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MASS MEETING TONIGHT TO AID WORTHY CAUSE OF FLOOD SUFFERING NORTH CAROLINIANS IN WEST

MAYOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION TO CITIZENS FOR AID

Mass Meeting Tonight In Municipal Building to Perfect Organization

EVERY CITIZEN IS URGED TO ATTEND

The Occasion Is One of Duty From Every Citizen and as Relief Is Needed Now All Are Urged to Attend the Meeting.

WRITES DAMAGE NEAR WILKESBORO

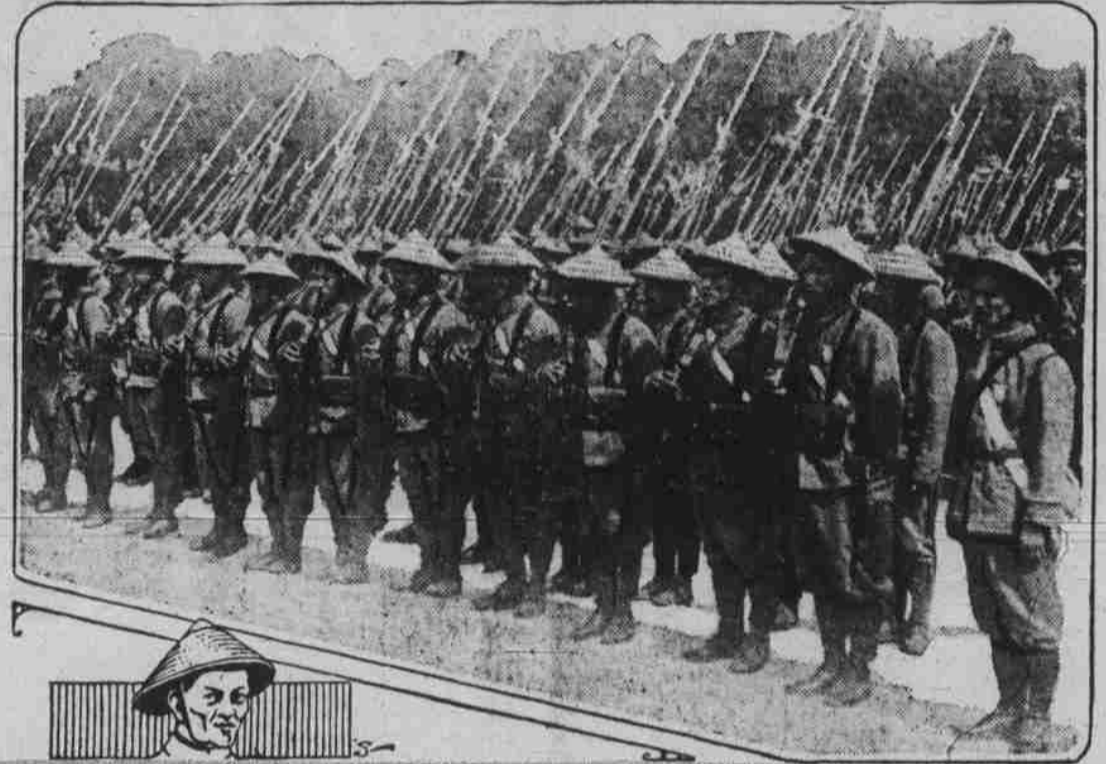
Mrs. L. F. Tillery's Brother Writes of Damage by Recent Flood

ALL THE BRIDGES GONE

Rocks Becoming Undermined On Mountainsides and Rolling Down Have Blocked All Roads—Railroads Washed Away.

A remarkable recital of the distress and suffering in the Wilkesboro section, along with the devastation wrought is told in a letter just received by Mrs. L. F. Tillery from her brother Mr. Leonard...

ANNAMENSE TROOPS FIGHTING WITH ALLIES AT SALONICA



Annamese troops are now fighting with the allies at Salonica, having been called into the war by France. Their equipment is most modern, excepting their hats, which are made of woven bamboo fibre covered with khaki. Annam is a French protectorate and the soldiers now fighting for the allied cause are well trained. They are near relatives to the Chinese.

BRITISH CLAIM BIG SUCCESSES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Heavy Fighting Continues Over Greater Parts of Sunday in West

BIG CONTEST FOR THE TOWN OF POZIEREES

The Report Tells of Sharp Clash Between Germans and French Small Crafts in the North Sea During Sunday.

London, July 24.—London today reports new and important advantages gained by the British in their fight for Pozierees the present focal point of their attack in the Somme region. Despite a stubborn German defense of the town, which has been turned into a strongly fortified post, a large portion of it is now in British hands. The place is considered of great practical importance as locking an advance of the British lines toward Bataune along...

FINISHED BRIDGE AS AN OTHER ONE IS WASHED OVER

A. C. L. Again Has Lost One of Main Line Tracks Near Sante River

DETOURING TRAIN OVER SOUTHERN

The Continuation of the Downpour Makes For Seriousness of Situation—New Flood Warnings Issued.

Though greatly annoyed by the water and the continued downfall South Carolina, the Atlantic Coast Line has yet the only through line between New York and South Atlantic Seaboard or through the Carolinas. Owing to the continued rise, the Santee river coupled with the fact that the water was high tide on the coast, the Atlantic Coast Line was yesterday afternoon forced to block its main line the Santee river between Lanes and Charleston. This was done in order to prevent the washing of the embankment and with the hope that the tracks and bridge which are now gravely threatened by the rising water. This for a brief time blocks the coast of travel south, however, and it was expected the line between Sumter and Augusta over the Santee, detouring to Charleston to Denmark on the South Carolina Seaboard Air Line tracks are being detoured over this route tracking while it is understood Southern attempts no through service further south than Charlotte.

PROCLAMATION

On account of the great disaster caused by the floods in Western North Carolina, rendering many homeless and in great need of immediate aid, it is urgent that help should be given immediately. Our fellow citizens and neighbors are in distress, let us respond promptly to their needs. To this end we urge the citizens of our city and county to assemble in a mass meeting tonight at 8 p. m. in the city hall and devise ways and means to contribute our share to their relief.

Ladies are welcome and are requested to attend. L. F. TILLEY, Mayor. E. L. DAUGHTRIDGE, Central State Committee.

Raleigh, N. C., July 23, 1916 Mayor of Rocky Mount, N. C.

Distressing demands for aid to flood sufferers in Western North Carolina call for contributors in every town in North Carolina. Please urge your people to respond generously and without delay. Thousands are homeless and helpless. Have mass meeting if possible. Wire Tuesday night what your town gives.

EDWARD E. BRITTON, Chairman State Relief Com.

Raleigh, N. C., July 23, 1916 E. L. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Meeting of State storm relief committee by Governor Craig in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. Please attend or write suggestions. Please urge your communities to help with quick subscriptions. Ask ministers to cooperate, need is urgent to relieve destitution.

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EVERY CITIZEN URGED TO BE PRESENT

Tonight, starting at 8 o'clock, in the municipal building there will be held a mammoth mass meeting of Rocky Mount citizens—those who would assist in relief for the greatest devastation of providence that has beset our leaders in two score years. Thousands of citizens of Western North Carolina in a half dozen or more counties appeal to us for aid, to us for help, to us for their starving children and to us for their homes and their all. Federal aid has been suggested but it is not necessary, our people should rally to this cause and tonight is the time. A great mass meeting for every citizen who should manifest not only a willingness but an enthusiasm in this matter of helping his neighbors in distress. A committee of public spirited citizens met this morning in the office of Mayor Tillery and decided upon this course, and tonight's meeting called at 8 o'clock is to fill the needs of the emergency and every citizen that can attend, should be present and take part in the organization. There are to be a few brief talks by prominent citizens, but the meeting is the main part to be one of action and work rather than a discussion of ways and means. The lack of reports from many isolated districts leaves much in doubt as to the total sum required for the relief but it is known that the cities of the State should be counted upon for liberal responses while others may be expected in smaller amounts. It has already totaled a thousand or more dollars in some cities of the State, in Raleigh (Continued on Page Eight.)

DISAPPOINTED AT BREMEN'S DELAY

Second Under Sea German Trader Was Expected Off Capes Sunday

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INDIANA MOURNS DEATH OF JAMES W. RILEY

Indianapolis, July 24.—Flags all over Indianapolis and many other cities of the State were at half mast over the death of James Whitcomb Riley who died suddenly Saturday night. The body will lie in the State capital from 3 until 9 o'clock tonight. Only tentative funeral arrangements have been made but burial will be made here.

ASQUITH ASKS FOR NEW VOTE OF MONEY

London, July 24.—Premier Asquith today asked the House of Commons for a vote of credit for 450,000,000 pounds. This is a total for the year of 1,650,000,000 and the total since the beginning of the war of 2,322,000,000 pounds (approximately \$14,160,000,000.)

IRISH RESENT THE ACTION OF HOUSE.

London, July 24.—Premier Asquith today told John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the house of commons, that the British government did not propose to introduce an Irish bill in regard to which there did not seem to be the prospect of a substantial agreement by all political parties.

ARREST NEGRO FOR HAVING SHOT ANOTHER

The police, at a later hour Saturday afternoon, placed Jim Ricks, colored, under arrest, charging him with having shot Arthur May Saturday. The shooting occurred at a point on Cowlick creek. The police believe it was through a misunderstanding which followed a dice game. May is shot through the left shoulder a few inches above his heart and while it was first thought he might be fatally injured, physicians declare he will recover. Jim Ricks was arrested this morning and his bond was fixed at \$75, the amount being given.

STOCK MARKET

New York, July 24.—Trading in volume and higher prices marked resumption of operations today. Saturday's advancing tendency was general, movement, soon advanced to over 87. Other similar industries including Lockaway Steel, the Zinc stocks were extremely active. Maxwell, the prominent automobile and rail group from their...

COTTON

New York, July 24.—Cotton futures opened at 20.09; Dec. 20.12; March 20.15; July 20.18; August 20.19; September 20.20; October 20.21; November 20.22; December 20.23.