores taken

during regular operations, it was

yesterday were not divulged.

Results of the survey made here

Lumber for a new derrick was

being unloaded today at the loca-

county. This well will be drilled

The well will be drilled by the

ready compiled by drillers.

at about \$15,000.

(By Associated Press)

The youthful-appearing Black was born in rural Alabama, at Ash-

His rise from the opportunities of a small town store keeper's son member of the senate when it ar-

resolution pledging congress to sued during the last of July and up-and-coming young barrister in Ashland, he found the frame store building in which his office was lo- >-

> cated, burned to the ground. RESUME CORING

AFTER CHECK ON HOLE Black attributes a large part of SUNWELL, Miss., Aug. 12.—Coremarked, he may never have broken cutting was resumed here after a was delayed. Ashurst at once told away from his home folks down in Schlumberger survey was made yes- the senate it was a "memorial cus-

Arriving in Birmingham, he (Continued On Page Nine)

(By Associated Press) (Closing Prices on Page 9)

back were selected steels, motors. oils, rubbers, rails, utilities and The majority of leaders closed tion of another test well in Lamar

rather than any change in the im- the old gravel road to Hattiesburg; mediate news picture, brokers said. this road runs by Peter Pan bridge.

preceding session, transfers ap-A report of a third drilling proproximating 750,000 shares. gram was current here today. It

concerned the Phillips Petroleum company which was said to be preparing to spud in a well in the southern part of Forrest county. Confirmation of this report was

LEASE COUNTY

George P. Ritchie of Tunica, tax troleum company on 160 acres of southwest winds on the coast. Commission Chairman Alf Stone sixteenth section land located south expressed his opposition to a pro- of Dixie has been approved by the posed bill to make public sales tax board of supervisors. The order Friday scattered thundershowers showed that the Phillips company Senator Ritchie, who sponsored agreed to pay the county \$80 for such a bill at the last session of the the mineral rights, in addition to bly showers in east portion tonight legislature, asserting that the pub- other valuable considerations in- and Friday, not much change in lic had a right to know about sales cluding one-eighth rights in any oil temperature. tax returns, had indicated he would production and a rent of \$50 per again seek such legislation at the year for each gas well brought in on the property. The lease is to run

NATIVE THIEVES UPSET

live of them were French.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATES ALABAMAN

Immediate Confirmation By Senate Blocked Unexpectedly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.-President Roosevelt named Senator Hugo Black of Alabama, to the supreme court today, but his immediate confirmation was blocked by Senators Burke, Democrat of Nebraska and Johnson, Republican of California.

The wiry Alabaman was named by Mr. Roosevelt to succeed Willis Van Devanter, retired, in unusual secrecy. It was listed among other routine nominations but was not made public at the White House as is the custom. The nomination immediately created a tremendous stir in the ser.-

ate. Chairman Ashurst, Democrat

of Arizona, of the judiciary committee demanded immediate approval of it, without reference to committee, the usual procedure for nom-Senator Burke, one of the leaders in the recent fight against the su-

preme court enlargement bill which Black supported quickly objected. He was joined a moment later by Johnson who said he would object to immediate action.

Their objections forced the nomination to go over for action at least until tomorrow.

Opposition immediately was expressed in other quarters. Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, said he would vote against confirmation. Representative Cox. Democrat of Georgia, a leader in house opposition to the Roosevels court bill and to Black's wage and hour bill, said:

"It is the worst insult that has yet been given the nation Attorney General Cummings and Solicitor General Stanley Reed hurriedly conferred at the justice department on what officials de-

scribed as two legal problems: Was the Alabaman's nomination legal, they asked each other, in view of the fact that Black was a proved legislation permitting su-

Constitution

(The constitution forbids appointment of senators or representatives ; to posts for which emoluments have been increased during their term of

justice be required to disqualify himself, from considering cases involving constitutionality of legislation which he had supported or opposed while a senator?

Would Black as a supreme couff

supreme court it should be given consideration without reference to

pointed a subcommittee of six mempers headed by Senator Neely, Dernocrat of West Virginia, to consider Other members of the committee

are: Logan, Democrat of Kentucky;

After the nomination was referred

Dieuterich, Democrat of Illinois: charged approximately \$700. it was McGill, Democrat of: Kansas: Borah Republican of Idaho, and Austin, Republican of Vermont. Off the floor Borah previously had told reporter he would not object

to immediate confirmation of the

nomination, thereby indicating his Barkley Lukewarm

Only a few minutes before the nomination went to the capitol, a White House aide had told reporters in effect that the president had considered no other man for the post but Senator Robinson of Arkansas up until the time the senate

leader died a month ago Democratic Leader Barkley, who Alfred S. Black interests; it is in joined with Ashurst in seeking immediate consideration of the nomination, did not however, ask to have his name sent to committee Although Ashurst assumed to say

(Continued On Page Nine) WEATHER

the nomination would go to com-

Mississippi and Louisiana: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; local thundershowers in southeast portions Friday. Gentle, south and Alabama and extreme northwest Florida: Partly cloudy tonight: Gentle variable winds on the coast. Tennessee: Partly cloudy, proba-

PREDICTED TIDE AT PASSES (By U. S. Coast and Goodetic Survey)
High Water Low Water

Southwest Pass ... 1.54 1.4 2:32 7.4 Grand Isle (Barataria Pass)—High tide: would report the body as that of tomb construction. Seeing a new an "unidentified person" and order tomb, this person placed the body its reburied.

It reburied.

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such a measure would be "both un- position grounds and that only than southwest rass; low tide to minute.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12—Held on fugitive warrants charging murder and grand larceny, a comely 31-year-old blonde, was detained today, as police, investigating the deaths of four elderly men, said she

money from two of the others.

Colorado Springs, Colo., police have been investigating the death there Aug. 1, of George Obendoerfer, 67, moderately wealthy Cincin-

> with him when he withdrew money Detective Walter Hart who filed the murder and larceny warrants against Mrs. Hahn said he was "not at liberty to divulge the basis

who has been named supervisor of Obendoerfer "by chance" en route the Hattiesburg district office es- west. tablished by the Mississippi State The three other deaths under in-Tax commission. Mr. Yelverton

> being subjected to tests for poison, Schattle reported. He said Mrs. Hahn cared for

> > CHINESE

by being unable to see their pros-

About 60 workers are campaign- port. a tornado or an explosion. Not a ing in behalf of the club, which Columns of Chinese soldiers chokhas as its immediate objective ex-jed highways and railways about the pansion of the athletic program at area which Japanese warplanes devastated in 1932.

> Most of the 3.000 Americans in the city crowded into the interna-WASHINGTON, Aug. 12- The American Civil Liberties union tele-

ejection" of two Committee for In- both sides in the conflict. Others administrator in Jackson has been dustrial Organization representative isolated by the troop move-instructed to seek a return of the tives from Laurel, Miss., August 10. ments. The union said Yelverton Cowherd, regional director of the CIO, official declarations northwest of poses, which it is claimed is in and B. T. Garner, an associate, Peiping where the Japanese army violation of a specific understandwere escorted to a train at Laurel sought to drive the Chinese 89th ing when the grant was made. by 16 unidentified men who warned division back from the great wall. the two they were "not wanted

vigilantes or local officials, all per- mortars and rifles to defend stratesons have the constitutional right gic Nankow pass and Chahar proto engage in peaceful organization vince.

ed Chinese advance along the Tientshould take every step to secure sin-Pukow railway.

feared censorship.

The father, Edgar Hester, pros- yesterday at her chateau near here.

Lightning struck a pool of water at MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Aug. Edward Snider's feet and ripped off it reburied. his shoes. Snider, otherwise un-

fice in Tientsin would be controlled purchase their output. Students at Jasper county circuit court this by Japanese. Brifish authorities the junior college are operating week, the state fire marshal's office

pleaded guilty. Torso Mystery Inquiry Dropped After Autopsy

Death occurred at 5 p. m., yes- found in an unused tomb will re- cemetery caretaker in the tomb Suddenly, he said, a bolt of light- terday, following an apoplectic main unidentified and the investi- which Ernest Grevais recently had next session. gation in the case is ended. built for his late wife. After an autopsy witnessed by a "I do not believe the body was small group of Bayou Lafcurche placed in the tomb for conceal- merchants and other business men people who have buried their dead ment," Dr. Barker said. "It was of Mississippi would regard such a PARIS—French pickpockets, who South Pass 1:54 1.3 2:32 1.4 in the cemetery many years. Dr. placed there by somebody who pro- proposal. They may think that have been disappointed at their Charles Barker, coroner, said he bably found it interfered with other they have competitive troubles luck at the 1937 Paris Exposition 1 hour and 20 minutes later and 0.2 foot

> Deputy Sheriff Anatole Ayo, of the opening. My examination harmed, is in bed suffering from representing Sheriff Thomas Stark showed the body had been emin the case, said He would drop the balmed."

* RACELAND, I.a., Aug. 12.—In so investigation and consider "the in are concerned a dismembered body The body was found by the