

# The Daily Advance

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The Weather  
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Under Friday, fresh southwest shifting to Northwest or North winds.

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## Peoria And Indianapolis Hit By Storms; Several Deaths and Many Injured

### Government Boats Sent In to Lowlands East Peoria to Rescue 300 Families From Rising Waters

### WIND AND LIGHTNING

### Washouts Play Havoc With Railway Schedules; Three Trainmen Killed When Train Goes Into Creek

Chicago, May 19.—(AP)—Peoria, Ill., and Indianapolis, Indiana, are hardest hit in the latest of a series of spring storms, which lashed portions of Illinois and Indiana.

Several persons were believed today to have been drowned at Peoria where six inches of rain fell within a few hours, flooding downtown streets and basements, tying up railroad, automobile and street car traffic and sending farm creek on a rampage.

Government boats were sent into the lowlands of East Peoria to rescue 300 families driven from their homes by the rising creek. Newspaper reporters who toured the area brought estimates to Peoria early today of a possible death list of 15 in East Peoria and Pekin, while police checked up on a number of missing persons. Les Jones, who with Walter Mueller, son of the mayor of Peoria, was swept three miles down a creek when a bridge gave way under them, was taken to Peoria suffering from exposure. He had no word of Mueller's fate.

The rain at Peoria and surrounding territory was accompanied by a heavy fall of hail which broke thousands of windows. Damage was estimated at nearly \$750,000.

More than 40 persons were injured in Indianapolis, some seriously, when an 80 miles an hour wind struck that city, flattening a number of houses just outside the downtown area and blowing down a gospel mission tent while services were in progress. Telephone and telegraph wires throughout the city were crippled. The storm damage was estimated at \$3,000,000.

Washouts at a number of places in the two states played havoc with railroad schedules and near LaFontaine, Indiana, three trainmen were killed when a big four freight train crashed into a creek, the bridge over which had been swept away by flood waters. The engine and six cars piled into the water.

Lightning struck the Hartburg, Illinois community high school, stunning four teachers and 50 students and another shaft hit the dome of the Hancock county court.

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## Simmons Predicts Gigantic Surplus

Washington, May 19.—(AP)—Prediction that a tax surplus of \$500,000,000 will be in the Treasury by the time Congress meets in December was made today by Senator Simmons, North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the Senate finance committee.

In a letter to a North Carolina constituent, Senator Simmons charged with the administration with collecting hundreds of millions of dollars out of the people last year and using it for paying liberty bonds when the holders of the bonds were not asking payment.

"There should be in the Treasury when Congress meets next December another enormous surplus amounting to at least \$5,000,000," his letter said. "I presume that the administration leaders will allow this to be returned to the people in order that the administration may have campaign capital in the Presidential election campaign of 1928."

The constituent had written the Senator asking his advice about responding to a request for contributions from American Taxpayers' League.

"Of course I do not know what the course desires to raise money for," the Senator said in reply. "If it is for the purpose of lobbying in Washington or otherwise using it to influence legislation it is highly improper."

MAY PEA MARKET IS IMPROVING SLIGHTLY

With the quality improving slightly the market on May peas was slightly better. Tuesday morning, according to information received from local commission men.

The highest quotations Thursday morning on peas shipped from here was \$3.50. Others sold at \$1.80 and \$2.50.

## BATH, MICHIGAN TRAGEDY TOWN CHILDREN DEAD

### Little Village of Some Three Hundred Persons Just Beginning to Comprehend Full Horror

### WIFE FIRST VICTIM

### Maddened Farmer Would Have Destroyed Entire School and Town Had Not Providence Intervened

Lansing, Mich., May 19.—(19).—Governor Fred W. Green today issued a state-wide appeal for funds for the relief of Bath Township, stricken by both death and grief yesterday when dynamite explosions, touched off by Andrew Kehoe, revenge crazed treasurer of the district, killed 43 persons, 37 of them pupils in the consolidated school.

The appeal, contained in an official proclamation indicated that the wrecked school house will be replaced either by public subscriptions or from the coffers of the state. The township is heavily in debt it was learned today, a bond issue passed in recent years having proved a heavy burden on the meager population. Destruction of the school promised to place a heavier financial burden on the taxpayers.

Bath, Mich., May 19.—(AP)—With 36 of its children who yesterday romped through its streets and five adults lying still in death, this little village of some 300 persons was just beginning today to comprehend the full horror of the maniacal dynamiting yesterday of its consolidated school. Forty four others were seriously injured. No one knows the number of minor injuries.

Included in the dead is Andrew Kehoe, revenge maddened farmer-treasurer of the township school board, who mined the school with dynamite and gunpowder and blew himself into eternity after watching the blast tear the north wing of the school to pieces and through windows and walls.

Only a whim of fate or accident prevented destruction of the entire village. Mrs. Kehoe was the first victim of his fury, it was established today. Portions of her body were found in the ashes of one of the outbuildings on the Kehoe farm. Her skull was crushed, leading to the belief that she killed her before casting her body into the building to be burned.

Investigation showed that Kehoe, angered because of a school tax levied against him and nursing his opposition to the erection of the building three years ago had carefully mined the basement, installing an elaborate system of electrical wiring connected with a time clock.

Time clock was seemingly actuated for destruction of the entire structure with its more than 250 pupils and instructors.

One of the wires he 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 three explosions. The first occurred early yesterday morning at Kehoe's home, about a mile west of the village, destroying the house, barn and wagon sheds. All apparently were wired to the same time device.

The second blast was that in the school building. It came at 9:43 a. m., only a few minutes after classes had been dismissed. The time has been fixed definitely because all of the clocks in the wrecked wing stopped at that minute; The third blast came in Kehoe's automobile in front of the school about 30 seconds later.

Kehoe was sitting in the car. Emory E. Huyek, superintendent of schools, was talking with him, one foot on the running board. Glenn O. Smith, village postmaster, and Nelson McFarren, an aged man, were standing on the sidewalk a few feet away. Suddenly a terrific blast came from the machine. The bodies of Kehoe and Huyek were blown to bits. McFarren was killed outright and Smith so badly injured he died in a hospital shortly afterward.

Kehoe's wheels and differential were hurled across the road.

## Seize Ammunition On Mexican Border

Yuma, Ariz., May 19.—(AP)—A special dispatch to the Yuma Morning Sun today said Mexican authorities had seized an automobile loaded with rifles and ammunition at San Luis, 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.

## Dollar Day Here Monday Really A Get-Acquainted Day for Elizabeth City

### Merchants Want to Make New Acquaintances and Greet Old Ones; This Is First of Series of Similar Events

Elaborate preparations are being made by Elizabeth City merchants for Elizabeth City's first monthly merchandising event which takes place on Monday, May 23, in the form of a Co-operative Dollar Day.

The decision to make Monday Dollar Day was made at the April meeting of the Merchants' Bureau. This one day event was not planned primarily to make money, but to make a lot of new friends and to prove to the people of the Albemarle section that Elizabeth City is the logical shopping center of the Albemarle.

At the last meeting of the Merchants' Bureau the dominating thought was not how each merchant could get more business for himself but rather what could be done to bring more business to Elizabeth City.

Members of the Merchants' Bureau have long since followed the plan of sending customers to their competitors if they themselves could not satisfy their wants.

Dollar Day in Elizabeth City on Monday then is not simply a Bargain Day but it is a day in which the merchants want to make new acquaintances and greet old ones.

Dollar Day Monday is the beginning of a series of merchandising events to bring Elizabeth City and its vast trading territory into closer relationship.

To the people of the adjoining towns and villages the message of the Elizabeth City merchants is "If you can't find what you want in your home town—come to Elizabeth City."

Dollar Day not only will there be remarkable values for a dollar but other firms who cannot offer dollar specials will put on some especially attractive bargains for the day.

Members of the Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce are: Auto & Gas Engine Works, Auto Supply & Vulcanizing Company, Carolina Banking & Trust Company, Crystal Ice & Coal Corporation, Elizabeth City Joint Line, First & Citizens National Bank, Gallop & Toxey Shoe Company, D. Walter Harris, D. M. Jones Company, M. G. Morrisette & Company, McCabe & Grace, P. W. Melick Company, Mitchell's Department Store, Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, Norfolk-Carolina Line, Owens Shoe Company, D. Pender Grocery Company, Quinn Furniture Company, Rucker & Sheely Company, Savings Bank & Trust Company, M. Leigh Sheep Company, T. T. Turner & Company, Weeks & Sawyer.

## Bertaud Will Not Make Paris Flight

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

## Recommend Parole Former Governor

Washington, May 19.—(AP)—The Parole Board has recommended that Warren T. Morrow, former governor of Indiana, sentenced to the Atlanta penitentiary for 10 years, be paroled in August when he becomes eligible for that clemency.

Attorney General Sargent said today he had received the recommendation and would take it under immediate consideration. Morrow was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1924 for using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud in connection with his obtaining loans on cattle paper.

## FIGHT POSTPONED TO FRIDAY NIGHT

New York, May 19.—(AP)—The fifteen round heavy elimination bout scheduled tonight at the Yankee Stadium between Jimmy Maloney and Jack Sharkey was postponed until tomorrow night. Promoter Tex Rickard announced today.

Rain that started this morning was still falling when the announcement was made at 11 o'clock.

## FOUND NOT GUILTY

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

## At Princeton



High in the ranks of Elizabeth City boys who are making good is George Modlin, whose photograph appears above. George graduates this year at Princeton University with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and has made such an excellent scholastic record that he has been elected unanimously an instructor in economics at the university whose destinies formerly were guided by the late Woodrow Wilson.

George led his class in his examinations, and besides presented a graduation thesis declared to have been the best ever written on the subject by a Princeton student. He was president of the Senior Class of 1920 in the Elizabeth City High School, and besides taking high rank in the classroom, starred at baseball and football. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Modlin, 101 West Church street. George spends his summer vacations as manager of the Newcastle at Virginia Beach.

## Mecklenburg Is Preparing For Celebration

Charlotte, May 19.—(19)—Military companies from Fort Bragg and a half dozen Western North Carolina communities as well as notables of the American Legion and Army circles are expected here during today in preparation for tomorrow's celebration of the one hundred and fifty-second anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Howard P. Savage of Indianapolis, commander of the American Legion, and Major General A. J. Bowley, commander of Fort Bragg, are due here during the day. Mr. Savage will attend a meeting tonight of the executives of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion and General Bowley will address the Charlotte Engineers' Club this afternoon. Mr. Savage comes here from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Major General Charles P. Sumner, chief of staff, U. S. Army, and Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's high commissioner, who will be among the chief speakers at a banquet tomorrow night, are due Friday morning. Other guests expected include General Mallin Craig, Atlanta, commander of the Fourth Army Corps Area; Governor A. W. McLean, Adjutant General A. J. Van Metts and General Albert Cox of the North Carolina National Guard.

## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN SLOWLY NEARS GOAL

With 90 per cent of the total of the second quota subscribed, canvassers in the drive for aid for the hundreds of thousands left homeless by the Mississippi floods are having hard sledding this week. They are finding that the first high enthusiasm of the public has waned sharply, and are experiencing great difficulty in raising the relatively few dollars needed.

Elizabeth City's second quota was \$1,750. To date, all except about \$175 of this amount has been subscribed, the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, treasurer of the drive, reports. Mr. Outlaw urges that the people continue their generous support to the end that the goal may be reached in the next day or two, so that the money may be forwarded to Red Cross headquarters.

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## ROBINSON LAUDS LOYAL AID GIVEN IN HOTEL CRISIS

### Some \$5,000 in Back Payments Received as Result of Appeal Made Through Advance, He Announces

### MORE CASH NEEDED

### Whole Hearted Community Support of Great Project Required to Carry Work to Early Completion

Assurance that Elizabeth City folks are too loyal to the best interests of their community to let construction of the new Virginia Dare Hotel lag for lack of funds has been forthcoming in convincing fashion in the last few days, according to C. Robinson, president of the hotel corporation.

"In response to the appeal published in The Daily Advance last Saturday, some \$5,000 in delinquent subscriptions has come in," Mr. Robinson stated Thursday. "While there has been some minor criticism of the step taken in informing the public, through the press, of the emergency—in which the board of directors found itself, I feel that the situation fully justified that publicity."

"Many have responded to the appeal, and it is up to the rest of us to do what they promised when they subscribed for stock in the hotel. We can't afford to let the work trail. I do not believe the community will permit construction to stop for lack of money which should have been paid in before."

Mr. Robinson stated that a number of loyal supporters of the hotel, realizing its immense community value, had gone even farther than to meet their stock installment as they fell due. Many, he said, had paid up in full, including, of course, the installments due in July.

The next installment is due Friday. As evidence that the money is needed immediately, Mr. Robinson pointed to invoices received Thursday, totalling \$36,500, which must be paid at once.

With every prospect of many conventions next year, and with the increasing tide of tourists to be expected with the completion of the Chowan Bridge and the highway hardening projects between this city and Norfolk—all of which are in their concluding stages—together with pending large scale seashore developments, Mr. Robinson stressed the urgent need of taking every measure to assure the completion of the splendid and beautiful Virginia Dare Hotel on schedule time.

## Eight Lives Lost When Dam Breaks

Idaho Falls, Idaho, May 19.—(AP)—Nature has restored the topography of the upper Gros Ventre River valley to a semblance of its original appearance at a cost of at least eight lives, it was revealed today as flood waters released by a "slide" dam continued to menace several communities.

A "slide" dam created when Sheep Mountain shifted several feet in June 1925, to send an avalanche of rocks, dirt and trees across the Gros Ventre River, collapsed yesterday to send a wall of water down the sparsely settled valley. The lake created by the natural dam held approximately 100,000 acres of water.

## Still Others Win Honors At School

Elizabeth City boys and girls continue to win honors at the colleges and university of the Nation. Now comes word that Miss Rachel Williams, daughter of State Senator and Mrs. P. H. Williams, of this city, has been honored with the presidency of the Debating Council of Duke University.

As a preliminary to that honor, Miss Williams was a member of the team from Duke that was victorious over William and Mary College in a debate at the latter college on May 6. The Duke team won by unanimous decision of the judges. Also, Miss Williams has been invited to join the Tau Kappa Alpha—an honor declared never to have been accorded a girl student at the university before.

Recognition also has come generously to W. Clarence Morse, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morse, Sr., of Weeksville. Clarence has been elected to head the Student Council at Wake Forest College for the year 1927-28, winning out as a second primary by a vote of 330 to 212 for his opponent, B. T. Henderson. There were five candidates for the presidency in the first primary, Morse and Henderson leading the field.

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## Residents of Vast Area Leaving Their Homes As Ominous Warnings Issued

### GRIST PROMISES HELP IN SOLVING LABOR PROBLEM

### LABOR PROBLEM

### State Commissioner of Labor and Printing Suggests Way to Make Truck Farming Pay Better

### PAYS VISIT HERE

Help in the solution of probably the most difficult and perplexing problem confronting the truck growers of Northeastern Carolina—that of procuring sufficient labor when labor is most critically needed—is offered by Frank D. Grist, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, who paid a flying visit to this city this week.

Mr. Grist arrived by automobile late Wednesday, and departed Thursday after having made a brief survey of conditions. He expected to visit Edenton, New Bern and Wilmington before returning to Raleigh.

"Our cities just outside your truck growing belt have abundant labor which is available when your farmers need it most," he declared in a brief interview. "All that is necessary is for your farmers and these prospective laborers to be brought in touch with one another. Through the Department of Labor and Printing, we are prepared to establish that contact."

"Once we are apprised of your labor needs, our representatives in various parts of the State are in a position readily to inform you where that labor can be found. Nor do we need to confine our activities to North Carolina. In times of emergency, we can reach quickly into Norfolk and Portsmouth and Newport News, and help dispose of the problem."

"Once the farmer has been informed where he can get the labor he needs, he can take a motor truck, drive to the point named, and bring back as many laborers as he requires. Thus he will be in a position to market his crop quickly and efficiently, and obtain the best returns on his investment."

The possibility of a great agricultural development in Eastern North Carolina was advanced by Mr. Grist. "Yours is essentially an agricultural section," he pointed out, "and you can hope for little in the way of large scale industrial growth. But there is room for many more farmers in this section, and for a corresponding increase in productivity and wealth. First of all, however, you must meet your labor problem."

"I have been in touch with your Chamber of Commerce in this matter, and would suggest that your farmers use it as the instrumentality through which they can be best helped, and for the aid of the Department of Labor and Printing." (Continued on page 2)

## CHOWAN BRIDGE GROUPS CONFER

### Preparations Under Way to Finance Celebration to be Held in Edenton

Preparations for a great celebration to mark the opening of the \$600,000 Chowan Bridge, finally to break the last barrier between the fertile Lost Provinces of the Northeast and the remainder of the State, moved forward measurably Wednesday afternoon with a meeting of the finance and publicity committees in Edenton.

The finance committee laid tentative plans for a campaign throughout the Northeastern counties to raise funds for the celebration, on the basis of quotas to be assigned each and for a corresponding increase in productivity and wealth. First of all, however, you must meet your labor problem.

Members of both committees expressed themselves as heartily in favor of steps to christen the Virginia-Dare Trail at the celebration, either as a motor route through the historic shrines of the Northeast, or as a great State road connecting the three colonial capitals, Edenton, New Bern and Wilmington, and connecting with other scenic and historic routes in Virginia and South Carolina.

Word as to the date of completion of the Chowan Bridge and its approaches is being awaited eagerly by those sponsoring the celebration, so that a definite date for it can be set. It is planned tentatively for sometime in July or August.

### Weather Bureau and Flood Relief Director Urge Haste, Telephone Operators Spread News

### CAMPS OVERTAXED

### Refugees Brought in Had Bene Without Food or Water for 24 Hours; New Camp Established

New Orleans, May 19.—(AP)—Residents of the vast area in the Western Atchafalaya basin were leaving their homes today in ever-increasing numbers, spurred by the ominous warnings of the Weather Bureau here and flood relief director John M. Parker at Baton Rouge. Director Parker last night had a score of telephone operators at work urging all the inhabitants of the region in the line of the flood—an area 100 to 150 miles Northwest of New Orleans—to flee. Twenty-seven small towns, none with more than 500 inhabitants, were affected by the warning.

The territory is in the path of the waters from the Bayou Des Glaises breaks and the water which is pouring through the crevasse on the Atchafalaya at Melville. These floods are reported to be converging about 40 miles below Bayou Des Glaises, to form a great lake extending up the valley to the Northern parishes, 250 miles long and from 15 to 100 miles wide.

A sudden inundation of Bunkie was caused by a crevasse which also sent several feet of water upon Beggs, Garland, Dubuisson, Whiteville and into the country beyond. Bunkie was reported last night. Over 5,000 persons are estimated to be in the inundated territory. Rescue workers were busy last night notifying them to rush to the Southern Railroad Line, where cars have been placed to take them out.

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

The highway between Beggs and Bunkie has been closed to traffic and is under four feet of water in some places. Conditions were reported growing steadily worse in the section around Bunkie and rescue workers reported that the stubbornness of the inhabitants 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 Palmert and an urgent call from Garland, where several score families were menaced was answered.

A naval aviator, flying over the Melville section late yesterday reported 200 persons living on the levee. 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.

Two danger spots in the lower valley caused trouble last night, but were reported holding well today. At Belle Helene, 70 miles above New Orleans on the East bank of the Mississippi, 150 feet of the levee started sloughing on the land slide. Early today it was reported that the damage had been repaired and the levee was holding. The real danger point was at McCreo, 12 miles North of Melville on the east bank of the Atchafalaya. Here it was reported that the swiftness of the current had caused the levee to slough so that there was a straight drop of 50 feet from the top of the levee to the bottom of the river. The crevasse at Melville, while it lowered the height of the water, was said to have so increased the swiftness of the current as to add to the danger rather than to lessen it.

Secretary Hoover, who spent yesterday in inspecting relief facilities at Old River, planned to come to New Orleans today and to leave for Alexandria late in the afternoon.

## SEVENTEEN NEGRO HOMES AT GIBSON ARE BURNED

Gibson, May 19.—(AP)—Ashes remained today where 17 negro homes had been yesterday while police estimated damage from last night's fire at \$50,000.

The Seaboard Air Line men were repairing crippled wire service caused by the burning of the dwelling adjacent to the poles. A negro Methodist Church also was destroyed. All escaped but some narrowly. One child was removed from a house a moment before the roof fell.