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ASK AID FOR JAPANESE.

WILSON ISSUES APPEAL IN BEHALF OF SUFFERERS

As Head of Red Cross President Calls Attention to Disasters Caused by Famine, Volcano and Earthquake.

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Wilson late today issued an appeal to the American people as president of the American Red Cross for funds to assist the people of Japan, who are suffering not only from the earthquake but from the failure of crops.

The president's appeal follows: "Our sister nation of Japan is suffering from two very serious disasters. The failure of crops in the north-eastern part of that country has brought hundreds of thousands of persons face to face with the terrible misery of slow starvation, and in the southwestern island of Kyushu a sudden great volcanic eruption has carried death and desolation to large numbers in a thickly populated district:

"I appeal to the humanity of our American people that they may give expression to their sympathy for the suffering and distress of so many of their fellow men by generous contributions for their aid. Such contributions can be made to the local Red Cross treasurers or sent directly to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C."

Red Cross headquarters announced tonight that an appeal has been sent out to all State chapters, asking local chapters to gather the funds.

Col. Robert M. Thompson, chairman of the executive committee of the Navy League of the United States, started a subscription list with \$1,250, to which other members of the league and officers of the navy added.

This cablegram was sent to Viscount Kaneko of the American Friends' Society of Tokyo:

"Instruct Red Cross to draw on 'The Navy' Southern Building, Washington, D. C., for 2,500 yen. This is sent to sufferers of volcanic eruption by officers and friends of our navy in recognition of the kindness shown our feet when visiting Japan."

Col. Thompson was a schoolmate of Admiral Eriu at the United States naval academy 40 years ago.

MANY PEOPLE RESCUED.

Steamer Brings 158 From Jaws of Death.

Kobe, Japan, Jan. 15.—The Ryukyumaru, a passenger steamer, has arrived here, after rescuing 158 inhabitants of the village of Yumara, on the island of Skaura-Jima.

The captain of the steamer witnessed the eruption of the volcano. Flames leaped from the ground, setting the villages on fire. While the steamer lay off shore ashes to the depth of a foot fell on her decks. On the way to Kobe there was a pall of ashes like a dense fog.

Near Chirin island a severe submarine upheaval shook the vessel. The captain endeavored to call at Aburatsubo on the island of Kiusliu, but was unable to approach without danger.

ENVELOPED IN LAVA.

Sakura Houses Resemble Gigantic Wasps' Nests.

Kagoshima, Japan, Jan. 15.—Houses on the island of Sakura that were left standing are enveloped in lava and resemble gigantic wasps' nests. Fugitives who have returned are still terrified and refused to enter their homes, except to make a hurried search for valuables.

The western part of the island is coated thickly with melted sulphur. The southern part is covered with deposits of ashes. The condition of the central part is obscured by the heavy smoke.

The staff of the Kagoshima observatory, throughout the eruptions, remained at their posts, facing extermination. They recorded each phase, although almost suffocated by poisonous gases.

EARTH STILL SHAKES.

Frequent Disturbances at Miyazaki.

Miyazaki, Japan, Jan. 15.—The situation here has improved but there still are frequent earthquakes and terrific thunderstorms. The rain has purified the atmosphere. Rivers have turned yellow and are covered with dead fish.

Asheville, Jan. 17.—Terrific forest fires are raging near Ride Crest on the side of Mt. Mitchell. Many homes are in danger and fire fighting forces are being organized to fight the flames. A high wind is blowing.

TEN THOUSAND MISSING.

BELIEVED THAT INHABITANTS OF EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT ALL PERISHED.

Volcanic Eruptions are Abating in Violence, Although Molten Lava is Still Flowing From Mountain—Hot Lava and Poisonous Gases Prevent Rescue Work.

Tokio, Jan. 16.—Ten thousand inhabitants are missing in southern Japan, which has been devastated by a volcanic eruption, earthquake, tidal waves and fire. It is feared that all have perished. The eruptions are abating today although lava is still flowing from the mountain. Hot lava and poisonous gases, which over-spread the country prevent the work of rescue.

WANT INCOME TAX BLANKS.

South Carolinians Preparing to Pay Uncle Sam.

Columbia, Jan. 16.—Hundreds of applications for federal income tax blanks are now being received daily by D. C. Heyward, collector of internal revenue for South Carolina, and as soon as the necessary forms are received they are mailed out to the applicants. Blanks are classified to secure prompt attention.

Collector Heyward wishes to stress the importance of a definite request. For instance, the president of a cotton mill may write for some income tax blanks and fail to state whether he wants them for his individual use or for his company. This necessitates writing back to the applicant for additional information and delays prompt service at both ends.

The blanks received from Washington so far include those for manufacturing concerns, for public service companies, for mercantile and for miscellaneous corporations, and for the individual taxpayers who may or may not be interested in any of the other named classes. To facilitate matters the nature of the blank forms should always be designated and the return, when received, will then be checked up in Columbia and forwarded to Washington, thereby removing any risk of a penalty being applied.

DARLINGTON HAS NEW DEPOT.

A. C. L. Station Formally Opened to Traffic.

News and Press. The new passenger station of the A. C. L. was formally opened on Monday morning and quite a number of people were present, some to take the trains and others to see them come in. The station is conveniently arranged, and is equipped with steam heat and all other necessary conveniences.

It is the intention of the officials to have this the prettiest station in the State. The waiting room was decorated with some very fine crimson carnations and each of the railroad men had one pinned to his coat.

FATHER ABDUCTED OWN CHILD.

Greenville Man Arrested on Kidnapping Charge.

Greenville, Jan. 16.—Charged with kidnapping his own baby, a little girl of three years, William Hammond Jolly was arrested yesterday in Spartanburg by the officers of that city and will be forced, it is said, to allow the little girl to be brought back to Greenville. Yesterday morning, it is said, Jolly was discharged from the American Spinning Company, and to get revenge he returned to his home, packed his suit case, picked up his little daughter and left for Spartanburg. Mrs. Jolly is reported to have said that she wanted her baby and also wanted Jolly to be held by the Spartanburg authorities.

NORTH CAROLINA MINERS KILLED.

Fell Two Hundred Feet to Bottom of Shaft.

Fallbury, N. C., Jan. 17.—Three miners were killed in the main shaft of the Coggin gold mine near Eldorado, Montgomery county, late yesterday. They were riding in the "skip," which overturned, precipitating them two hundred feet to the bottom of the shaft. The dead are all white.

OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE BURNED.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 17.—The Oak Ridge Institute and a Methodist church adjoining it in Guilford county were burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Insurance is \$18,000. The institute had two hundred and seventy-five boarding students. None were injured.

FISH SCRAP AS FERTILIZER.

ATLANTIC COAST FISHERIES FURNISH VALUABLE OIL FERTILIZERS.

Result of Investigation of Fish-scrap Industry by Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Jan. 16.—In helping the manufacturers of soil fertilizers to increase their output, the United States Department of Agriculture believes that the interests of the farmer are enhanced. The use of fertilizers to supply nitrogen to the soil is of continually increasing importance to our agricultural population. Fish refuse has proved an important source of organic nitrogen for fertilizing purposes, and the necessity of preparing it in commercial form has led to the development of the fish-scrap industry in our Atlantic States.

The Department has, therefore, been conducting investigations, results of which have just been published in a pamphlet entitled: "The Fish-scrap Fertilizer Industry of the Atlantic Coast," with a view to assisting the development of this industry.

There are at present about 40 factories on the Atlantic coast, whose main output is fish-scrap and fish oil manufactured from the menhaden. These are found all the way from Maine to Florida. The business reached its high water mark as long ago as 1884, and the profits since have never been so great, owing to the reduced price of oil and scrap resulting from the competition of other products. This is true notwithstanding the improvements that have been made in the methods of industry. The annual output in oil and scrap has not varied greatly from 70,000 tons of scrap and 35,000 barrels of oil during the past 30 years. There has been no growth in the recent past which would warrant a belief in a growth in the future. However, there seems every probability of a steady demand for this fertilizer.

The great success which fish-scrap has met with as a fertilizer is due in part to the fact that besides containing nitrogen it furnishes organic matter to the soil which inorganic fertilizers do not do. Ammonium Sulphate an inorganic substance a by-product of coke ovens supplies almost 50 per cent of the nitrogen used as fertilizer in this country.

Should there be a sudden improvement in the coking process by which all the ammonia liberated in the old form of coking oven may be recovered, this amount would be more than enough to supply all the fertilizer trade. In that case the preparation of fish-scrap would become commercially infeasible, but it is much more profitable that the increase in the output of ammonium sulphate will keep pace merely with the growing demand, and that there will be a continued demand for fish-scrap.

The menhaden is not generally considered edible because it is "too bony" or "too oily." However, the menhaden when freshly caught and properly cooked is good to eat, although not so choice as certain other fish easily obtained. As the cost of food increases and sea fish are used for economy's sake to replace more expensive meats, there undoubtedly will be an increase in the use of the menhaden for food. The menhaden has actually been prepared as are sardines, and has been declared a complete success when so used. A meat extract has also been made from this fish, equal in nutritive value to that of beef. While this food has been known for many years, the processes of extraction has failed to develop on a commercial scale. While there is no indication at present that consumption of menhaden is on the increase, the shortage of other food supplies might increase the demand, and this would be a matter of importance for the fish-scrap industry.

The waste from such fish as are now generally eaten, forms a possible additional source of fish-scrap. In the dressing of fish the waste represents an average of 25 per cent of the "round" weight of the fish. The yearly catch of food fish in the Atlantic and Gulf fisheries is about 700,000,000 pounds. 24 per cent of this represents refuse suitable for the preparation of fertilizer. A considerable portion of this it is impossible to use economically for the fisheries are scattered the whole length of the coast and many fish are shipped to market undressed, and much fresh fish that is dressed is prepared on shipboard and the waste thrown into the sea.

Most of the refuse of Newfoundland cod is thrown away as fast as produced. An investigation has shown that 150,000 tons of refuse are pro-

A. C. L. RAILROAD SPLITS.

WILL BE DIVIDED IN TWO AND ASSETS PORTIONED OUT.

Will Give Back to Shareholders Control of Railroads, Including A. C. L., L. & N and N., C. & St. L.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Atlantic Coast Line company, a Connecticut corporation, holding control of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and through it control of the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, is to be split in two by a distribution of a large part of the assets, according to action decided upon at a meeting of Coast Line directors in this city today.

The Connecticut company was formed in 1889 to hold a controlling interest in the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and securities in other companies. It owns \$33,150,000 or more than half of the Coast Line's \$58,745,000 of stocks and other securities, mostly bonds, of a market value of \$48,880,000. It has an authorized capital of \$100,000,000 but only \$17,640,000 of this has been issued. This stock never has been widely distributed and it is understood virtually all of the shares are held by Henry Walters, chairman of the Atlantic Coast Line road.

The stockholders shortly will be called together to approve a proposal that half of the Coast Line company stock, or \$8,820,000, be extinguished by the return to holders of twice that amount of Coast Line railroad shares, or \$17,640,000. This will leave \$15,510,000 of the railroad stock in the Connecticut company's treasury, thus returning control of the railroad to its own shareholders.

As Mr. Walters will get back the stock put into the holding company's treasury, he will have the same voice in the management of the three roads as before.

He would not make any comment today on the breaking up of the Connecticut company beyond saying that no further distributions of its assets were contemplated at this time.

BRIDGE BUILDERS AT FLORENCE

Force of Skilled Mechanics Soon Have S. C. W. Crossing.

The gang of expert bridge builders who are to put the bridge across the Coast Line tracks for the South Carolina Western have arrived. They have been expected for some time and everything is in readiness for them. It will not be long now before the crossing of the new road is completed and the trains running through.

There is a pretty good force of expert mechanics and they will be augmented by such helpers as can be had locally, and force the work as rapidly as possible.

For some time now the building of this crossing will be one of the sights of interest around Florence.

The bridge material has been on cars side tracked above Hartsville for some time.—Florence Times.

TO BE SURGEON GENERAL.

Col. W. C. Gorgas Nominated by Wilson to Succeed Toney.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Col. W. C. Gorgas to be surgeon-general of the army to succeed Surgeon General George Toney, deceased.

Gorgas is now head of the Sanitarium Department of the Panama Canal zone.

LEE GETS SEAT, GLASS DENIED.

Senate Elections Committee Reports on Senatorial Contest.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Senate elections committee today voted in favor of seating Blair Lee, recently elected senator from Maryland and against seating Frank Glass, appointed senator from Alabama.

duced annually on the Newfoundland shores, which would be equivalent to over 20,000 tons of dry scrap. As this is produced at a time when all available labor is engaged in dressing the cod, the problem of saving this refuse offers scant hope of solution.

The inedible dogfish furnishes another source of fish-scrap for fertilizer; and horseshoe crabs are also reported to have been used in certain localities. The shells of crabs and lobsters have been found to be admirable as "fillers" for finished fertilizers. They contain a large amount of lime of high agricultural value, as well as a certain per cent of nitrogen. At one fertilizer mixing plant, on Chesapeake Bay, over 250 tons of ground crab shells are used annually.

RICHMOND MAKES CLAIM.

SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS BEFORE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Have Not Yet Asked for Regional Bank, but Ask for Better Division of District—City Will Have Chance to Talk at Hearing in Atlanta Next Month.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Although they did not ask for the regional bank today at the hearing before Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, the committee charged with the duty of arranging districts and providing regional banks under the new currency law, R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston, J. P. Matthews of Columbia and Bright Williamson of Darlington made a strong appeal for a better line of division than that now contemplated in the establishment of the banks.

At this hearing there were present not less than 150 prominent bankers and business men from Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. The Virginians came in two groups—part coming last night as an advance guard to make preliminary plans for today's hearing and the remainder, about 100, coming on a special train from Richmond, which reached Washington at noon loaded with Richmond boosters.

Secretary McAdoo's room was packed to its fullest limit when he rapped for order at 2.30 o'clock. The Richmonders then took the floor and for about two hours every possible argument was advanced to show why that city should be chosen as the place for a regional bank over any other place in its territory trying for it. Maps, figures, statistics and data by the trunk full were produced to show why Richmond should be chosen, much of this matter having already been exploited through the trip of some of Richmond's business men to Columbia and elsewhere in the South. There was nothing to it, the Richmond people said, but that place, and they, in reality, had North Carolina and West Virginia pulling their way just as if the latter had Richmond in their respective States.

The arguments produced by the Virginians were about such as might be expected on such an occasion. Richmond, the speakers said, had everything that goes to make for success and the government, they claimed, would certainly not do its duty unless a regional bank should be located there.

Mr. Rhett, when his name was called, said that he did not come to Washington at this time to argue the merits of locating a regional bank at Columbia, as that would be done next month when Columbia's claims are heard at Atlanta, but he wanted to state the position of Columbia in the matter, which is that the people of that city and section are not satisfied with the present districts. They have no objection to being in the district with Richmond, but do not want to be in the same one with Atlanta. This question of districts should be settled before the different cities make their claims for the banks, and this is the position which Mr. Rhett assumed. He said that while Columbia by not pressing her claim today did not mean to indicate that she would not make a hard fight for the bank—for she will—but that city is not satisfied with the present district lines and wants these changed.

Mr. Rhett's remarks received close attention and from the questions which both Secretaries McAdoo and Houston asked appeared to be more than ordinarily interesting. Ex-Governor Ansel spoke outlining the position which the city of Greenville had taken in advocating Richmond. He offered a few suggestions regarding what he thought might be done toward making the regional banks a success.

J. P. Matthews said after the hearing that Columbia was in the fight to stay until the finish. "You must not believe," he said "that because we did not urge today the establishment of a regional bank at Columbia that we are not fighting, for we are. What we want is first to have the district arranged in a suitable way. Our time for telling the committee what we have will come when we reach Atlanta on February 12. Yes, you may say that although Richmond put up a big fight today that that does not worry us in the least. We are not the kind of quitters."

Bright Williamson was equally enthusiastic after the hearing. He said like Mr. Matthews, that the fight for a bank in Columbia would be carried to the end.

As both Secretaries McAdoo and Houston—the committee that will decide this matter—will leave Washington soon for a long Western trip, it

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

CORNERSTONE OF SHAFT TO BE LAID ON MONDAY AT MANNING.

Lee's Birthday Will Be Celebrated in Appropriate Manner—Monument on Court House Grounds—Exercises to Be Conducted by Masonic Lodge.

Manning, Jan. 14.—Quite a notable event is scheduled to take place in Manning on next Monday, January 19, which will be a memorable recognition of Lee's birthday. This event will be the formal laying of the cornerstone of the Confederate monument to be erected on the grounds in front of the court house. The ceremony is to be conducted by the Masonic fraternity, many visiting Masons being expected to unite with St. Peter's Lodge of Manning on the occasion. Grand Master George T. Bryson of Greenville, has been invited to be present and officiate in the ceremony, and the local lodges at Florence, Foreston and Kingstree have been invited to attend as body and participate in the ceremony. Visiting Masons will be extended the hospitality of the local lodge while in Manning.

For a number of years it has been planned and proposed to erect at this place an appropriate monument to the brave soldiers who went out from Clarendon county and offered their lives on the altar of their country, but for one cause after another the plans failed of full fruition. However, things took a new turn some time ago when a committee of devoted women was designated to act as a special auxiliary of the Clarendon County Confederate Monument association. It soon developed that it would be best for the ladies to take the lead and the matter was left entirely in their hands. The wisdom of this decision is made apparent to all, for a beautiful design for a monument has been selected, the material is now on hand for a monument and work will begin tomorrow on the site in preparation for the laying of the cornerstone. The design for the monument consists of an artistic base and shaft of Winsboro granite surmounted by the life size figure of a Confederate soldier in Italian marble, the whole rising to a height of 23 feet.

In addition to the beautiful ceremony of laying the cornerstone there will be an appropriate address on the occasion and stirring music will be furnished by a first class band. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of people from all sections of this and neighboring counties for the approaching event and even a larger attendance at the unveiling ceremony, which is set for next Memorial day, May 10. It will thus be seen that Lee's birthday and Stonewall Jackson's death will both be signalized in the Clarendon County Confederate monument.

FIRM IN BANKRUPTCY.

Mims and Ridgill of Pinewood File Voluntary Petition in Federal Court.

Charleston, Jan. 15.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States district court by A. B. Mims and R. A. Ridgill, partners as Mims & Ridgill, and individually, of Pinewood, Clarendon county. The liabilities of the firm are given as \$4,098.33 and the assets as \$3,729.51. The liabilities of A. B. Mims, individually, are given as \$1,540.23 and assets as \$850. The liabilities of W. A. Ridgill, individually, are given as \$5,318.83 and assets as \$5,185. The petitioners are represented by Attorney R. Dozier Lee. The case has been referred to Referee I. C. Strauss at Sumter.

GEORGIA BANDIT CAPTURED.

John Nolan Held on Charge of Robbing Train.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17.—John Nolan is being held today as he is suspected of holding up passengers on south bound train from Nashville to Atlanta last night. He stoutly denies being the bandit. Authorities will continue their search, but they believe they have the right man. The bandit held up the Pullman Myassa, securing \$280 from passengers. A number of shots were fired but none of the passengers was injured.

It is not known just when the question of arranging the district in accordance with the views of Mr. Rhett, if that is done, will be settled. If Columbia does not succeed in her efforts it will not be the fault of those appearing here today in her behalf.