

## Tornado Hits Texas And Oklahoma Towns

### Number Killed and Injured And Many Houses Blown Down

Fort Worth, Tex., April 8 (By The Associated Press)—A tornado struck Cisco, Texas, today, wrecked the depot and destroyed a number of residences. Communication with the town is impossible.

Oklahoma City, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Five persons were killed and scores injured in a tornado which today struck Lawton, Oklahoma. Reports to the telephone company indicated that a number of buildings were destroyed. Half a mile of telephone poles were leveled outside of the town.

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 8 (By The Associated Press)—One was killed and several were injured in a tornado at Electra, Texas, today. Twenty-five houses were destroyed. Six persons were killed and seven injured, and six homes destroyed near Rowena.

## Little Sam Hood Hurt When Auto Struck Him

Sam Hood, the four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, who live on Cedar street was run into Friday afternoon at three o'clock on Main street by a car driven by William Dailey, and was thrown upon the paved street sustaining a painful cut across the forehead but, it is believed, no serious injuries. The fender of the car struck the child.

The little fellow was accompanying a neighbor's child on a visit to a playmate, and undertook to run across Main street in front of an approaching car when he was hurt. Young Dailey picked up the child, and carried him in the car directly to the office of Dr. M. S. Bulla, in the Hinton Building where his hurts were promptly dressed.

By a coincidence, the fathers of both boys involved in the accident are connected with the Carolina Banking & Trust Company of this city. N. W. Dailey as manager of the insurance department of the institution, and Mr. Hood as vice-president and cashier. Spectators at the scene of the accident declare that young Dailey was not to blame for it.

## Postoffice Clerks Like Action Stuff

### Seven Hundred Male Patrons Of Reading Room Want London And Curwood Stories

Chicago, April 7 (By The Associated Press)—The lonely cow-puncher or sheep-herder reading a thumb-marked novel of metropolitan society life beside his camp fire on the western plains might exchange jobs with a clerk in the Chicago post office to their mutual satisfaction, according to the librarian at the post-office "swing room," recreation center of the clerks off duty.

Seven hundred of the 11,000 post-office employes in Chicago are regular patrons of the public library branch maintained at the postoffice. Their favorite fiction includes the books of Jack London, James Oliver Curwood and other authors of wild west, far north and sea stories. "They want action stuff," the librarian says. "And the girls like the love stories."

Next to the red-blooded fiction, the strongest demand is for text books on a wide variety of subjects. Hundreds of the younger extra clerks are students in various schools and colleges in Chicago, working in the postoffice to pay their way through school. Between shifts they do their studying in the "swing room" library.

The "swing room" itself occupies several thousand square feet of floor space, and at any hour of the day or night from 100 to 1,000 men and women are gathered there, resting, reading, playing cards or checkers, or patronizing the cafeteria which they themselves operate on a cost basis.

## GOAL MINERS GET LOST PAY TODAY

Indianapolis, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Idle coal miners marie and Chesapeake Canal to free pay, estimated at thirty million dollars by union officials and regarded by them as strike funds. The big wage distribution is an important factor in the miners' ability to continue their suspension of work.

## O. E. Lane Killed Friday Afternoon

### Neck Broken And Skull Fractured When Tractor Hits Root And Turns Over

News reached here Friday night of the death of O. E. Lane, formerly of Elizabeth City, at his home at Tyner, Gates County.

Mr. Lane was operating a tractor. When the machine struck a root, he put on more gas, the tractor turned over, and Mr. Lane was instantly killed, his neck being broken and his skull fractured. The accident occurred at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

Mr. Lane was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mae Sample of this city. He was at one time in the automobile business here.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five children, and a number of brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be conducted at the home at Tyner at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, and immediately afterward the body will be brought here and interment made in Hollywood cemetery Sunday afternoon.

## Modern Mail Station Erected at Chicago

### Is Largest and Most Modern In World—Will Be Opened This Summer

Chicago, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—The largest and most modern mail station in the world will be opened in Chicago this summer, barring accidents or unforeseen delays.

The building 76 by 800 feet and seven stories high, counting a basement a ground level into which mail cars will run direct from the railroad yards, marks a departure from the usual postoffice practice of building along conventional lines or ornamental architecture. It has been designed as a modern day-light industrial building, and when completed will contain the last word in automatic conveyors and other time and labor saving devices.

Provision has been made for the future growth of the airplane mail service by providing a clear roof space more than 600 feet long where small planes can land with mail transferred from the larger transcontinental flyers at Checkerboard Field, Maywood.

The station is located in the yards of the Union Station and a short distance from Chicago and Northwestern Station. Mail in carload lots will be handled direct to the lines entering these two stations, and can be switched to other stations.

The basement level is on the same grade as the Union Station tracks, and is equipped with spurs for handling the mail cars. On the other side of the building, at the ground level, motor trucks with parcel post and other mail from the city will enter the building on a forty foot driveway and discharge their contents direct into automatic conveyors, which will lift the mail to the top floor and start it over a downward path of conveyors, chutes and sorting belts, until it emerges, sorted, sacked and labeled, at the mail car level.

On the main sorting floor for parcels post clerks working on either side of the main conveyors will divide the packages among other conveyors, which in turn will carry them to the sections set aside for the mail to each part of the country.

At the last stage the sacks and pouches will slide down spiral chutes to circular platforms on the train level in the basement. Backed up around each circular platform, the waiting hand trucks will take the load to the mail cars.

Completion of the new station will remove the handling of all mail from and to the loop, or destined for it, will pass through the congested districts.

The terminal is being erected by the Union Station interests and will be leased to the Government. Besides the advantage of direct access to the railroad tracks, the Government will obtain much lower rental rate than it pays for loop property.

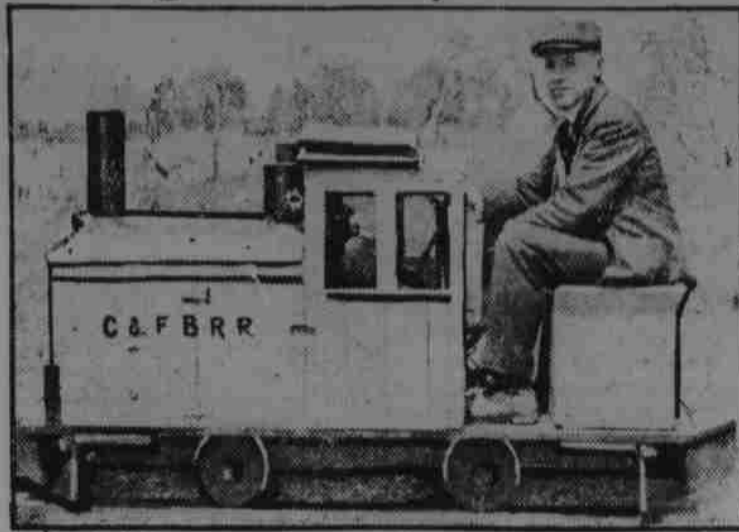
## Attacks Cardinal And Wounds Secretary

London, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—A Central News Rome dispatch says "An American dressed as a priest" attempted to attack Cardinal Vicar Pompili. Attendants took the revolver from him but he escaped after injuring the Cardinal's secretary.

## PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS

Rev. H. B. Hines of Manteo was in the city Saturday enroute to Shiloh to preach Sunday, having exchanged pulpits for the Sunday with the pastor, Rev. Joel S. Brown, in the interest of the Redemption Rally of the 75 million campaign.

## Magnate of Baby Railroad



W. Cecil Gage owns and operates his own railroad. It is on his farm at Fishkill, N. Y., which he has modernized to the Nth degree.

## Sistine Choir Prays for Unknown Hero



The famous choir of the Sistine Chapel, Rome, kneeling in prayer at the grave of the French Unknown Soldier in Paris. The choir is on the way to the United States for public concerts.

## NORTH STATE LEGION LEADS WHOLE SOUTH

### Cale K. Burgess

The North Carolina Department of the American Legion is still leading the Southern States in membership. There are more Legionnaires in North Carolina than in any other State south of Pennsylvania and Kentucky and east of Texas. Tennessee is our nearest rival with a membership of over three hundred men less than that of North Carolina.

The Legionnaires of Robeson County have planned a revival to start this week. Charles A. Sloan, editor of the Oteen Echo, will be the evangelist. Sloan was formerly a patient at the Oteen Hospital; since his recovery he has devoted his time and talent to the cause of the disabled. Last week Editor Sloan delivered his Legion Gospel at Salisbury, Concord, Albemarle and other towns in the Eighth Congressional District. This week he will carry his message concerning our disabled comrades and their hospitalization to the Legionnaires in Robeson County.

The Fred Y. McConnell Post at Concord has recently experienced an awakening. A certain war-horse knows as John M. Oglesby is now commander and leader of the Legionnaires in Concord, and what it takes to put things over. Oglesby and his gang have it.

## HEAVY TRADING ON STOCK MARKET

New York, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Daily transactions extending from a million to a million and six hundred thousand shares at extreme gains of from three to ten points in a wide variety of issues featured another eventful week on the stock market, the movement being reminiscent of the feverish war period. Trading in bonds was proportionately large and many issues, notably the underlying bonds of southern and southwestern railroads were at the highest quotations for periods of from one to three years.

## March Shows Nation Did Much Building

New York, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Building expenditures in a hundred and nine cities of the country during March totalled \$194,661,000, the largest amount ever known for one month in the nation's history, Bradstreet's says.

## NORFOLK BUS LINE

Your attention with respect to the reliability of this line, as to the promptness of my schedules will be unquestioned.

EDGAR WILLIAMS.

## Wanted For Giving Worthless Checks

### O. A. Beaulac, Formerly Janitor At Chamber Of Commerce, Missing Since Monday

The police are looking for O. A. Beaulac, formerly janitor at the Chamber of Commerce quarters here, who is wanted on charges of passing worthless checks and of embezzling funds of the Chamber. Beaulac, it is alleged, gave a bad check in the amount of five dollars to Mrs. Cassie Morrisette, of this city, in payment of a board bill, and another in the same sum to a Hertford jitney driver.

The alleged check-flasher reached this city without funds some weeks ago, and spent his first night at the station house after a policeman had bought him a meal. He declared that he had gone from his home at Worcester, Mass. to Washington D. C. expecting to stand civil service examinations. Somehow his plans miscarried, and, without money, he made his way to Norfolk, and eventually to Elizabeth City, walking much of the latter distance.

At the time of Beaulac's arrival, the local Chamber of Commerce was in need of a janitor. Believing him worthy of help, Secretary Job gave him the job temporarily. His work was apparently quite satisfactory, and after a few weeks the Duff Piano Company hired him as a soloist, fitted him out with clothing he needed, and sent him to Hertford. Beaulac came back to this city Saturday night, and his connection with the Duff Piano Company was terminated. Later the company was notified that Beaulac owed a week's hotel bill at Hertford.

While he was with the Chamber of Commerce, Beaulac had done some collecting, and after his other alleged misdeeds became known, a complete investigation of his reports was made, with the result that a shortage of eleven dollars was discovered. It is understood that he owes good-sized jitney bills here, too.

Beaulac has been missing since Monday. He is of medium height, slightly built, of florid complexion, and has lost several fingers from one hand. When last seen he wore a light gray tweed sport suit.

## WINNERS IN PENNY CONTEST

Miss Josephine Spence and Master Hubert Upton were the winners in the penny-guessing contest at the Savings Bank & Trust Company. Both guessed 2080. The correct number of pennies was 2079. Each will receive \$5 in gold.

Hubert Upton is the son of Frank Upton, of Camden. Mrs. Frank Upton was the winner of the silk umbrella offered for the best guess of the lucky number Tuesday night at McCabe & Grice's.

## NO POLITICS BY U. S. WIRELESS

Washington, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary Denby announced today that he had ordered naval radio stations closed to public use for broadcasting speeches, lectures or any form of unofficial communication except musical programs because of charges that Congressmen are addressing their constituents on political questions through the Government stations.

## Will Take Inventory Of Government Plant

### Bureau of Engraving And Printing To Be Thoroughly Reorganized

Washington, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—The divisions of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing engaged in the production of bank notes, bonds and postage stamps will be closed tonight for an indefinite period to take inventory of the plant from which James L. Wilmett and twenty-eight chiefs, superintendents and foremen were removed by Presidential order a week ago.

Hints were also given that during the closing the bureau would be further reorganized or "Harding-ized" as one official put it. The bureau employs six thousand and it is estimated that four thousand will be affected by the closing. Officials said the closing is to enable the taking of inventory, repairing of machinery and to issue new steel plates such as are used in printing currency. The old plates are so worn that counterfeiting is easy, they said.

## DECLINES SEND TROOPS

Washington, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary Weeks declined to send troops into the New Mexico coal fields where martial law has been declared as a result of disorders.

## Denies Censorship Of Opening Prayer

Washington, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary Hughes today denied charges of censorship of the opening prayer at the arms conference, resulting in the deletion of the name of Christ from the prayer.

## Death Of Pilot Today Makes Victims Seven

Paris, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—R. E. Duke, pilot of the English plane which crashed into the French Gollath, yesterday, died today, bringing the number of victims to seven.

## FRANK LLOYD DIRECTS ANOTHER POWERFUL DRAMA

Frank Lloyd, whose productions for Goldwyn have earned individual praise for the excellence of their direction, has made from a story by Katharine Newlin Burt one of the most impressive dramas of Western life that has ever been achieved in "The Man From Lost River," according to press reports. "The Man From Lost River" will be shown at the Alkrama Theater today, matinee and night.

## BORAH SEEKS TO DEPORT SEMENOFF

Washington, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Senator Borah today declared he would make an effort to deport General Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader, because of charges that Americans were butchered in Siberia by his forces.

## Personals

L. S. Owens of Harbinger was in the city Saturday on business.

Frank Wilson of Woodville was in the city on business Saturday.

James Miller of Perquimans was in the city Saturday on business.

H. M. Pritchard of Salem was here on business Saturday.

T. C. Perry of Okisko was in the city Saturday on business.

Mrs. Charles Lane entertained a number of friends at her home on Dyer street Friday evening.

## ASKS PURCHASE OF DRUMMOND CANAL

### Senator Simmons Will Be Aided By Con- gressman Ward And John H. Small

Washington, April 8.—Senator Simmons will this week ask the Senate Commerce Committee of which he is a member to embody in the House rivers and harbors bill the purchase by the Government of the Lake Drummond Canal recommended by the chief engineer of the War Department. If Senator Simmons' request is adopted by the Senate Commerce Committee, Congressman Ward and former Congressman Small will appear before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee to urge its endorsement of the action of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Senator Simmons apprehends there will be no difficulty in getting the Commerce Committee to amend the bill as the engineer's report is very strong. If this report had been received before the House bill was drawn, Mr. Ward is confident provision for purchase of the canal would have been carried therein but under House procedure it was well-nigh impossible to amend the bill after it had reached the floor or recall the bill after it has passed.

Mr. Ward says his strongest argument—if argument is needed to convince the Rivers and Harbors Committee—will be to point out that the Government in opening the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal to free commerce has literally destroyed not only a million and a half dollars investment of private individuals in the Lake Drummond Canal but the productivity of thousands of acres of farming lands in the Dismal Swamp section of North Carolina. The canal when put out of business as an artery of commerce between Norfolk and Beaufort, N. C., by a free Government canal in competition has fallen into disuse and has therefore ceased to be a drainage canal to these swamp lands.

By its action the Government has simply confiscated and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property of its own citizens. It is morally if not legally bound to recompense them for this loss. The owners of the canal agree to sell it to the Government for \$50,000 or less than one-third of the investment they have made in the property. They have agreed to suffer this great loss in recognition of the paramount commercial and agricultural interests of the territory contiguous to the canal.

Mr. Ward will contend that the Government in opening the canal to free commerce will soon increase the taxable property to such an extent in value that that section as to reap a many fold return to the Federal treasury on its investment. The canal in operation by the Government would reclaim much of the Dismal Swamp, one of the most fertile and productive areas on the globe.

## DAY WILL PLEAD UNWRITTEN LAW

Oklahoma City, April 8 (By The Associated Press)—Pleading the unwritten law, Jean P. Day prepared to go before the coroner's jury late today to seek exoneration for killing Lieutenant Colonel Beck on the ground that he slew in self defense while attempting to keep his home inviolate. Day and his wife are the only known witnesses.

## C. A. TASKER GETS THE STATE NORMAL CONTRACT

C. A. Tasker of the city has been awarded the contract for the plumbing for the new buildings of the Colored State Normal School.

## HERTFORD TAKES BIG END FROM ELIZABETH CITY H. S.

In a game of baseball Friday afternoon on the Main street diamond the Hertford High School team defeated Elizabeth City High School by the score of 5 to 2. Both teams played well in the field, but the home boys showed lack of knowledge of base running. Sherlock in center field made a very good running catch in the fourth inning, while Elliott Ward made a great one handed stop of a line drive. Hertford played a steady game in the field and did more hitting than the locals. One Hertford player made a clean home run and a two base hit. The home run hit went far out in right field, clearing an automobile parked outside of the diamond.