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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

BIG LANDSLIDE THAT DEVAS-TATED AN ENTIRE VALLEY

William E. Linney of Wilkesbore 'n-vestigates Jack Branch Cata phe and Writes of What He Saw-Great Picture of Destruction, Charlotte Observer,

One of the freaks of the recent ern North Carolina was known as the Jack Branch catastrophe in Wilkes county.

William E. Finley of Wilkesboro recently made a personal investigation of this landslide and has written The Observer as follows:

"Yesterday I rode a horse to the top of the Brushy Mountains in Wilkes county west of Russell's Gap, tied the horse to a tree, and walked down the southern slope of Little Onion Knob to the head of a long. narrow ravine, down which flows a small stream, locally knowns as 'The Jack Branch.' The purpose of such a journey was to see for myself, that which has been the subject of conversation among all the people for miles around since the 15th of the month, the big land-slide.

No one pretends to know just the source of a volume of water large enough and with sufficient pressure to literally tear out the side of a granite cliff and hurl it with terrific force far down into the level plain below. Every one is asking, 'Whence came this ocean of water? Was it belched up out of the earth, or did it pour down from the clouds?' But no one seems to know. If the Ca-River were turned into the Jack Branch, and the Yadkin River were added for good measure, the combined strength of the two rivers would not move the hugh boulders which are now lying one-half-mile down the valley below where they lain since somewhere in the prehistoric past. No one knows from whence the water came, but they all know it came, and that with such terrific force that it broke loose the solid rock from the mountain side, leaving the ragged crust of the cliff to fall in an fill up the great gap swept out by the stream of water, as if the hammer of Thor, buried iron-gloved hand, had buried itself in the cliff. No sooner were these rocks broken loose than they were carried whirling down the mountain as if Neptune had pierced the cloud with a three-pronged trident and all the waters had been emptied out in the small space of

grinding, seething, surging to the and rocks as it went, and adding them to the great mass. Not only was the earth torn up to the rock beneath, but the solid rock, kept firm by the deep layer of earth covering it, was chiseled out like a trough to a depth of five feet and for a distance of hundreds of yards.

"One would naturally suppose that the heavy rocks would drop out of the mass and lodge at the foot of steep incline; but there are boulders, dozens of them, weighing at least 10 tons, lying one-half mile below where they first broke loose, which, strange as it may seem, traveled over half the distance down a grade of not more than five per cent.

"One who had never seen this valley before can only vaguely imagine the havoc wrought by this landslide. As one looks over the desertlike waste of rocks and logs and sand, one would never dream that a week ago it had been a green valley. darkened by the shade of trees whose branches were bending under their heavy load of ripening fruit.

"Rocks, rocks, rocks! For a distance of more than a half mile along the valley, varying in width to conconfusion over all the valley to a loose so many rocks, he would doubtless be thought to use hyperboles, But one will be convinced that either statement would be conservative when one stands on the ground-or rocks, and sees for one's self.

# Remarkable Feature.

"A remarkable thing about behavior of the land-slide in its course is the fact that it did not always seek the lowest ground. For instance, there lies a mulberry tree. stripped of its bark and limbs, on the side of the hill in the path of the slide. It has been torn out by the roots and mashed to the ground. Just across the stream from it, and standing on ground 10 feet below its level is a lumber hack which was left untouched.

"There is no sign left to mark the place of the Russell home which ty, two miles down Jack's branch, a was knocked into splinters and swept down the stream. A few pieces of furniture, or rather bits of furniture, may be seen strewn along the Russell was destroyed by a waterlandslide's path. Beyond this there is no indication that there missing. There were five children in craters, and then the colonial blacks ever was a house there. A large the family, but the father saved the and yellows, the French and British poplar tree marks the place where Mr. Russell and his wife, each carry- stroyed. ing a child, blinded by the mud and water, beaten almost senseless by their way to safety some hundred AT THE RED HOT RACKET.

FEARFUL WORK OF WATER sards below where the house stood. aged mountaineer living in that region will be telling the children a story, as tradition will have it, that once upon a time the waters gathered in the mountains above and without warning burst out in the valley and carried death and de struction in its wake. The old man will become more grave, and the eager listening child will bend his One of the freaks of the recent ear to hear the story of the three landslides in the mountains of west-children who went down with the waves and of the one who was never

#### FEARFUL EXPLOSION

Immease Stores of Ammunition Intended for Europe Exploded and Shook the City Like an Earth-

year New York, waiting shipment to gave New York city and surrounding towns a jolt that seemed for the time to mean their total destruction. The loss, both of life and property, is yet unknown. It is not known whethon last year by German agents. Thirteen warehouses were burned.

The detonations, which were felt in in five states, began with a continuous rapid-fire of small shells, then the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitoltunine and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel at surrounding country and waters for

many miles around. It was verily a night of terror in the vicinity, and this vicinity is the most populous center in the world. New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City and surrounding towns felt the force of the shock and the people turned out of bed in the early hours of the morning to join in a pandemonium on the streets such as has never neen witnessed. The police, themselves in ignorance of what had happened and what was happening, were blowing their alarm whistles, the pavement were strewn with the glass from thousands of shattered windows, and a there were wild reports of all sort: of imaginable disasters. The people had no means of knowing that instead of houses around them being blown up the seat of the trouble was one of the islands down the harbor, where vast stores of powder and 300 feet.

"Beginning here, as abruptly as if blown up by a mine, a shapeless mass of debris, 20 feet high, swept down the long ravine, groaning, that it was the most far reaching description, seething, surging to the long ravine, seething, surging to the long ravine, seething, surging to the long ravine and the solute and the solute the Anere and the Solute the Anere and the Solute at Any Time During the War.

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London Dispatch, July 30.

The opening of the present week finds the prospects of the Entente Allies perhaps brighter than in any ting to the truction of property by explosion in stead of rocks, to the steel of the prethe history of the country. Black Tom Island had been utilized as a base for the collection of war muni- ern day. tions by train from the factories and there had been accumulated many carloads of explosives. These trains had been standing at the piers waitthence transferred to the ships. To spread disaster to the warehouses der-laden barges drifted against the

#### and these were removed to safety. Tobacco Lands.

Charlotte Observer. The Monroe Journal reports the

Bivens, farm demonstrator for Vance The spirit and the courage of annicounty, accompanied by two tobacco hilation of the Wars of the Roses farmers from the latter county. The animated the British. There is nothdemonstrator showed them over the ing in British history to comparform to the lay of the land, there lands of Union and they found that with the fierce valor of the British offensive. are rocks, ranging from the size of much of it is adapted to tobacco cul- assaults against the German lines. coarse sand to half the size of a ture. They expressed the belief, as Pullman sleeper. They are piled and reported to The Journal, that topacpacked and jammed together in ugly co growing would add a valuable death defying endurance and fear crop to the agricultural resources of lessness, than the Germans are do-Stripa near the Lemberg-Tarnopol depth of from three to ten feet. If Union county. The Journal tells of ing between the Arce and the Somone should venture to say that a former experiment in tobacco grow-me. The courage and the blows train of 30 cars, loaded by 1000 ing by Mr. R. A. Totten, who found which the ancient Germans under men, could not haul the rock from that Union county soil would produce Arminius showed against the overthis valley and pile them up a mile as fine a grade of tobacco as can be away in 12 months; or if one should grown in Caswell, where Mr. Totten say that a carload of dynamite, all had had experience in tobacco culti- there would be no English nation toexploded at once, could not break vation, but he did not prosecute the industry because there was no market facility. Stanly and Anson counties are known to be producers of fine tobacco and it is a probable fact that the tobacco belt of North Carelina is as yet only imperfectly developed.

#### BODIES OF CHILDREN HALF EATEN BY DOGS

Little Tots, Brother and Sister, Swept fill columns of heroic verse. Away When Waterspout Destroyed

Their Home. Charlotte Observer

One of the saddest stories brought in to The Observer since the flood is that of the finding of two little bodies, a girl and a boy, their corpses partially devoured by dogs or wild animals, in northern Alexander counsmall stream on the lands of Lee St. Clair. They were drowned and washed away when the home of Lonas two youngest when the home was de-

SUMMER GOODS MUST GO. BIG the surging rocks and timber, fought EIGHT DAY SALE NOW GOING ON possibly go on much longer. It means

SPOTTSYLVANIA WAS ONLY A NOSE BLEED

That Is the Way It Compares With Fighting Between British and Ger-mans—If It Keeps Up Both Sides Will be Exterminated.

Berlin Special to New York World.

There is no sign of weakness in the German wall of iron and blood. cemented as it is by a spirit of courage and determination to hold or die. There is no crack in the German an- United States about five miles below vil upon which are falling the most terrific blows which ever fell upon an army. And there is steam and were killed and one wounded. On-

After twenty centuries of so-called Carranza custom guards. Somme.

#### Greatest Battle in History.

It is not only the greatest battle of the world war; it is the greatest killing Wood and Private John its complete dominion? Is it possier the explosion was of accidental in the history of the world. For origin or whether it was the result numbers, for Spartan heroism, for of a plan similar to the ones carried bravery and endurance, for desperate charges and counter-charges in the face of certain death, for fierceness in hand-to-hand fighting, there is nothing comparable in the annals of history. The battle of Somme is of super-Napoleonic proportions. It is Thérmopylae, Marathon, the Tuetoburger Forest, Hastings, Joan d'Are at Orleans, Saratoga, Waterloo, shells which literally showered the Gettysburg, Sedan and Mukden rolled onto one. From the steady roll and rumble, the thunder, the vivid flashes and smoke clouds, one might think the gods of the ancient world

were battling. If the German estimate of the allies' losses-about 250,000-is some where near right, then the losses on all sides must be well over 390,000. Waterloo with 62,000 and Gettysburg with 53,000 seem almost like skirmishes in comparison. And still the battle rages unabated, such fighting as never was before. The "Bloody Angle" at Spottsylvania was but a nosebleed in comparison. There is a Shiloh "hornets' nest" in many

nooks and corners of the zigzag trenches, and the peach orchard as Gettysburg, a hundred times worse, being restaged here daily in a score of places.

# Every Sort of Fighting.

gun-powder era and to the machine guns and high explosives of this mod-

With these weapons is all the elmental savagery that goes with them. There are ferocious hand-to-hand encounters with no quarter given or ing to be unloaded on barges and taken. Semi-civilized Senegal ne groes are considered "animals" and explosion of the powder in these cars seldom get quarter, but once captured, they are safe and well trained. I and to the loaded barges themselves, have seen them as prisoners again some of which floated off down on this trip. The Hindus from India, stream ablaze with their dangerous the Senegal negroes, the Turcos, Alcargoes, thus giving spread to the gerians, South Africans, Austrailians, terror. Two of these blazing, pow-New Zealanders and Canadians, together with the English, Irish, Scotch tensity. docks at populous Ellis Island, but and French, are here battling with it is to the credit of the directing the German army.

man gement that first thought was There has been a "last charge given to the patients in the hospital for many a battalion and regiment on both sides. The historic last charge of Napoleon's Old Guard to certain death at Waterloo has lived again and again in the charges of Gen. Foch's Frenchmen at Estrees, Belloy visit to Union county of Mr. Sam Barleaux, La Maisonette and Biaches

No Greek phalanx ever stood firmly, with ground more which, the historian Arnold wrote, day, were no greater than the German counter-blows against the allies assaults today,

# Many "Last Stands."

It is impossible to give an ade quate picture of the great battle and it is considered impossible that the indescribably desperate character, the fierceness, ferociousness and at times the savagery of its fighting. Thermopylae has been repeated again by the Germans. The number of 'last stands" on both sides would

With unprecedented slaughter the battle rages on. If long continued, England, France and Germany may well come to the desparing cry of Augustus Caesar, "Give me back my legions.

My friend Capt. X, writes: "we are of the fullest confidence, as always, and our incomparable boys are fighting with bravery and heroism that cannot be expressed in words They have withstood a fortnight of the heaviest calibre of gunfire and of gas and every other sort of attack. spout July 15th. A third child is still There are no trenches left, but only yes, that is more than even an American may imagine. No one can onceive it who has not been in it. This sort of bitter fighting cannot extermination on both sides.

#### BANDITS ROUTED WHEN THEY CROSSED THE LINE

Small Detachment of Carranza Soldiers Aid in Trapping Band-Two Americans Killed and One Wound-

ed in Battle.

El Paso (Tex.) Dispatch, July 31. American soldiers reinforced by a punch enough behind that wall to ly two of the outlaws escaped across

> Wood and Customs Inspector Beane. cape the small detachment called upon the Carranza commander on the outlaws' retreat, the incident marking the first time Carranza soldiers have co-operated in pursuit of band-

> reported to General Bell that the Mexican troopers, 10 in number, acted in a friendly manner towards the Americans, took up a position along-side them and helped keep a hot fire against the hut. When the bandits failed to return the fire the hut was tachment stayed on this side of the river.

Towney, Shean said, bled to death from a wound in the lung and Wood was shot twice, one bullet entering bove the heart, the other in the

# ALLIES EXPECT GOOD WEEK

Between the Ancre and the Somme Prospects in Their Favor Better Than

ing to the views beld here and the position of the Central Powers more

discouraging. General Brussiloff's striking victo ries present the German general staff with the imperative problem of how to reinforce the Eastern front, since General von Linsingen, who was sent by the Germans to aid the shattered Austrians, now has been completely thrust back from the Lutsk salient.

But the same problem is presented on the Western front, where, says an unofficial correspondent, the ceaseless battle seems steadily to gain in-

"Doubtless the constant arrival of fresh German troops and guns," he said, "has everything to do with this result. The enemy shows an increasing tendency to counter-attack."

These counter-attacks have failed to stem the steady Entente Allied advance and although at the present moment the fighting on the Somme is mainly devoted to securing mastery of small strategic positions which will be the keys to further progress, there is yet no sign of the Germans making any effective counter-

The Russians' remarkable victorie reveal a most interesting situation. The army of the German general Count von Bothner, holding the flanked on the south by General successful advance. Letchitsky's when the Dneister floods prevented whelming Roman legions, but for Letchitsky's further advance. This enabled von Bothmer to hold on to the threatened positions. General Sakharoff then devoted himself to enveloping von Bothmer's force on the north with what success is seen in his double victory west of Lutsk and at Brody.

Thus outflanked north and south, Count von Bothmer can longer delay extricating himself from his precarious position, even if he now can do so without serious losses. The Russians at Brody are at present nearer Lemberg than von Bothmer's forces, which are entrusted with Lemberg's defense, and although the country between Brody and Lemberg is very difficult it becomes a question whether the evacuation of both Kovel and Lemberg will not soon become necessary.

# Notice.

The meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company on Saturday, the 29th, was adjourned to meet again on Saturday, August 12, at 10 o'clock, at which time all members are urged to be present. No business was transacted Saturday but left over till August 12th. W. H. PHIFER, President.

All members of Faulk church are requested to be present next Saturbe called and revised.

E. C. SNIDER, Pastor.

News and Views From Wingate. Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, July 31 .- I reckon this July, 1916, will go on record as the most eventful in the history of our nation. The month has been especially marked by great and terrible disasters. Men's skill, discovery and invention have been tested by small detachment of Carranza troops elements of nature, and in many inengaged Mexican bandits who had stances have proven man's impotency crossed the Rio Grande into the to cope with these elements. However, these disastrous failures doubtand with greater skill if its works Herculean sledge hammer the river into Mexico where they are shall be able to stand the test. Per-NEAR NEW YORK blows in return with frightful effect. being pursued by Mexican troops and haps, in following out the injunction given to Noah after the flood which civilization, a human epic to which Upon receiving reports from Rob-destroyed the ancient world, man only a Homer could do justice, is be-ert Wood, a United States custom in-may be able to "subdue" the earth Shook the City Like an Earthquake, Also All the Country Round
About.

An untold quantity of high explosives stored at Black Tom's Island
Country Round
C meters, wage the mortal combat from Cavalry and a hospital corps orderly his allotted task: "multiply and re-Europe, exploded saturday night and north of the Ancre to south of the under Sergeant Lewis Thompson with plenish (fill again) the earth and sub-Wood and Customs Inspector Beane. due (conquer) it." And for what rode to an adobe hut where the band-purpose should this earth—the home its were said to be in hiding. The of man-be thus filled again with hubandits opened fire from the building manity and brought eventually under Towney and wounding Sergeant ble that the Great Creator intends, or Thompson in the shoulder. Beane, designs, at some time to completely fearing that the Mexicans would esburn up or annihilate this world after man has done so much to make it compatible with his wants and condipositively didn't intend it. Well, I hope it may not hurt if it does not help the reader.

Waterloo, its on American soil.

Tukden roll
Private Shean of Baltimore, of the H. Allen of Peachland, has returned to her home with the good news that Mrs. T. J. Perry, who has been at hospital corps, who brought Scrgeant to her home with the good news that Thompson to the Fort Bliss hospital, the patient is better and that complete recovery seems near.

News from the bedside of Mrs. T. M. Fields, whose case has been mentioned heretofore, is that she is rap-ldly recovering and the surgeons express the encouraging hope that she will be able to leave the hospital in entered and three dead Mexicans another week. Mrs. R. L. Womble, were found. Shan said. The Carthe mother of the patient, went to ranza troops took up a blood trail Hamlet Sunday to see her daughter and followed it but the American deand to carry the buby to gratify the motherly love for her offspring.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sikes of Faulks community is suffering an attack of typhoid fever Mrs Free and Mrs. J. J. Perry.

both of whom have been ill for some days, are recovering nicely to the delight of their friends Miss Mary Medlin of Monroe was

visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Griffin Synday.

Miss Lillian Culp of Charlotte the guest of Misses Gladys and Nell

O. P. T. is always delighted to into their joys and pleasures, of the sweetest memories of our lives cluster around these visits of our youthful days. However, our facilities for travel were quite meagre compared with the present.

Mr. R. L. Womble deposited about two hundred black bass fish about one inch long in his pond. At the end of two months and four days Mr. Womble, in dragging his pond for the enemics of his pets, caught J. H. Myres, W. J. Rudge and T. C. several of them and on measuring them found that they had grown to full sixteen inches in length in a liftle over sixty days. That's raising meat in a hurry. Beats chickens out of sight, especially when we remember that they have not been one cent of expense since they were turned into the lake

Mr. Will Nash left Monday morning for Albemarle, where he has se eured a job of some kind, presuma

bly carpentering.

Many, many a heart was made sad and deeply grieved at the news of the death of Mrs. Joe F. Stephenson of Rockingham, which occurred at early hour Saturday morning, the29. The writer can only say here that the rest in the cemetery at Meadow relatives. Branch in the presence of a large course of sympathizing friends relatives which gave unmistakable chester of Monroe Friday night and evidence of the love and esteem in which Mrs. Stephenson was held. All hearts go out in profound sympathy for the husband and young daughter Sunday. whom the deceased is survived. O. P. Timist.

# HEAT WAVE BROKEN

Canadian High Comes Down and Routes Burmuda Gentleman-Scaboard Has Yet Had No Summer Weather.

Washington Dispatch, July 31.

A Canadian high pressure area. bringing down cool, dry air from the Canadian northwest, swept along the whole northern United States today and afforded some relief from the Thursday. heat wave, which has been the worst in 15 years. Roughly, the new high pressure area brought a drop in temperature everywhere north of a line drawn due west from New York. Below this line its effects were felt in family Sunday. some districts with a change of a

The "Bermuda high" which for Price, Sunday. the past 10 days has been sweeping up currents of hot, water-laden air visited relatives in the Flint Ridge from the tropics over the whole of community Sunday. continental United States, showed signs today of having pretty well have a picnic Saturday, Aug 5th at spent itself. Likewise the high pres- the old picnic ground in Sandy Ridge sure area which brought relief to township, with races and amusement the Atlantic seaboard from Hudson and speaking. Everybody come with Bay over the week-end has been dissipated

Weather Bureau officials said today that while the Great Central sections of the country had had the those whiskers, he might get into the day, August 5. The church roll will hottest period sinve 1901, the At- Presidential campaign in earnest, lantic seaboard hardly had been Henderson Dispatch. touched by real summer.

CLOSE OF THE UNION MEETING

Last Sermon Sunday Night-Ample Funds to Pay Expenses—The Idea That a Permanent Plan For Each Summer be Adopted.

The Union meeting in Monroe in which Dr. Ainsworth of Macon, Ga., preached the most able series of sermons ever heard here, came to a close Sunday night. The great effect of this meeting will be felt for a long time. It was not conducted on the style of the usual evangelist but was rather educational and inspirational in its effects. Tere were no het air methods and there was no pressure exerted to secure converts nor members. The beauty of the christian life was preached and men and women were urged to adopt it as their life principle. Dr. Ainsworth is a model man and preacher. His language is plain, but chaste and forceful, and his thoughts are clear cut and so well digeted that they are easily grasped by every hearer. The meeting is bound to result in higher thinking and better living in this section, for these are the things which were stressed. The mere high pressure methods so often in vogue in protracted meetings pass off in thin vapor after the meeting closes oftimes because there is nothing behind them, but not so with a meeting like this

On Sunday morning before Dr. Ainsworth arrived at the tent a collection was taken for making up the expense fund. Subscriptions all the way from twenty-five cents to fifty dollars. Two men gave fifty each, many gave twenty-five, more gave ten and scores gave five each. The total amount raised was a little over eleven hundred dollars. Dr. Ainsworth was presented with a purse of four hundred dollars and his expenses paid. After the other expenses are paid there will be some left. It has ben proposed that this amount be deposited for the purpose of starting a similar meeting for next year, the idea being to have a yearly religious chautauqua of a high order which will attract people for miles around.

One of the most notable meetings of the series was the afternoon service on Sunday for men and boys, though women were not bared. was largely attended and hundreds of men went up at the close to shake the hand of Dr. Ainsworth and state that they proposed to live better and cleaner lives. The appeal all through the meeting was to people to create themselves a better atmosphere and put their lives upon a higher plane, to live more fully, and not merely to exist. Many of our citizens, including the pastors, deserve great credit for their untiring efforts to make the meeting a success. It was a great have reports of the young people's visits among their friends in other mittees who had the actual work in charge, were as follows:

Executive Committee-John Sikes, Chairman; W. B. Love, Secretary; Belk, R. A. Morrow, R. mond, W. S. Blakeney, T. J. Gordon. Finance Committee-R. A. Mor-

row, D. A. Houston, D. B. Snyder, Dr. J. M. Belk, J. H. Lee, W. S. Blakeney, and H. A. Shute. Tent and Grounds Committee-T. J. Gordon, Chairman, J. W. Laney,

Lee. Mr. Lee cut and trimmed the immense center poles for the tent himself. Publicity Committee-G. S. Lee,

Jr., G. B. Caldwell and W. C. Sanders, Ushers-W. J. Rudge, G. B. Caldwell, W. B. Love, J. W. Laney, G. H. Clontz, Archie Levy, Allen Lee, Fred Maness, D. B. Snyder, Stamey Helms, W. C. Sanders and E. C. Laney.

#### Price's Mill News. Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe R. F. D. 5, July 31-R. S. Winchester and family of Texas are visiting relatives in Price's Mill sec-

Mrs. W. L. Craig spent the latter remains of the deceased were laid to part of last week in Charlotte visiting Mrs. J B. Price and son, Joe, were the guests of Mrs. L. T. Win-

> Saturday Miss Annie Bell Murphy and sister were the guests of Miss Eunice Craig

Mr. W. A. Laney and family of Belair were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Craig Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Price spent one day last week with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Deal, of Weddington.

Misses Blake and Ethel Reid spent Saturday night in Monroe with their uncle, Mr. A. C. Penegar and family. Mr. Frank Williams of Bakers was the guest of Mr. J. N. Price Friday afternoon.

Rev. B. B. Shankle of Indian Trail was the guest of Mr. J. N. Price

Mrs. A. J. Price and Miss Lola Price visited relatives in Price's Mill community Friday. Mr. W. C. Davis and family were

the guests of Mr. M. E. Plyler and Mrs. J. L. Burns of Charlotte was

the guests of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Funderburk

Price's Mill W. O. W. Camp will

some way to get out from behind