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FLOODS CREATE HAVOC IN SOUTHERN STATES

**Entire Residents of One Town
Rescued from Torrents;
Looting Quelled.**

Montgomery, Ala. — The Alabama river, rising and spreading out until it is ten miles wide in places, has inundated an area estimated to be several times as large as that flooded last week by the Pea river and its tributaries.

First news of the new dangerous situation in four Alabama counties was brought here by aviators, while plans for rehabilitation of the flood-stricken towns and communities in the Pea river section were being put into execution.

Montgomery, Ala. — As relief agencies poured forth efforts to succor the flood victims of three southern states, the relieving news came that Elba, in the heart of the Alabama inundated area, had been practically evacuated. But 200 of the 4000 inhabitants who were trapped by flood waters still remained in the town.

Martial law has been declared at Elba and Geneva in south Alabama's flood zone under orders of Colonel W. E. Parsons, Alabama national guard. Colonel Parsons issued the order in an attempt to cope with looting which began as soon as the waters began to recede a little.

National guardsmen, manning fleets of motor boats; coast guard craft plying up navigable rivers and the army and navy airplanes dropping food for the victims continued efforts to bring relief. Several thousand refugees were cared for in relief camps at Enterprise, Opp and near Troy, Ala.

ENGLISH CABINET FEARS LABORITES

London. — Three striking facts stand out from the maze of political uncertainties about England's general election which is to be held on May 30. The first is that if the election was held at this moment labor might be able to sweep from power the dominant conservative party with its huge majority of some 200 in the house of commons. The second is that in any event the conservatives must wage a bitter struggle to keep from being ousted by labor. The third is that women voters are for the first time in the majority and will decide the election. Added to this is the fact that between five and seven million of these feminine voters are newly enfranchised flappers and nobody can tell how they will vote.

The great strength of the labor party at the moment is due in no small measure to the fact that the conservatives are more or less at sixes and sevens because the government has announced no inspiring or definite program, although the election is only ten weeks away. Another week, however, may alter this circumstance since Prime Minister Baldwin's announcement of policy is expected in the commons Thursday. Pending that announcement the position of the conservatives is not a happy one.

The reallocation of wave lengths was a boon to the radio anglers whose completed logs had robbed their sport of its zest, and they now complain that pauses for station announcements are too frequent for a satisfactory bag before bedtime.

And what has become of the old-fashioned droll fellow who, wanting to "knock wood," used any nearby head?

GEN. GONZALO ESCOBAR



Gen. Gonzalo Escobar, who was made military leader of the rebellion against the Portes Gil government of Mexico. Escobar was formerly a close friend of General Calles, who was appointed secretary of war by President Gil.

Parrot Crying "Fire" Saves Lives.

Chicago. — An unidentified man and a woman lost their lives in an apartment building fire here. Firemen, who found the bodies in a first floor apartment, previously had lead more than 100 other tenants to safety. A parrot in the building screaming "Fire, Fire, Fire!" at the top of its voice was credited with saving many lives.

King George Takes Short Walk.

Bognor, Sussex, Eng. — For the first time since his illness King George was able to take a short walk of 50 yards unaided along a gravel path in the ground at Craigwell house. It was a gloriously fine day and his majesty was out in a wheel chair a full hour.

PRESIDENT SELECTS CRIME COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. — President Hoover virtually has reached a decision on six of the nine men he would like to have on his special commission for the suppression of crime. These, according to the latest check-up, are:

Charles E. Hughes, former secretary of state and former chief justice of the United States supreme court.
 Elias Strawn, prominent Chicago lawyer and former president of the American Bar association.
 Newton D. Baker, Cleveland lawyer, crime investigator and secretary of war in the Wilson cabinet.
 Robert M. Hutchins, dean of Yale law school.

Charles G. Clark, Yale law school, who recently conducted an exhaustive study into the cause and cure of crime in New England.
 William Draper Lewis, president of the American Law Institute and former dean of the University of Pennsylvania.

The president has other names under consideration, but will make no announcements until he has completed the selections and has acceptances from all. To date, it was emphasized, he has only arrived at decisions as to those he would like to have serve, and has definite acceptances from none.

Chicago now estimates her population at 3,215,000 and explains that it would have been more but for the good year the gunmen have had.

Speaking of the flings of fate and fortune, nowadays, the girl who really has the complexion the other girls pay for, never gets any credit for it.

A great man never seems so mortal as when he demands correction of an interview that didn't say anything worth two whoops in the first place.

GEORGE AKERSON



A recent portrait of George Akerson, who has been closely associated with Herbert Hoover and now is the new President's secretary. He is a graduate of Harvard and was formerly a newspaper man.

AMERICA INVITED TO JOIN WORLD COURT

Geneva. — The first great step for the entrance of the United States to the world court of justice has been taken. The commission of eminent international jurists unanimously accepted the fundamental ideals of the formula of Elihu Root for acceptance of the American conditions for membership.

Other important steps remain. The American senate must ratify what the veteran American statesman has done at Geneva. More than that, the more than 40 states which now belong to the court must set their seals of approval of the new agreement before American adhesion can become an accomplished fact.

League officials seemed convinced that there will be no difficulty about the American senate, because the text of the agreement was cabled to Washington, and Mr. Root himself was believed to have given final approval only when he had received advice from Washington that the text was agreeable to the government.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

The North Dublin city by-election to the dail was won by the Free State party.

The Swedish riksdag, without reservation, has ratified the government's adherence to the Kellogg-Briand pact renouncing war.

Three Chinese provinces—Shensi, Kansu and Honan, have a total of 16,250,000 people suffering from famine conditions, according to a report.

Exchange Telegraph company dispatches from Tokyo said there were 200 casualties when the Tokyo express on the Sanyo railway line from Shimonekeki was derailed.

William D. Terrell, chief of the radio division of the department of commerce, has been designated by President Hoover to represent the United States at the convention of European radio broadcasters to meet at Prague. Preliminary work in connection with revision of the statutes of the world court have been completed at Geneva and Elihu Root and Sir Cecil Hurst was named to submit a final report on the question of accession of the United States to the court.

13 Die in Crash of Big Airplane. Newark, N. J. — Thirteen air joy riders were killed last Sunday in the crash of a Colonial Airways metal plane one mile east of Newark metropolitan airport. All were killed outright. Two men who occupied the pilot's cockpit escaped death, but were seriously injured. The pilot was Lou Foote, 32, Newark, and the man with him in the control cockpit was Belmont Parsons of Brooklyn. Freakish and gusty winds which swept the metropolitan area appeared to have been the cause of the tragedy.

Novice Driver Dies in Speed Attempt. Daytona Beach, Fla. — Lee Bible, 42-year-old Daytona Beach garage mechanic, rode to a spectacular death in the 36-cylinder racing car, with which he was attempting to break the world's automobile speed record of 213 miles an hour. Speeding at more than three miles a minute, the machine got beyond his control and ran into the sand dunes, striking and killing also Charles Traub, a news reel camera man.

Endurance Record Broken by Aviatrix. Oakland, Cal. — A new endurance flight record for women was set at Oakland when Louise McPhetridge landed at the Oakland airport from a continuous flight of 22 hours and four minutes. The gasoline supply of 196 gallons was exhausted.

ATTA BOY EDDIE

SPECIALS for SATURDAY and MONDAY
March 23 and 25
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Bring in your Coalgate, Palm Olive, Peet free soap cards sent you through the mail. They are valuable and we are anxious to redeem them. We both lose if you do not bring us the cards.

No. 1 Bananas, Extra Nice, three pounds for .25c
 Palm Olive Soap, twelve bars for .89c
 Sugar, Pure Cane, Seven pounds for .44c
 Ukulele Broken Sliced Pineapple No. 2 tins)
 the famous Dole pack, 3 cans for .53c
 Del Monte Yellow Cling Peaches, 2 cans for .49c
 Burt Olney Tender Sweet Peas, 2 cans for .32c
 Del Monte Catsup, per bottle .20c
 Great Northern Golden Sweet Corn, regular
 price 3 cans for 47c, special 3 cans for .44c
 Tomatoes, Royal Red solid pack No. 2 1/2 tins,
 there are none better, 3 cans for .45c
 Leslie Shaker Salt, per package .10c
 Oranges, large size; a real bargain, doz. .29c



Citrus Granulated Soap, two large pkgs for .68c
 Red Mexican Beans, 5 lb for 38c
 Dry Onions, fancy grade, four pounds for .19c
 Karo Syrup, light, 5 lb tin .45c
 Clorox, two bottles for .34c

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MEXICAN REBELS IN RETREAT REPORTED

**Battle at San Pedro Results
in Federal Victory; 200
Reported Dead.**

Mexico City. — The government announced that some rebel leaders in the north, including Governor Caraveo of Chihuahua, had sued for peace through the Mexican consul at El Paso, and had sought to negotiate with the federals for the end of the revolution. President Portes Gil was said to have telegraphed the consul that he could not treat with traitors and that disloyal generals and responsible leaders must face the consequences.

Laredo, Tex. — Ramal de la Colina, Mexican federal consul here, has announced he had received word from Colonel Garcia de Albr at Monterrey that the rebel army entrenched in Terreon was retreating northward to Chihuahua City.

Conahuila, Mexico. — Rebel chieftains announced that 200 men had been killed in a battle between federal troops and rebels at San Pedro, east of here. Rebel losses were reported as six dead and five wounded. Three hundred federal troops were captured. Troops of General Jose Gonzalo Escobar returned to headquarters at Terreon with their prisoners from the scene of the conflict, which occurred Saturday. General Escobar's troops engaged those of General Juan Almazan, federalists, at San Pedro, and the battle was described as spirited. The revolutionary forces, said the rebel leaders, displayed such fighting determination that their officers had a difficult time to keep their men from charging the federals after they had been ordered to withdraw.

WILL FINISH VALE PROJECT

Appropriation of \$1,000,000 to Assure Completion of Job in a Year. Denver, Colo. — Completion of the \$3,000,000 reclamation project known as the Vale project in Oregon, near the Idaho state line, so the farmers of the district will have water for 28,000 acres for their 1930 crop, was definitely decided upon at a conference of 13 reclamation engineers with Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of Irrigation, recently.

The engineers, who will consider the preliminary engineering work on the Boulder dam along with other reclamation projects under their jurisdiction, received a report on the Vale project from W. H. Bosporo, engineer in charge of the work. Sufficient money, possibly \$1,000,000, will be set aside from the appropriation this year to push the work to completion within the next 12 months, it was decided.

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INCOME TAX RETURN MAY SHOW INCREASE

Washington, D. C. — Cash has been pouring into the treasury at a rate that made it impossible for officials even to guess as to the total which the March 15 income tax payment, the first in 1929, will reach.

Collection offices throughout the country were not attempting to make a tabulation of the current totals, but in response to Washington instructions, were rushing their receipts into banks, since the treasury technically is very nearly up to its bank balances with expenditures and needs money.

By the latest available figures, which showed the condition of receipts at the close of business March 15, income tax payments for the month were running about \$5,400,000 ahead of receipts to the same date last year. If this rate of increase is maintained the government may receive \$50,000,000 more in March this year than it received last year.

Considering all these factors the treasury would not attempt even a guess at what total receipts would be, and it was considered unlikely that any definite knowledge would be available before March 23.

KITTITAS GIVEN \$1,270,000

Water to Be Put on 17,000 Acres of Land During 1930.

Denver, Colo. — An expenditure of \$1,270,000 to further the work on the Kittitas irrigation project near Yakima, Wash., to provide water for 17,000 acres for 1930 crops was decided upon at a conference of reclamation engineers headed by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of Irrigation. The sum is part of the \$11,000,000 set aside by congress for reclamation work.

The Kittitas project embraces 70,000 acres and will cost, when completed, about \$11,000,000. Work contemplated on the project this year includes installation of miles of canals and of ditches that will bring water to a portion of the area in time for spring planting next year, the conference was advised. The farmers in the district will be charged \$1.50 an acre yearly water rental and the entire project will be completed probably by 1932. Work is in charge of Engineer Walter R. Young.

Child King to Speak. Bucharest, Rumania. — King Mihail, the world's youngest sovereign, will formally enter upon his royal duties May 10 when, from the historic throne of Rumania's first king, he will reply to addresses of loyalty from the regency council and cabinet on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the foundation of greater Rumania. To signify the real democratic spirit pervading the new peasant government however, the little king, who is just 7 years old, instead of wearing the traditional golden crown and holding the jeweled scepter, will be attired in the Rumanian national costume.

A Gigantic Pre-Easter Merchandise Disposal Until March 30, 1928

A Timely Bargain Event which sets new records, both in tremendous volume and sensational value giving. We are delighted with the hearty welcome this new store has received during the past year and a half we have been with you and have planned this Value Giving Demonstration in thanking the people of Sherman County for their generous support. But we feel there is still a large number of people we would like to get acquainted with and list among our regular customers and we know of no better way of bringing this about than by extending a very special inducement for you to come here to trade. For this reason we announce this Good Will Sale, right at the beginning of the Spring Season and have sacrificed profits on our entire stock to a point where we will make many new and lasting friends.

Men's Suits

We have grouped our entire stock of Mens High Grade Suits in THREE BIG LOTS for quick and easy selection. Tailored from the BEST all-wool fabrics in carefully selected patterns. Plan your new Easter Togs now and benefit by these substantial savings.

Mens High Grade Suits

Our regular \$30.00 suits, now for... **\$23.85**
 Our regular \$35.00 suits, now for... **\$26.85**
 Our regular \$40.00 suits, now for... **\$28.85**

Mens Overcoats

Our entire stock of Mens \$25.00 and \$35.00 all wool Overcoats, including Trench Coats, grouped in one big lot for quick sale and close out. Regular \$25.00 to \$35.00 values, Now on sale at, only... **\$17.85**

Boys Suits

Boys Longie Suits, some with extra pair of trousers. All good patterns in up-to-date minute styles. Regular \$12.50 values, now on sale at... **\$8.85**

Boys Overcoats

One lot of Boys Overcoats, worth \$8.75 Only a limited number left at this price. Final Clean Up Price on our remaining stock of... **\$6.25**

Mens Mackinaws

Mens all-wool Mackinaws. Attractive plaid patterns. Reg. \$12.50 value, on sale at... **\$7.98**

Men's Furnishings

Mens Dress Shirts

Mens Dress Shirts in neckband styles. Good assortment of patterns to choose from. Reg. \$1.29 \$1.50 and \$2.00 values. Sale price, now... **\$1.29**

A second lot of Mens Dress Shirts, in value at \$3.00 and \$3.50. With these are included a group of big value Mens Dress Shirts in Collar Attached styles. A big showing of beautiful patterns. Grouped in three lots. Real Savings. Your choice for only... **\$1.39 \$2.98 \$2.29**

Mens Hats

A Big New Spring Stock of the Celebrated Gordon Hats for Men. Newest Shapes. Newest Colors. Reg. \$5.00 grade, now on sale at... **\$3.98**



Highest Quality Footwear!

Men's Work Shoes

Men's Elk Scout Work Shoes in a full range of sizes. A regular \$3.00 grade, now on sale at... **\$2.39**

Regular \$4.50 8-inch Shoes... **\$3.49**

Men's Chippewa Work Shoes in Blucher style, with plith toe and good heavy sole. Worth \$8.50. Sale price now... **\$4.98**

One lot of Men's regular \$5.00 Work Shoes in assorted styles. Exceptional values at... **\$3.98**

Men's Dress Shoes

Men's Dress Shoes and Oxford in Bal or Blucher styles. Choice of black or tan. Regular \$5.00 values... **\$3.98**

Women's Black Patent one-strap pumps with high heel. Regular \$6.00 value. Now on sale at... **\$4.29**

Women's Black or tan strap pumps with medium heel. Regular \$6.25 and \$6.75 values. Sale price... **\$4.79**

Spring Fashions

Ultra Smart, colorful, intriguing styles to set the modes. Heart thrill styles in tune with the new season. Modes of paramount interest to young moderns, as well as matrons. Models for daytime or evening wear. Style-right and price-right wearables, for every hour of the feminine day. Come! See this beautiful display and you will be happily surprised at their modest pricings.

New Spring Millinery

A delightful group of spring and Easter models, distinctively designed, moderately priced, appealing to every woman's taste. The finest straws are here in fashions favored colors and every one is a real value.

House Dresses

A big assortment of New House Dresses in attractive patterns, clever styles and bright colorings. A big special at this low price... **\$1.69**

Home Furnishings

Big Value in Bedroom Suites Beautiful 3-piece Walnut Bed Room Suite, consisting of Dresser, Chest of Drawers and Bow Foot Bed. A regular \$125 group, now on sale at... **\$89.00**

Enamel and Semi-Enamel Ranges Semi-enamel High Shelf Range with polished steel French Plate. 16-inch oven with thermometer. A \$65. value for... **\$52.50**

Semi-enamel High Shelf Range with polished steel top. 16-inch oven. Burns wood or coal. A reg. \$75 value for... **\$59.00**

Full Enamel Range with high shelf, 18-in. oven and polished steel French plate... **\$77.50**

Regular \$90. value, for... **\$77.50**

Nesco 3-Burner Oil Cook Stove, Enamel finish, regular price \$24.50. Sale price, now... **\$19.50**

3-Burner Gasoline Cook Stove in enamel finish, reg. value \$35.00. Sale price... **\$29.50**

Silverware 99-piece set Community plate or Rogers 1847 Silverware with tray. Beautiful patterns. Regular \$33.50 value. Sale price... **\$24.75**

29-piece set of Tudor Plate with Duro Service Tray. Regular \$18.50 value. Now on sale at... **\$11.95**

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