

Residents In Vast Area Of Atchafalaya Leaving Homes as Water Spreads

Twenty-seven Towns, None With More Than 500 Inhabitants, Affected by Recent Levee Breaks.

WARNING GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE

Refugee Camps Are Being Crowded as Additional Hundreds Are Forced to Flee From Raging River

New Orleans, May 19.—(AP)—Residents of the vast area of the Atchafalaya basin were leaving homes today in ever increasing numbers, spurred on by ominous warnings of the weather bureau here, and flood relief director John M. Parker at Baton Rouge.

The territory is in path of waters from the Bayou des Glaives breaks, and the water which is pouring through crevasses on the Atchafalaya at Melville, 18 miles away, are reported to be converging about 40 miles below Bayou des Glaives to form a great lake, extending up the valley to the northern parishes, 250 miles long, and from 50 to 100 miles wide.

A sudden inundation of a new section of St. Landry parish sending several feet of water into Beggs, Garland, Dubuisson, Whiteville and into the country surrounding Dunkie was reported last night. Over 5,000 persons are estimated to be in the inundated territory, and rescue workers were busy last night notifying them to rush to Southern Pacific Railroad line where cars have been placed to take them out.

Facilities of the refugee camp at Opelousas became overtaxed yesterday, and a new camp was established at Eunice, 18 miles away. Four thousand refugees being registered at Opelousas. Some brought in yesterday had been without food and water for 24 hours.

The highway between Beggs and Eunice has been closed to traffic and is under four feet of water in some places.

Conditions were reported growing steadily worse in section around Dunkie, and rescue workers reported that stubbornness in sticking to their homes was causing much trouble.

At Opelousas rescue workers were besieged with calls for help from inundated sections. Last night 100 persons were removed from precarious positions in box cars and on house-tops at Palmetto, and an urgent appeal from Garland, where several score families were menaced, was answered.

A naval aviator flying over Melville section late yesterday reported 200 persons living on the levees there. He also reported 12 persons marooned on a house-top at Swayze Lake. A relief boat was dispatched immediately and these were taken to safety.

Trucks to the Rescue. Lafayette, La., May 19.—(AP)—A fleet of fifty trucks moved out of here at dawn today for Lake Catahoula, where throughout last night families in the path of the waters from the Henderson crevasse gathered their belongings preparatory to fleeing. All day yesterday, in spite of warnings and pleadings of rescue crews cruising the section, the descendants of the Arcadians worked their crops. But last night water began rolling into some of the fields and request was made for trucks to evacuate the section.

The green crops will be nightfall be in an ever-increasing muddy sea which is sweeping from the Atchafalaya swamp where back waters from the river have been pent up for several weeks.

Lake Catahoula on an air line is approximately ten miles from the Henderson crevasse, and now with drainage canals, small streams and intervening lakes in the area overflowing, the crevasse water is sweeping down the east bank of the Teche, driving before it many who for years have not let the borders of St. Martin parish.

Twenty Bibles a Minute. London, May 19.—(AP)—The work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has just held its meeting in London, is of such astonishing dimensions that the figures it presents are difficult to comprehend. Including Bibles and Testaments, the output of the society approximates one volume every three seconds. Now in the 124th year of its existence, the Bible Society has distributed all over the world in 508 languages, 375,000,000 Bibles and Testaments.

CARD PARTY

The Welfare Department of the Woman's Club will have a card party at the Hotel Concord Friday afternoon and evening, May 20th. This department has been serving hot chocolate to the underweight children during the school year and proceeds from the party will be used for this fund. Reservations for tables may be made by telephoning Miss Mary King or Mrs. R. M. House.

PREPARING FOR THE AUTO LICENSE RUSH

Branch Offices of Carolina Motor Club to Issue Licenses for the State.

Raleigh, May 19.—First steps toward getting ready for the rush for new automobile license tags started today when C. W. Roberts and C. T. Matthews, of the Carolina Motor Club, left on a 3,000 mile trip, during which all the 35 branch offices of the club will be visited and inspected, according to the auto license bureau here. The purpose of the trip is to see if everything is in readiness at those offices to handle the distribution of the new license plates, which will begin shortly after June 1st. This trip will extend from Murphy, in the western part of the state, to Elizabeth City in the east. Announcement was also made by the motor vehicle license division here that the first batch of registration cards, upon presentation of which licenses will be issued, will be put into the mails within the next few days. Issuance of plates will begin at the Carolina Motor Club offices about June 1st, and Commissioner Doughton urges car owners to purchase plates at the nearest branch office promptly.

Offices at Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, Statesville, Lenoir, Hickory, and Asheville were visited Wednesday. Thursday's itinerary includes: Sylva, Murphy, Shelby, Gastonia and Charlotte. On Friday the motor club officials will go to Concord, Wadesboro, Rockingham and Southern Pines. The western swing will end Saturday with visits to Sanford and Asheboro and return to Greensboro.

The eastern journey will begin Tuesday when offices at Burlington, Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Lumberton and Wilmington will be inspected. The itinerary for the remainder of the tour is: Wednesday—New Bern, Kinston, Goldsboro, Wilson; Thursday, Rocky Mount, Yorkboro, Greenville, Williamston, Edenton, Elizabeth City; Friday, Weldon, Henderson, Greensboro.

James H. Webb Critically Ill in A Durham Hospital

Durham, May 18.—The condition of James H. Webb, past grand master of North Carolina Masons, is very grave. He is now a patient in Watts hospital, where he was brought from his Hillsboro home in the hopes that he might be nursed back to health. His condition is such as to cause his relatives and friends much uneasiness. Mr. Webb is known throughout the state through his work in Masonic circles, as well as in business circles. He is secretary-treasurer of the Eno cotton mills, in Hillsboro.

Mexicans Seize Arms, Yuma, Ariz., May 19.—(AP)—A special dispatch from the Yuma Morning Sun today said Mexican authorities had seized an automobile loaded with rifles and ammunition at San Louis, 23 miles from here on the border, as Mexican revolutionists were attempting to take it across the line.

Numerous residents of San Luis were reported to have crossed the border into Arizona, fearing gunplay.

Mrs. Bishop Freed, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Edith Bishop, charged with the slaying of her husband, Luther Bishop, a state detective, in their home here last December, was adjudged not guilty by a jury in district court here today.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Fenner & Beane. (Quotations at 1:30 P. M.)

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Atchison, American Tobacco, American Smelting, American Locomotive, Atlantic Coast Line, Allied Chemical, American Tel. & Tel., American Can, Allis Chalmers, Baldwin Locomotive, Baltimore & Ohio, Bangor, Bethlehem Steel, Chesapeake & Ohio, Coca-Cola, DuPont, Dodge Bros., Erie, Frisco, General Motors, General Electric, Great Northern, Gulf State Steel, Gold Dust, Hudson, Int. Tel., Kennecott Copper, Liggett & Myers, Mack Truck, Mo.-Pacific, Norfolk & Western, New York Central, Pan. American Petroleum, Rock Island, R. J. Reynolds, Republic Iron & Steel, Remington, Standard Oil of N. J., Southern Railway, Studebaker, Texas Co., Tobacco Products, U. S. Steel, U. S. Steel, New York, Westinghouse, Western Maryland, Chrysler.

AIRCRAFT CONCERN DROPS BERTAUD AS MEMBER OF FLIGHT

Charles A. Levine States Definitely That Lloyd Bertaud Will Not Fly in Bellanca Monoplane.

AIRMEN STILL BEING DELAYED

Bad Weather Makes It Impossible For Any of the Planes to Hop Off on the Long Trip to Paris.

New York, May 19.—(AP)—Lloyd Bertaud, definitely will not make the Paris flight in the Bellanca monoplane with Clarence Chamberlain, and his successor is already selected, Charles A. Levine, head of the company backing the flight, told the Associated Press today.

Levine's announcement followed hardly on an almost night-long conference, at the end of which Bertaud had said all difficulties had been ironed out and he would go on the flight as navigator as originally planned. Levine made no statement at the time, but when reports gained circulation that the situation was not quite as Bertaud believed it to be, he was asked to state definitely what the results of the conference were.

"Bertaud is not going," he replied. "That is definite. His successor has been selected, but his identity will not be revealed until the plane is ready to hop off."

FIVE BELIEVED LOST AS RESULT OF RAINS

Peoria, Illinois, Flooded by Rains and Mayor's Son Was One Victim of the Storm.

Peoria, Ill., May 19.—(AP)—Five persons were believed to have lost their lives, one of them, Walter Mueller, son of the mayor of Peoria, in floods and rain storms in Peoria and vicinity late yesterday. A score or more were reported unaccounted for. Three hundred and fifty are homeless and the damage is estimated at a million and a half dollars. Drain service was demoralized here today due to washouts.

Young Mueller, a mine superintendent, and Lester Jones, were walking on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway tracks when caught in the flood waters of LeMarsh creek. Jones, who escaped, and others, described it as a wall of water thirteen feet high when it swept them into the current. Four other persons were believed to have lost their lives in the lowlands near here. The rainfall here was 5.52 inches.

THE STOCK MARKET

Easy Money Rates, Call Loans Being at 4 Per Cent., Affected Market.

New York, May 19.—(AP)—A series of bullish demonstrations in the high priced industrials, several of which including Baldwin, General Motors, American Smelting, and U. S. Cast Iron Pipe touched new record high prices, contrasted with the weakness of the oils, textiles, and New York transactions in the New York stock market today. Trading was again in unusually heavy volume.

Easy money rates, the renewal charges on call loans being fixed at 4 per cent., was again a leading "bull" factor.

The closing was irregular. Total sales approximately 2,200,000 shares.

JERRY HESTER GUILTY

Jury Saved His Life With Recommendation of Mercy at the Second Trial. Greenville, S. C., May 19.—(AP)—Jerry Hester was found guilty by a jury today of the murder of J. E. D. Tackstone while his two sons, Charley and Claude, tried along with him, were acquitted. The jury recommended mercy and the sentence automatically carries life imprisonment. Hester and both sons were found guilty at the previous trial without recommendation, but the case was reversed.

\$50,000 Blaze at Gibson.

Gibson, N. C., May 19.—(AP)—Ashes remained today where seventeen negro homes had been yesterday, while police estimated the damage from last night's fire at \$50,000. The Seaboard Air Line was repairing crippled wire service, caused by burning of a dwelling adjacent to the poles.

Announcement

One Quart of Motor Oil OR One Gallon of Gasoline FREE

WITH EACH FIVE GALLONS OF GASOLINE PURCHASED ON OUR OPENING DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH

CAROLINA SERVICE STATION

GUS WIDENHOUSE, Mgr. Charlotte Road

Domestic Power Rate for City To Be Reduced Soon

Twenty Per Cent. Reduction Will Be Made June First and City Officials Are Confident General Reduction in Power and Water Rates Will Come Within Six Months.

A 20 per cent. reduction in the city's domestic power rate is announced by Mayor C. H. Barrier. The new rate to become effective June 1st. With this announcement the mayor predicted that a general reduction of electric and water rates would be possible within six months.

Meeting this week members of the Water and Light Department found the department's finances in excellent condition and deemed it advisable to reduce the domestic power rate from 5 cents a kilowatt to 4 cents. Members of the department also decided to reduce the cost on installation of domestic lines and meters, the reduction to be from \$25 to \$10.

This rate and installation service effects persons with electric ranges, electric refrigerators and similar appliances. The department spent \$50,000 during the year on an impounding dam. Mayor Barrier explained, but has already paid all but \$23,000 of this debt. He predicted that this will have been paid by Fall and at that time the board hopes the general reduction in both power and water rates will be possible.

The department has outstanding bonds totalling \$189,000. Mayor Barrier stated, and to meet these has created a sinking fund. The department is now carrying 750 shares of building and loan stock, distributed equally among the three associations in the city. This will mature in 1931, paying the department \$75,000. This cash will be invested in 1931 in paid up shares and in 1937 will pay the department \$100,000. In 1931 the department will take out 750 additional shares of stock in the three associations, and this also will mature \$75,000 in 1937. This will give the department \$175,000 and as the bonds are not due until 1941 it is felt certain the \$175,000 can be so invested as to be increased to \$189,000 by 1941.

When the Barrier administration took office two years ago the department had no sinking fund but had \$40,000 in cash on hand. This cash has been increased each year, the total being enough to carry the building and loan and practically pay for the impounding dam.

THE COTTON MARKET

Was Comparatively Quiet at the Opening, With Price Movement Correspondingly Narrow.

New York, May 19.—(AP)—The cotton market was comparatively quiet at the opening today, with the price movement correspondingly narrow. Liverpool cables made a fairly steady showing, but the market there eased just before the local opening and first prices here were 3 points higher to 1 lower, most active positions soon showing net losses of 2 to 3 points under realizing and local selling.

Trading became more active after publication of the weather map, and the forecast of thunderstorms in the western belt except west Texas. These prices represented net advances of 2 1/2 to 25 points from the lowest, and attracted considerable realizing, which was absorbed on reaction of 5 or 6 points from the best, the market holding very steady at midday.

Cotton futures opened steady; May 15.44; July 15.77; Oct. 16.16; Dec. 16.36; Jan. 16.30.

With Our Advertisers.

The Welfare Department of the Woman's Club will have a card party at Hotel Concord Friday afternoon and evening. Make reservations now. The Carolina Service Station will give oil or gas free with each five gallon purchase of gas on its opening day, Friday May 20th. See ad.

New straws, ties, collar attached shirts and golf togs at Hoover's, the Young Man's Store.

Hot days are here and you can find just the raiment needed at W. A. Overcash's Coolspan suits \$15 to \$35. Panama Hats \$5 to \$7.

Quality, service and satisfaction for patrons of the J. & H. Cash Store. Moderately priced fashionable hats at Robbison's. All of the latest colors and shapes.

White Mountain Refrigerators, "the chest with the chill in it," are sold here by H. B. Wilkinson. Big stock on hand.

You must drive the new Ford to realize its comfort and driving ease. Call the Reid Motor Co. for demonstration.

Tomorrow is the big day at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. Big clock stores tomorrow and some one will get two watches. See ad.

By popular demand the Gray Shop is continuing the sale of Coats, Smart, New Spring and Summer models as high as \$18 and as low as \$7. Read new ad. today for particulars.

One dollar down puts a Sellers in your home. Dishes and groceries free. Call at the Concord Furniture Co. and get full particulars about this attractive offer.

The commencement drama, "Nothing But the Truth," will be presented at Mt. Pleasant Monday evening. Tickets on sale at Foll Mercantile Co., Mt. Pleasant.

Footwear values are demonstrated by the J. C. Penney Co. in a new ad in this paper today. The prices range from 69 cents for children's shoes to \$5.90 for smart T-strap sandals. Shoes for every member of the family are included in the stock of this company and the prices on all are unusually low. Don't fail to read new ad. today.

Scenes From Mississippi Flood

Not a short news reel but a special Flood Feature Picture, showing various stages of the flood, DYNAMITING THE LEVEES and other features.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Pastime Theatre

Flood Fund

Concord Contributions. Previously acknowledged \$2,479.65

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Name and Amount. Includes Concord Contributions, Kannapolis Contributions, Mt. Pleasant Contributions, Jackson Training School, Junior Red Cross of City Schools.

FIGHT POSTPONED

Sharkey and Maloney Will Postpone Bout Because of Heavy Rain.

New York, May 19.—(AP)—The 15-round heavyweight elimination bout scheduled tonight at the Yankee Stadium between Jimmie Maloney and Jack Sharkey has been postponed until tomorrow night, Promoter Tex Richard announced today. Rain that started this morning was still falling when announcement of the postponement was made at 11 o'clock.

RUMORED GENERAL MOTORS WILL TAKE OVER CHRYSLER

And That Walter P. Chrysler Will Be Made President of General Motors.

According to a report from Toledo, General Motors will take over Chrysler and Walter P. Chrysler will be made president of General Motors.

Open Mt. Mitchell Tower June 17th.

The Tribune Bureau. Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, May 19.—Friday, June 17, has been set for the formal opening of the new lookout tower atop Mt. Mitchell, according to an announcement yesterday by State Forester J. S. Holmes, who has completed the program for the occasion.

Col. C. J. Harris, of Dillsboro donor of the tower, will make a brief presentation, and will be followed by Major Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development, who will accept the structure on behalf of the state.

A leading clergyman of the state will deliver a prayer of dedication, and will be followed by the singing of "America" or "The Old North State."

A tablet bearing the name of the honor of the tower and its purposes has been prepared and will be placed on an interior wall before the ceremonies. The grave of Dr. Elisha Mitchell, who lost his life while engaged in a survey of the mountain, has been walled up, and will be enclosed by an iron fence. The grave is situated at the foot of the tower.

Washington Whippet Races.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—Whippet clubs in many parts of the country are sending their speediest dogs to compete in the National Whippet Derby, which is scheduled to be run at the meet opening here tomorrow and continuing over Saturday. The race will be run over a 160-yard course and will have many valuable and attractive trophies offered for the places. Speaker Nicholas Longworth will present a huge silver cup to the winner, and in addition there will be a number of other cups.

Prayers For Long Skirts.

London, May 19.—A correspondent wrote to the Rev. W. Russell Maltby, D. D., president of the Wesleyan Conference, suggesting that he should confer with the Archbishop of Canterbury with a view to arranging a special meeting for the lengthening of women's skirts. Dr. Maltby declares he has no intention of complying with the request, for it is his opinion that women know their own minds best.

150 Guard Negro Accused of Attacking White Girl.

Little Rock, Ark., May 18.—With 150 deputies surrounding the court house and a detachment of Arkansas instant guard ready for duty at an instant's notice, Lonnie Dixon, negro youth, will go to trial tomorrow for the murder of Folella McDonald, 12-year-old white girl.

Andrews in Death Row.

Raleigh, May 19.—(AP)—State prison guards today placed Joe Andrews, negro assassin of the 12-year-old Stokes, of Franklin county, in death row to await electrocution on Friday, April 1st. Andrews was hurried here following conviction late yesterday in Franklin Superior Court after a ten-minute consideration by the jury.

CAN YOU SCORE TEN ON THESE?

- (Copyright, 1927, Newspaper Feature Bureau) 1—Name the former cabinet officer who is "Czar" of the movies. 2—Who became opposing Democratic candidates for the presidency in 1860 when the party split occurred in national convention? 3—Name the Republican candidate who won the election. 4—Name the novelist and publicist who was United States minister to Belgium during the World War. 5—Name the Massachusetts family that has furnished two presidents, and many diplomats, financiers and educators. 6—What incident nearly brought the United States and Great Britain to war? 7—When did another Anglo-American crisis occur? 8—What induced the British to retreat? 9—When and where did President Harding die? 10—What was the cause of his death? (Answers on page twelve)

More Details Of Death Traps Set By Maniac, Victim of Own Methods

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Forty-four others were seriously injured, and no one knows the number of minor injuries. Included in the dead is Andrew Kehoe, revenge-maddened farmer, and treasurer of the township school board who mined the school with dynamite and gunpowder and blew himself into eternity after watching the blast from the north wing of the school to pieces and hurled the bodies of its little pupils through windows and walls.

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One of the wires he had so carefully installed became short circuited and the electric impulse failed to complete its course. It was this failure that prevented the killing of more than 150 more pupils in another part of the building.

In all, there were 3 explosions. The first occurred yesterday early at Kehoe's home about a mile west of the village, destroying the house, barn and wagon shed. All apparently were wired to the same timing device. The second blast was that in the school building. It came at 9:43 a. m., only a few minutes after the classes had assembled. The time has been definitely fixed because all the clocks in the wrecked wall stopped at that minute. The third blast came in Kehoe's automobile in front of the school about 30 minutes later.

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The appeal contained in official proclamation indicated that the wrecked schoolhouse will be replaced either by popular subscriptions from the coffers of the state.

Specials at Belk's.

In a page ad, in this paper Belk's Department Store points out some of the many bargains being offered there now.

Specials in the Basement at 5 cents a yard, printed voile at 19 cents a yard for 50 cents, bloomers 80 cents a pair, bleaching at 5 cents a yard, sheets and pillow cases 50 cents each and 12 1-2 cents each. Rayon bed spreads \$1.79, men's dress shirts \$1.00, large black Milan hats \$1.70 to \$3.00, children's hats 98 cents and special hosiery at 65 cents or 2 pairs for \$1.00.

5,000 Shriners at Goldsboro.

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