

Not Less Than \$500 For Flood Victims From Kinston is Goal Set By Relief Committee Today

YOUNG LADIES WILL CANVAAS FOR THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE--MONEY SENT TODAY

Mr. N. J. Rouse of the State Relief Committee for the flood sufferers of Western North Carolina has forwarded \$150 to the committee headquarters at Raleigh to be put to immediate service in giving assistance to the stricken people.

This morning at a conference between Messrs. Rouse and Douglas, it was decided to appoint a canvassing committee of young ladies to solicit subscriptions.

Mrs. J. F. Parrott and Mrs. H. H. Grainger, chairmen; Misses Lucile Dixon, Margaret Goodson, Virginia Copeland, Ann Hyman Harvey, Susie Canady, Terry Mitchell, Suzanne Martin, Maudie Fleming, Eugenia Griffith, Susie Perry, Katie Cobb, Natalie Nunn, Lilla Daughety, Eoline Padrick, Mary Hooker, Agnes Quinley, Mary Priddy, Irma Tapp, Vida West and Mrs. Mae Lee. The committee

met this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Parrott to perfect its canvassing arrangements, and it will probably start later this afternoon or first thing in the morning to make a systematic canvass.

It is hoped that Kinston and Lenoir will furnish at least \$500 of the \$50,000 which the State Relief Committee aims to raise, and as much of that as possible be in hand to be reported to the committee at its meeting to be held in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

The subscriptions which have come in today (no soliciting has been done) are:

- W. D. Hood \$1.00
Oettinger Furniture Store 5.00
C. Oettinger 2.00
Cash 2.00
Chas. A. Waters 2.00
G. V. Cowper 2.00
Prof. J. H. Sampson (col'd) 1.00
Previously reported:
H. E. Moseley (Name omitted Monday) 10.00
N. J. Rouse 20.00
W. C. Fields 5.00
B. W. Canady & Son 10.00
J. E. Hood & Co. 5.00
J. J. Stevenson 1.00
W. G. Jones 1.00
Dan Quinley 2.00
Cash 1.00
Quinn & Miller 5.00
T. V. Moseley 1.00
D. L. Dixon 1.00
Jesse G. Brown 1.00
Edwards & Harper 5.00
Dr. Albert Parrott 1.00
Barrett & Hartsfield 5.00
W. B. Douglass 2.00

- J. T. Kennedy 2.00
C. L. Ellington 1.00
J. F. Taylor 2.00
J. P. Nunn 1.00
J. B. Meacham 1.00
Dr. and Mrs. McNairy 10.00
Total \$32.00
Robt. H. Rouse 5.00
F. C. Dunn 5.00
J. F. Taylor 10.00
Robt. C. Strong 5.00
James D. Grady 1.00
L. Harvey & Son Co. 10.00
C. F. Harvey, Jr. 1.00
C. M. Jordan 1.00
H. Stadium 2.00
Dr. Ira M. Hardy 10.00
J. H. Parham 1.00
K. R. Curtis 1.00
H. H. Grainger 1.00
Hardy Hill 1.00
Hines Bros. Lumber Co. 10.00
H. Galt Braxton 1.00
Total \$141.00
Grand total \$173.00

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AMERICAN BUSINESS WILL BENEFIT AND NOT SUFFER FROM BRITISH BLACK LIST, SAID; NEW YORK BANKERS ACQUIESCED

Trade Will Be Transferred to Bonafide American Concerns Not Under the Ban, It Is Said—Boycotted Firms Maintained German Business Relations With South America, Pointed Out—List Is the Hardest Blow Yet to Teuton Commerce, If Authoritative Statement Made Today Is Borne Out—Banking Men Insisted That Only Men Having Direct Trading Relations With Germany Should Be Tabooed, Stated

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 25.—That the British blacklist of American firms was not published until the acquiescence, if not the approval, of several large New York banking institutions was first assured, was a statement made to the United Press today on good authority. The fact is considered responsible for there not being more firms on the list. Bankers approached argued that only those houses having direct trading relations with Germany and those whose business was primarily of military value to Germany, should be boycotted. The banks were convinced that the United States' South American trade would be helped rather than suffer.

It was pointed out that many of the blacklisted firms had been maintaining Germany's trade relations with South America, being in a position to do so only because they were domiciled in a neutral country.

British officials argued that business done by the blacklisted firms would merely be transferred to bonafide American firms not blacklisted.

LOYD-GEORGE AND ASQUITH THREATEN TO LEAVE CABINET

Irish Question Cause of the Trouble in Coalition Ministry

LITTLE HOPE ADJUSTMENT

Members Would Not Acquiesce in Proposition to Nationalists — Redmond Charges Bad Faith, Making Matters Worse

(By the United Press)

London, July 25.—The coalition cabinet is endangered by the Irish question. David Lloyd-George, minister of war and originator of the compromise plan for settlement of the problem, is quoted as having offered to resign in view of the failure of the cabinet to acquiesce in a proposal to the Irish Nationalists.

Asquith is reported to be ready to step down if Lloyd-George does. The only hope of averting a break is the chance that the Irish Nationalists will submit to further negotiations. The hope is admittedly weak in view of Redmond's charges of bad faith.

IRON EXPLODED; MAN BURNED.

New Bern, July 25.—M. W. Fodrie was slightly burned at a pressing club yesterday when an electric iron exploded.

ONLY 'REAL AMERICAN' REGIMENT FROM MIDDLE WEST DON'T LIKE THE JIM CROW LAWS OF TEXAS

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

San Antonio, Texas, July 24.—That variegated army which I saw in Saltonika a few months ago, consisting of French, English, Serbian, Australian, Czech-Chinans and Montenegrins, looked like a mass of blood brothers compared with the middle western militia.

Having the enemy before them gave the Saltonika troops one common thought.

There's a Polish company K. of Milwaukee, First Wisconsin, for instance. It was organized fifty years ago by Theodore Resinski. It is known as Kosciusko's Company. Forty per cent. of its 120 members were born in Poland. I sat in the tent of Chaplain Henry Paisecki and tried to imagine I was back at the British, French or Austrian front and talking with an officer of one of those armies, and he said it was an ancient custom of his company not to permit any but Poles to join, and that they kept up the custom out of deference to hundreds of previous members, now dead.

"So many Poles try to join now we are full and we turn them over to other companies of the regiment," said the chaplain. "They are scattered throughout the Wisconsin troops."

"We found a Polish church in San Antonio and the church folks are getting together automobiles, buggies, wagons and all kinds of rigs to take us up to church next Sunday."

But I couldn't imagine I was anywhere but in the American army. Such a thing couldn't happen in any other army in the world, or in any other place than America. Wisconsin claim the American govern-

NEGRO MILITIAMEN DRUBBED IN FIGHT WITH U. S. TROOPS

Provost Guard of Regulars Attacked Blacks Who Wouldn't Disperse

HAD ABUSED WHITE MAN

Followed San Antonio Lawyer Into a Barroom to Mistreat Him — Resisted the Guard; Four Were Wounded

(By the United Press)

San Antonio, July 25.—Three negro soldiers of Company E, Eighth Illinois infantry, are in a hospital as the result of bullet wounds received when they were fired upon by a provost guard last night after attacking H. G. Henne, a lawyer. A fourth was taken in a tent. All the wounds are slight.

The trouble started when Stone hit Henne's machine as he passed a group of militiamen. Henne went back to investigate, and was received with invectives and threats. He ran toward a nearby saloon. Forty black militiamen followed. At this juncture the Nineteenth infantry (regulars) provost guard, forced the negroes into the streets and clubbed them with guns. Upon their repeated refusal to return to quarters the regulars fired. Army officials are investigating.

BODY FOUND IN THE NEUSE.

New Bern, July 25.—The body of DeCato Jones, colored, drowned while fishing in the Neuse river some days ago, has been recovered.

SANTEE FLOOD NOW AT ITS WORST BUT BRIDGES ARE FAST

High Water Covers A. C. L. Tracks—Mother and Baby Are Drowned With Four Score Other Victims of Awful Disaster

(By the United Press)

Durham, N. C., July 25.—Many bridges are down and high waters have flooded the cornfields to a depth of three feet. A wide area was inundated today following the collapse of the ten-thousand-dollar Little River Manufacturing Company dam. The river has risen three feet as the result of three days' rains. There is heavy damage.

Lenoir, July 24.—Two of the saddest deaths reported so far for this county was the tragic drowning of Mrs. Arney Shumake and little babe in Johns river Saturday night. The Shumake family lived a few miles up above Collettsville about McLean's creek. The house was built in close to the stream; a mountain arose very abruptly just back of the house. A landslide from this mountain some time during the night completely demolished the house and knocked the entire building in the river.

Catawba Still Rising.

Charlotte, July 24.—Continuous heavy rains in this section since Saturday have caused small creeks to overflow and greatly damaged grow-crops in the lowlands. Two small creeks coursing sections of this city this morning are at flood tide, forcing numbers of colored families to leave their homes. The Catawba river 12 miles away at Mount Holly is reported rising again and giving trouble to railroad construction forces building temporary bridges washed away in the flood last week.

Crest of Santee's Rise.

Charleston, S. C., July 24.—The crest of the flood in the Santee river is reported tonight to have reached St. Stephen's, but bridges along the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad are said to be holding. High water covering the track in many sections have caused all trains to be detained.

TEMPORARY RECRUITING STATION FOR THE NAVY

A representative of the navy recruiting service will be in Kinston on Thursday. He will answer all questions regarding life in the navy, and if there are any young Americans between the ages of 17 and 30 wishing to take the physical examination they can do so on that day by seeing the agent at the postoffice between the hours of 12 and 5. Any wishing to join the navy will be sent by him to Norfolk, Chief Machinist's Mate Charles C. Jones notifies The Free Press from the Richmond recruiting station.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO TAKE PART STANDARD OIL PLANT SITE, SAID

The Norfolk Southern Railroad has laid claim to a part of the ground in Southeast Kinston on which is located the local plant of the Standard Oil Company, and the latter is preparing to move, it is reported from a reliable source. What use the property will be put to by the railroad, which has during the year recovered much land in the city said to have been deemed to it many years ago, and since occupied by squatters, is not definitely known. The Standard Oil Company is said not to have secured a new site yet.

A SOLDIER FROM CAMP GLENN TYPHOID VICTIM.

New Bern, July 25.—Roland Edwards of Goldsboro, a member of the Second N. C. Infantry, sent here from Camp Glenn for typhoid treatment, died in a hospital. He was critically ill when brought here. The remains were sent to Goldsboro.

FLOODS IN KINSTON SECTION LIKELY TO APPROXIMATE THAT OF EIGHT YEARS AGO, WARNING SOUNDED BY WEATHER OBS'RV'R

Neuse Out of Bounds and Rising Inch an Hour, Which Is Enormous Increase in Flat Country, With Water Already Spreading Through Lowlands—Other Streams Threaten Damage—Crops Suffering—Heavy Rains All Through Region—North Carolina Having Floods In All Sections at One Time; Unusual Situation in State—Railroads Guarding Against Washouts Similar to That Which Developed Hero at Havelock

Seven cars and a caboose of a freight train are reported to have gone through a flood-weakened trestle on the Norfolk Southern's Raleigh-Washington line at a point near Grimesland shortly before noon. Five of the cars were empty, one rock-laden and one loaded with merchandise. No one was injured, it is reported.

Three bridges, two of them on the Central Highway, are down in Craven county.

The Neuse here at 11 a. m. was rising 1-2 inches an hour, Weather Observer Peebles reported.

The rivers are "just beginning to rise" in this section, a railroad source has it.

Neuse river was out of bounds at points above here this morning, according to reports, and was rising at the rate of an inch an hour here at 10 a. m. Little or no damage has been done to stock and crops, but every indication points to serious floods in the low country. There was a prospect that the stream might go over the bank on the opposite side from Kinston.

The flood waters from the recent rains up the country have not come down. They are on their way in great volume, however, and it is from the upstream freshets that damage is feared. Five and 96 one-hundredths inches of rain have fallen here during the month, added to the record precipitation of 9.14 inches in June. Monday night 1.55 inches fell, most of it from daybreak to 8 a. m. The narrow river above here cannot possibly hold all the mass of water that is now rushing eastward. The stream Sunday night rose five feet and went beyond the banks in the low places. It is from the fact that it is spreading out and submerging the lowlands that the rise is not so rapid.

Reports from the rural sections of Lenoir county vary as to the damage done crops. All indicate some slight damage from the general heavy rains especially to cotton. Some pessimistic accounts put the harm done at a reduction of 15 per cent. or more in the production. With the prospect for bright weather today or tomorrow, however, it is believed that the crops will quickly recuperate and that tobacco and cotton will hold their own.

Damage in Other Counties. The unusually heavy precipitation has done harm in other counties it is known. Carteret and Pitt admit quite heavy crop losses.

Planters all along the Neuse, Moccasin, Tar and Roanoke rivers are guarding stock with care. Few animals have been left in the lowlands to be caught by the threatening floods.

With the eastern rivers overflowing North Carolina is experiencing a situation without precedent in its history, practically the entire state, more than 500 miles from end to end, suffering flood damage at one time. Negro Saved Passenger Train.

The Norfolk Southern railroad is still having to transfer passengers around a washout at Havelock, where a bridge went by the board Sunday. Reconstruction of the bridge is under way and is expected to be completed Wednesday. Passenger train No. 9 on the Norfolk Southern, due here at 8:14 p. m., did not arrive Monday night until about 11:30. After the bridge went down Sunday a negro named W. L. Lawhorn sent his wife in one direction from the break and he went another, the two standing guard to warn approaching trains. Lawhorn flagged down a train from Beaufort, undoubtedly saving the lives of many passengers. The train was crowded with excursionists returning from the seashore to Kinston and other points. They made up a purse of \$31 and rewarded Lawhorn, congratulating him and making a hero of him. The story of Lawhorn's deed was flashed to Northern newspapers Monday.

Railroad track walkers on all lines in this part of the state are exercising unusual vigilance, watching for washouts and possibly wrecked places in the roadbeds, none of which east of the main line of the A. C. L. are of especially substantial construction. Peebles Issues Warning.

Local Weather Observer H. C. V. Peebles today gave out the following statement:

"July 2. .04 inch; 10th, .08 inch; 14th, .22 inch; 10th, .07 inch; 21st, .10 inch; 22nd, .95 inch; 23rd, 1.15 inches; 24th, 1.80 inches; 25th, to 8 a. m., 1.55 inches, total, 5.96 inches. "As the rains thus far seem to be general over the state, and especially along the watershed that drain into Neuse river, are heavy and continuous, we may expect very high water probably approximating the flood of 1906. On the night of the 23rd the river rose about 5 feet, and it is now rising at the rate of one inch an hour, which means two feet every 24 hours. With the water spreading out into the lowlands as it is now doing, an inch an hour is a tremendous rise in a level country as this."

"I warn those who have stock in the low grounds and crops in lands subject to overflow to prepare for washouts and possibly wrecked places in the roadbeds."

CITIZEN OF A WEST CARO. TOWN REPORTS CONDITIONS ARE BAD

Brother of Dr. McNairy Declares Lenoir Escaped Great Damage In Floods, But Provisions Are Running Low

Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of Caswell Training School, is in receipt of a letter from his brother, who lives at Lenoir, and his description of the flood's devastation is but emphasizing the terrible predicament that the unfortunate people of the mountain section have been left in.

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