

PEOPLE OF WESTERN CAROLINA NEED HELP---KINSTON MUST DO PART BY STRICKEN BROTHERS--- CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS NOW

GOVERNOR ISSUES APPEAL AND NAMES A RELIEF COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE MONEY AND DISBURSE IT---KINSTONIANS' RESP'D

The people of Kinston and the State at large are called upon to come to the assistance of the stricken residents of the flood district of Western North Carolina, where thousands have lost homes and all earthly possessions, and lack the very bread with which to sustain life. Governor Craig has issued a proclamation; a relief committee has been appointed and subscriptions are being asked all over the State. The committee is called to meet in Raleigh Wednesday and contributions must be in hand before that time. Mr. N. J. Rouse is the local member of the committee.

Following will be found the appeal of Mr. Rouse and Mayor Pro Tem. Douglass to the people of Kinston; the governor's proclamation and urgent messages from Chairman Edward E. Britton of the relief committee to Messrs. Rouse and Douglass. The list of those who have already subscribed in Kinston will also be found.

Mr. Douglass solicited subscriptions this morning and other subscriptions are appealed for. They may be turned over to Mr. Rouse, Mr. Douglass or the local papers. The Free Press will be glad to receive and transmit the committee any donations for the fund.

The following telegrams were received by Mayor Pro Tem Douglass and Mr. Rouse this morning from Chairman Britton:

Messrs. Rouse and Douglass issued the following appeal and Mr. Douglass immediately began to solicit subscriptions. It was determined at conference held this morning, that a mass meeting would not be called at this time but that contributions be asked for:

The appeal:

"TO THE PEOPLE OF KINSTON AND LENOIR COUNTY:

"The undersigned Mayor of Kinston and member of the State Relief Committee for the Western North Carolina flood sufferers desire to direct attention to the urgent need for aid to our destitute neighbors in the West, and do solicit generous subscriptions for that purpose. Promptness is necessary, as the demand is immediate. It is the purpose to report the amount subscribed to the meeting of the State Relief Committee at Raleigh on Wednesday afternoon. The subscriptions will be published in the daily papers.

"Mindful of our own good fortune, let all heed this appeal with liberality.

"W. B. DOUGLASS,

"Mayor Pro Tem. of Kinston.

"N. J. ROUSE,

"Member State Relief Committee."

"We, the undersigned, subscribe the amounts set opposite our respective names, for the relief of the Western North Carolina sufferers:

Rouse	\$20.00	Robt. H. Rouse	5.00
C. Fields	5.00	F. C. Dunn	5.00
W. Canady & Son	10.00	J. F. Taylor	10.00
H. Hood & Co.	5.00	Robt. C. Strong	5.00
Stevenson	4.00	James D. Grady	1.00
G. Jones	1.00	L. Harvey & Son Co.	10.00
Quinerly	2.00	C. F. Harvey, Jr.,	1.00
.....	1.00	C. M. Jordan	1.00
.....	5.00	H. Stadium	2.00
.....	1.00	Dr. Ira M. Hardy	10.00
Dixon	1.00	J. H. Parnham	1.00
G. Brown	1.00	K. R. Curtis	1.00
.....	5.00	H. H. Grainger	1.00
Albert Parrott	1.00	Hardy Hill	1.00
.....	5.00	Hines Bros. Lumber Co.	10.00
B. Douglass	2.00	H. Galt Braxton	1.00
Total	\$141.00		

The proclamation issued by the Governor reads:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, RALEIGH.

"A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

"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

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IN THE DARK AS TO WHERE SUBMERSIBLE BREMEN IS, STATED

Officials Not Anxious About Deutsch's Sister Ship, Tho'gh. Known Latter Will Await Her Coming

By CARL GROAT,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Baltimore, July 24.—Ocean Rederei officials today confessed they are in the dark regarding the whereabouts of the Bremen, sister ship of the Deutschland.

But in the same breath they declared they haven't reason to believe she has met an untimely end. It is reliably stated that the Deutschland will not sail until the Bremen arrives.

AMERICA LEADS ALL THE OTHER NATIONS IN BUILDING SHIPS

Output From Yards This Year Greater Than That of Rest of World Combined, It's Said

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 24.—The American output of merchant ships for the calendar year will exceed that of all the rest of the world, Chief Chamberlain of the U. S. Bureau of Navigation today predicted.

It will be the first time in 50 years that the United States has led in shipbuilding. Figures show 351 steel ships with a total tonnage of 672,000 gross tons. Half that number have already been launched.

POSTPONE FEATURE

Owing to mechanical trouble today The Free Press was forced to forego giving its readers the first of a series of stories by Shepherd, war correspondent, from the border, as promised Saturday.

The feature will be printed Tuesday.

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REPORTS OF DAMAGE IN FLOOD'D COUNTRY CONTINUE COME IN

FURTHER RISE IN CATAWBA RIV'R IS FEARED NOW

RELIEF WORK PROGRESSES

Being Organized Every Part North Carolina Today—Funds and Supplies to Be Rushed Upstate

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, July 24.—A further rise of the Catawba river is feared. People living in the sections along that stream, ravaged by last week's floods, are uneasy. Small streams were higher last night than before.

Reports of damage in the floods which took a toll of nearly eighty lives and did damage to the extent of \$15,000,000, have not ceased to come in. Wadesboro reports -9 bridges were washed out in Anson county; that conditions at Chimney Rock were even worse than at first reported, and that mountaineers are sheltering some persons in the high country.

Alspagh Cotton Mills, near Taylorsville, were washed away.

Relief work is being organized in every part of the State today. By Tuesday vast supplies of foodstuffs and big sums of money will be pouring into the headquarters here.

NOTHING SHORT ABOUT THE RAINFALL IN THE PAST WEEK AND THIS

Old-fashioned rains, just like the ones one in boyhood days deprecated or watched with pleasure as they pattered on panes and pavements, accordingly as it was Saturday or a schoolday, have fallen in the past 48 hours. If they do not continue much longer there will be general satisfaction. Crops needed the moisture, but the crops now have about enough of it.

The precipitation from Sunday evening at 6 until this morning at 9 was 1.76 inches; Saturday it was 1.15 inches; Friday .95 inch fell.

Slavs Batter Way Through the Germans' Line South of Riga and Meet Success in Drive Toward Galicia and Hungary; British Gaining

Kuropatkin's Piercing of Von Hindenburg's Front One of the Great Achievements of the War—Monster Offensive Breaking Down the Teuton Defense With Smashing Blows—Russian Hordes Threaten Soon to Overrun Poland and Dual Monarchy—Resistance of Austrians Is Badly Weakened—Heavy Artillery Fighting—British Gunners Pave Way for Further Advances of British In Western Fighting

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, July 24.—The Russian armies have blasted and battered their way through the German line below Riga and have shattered Austrian resistance to the further Russian advance toward Northeastern Galicia and Hungary. A violent artillery duel is in progress between Kuropatkin's and Von Hindenburg's forces along the northeasternmost point of the battle front. Kuropatkin's piercing of Von Hindenburg's line is considered one of the most striking achievements of the war.

British Make Gains.
London, July 24.—Amid the blast of artillery fire from great guns the British forces have advanced further in the thrust around Poziers, General Haig today reported. The heavy fighting continues.

PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL SIGN RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

In Spite of Opposition—May Leave the Child Labor Bill Up to Democratic Caucus, Intimates

(By United Press)

Washington, July 24.—The President will sign the rivers and harbors bill despite strong objection to certain new items.

After a talk with Senator Simmons today the President indicated that he would let the Democratic caucus determine whether the child labor bill should be put off until December.

BRITISH ROUTED A FLEET OF RAIDING GERMAN DESTROYERS

(By the United Press)

London, July 24.—A British sea patrol drove off a fleet of German raiding destroyers Saturday night, the Admiralty today announced. After several had been driven off British light cruisers engaged six German destroyers, frequently hitting them. They succeeded, however, in reaching their Belgian base. One British vessel was hit.

CASEMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED APPEAL TO HOUSE OF LORDS

(By the United Press)

London, July 24.—The Attorney General today refused a certificate which would have allowed Roger Casement a direct appeal to the House of Lords.

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British Mail Reply Will Not Be Accepted by United States, is Information to Amb'sador Page

Does Not Deal With Principles Propounded But Only With Specific Cases Which Have No Direct Bearing On Former—Relation With Blacklist Pointed Out—England Opened Mail of American Firms to Secure Information on Which to Compile List—Ambassador to Make Peremptory Demand for Answer If It Is Not Forthcoming Within Reasonable Time—America Not Disposed to Dally With London

Washington, July 29.—The State Department will immediately acknowledge to Ambassador Page, at London, receipt of the British mail reply, and inform him that it is not considered a real response to the American note.

The request for an early response on the principles involved will be repeated.

This was officially a declaration at the State Department today. Officials characterized wild rumors that the United States might convoy American mail-carrying ships with war vessels as absurd and "rot."

The direct relation between the British mail seizures and the blacklisting of American firms was pointed out by State Department officials after the arrival of Britain's preliminary mail seizure protest reply. The extreme impatience the United States feels over England's delay in replying to the mail protest is partially because it was through the alleged illegal practice of opening the mail of American firms that she obtained much information on which the blacklist is based.

Officials today said the mail reply, received yesterday, was wholly unsatisfactory, because it ignores the principles expounded in the American note, dealing only with specific cases which have no bearing for reform on the British practices.

Unless a satisfactory reply is shortly forthcoming Ambassador Page will be instructed to make a peremptory demand on the foreign office.

AVIATORS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE IN WEST ARE ACTIVE

(By the United Press)

Paris, July 24.—Extraordinary aerial activity on both sides of the French-German battle line was reported today in an official communique. Luneville was the object of the first German air raid. A French aviator Sunday dropped eight bombs on Conflans station and other buildings. Two German planes were destroyed.

FRENCH AIRMAN WAS TAKEN BY GERMANS AFTER LONG FLIGHT

(By the United Press)

Paris, July 24.—The French aviator, Antoine Marchal, who started from Nancy to Russia, failed by sixty miles, being captured by the Germans at Cholm, Poland, after having dropped a proclamation on Berlin.

TO PINCH AUTOISTS WITHOUT NUMBERS

Fair warning is being given automobile owners by the police today that there will be no mercy shown those who fail to have new license numbers on their cars after 5 p. m. today. The authorities issued a solemn warning several days ago, and that has been disregarded by many. At the stroke of 6 the police will turn their attention to every passing machine, with the determination to take into tow every offender.

Henry Brothers Was Attacked by Negro Bent on Murder--He Escaped Unscathed. Reared Assailant

A crowd of Institute township men searched through Sunday night for Bert Suggs, colored, who made a murderous assault upon Henry Brothers, Democratic nominee for the General Assembly, in that section Sunday.

Mr. Brothers practically reared Suggs, who is about 22 or 23 years old, on his plantation. He had not the slightest reluctance to comply with the negro's request for the use of a mule and buggy Sunday, but remonstrated with Suggs when he learned that the latter had driven the animal to exhaustion to a country church and other points. Suggs, intoxicated, immediately drew a revolver, and, standing at about six paces from the planter, snapped it at him about six times, according to information from the Sheriff's office here. The weapon was either empty or the ammunition was worthless. Suggs reached into a pocket, drew out a cartridge, inserted it and fired point-blank at Brothers. The shot went wild. Suggs turned and ran. Officer Hedda Allen rushed to Institute and joined a large party of farmers seeking the assailant through the countryside, but up till 10 o'clock this morning Suggs had not been located. There was nothing in the demeanor of the posse to indicate that summary vengeance would be taken.