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FOUR PAGES TODAY

PRICE TWO CENTS FIVE CENTS ON TRAINS

lot Less Than \$500 For Flood Victims From Kinston is Goal Set By Relief Committee Today WITH U. S. TROOPS BRIDGES ARE FAST WARNING SOUNDED BY WEATHER OBS'RY'S

VEORTUNATE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN ASQUITH PART OF THE STATE-MONEY SENT TODAY

Mr. N. J. Rouse of the State Relief Committee for the Irish Question Cause of 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. Daily reports will be made and the money subscribed by the people of Kinston will be sent forward so that the suffering and distress may be alleviated as quickly as possible.

systematic canvas.

It is hoped that Kinston and Len-

oir will furnish at least \$500 of the

\$50,000 which the State Relief Com-

mittee aims to raise, and as much of

that as possible be in hand to be re-

ported to the committee at its meet-

The subscriptions which have come

in today (no soliciting has been done)

Grand total\$173.00

This morning at a conference be- met this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the tween Messrs. Rouse and Douglass, it home of Mrs. Parrott to perfect its was decided to appoint a canvassing canvassing arrangements, and it will committee of young ladies to solicit probably start later this afternoon or subscriptions. Those named are as first thing in the morning to make a follows:

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, Mattie Fleming, Eugenia Griffith, Susie Perry, Katie Cobb, Natalie Nunn. Lalla Daughety, Eoline Padrick, Mary Hooker, Agnes Quinerly, Mary Pridgen, Irma Tapp, Vida West and Ina Mae Lee. The committee

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Previously reported:	S. T.
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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	
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Dr. and Mrs. McNairy 10.00 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. Stadiem 2.00 Dr. Ira M. Hardy 10.00 J. H. Parham 1.00 K. R. Curtis 1.00 D. L. Dixon 1.00 Hardy Hill 1.00 Edwards & Harper 5.00 H. Galt Braxton 1.00 Dr. Albert Parrott 1.00 Barrett & Hartsfield 5.00 Total\$141.00 W. B. Douglass 2.00

(Continued on Page Three) AMERICAN BUSINESS WILL BENEFIT AND NOT SUFFER FROM BRITISH BLACK LIST. **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, to hundreds of previous members, white Y. M. C. A. I couldn't vouch 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 we are full and we turn them over to considered responsible for there not being more firms on other companies of the regiment," ing it down and I wouldn't. the list. Bankers approached argued that only those said the chaplain. "They are scattered throughout the Wisconsin stood, and one of them told me prihouses having direct trading relations with Germany and tered throughout the Wisconsin stood, and one of them told me prithose whose business was primarily of military value to troops. Germany, should be boycotted. The banks were convinced that the nited States' South American trade would be helped rather than suffer.

It was pointed out that many of the blacklisted firms to take us up to church next Sunday." Illinois National Guard, were shot toad 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 other army in the world, or in any the militia camp. None were seriblacklisted firms would merely be transferred to bonafide other place than America. Wiscon-American firms not blacklisted. Sians claim the American govern- in the legs.

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 ca binet is endangered by the Irish ing to be held in Raleigh Wednesday 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.

J. T. Kennedy 2.00 C. L. Ellington 1.00 Asquith is reported to be ready to J. T. Skinner & Son 2.00 step down if Lloyd-George does. The only hope of averting a break is the J. B. Meacham 1.00 chance that the Irish Nationalists will submit to further negotiations. The hope is admittedly weak in view of Total\$32.00 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 fishing in the Neuse river some days

MILITIAMEN SANTEE FLOOD NOW FLOODS IN KINSTON SECTION NEGRO DRUBBED IN

Attacked Blacks Who Wouldn't Disperse Four Score Other Vic-

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 Ilinois 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 strted when Stone hit Hennes' machine as he passed group of militiamen. Hennes 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 negrees 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 ago, has been recovered.

FROM MIDDLE WEST DON'T LIKE THE JIM CROW LAWS OF TEXAS

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD,

Montenegrins, looked like a mass of storm coat. blood brothers compared with the middle western militia.

gave the Salonika troops one common thought.

ago by Theodore Resinski. It is said:

"So many Poles try to join now men got at it.

San Antonio and the church folks Get In Trouble.

ment had declared the Wisconsin mi-(United Press Staff Correspondent) (litia to be the model for the country, San Antonio, Texas, July 24.-That This Polish company for three years variegated army which I saw in Sa- in succession has taken the first lonika a few months ago, consisting Wisconsin prize for field work. Splenof French, English, Serbian atshrdla did soldiers, thoroughly American, Australians, Cochin-Chinans and but adding variegation to Uncle Sam's

Chicago's colored regiment, the Eighth, adds variety and even snap-Having the enemy before them piness. It is hard for Chicago's colored troops to ride in the Jim Crow section of the street cars, San Anto-There's a Polish company K. of nio southern style. Today I encoun-Milwaukee, First Wisconsin, for in- tered Col. F. A. Dennison, colored, stance. It was organized fifty years chief of the negro regiment, who

known as Kosciusko's Company. For- "I think we have the only deadty per cent. of its 120 members were sure American regiment in the entire born in Poland. I sat in the tent of lot. The other regiments have got Chaplain Henry Paisecki and tried all kinds of folks in them, but we're to imagine I was back at the British, all the same. We are so American French or Austrian front and talking that we obey the San Antonio laws with an officer of one of those arm- and ride in separate compartments of ies, and he said it was an ancient the street car. The other day custom of his company not to permit when the army Y. M. C. A. put up Oil Company, and the latter is pre- 8:14 p. m., did not arrive Monday 14th, 22 inch; 19th, .07 inch; 21st, any but Poles to join, and that they that big frame building right on the kept up the custom out of deference edge of the camp and arranged for a for the safety of the building if my

vate, 'I respect you for your action.' " "We found a Polish church in Some of the "Typical Americans"

are getting together automobiles San Antonio, Tex., July 24,-Four buggies, wagons and all kinds of rigs negro soldiers, members of the Eighth But I couldn't imagine I was any night by a squad of the Guard that where but in the American army, had come to the rescue of a white Such a thing couldn't happen in any man the soldiers were attacking near from Camp Glenn for typhoid treat- Railroad track walkers on all lines "I warn those who have stock in

Provost Guard of Regulars High Water Covers A. C. L. Tracks-Mother and Baby Are Drowned With

tims 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-thousanddollar 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 Shumpke and little babe in Johns river Saturday night. The Shumake family lived a few miles up above Collettesville 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 neavy rains in this section since Saturday have caused small creeks to

overflow and greatly damaged growcrops 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 d all trains to be detoured.

TEMPORARY RECRUITING STATION FOR THE NAV

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

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO TAKE PART STANDARD

cated the local plant of the Standard on the Norfolk Southern, due here at "July 2, .04 inch; 10th, .08 inch; paring to move, it is reported from a erty will be put to by the railroad, which has during the year recovered cured a new site yet.

A SOLDIER FROM CAMP

wards of Goldsboro, a member of the Second N. C. Infantry, sent here Monday. critically ill when brought here. The ing unusual vigilance, watching for subject to overflow to prepare for emains were sent to Goldsboro, washouts and possibly wrecked places the worst"

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 11-2

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 incication 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 falled 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 Atlantic Coast Line Railroad are said damage from the general heavy rains to be holding. High water covering especially to cotton. Some pessimisthe track in many sections have caus- tic 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

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

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.

OIL PLANT SITE, SAID still having to transfer passengers of the main line of the A. C. L. are around a washout at Havelock, where of especially substantial construction. a bridge went by the board Sunday. Peebles Issues Warning The Norfolk Southern Railroad has Reconstruction of the bridge is under laid claim to a part of the ground way and is expected to be completed Peebles today gave out the following in Southeast Kinston on which is lo- Wednesday. Passenger train No. 9 statement: night until about 11:30. After the 10 inch; 22nd, .95 inch; 23rd, 1.15 reliable source. What use the prop- bridge went down Sunday a negro named W. L. Lawhorn sent his wife in one direction from the break and he much land in the city said to have went another, the two standing guard been deeded to it many years ago, to warn approaching trains. Lawand since occupied by squatters, is horn flagged down a train from Beaunot definitely known. The Standard fort, undoubtedly saving the lives of Oil Company is said not to have se- many passengers. The train wascrowded with excursionists returning from the seashore to Kinston and iver rose about 5 feet, and it is now other points. They made up a purse ising at the rate of one inch an GLENN TYPHOID VICTIM. of \$81 and rewarded Lawhorn, con- nour, which means two feet every gratulating him and making a ero of M hours. With the water spreading New Bern, July 25 Roland Ed. him. The story of Lawhorn's deed at into the lowlands as it is now was flashed to Northern newspapers

CONDITIONS ARE DAD

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

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The Norfelk Southern raffroad is in the roadbeds, none of which cast

Local Weather Observer HI C. V.

nches; 24th, 1.80 inches; 25th, to 8 1. m., 1.55 inches, total, 5.96 inches. "As the rains the seem to be conval over the state, and especially dong the watersheds that draft into Youse river, are heavy and certinuas, we may expect very high water probably approximating the flood of 1908. On the night of the 23rd the loing, an inch an hour is a tre lous rise in a level country as this ment, died in a hospital. He was in this part of the state are exercis- the low grounds and crops in landa