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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION APPEALING FOR FLOOD AID

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Governor's Office, Raleigh

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA: A great disaster has befallen a large region of our State; hundreds of people are homeless and helpless. At this time I cannot describe the extent of the damage done by the unprecedented floods of July 15th and 16th, nor can I undertake to portray the present and prospective suffering. By reason of the fact that Asheville has been cut off from communication with the outside world I could not be as promptly and adequately informed of conditions as others. But I am now prepared to say that along our western streams, large and small, running eastward from Wilkes on the North to Rutherford on the South, in the mountains, the floods have swept away not only the homes and the growing crops but even the lands themselves of hundreds, if not thousands, of our fellow men and women. They are in distress and many of them utterly destitute and helpless. Their all has been swept away in a night.

Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, Governor of the State of North Carolina, am calling upon our generous people to respond to the cry of those who have been so terribly stricken. There is every reason to believe that many will for weeks have to be supplied with the necessities of life, in order that they may be sustained until they can find a means of livelihood. It is but right that our entire people should share this burden—but reasonable that the people in regions of the State in which no damage was done, where crops were spared and homes undisturbed, should open their hearts in generous giving.

I understand that a number of local subscriptions have been started and that at least two relief committees have begun work. It is not my desire to interfere with their work. I take occasion, rather, to commend them. At the same time, the disaster is so extensive, the work of relief so great that I feel constrained to appoint a Committee of General Relief, and to authorize it to take subscriptions and to appropriate funds as needs appear. Every dollar shall be accounted for, and every penny shall go to relieve actual need. I name the following citizens to constitute this committee:

Edward E. Britton, Chairman, Raleigh; John A. Park, Raleigh; J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; E. L. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount; Julian S. Carr, Durham; Cameron Morrison, Charlotte; Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; Gerald Johnson, Greensboro; Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Walker Taylor, Wilmington; A. D. Watts, Statesville; J. J. Farless, High Point; M. H. Justice, Rutherfordton; John Sprunt Hill, Durham; E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington; John F. Bruton, Wilson; Clarence Poe, Raleigh; H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem; N. J. Rouse, Kinston; W. D. Turner, Statesville; R. M. Miller, Charlotte; E. B. Crow, Raleigh.

Subscriptions may be sent to Edward E. Britton, Chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

I am sure our people, once they realize the distress of their fellow North Carolinians, will be quick to pour out their money in this noble cause.

Done in our City of Raleigh, on this the twenty-second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American Independence.

By the Governor: LOCKE CRAIG, Governor.

May F. Jones, Private Secretary.

GERMANS RESIST ALLIED ADVANCE

PUTTING FORTH FULL STRENGTH
TO PREVENT ALLIES FROM
GETTING THIRD LINE.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS GAIN

Allies Have Captured 26,000 Prisoners,
140 Big Guns and Many Machine
Guns Taken Since July 1st.

London.—Australian troops have established themselves in Pozieres and are said to have gained a position on both sides of the road in the direction of Bapaume, in a new British attack against the Germans on the entire front from Pozieres to Guillemont.

The Germans have been putting forward their full strength in attempts to prevent the British forces from reaching their third line positions. Fighting of the fiercest character is in progress.

The fact that General Haig has been able to resume the offensive so soon after the unsuccessful German counter-attacks of last week in which very strong German forces were brought forward is regarded as a good augury.

At Guillemont and Longueval fortunes fluctuated, both places changing hands several times. Late tonight the fighting was proceeding with the utmost violence.

The German counter-attacks recently delivered against the French front have proved equally unsuccessful and the Entente Allies now are fighting slowly in the direction of Comblès, which is only two miles distant from Guillemont.

According to reliable estimates the British and French together have captured since July 1 more than 26,000 prisoners, 40 guns and hundreds of machine guns. British troops operating in the northeastern section of German East Africa have occupied Muheza and Amani.

HERRERA SENDS GENERAL TREVINO TO MEXICO CITY

Commander of Carranza Forces in
Northeastern Mexico is Transferred.

Washington.—Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commander of the Carranza forces in northeastern Mexico has been ordered to Mexico City and will be succeeded at least temporarily, by Gen. Luis Herrera, commander of the Chihuahua City garrison. Despatches to the War department from General Bell, reporting the transfer, contained no explanation as to the cause. Army officers here were plainly surprised at such an important change at this time.

General Trevino has personally directed the campaign against bandits in Chihuahua and it is said to be largely because of his efforts that the Carranza soldiers have continued their operations against Villa and other outlaw leaders on such a broad scale. For that reason some regret over the transfer was expressed here, though officials said they were confident that General Herrera would use every resource at his command to continue the campaign.

VILLA IS MOVING TOWARD TORREON

San Antonio, Texas.—Villa has not attacked Torreon nor cut the communications between Torreon and the border but was moving southward through the State of Durango in the direction of Torreon six days ago, according to information received here from General Bell. Army officers here do not share the optimistic views of Carranzista officers that Villa is being cornered by Carranza forces.

GERMANS CLAIM ATTACK HAS BEEN ABANDONED

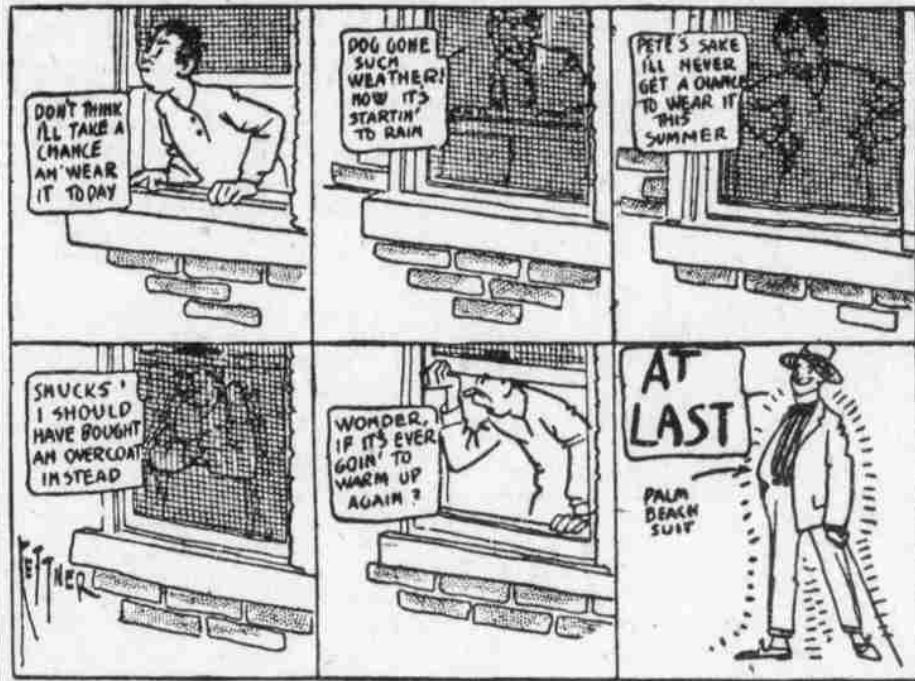
Berlin, via London.—The German army headquarters staff in an official statement claims that the great uniform Anglo-French attack on the Somme sector in France has been abandoned.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, HOOSIER POET, IS DEAD.

Indianapolis, Ind.—James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet, is dead. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Riley, born of the Middle West, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folk, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by his inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few, that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

ANXIOUS MOMENTS



(Copyright.) Palm Beach suits is fashion's edict for men this summer.—News Item.

TREVINO REPORTS CLASH FIERCE FIGHT CONTINUES

FOURTEEN ARE KILLED AND
SEVEN CAPTURED IN BATTLE
NEAR SANTA YSABEL.

Band Was Attempting to Surprise
Passenger Train on Mexican North-
western Railroad.—Bases of Agree-
ment Reached.

Mexican City.—General Trevino, the commander at Chihuahua, has informed Secretary of War Obregon that he has dispersed the rebels who recently attempted to surprise a passenger train, bound for Juarez, near the station of Santa Ysabel on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad. Fourteen of the rebels were killed, General Trevino reports, and seven of the bandits and forty horses were captured.

It was announced in a brief statement here that information had been received from Washington that the conference between Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican Ambassador designate and acting Secretary of State Polk had resulted in the reaching of an agreement for a general basis for the solution of the border difficulties.

FOUR DROWNED IN HIGH WATERS OF JOHN'S CREEK.

Many Towns Fear Famine.—Food
and Matches Are Needed.

Hickory, N. C.—News was brought here that four persons were drowned in the flood at Collettsville, ten miles west of Lenoir, when the Johns river, overflowing its banks, swept through every building in the little town, rose to the second floor of every residence and left a trail of loam from two feet to five feet deep in every building. Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned to Hickory from Collettsville with Mrs. Harte and son, Nelson, who were marooned there. He and two men pushed a railway dump cart over the ten miles of track with Mrs. Harte to Lenoir.

Mrs. A. P. Shoemaker and three-year-old child were swept from their bed by the midnight torrent, the mother screaming "Oh, Lord," and grasping her child as the waters hurled both out of the house. The father clung to the mattress and was carried a mile down stream to a tree, where he clung until the water rose above it, when he was left on a cliff, terribly bruised and almost dead.

The three-year-old child of W. N. Clark was swept from its father's arms and drowned during the deluge, and the wife of Tate Moore, and aged negro, was swept away. Her body was the only one recovered.

BRITISH MERGE WITH FRENCH IN FRESH OFFENSIVE

London.—Following their recent successful advance in the western fighting zone the British forces merged their troops with the French at Hardecourt, where the offensive has been resumed. The force on a five-mile front on the Somme has been successfully in the counter-attacks.

The Germans in the region of the Somme have been forced before the fierce onslaughts of the French to give up first line trenches over a front of approximately six miles to the French and to the north of the river similar lines a thousand yards long to the British.

The forward push of the French extended from Barleux southwest to Peronne to the heights of Vermandovillers, which lies some three miles west of Fresnoes and marks an advance further south.

FOOD GOING INTO FLOOD DISTRICT

CITIZENS HAVE TURNED TO
LIEF WORK IN THE DEVAST-
ATED DISTRICTS.

FEDERAL AID IF NECESSARY

War Department Engineers Are
Investigating.—Believed Now That
Death List Will Stand Near One
Hundred.

Charlotte.—With the southeast floods virtually over, North Carolina citizens have turned to the work of relief and supplies of food and other necessities are going into devastated districts from half a dozen cities in the state.

Representatives Page and Webb, Washington, have called the War Department's attention to conditions in the Yadkin Valley and Secretary Baker has ordered a report from district engineers with a view of asking congress for authorization to extend help to sufferers if federal action should become necessary.

Conditions are described as serious in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties, where many are said to be facing famine through inability to get food supplies into the district because of lack of transportation. In North Wilkesboro a committee appointed by the mayor has sent out appeals for help. All food supplies are said to be exhausted or greatly curtailed and with roads and railway washed away the transportation problem is serious.

Flood victims in the Asheville district are being provided with food from that city, and wagons and motor-trucks are leaving other points with supplies. Rutherfordton has sent wagon trains and pack horse over the mountains with food for 35 persons in the Chimney Rock and Bat Cave section. About 100 tourists and summer vacationists are among those penned up in the hills.

Two additional bodies have been recovered from the Catawba river, near Belmont, leaving six of the 20 who went down with the Southern Railway bridge Sunday unaccounted for. It is believed now that the death list from the flood will be less than 100.

The armies of freemen sent to the flooded section are making rapid progress and prospects are that next week normal schedules will be resumed on the main lines of the railroads affected. Various branch lines will be out of commission much longer.

BILL TO PROVIDE GREAT NAVY PASSES THE SENATE

Amendments Voted Down Overwhelm-
ingly and Bill Goes to Conference.

Washington.—The naval appropriation bill with a three-year building program including the immediate construction of four dreadnaughts, four great battle-cruisers and 58 other craft, passed the Senate by a vote of 71 to 8. It carries \$315,826,843, or \$45,857,588 more than the total as the measure passed the House.

Many proposals to curtail the enormous building increases written into the measure by the Senate Naval Committee were defeated overwhelmingly and as soon as final passage was announced the Senate voted to insist on its amendment and send the bill at once to conference.

Two Democrats, Senators Thomas and Vandaman and six Republicans, Senators Clapp, Curtis, Gronna, La Follette, Norris and Works, voted against the bill which has had the support of leaders of both parties during the week of debate that preceded passage.

ROTARY CLUBS TO MEET NEXT YEAR IN ATLANTA

Cincinnati, O.—Atlanta, Ga., was selected as the convention city in May, 1917, of the International Association of Rotary Clubs here by the new and retiring officers empowered to make the selection.

C. R. Perry, of Chicago, was re-elected Secretary.

PROHIBITIONISTS PICK HANLY FOR PRESIDENCY

St. Paul, Minn.—The Progressive National Convention, which has been in session here, adjourned after electing J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, as candidate for president of the United States and Mr. Ira D. Landroth of Nashville as candidate for vice president. Dr. Landroth's nomination was made known after the other vice-presidential candidates had been withdrawn. Hanly was nominated on the

STATEWIDE APPEAL FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Need Greatest in Ashe, Wilkes,
Allegheny and Watauga
Counties.

Charlotte.—That there is destitution and need in certain flooded districts of Western North Carolina, especially in Ashe, Wilkes, Allegheny, Watauga counties on the upper water of the Catawba and Yadkin river valleys, is the information received and along with the information comes the request for outside aid. Governor Craig has issued a proclamation appointing a state committee to receive and handle funds for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The need is said to be very great and the situation is such that instant action is imperative.

Where Need is Great.

In these mountain counties where there are so many streams and where the people made their homes for the most part in the valleys, the destruction of property and the isolation of communities has been much greater than elsewhere. In many of these localities the devastation is said to have been on a parity with the Catawba valley in the actual path of the flood. Fortunately for the lower reaches of river, few people resided on the banks of the stream and hence escaped, but in the mountainous sections conditions were different.

Fortunately, the situation in the other sections of the flooded territory is being handled locally and there appears to be no need of outside aid. This applies to the French Broad valley and the sections in and about Bat Cave, Chimney Rock and other localities. There has been need but the cases have been handled by people residing near at hand who were not seriously hurt by the flood. The fact however that these sections lower down the streams do not require outside help should make it all the more incumbent that responses for aid for those higher up in the mountains should be instant and large.

The interurban and Seaboard jointly have inaugurated their ferry service at Mount Holly

GOVERNOR ISSUES FLOOD STATEMENT

No Outside Aid Needed In Asheville Section.—Other
Sections Needy

Charlotte.—Governor Locke Craig, marooned at Asheville, his home city, since the recent floods, by long distance telephone issued the following statement as to flood suffering and relief measures in North Carolina:

"In response to an urgent appeal from a committee of the Raleigh Board of Trade, I have appointed a commission for the receipt of funds for the destitute in the flooded districts of North Carolina. E. E. Britton, of Raleigh, is chairman of this commission. The committee of the Board of Trade of Raleigh, in requesting the appointment of this commission, stated that there was evidence of destitution in the Allegheny and Wilkes counties section and that outside aid had been requested.

"There is now no need, according to my best information, for outside assistance in the Asheville, Black Mountain, Marshall, Bat Cave and Chimney Rock districts. All suffering in the Asheville section has been promptly and adequately met by those residing here. This was done Sunday and Monday, sufficient funds being provided for that purpose.

"Hendersonville has agreed to look after the Bat Cave and Chimney Rock sufferers. Some supplies were sent from Asheville, but none is now necessary, since Hendersonville has assumed responsibility for relief in that district. The situation at Marshall and also at Black Mountain has been taken care of and my information is that all of this section of the state is in fair way toward recovery.

"I have reliable information of the situation in the Wilkes and Allegheny section and acted, in appointing this commission, at the instance of the Raleigh Board of Trade and others."

Some of the Results of the Floods.
Number of lives lost, 90.
Damage to property, \$10,000,000.
growing crops \$5,000,000.
Hundreds of homes washed away and occupants left destitute.