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ops Are Damaged,ipping Delayed, Disaster

ADRID, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Severe er storms which lashed Spain, ugal and southern France tonight d 32 people and caused thousands oilers damage to crops, homes coastal shipping.

wenty-seven were dead in Spain five in Portugal.

o Norwegian coal freighter Hope driven ashore near Marseilles, tly on top of the wreck of the ghter Teil, beached two years

Thirteen seamen were rescued. captain and three others refused eave the ship.

andslides and floods added to age in France and Spain. Rain melting snow sent torrents rear-down the Alps, causing land-es between Grenoble and Nice, nce.

hurricane winds collapsed a build- under construction at Orense, in, killing eight workers. A dge sank between Madrid and eres, plunging an automobile con-ning five persons into the flood. oy were drowned.

-Men Silent on ilne Case Probe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—partment of justice officials to-ght refused to discuss the reported it of J. Edgar Hoover, director of e federal bureau of investigation. New York for a secret conference arding the Milne kidnaping.

Officials admitted that Hoover was e in his office but refused to reveal e whereabouts. Otherwise, they re- sult had been detained in the case.

"We cannot comment on the Milne e at this stage," a spokesman at e department said.

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BOLO—Seven Italian native sol- diers stand off Ethiopian attack, killing six in Gastro River valley.

should "take advantage of its pos- sibilities," Laval said.

ASKS FOR VOTE

The swarthy-skinned premier, a sombre little figure in long black coat and white necktie, pleaded earnestly for a vote of confidence in his attempts to end the East African war and prevent a conflagration in Europe. Tomorrow Laval will stake the life of his coalition government on a vote of support. Politicians believe he will win by a slim margin.

The premier's reference to the league's weakness was interpreted as

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WILLIAM BELL DIES IN RENO

Former State Senator From Humboldt Co. Is Summoned Here

William J. Bell, resident of Nevada for 64 years, died at his home at 649 John Fremont Drive, shortly before midnight last night.

Aged 81 years, he was prominent in Nevada, having served in the state senate from Humboldt county for several terms. He was also a democratic national committeeman for several years. He was affiliated with the Eagles lodge.

His death followed an illness of several weeks. He was a native of Iowa.

Surviving are a daughter, Hazel C. Wines of Winnemucca, and four sons, Norman E. Bell of San Francisco, Ormand C. Bell of Reno, and Forest F. Bell and Vernon J. Bell of Winnemucca.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Ross-Burke company.

Wash. deputy sheriff. The entire Butte police force, led by Assistant Chief John Duggan, surrounded the house late today, after receiving information that Knight had gone there.

They forced their way into the house under cover of a tear gas bomb barrage.

As they entered the fugitive attempted to tear a cardboard covering from a bedroom window, apparently hoping to jump to safety. Duggan meanwhile had gone around the residence and saw him.

SHOT IN HEAD

The assistant chief fired, and Knight, wounded in the head, dropped back into the room. He rushed toward a closet and attempted to bring a gun into use but was too seriously hurt.

Attendants at a local hospital said he could live but a short time.

The owner of the house, James T. Gilligan, informed police that Knight had held his wife and two children captive in the residence after coming there early today. Knight formerly was employed by Gilligan at a Butte lunch counter.

THREATENS EMPLOYER

When Gilligan returned to his home tonight Knight ordered him to go to a drug store to obtain medicine, first

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CRAZED MAN MURDERS ONE

Property Seizure Is Blamed as Cause Of Shooting

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—George Thomas Beaulieu, 45-year-old naturalized American citizen, died today of a bullet wound self-inflicted after he killed the purchaser of his property, which was seized to satisfy a debt.

Beaulieu was found unconscious last midnight in the flaming ruins of his home which he apparently had set afire after killing M. Tarbis, the purchaser, and setting fire to the latter's automobile.

Beaulieu was believed to have been crazed by a series of misfortunes, climaxed by the seizure of his prop-

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