

CITY'S RELIEF FUND GROWS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL AID SMALL SHOPKEEPERS.

Total Amount Now \$2,500,000 at Least -San Francisco Merchants Call for Food Supplies-Fourteen Carloads to Reach the City Within 60 Hours.

There was no sleep yesterday in the money subscriptions to help the needy of San Francisco, although many of the heaviest individual contributions were made on Friday. The record last night showed that about \$1,800,000 had been subscribed in all but the sum will be \$2,500,000 when subscriptions which have not been acknowledged are removed. Of this sum \$900,000 approximately, was subscribed yesterday.

At the Chamber of Commerce yesterday \$181,000 was subscribed, making a total of nearly \$200,000 for this organization. There was a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in the morning, and while no definite action was decided upon it is understood that the money raised will be expended in aiding San Francisco commercially. It is not the intention, it was said, to use the money to aid the sufferers by the purchase of food, clothing and other supplies or to assist the larger merchants. The money will be used to put the smaller shopkeepers, who lost everything on their feet.

The Bank Association of America, after raising \$1,000, sent out an appeal for more money. The New York National Exchange Bank sent \$14,000 to George W. Peckler, vice-president of the California Bankers' Association, and got this reply: "Get all the money you can. Suffering and destitution is indescribable in San Francisco."

The Japanese of this city have formed a committee to raise funds. Consul-General Uotaka sent a telegram of sympathy to Mayor S. D. Hays of San Francisco yesterday, and before the day was over the Japanese had raised \$2,000.

The Merchants' Association received yesterday over \$4,000, making a total of almost \$60,000. Early in the day the association received a telegram from Frank J. Byrnes of the San Francisco Mercantile Association saying that probably 100,000 were homeless and that food supplies which did not require cooking were needed. Arrangements were immediately made to ship fourteen carloads of provisions—canned meats, canned vegetables, pilot bread and crackers from Omaha. It was promised that the provisions would reach San Francisco in sixty hours.

THROUGH THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Some of the subscriptions received yesterday by the Merchants' Association were:

- Booster Schramm & Vogel 1,000
Roberts, Schramm & Co. 1,000
C. H. Booth 1,000
T. H. Booth 1,000
J. G. Booth 1,000
J. H. Booth 1,000
J. K. Booth 1,000
J. L. Booth 1,000
J. M. Booth 1,000
J. N. Booth 1,000
J. O. Booth 1,000
J. P. Booth 1,000
J. Q. Booth 1,000
J. R. Booth 1,000
J. S. Booth 1,000
J. T. Booth 1,000
J. U. Booth 1,000
J. V. Booth 1,000
J. W. Booth 1,000
J. X. Booth 1,000
J. Y. Booth 1,000
J. Z. Booth 1,000

THROUGH THE SILE ASSOCIATION.

The SILE Association of America received yesterday \$114,000.

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AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

More than \$10,000, mostly in small subscriptions, was received at the Mayor's office yesterday. Some of the larger subscriptions were:

- Thirtieth Ward Board of Trade 1,000
Depon Contracting Company 1,000
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THROUGH THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK.

The National Exchange Bank received yesterday \$14,000, which made a total subscription of \$14,000.

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RECEIVED BY 'THE SUN.'

'THE SUN' has received the following contributions for the San Francisco relief fund:

- Five dollars from C. B. Gudebrod, \$5 from Sylvia, \$2 from W. S. R. S. \$1 from Dr. Frank S. Grant, \$2 from R. M. Hall, \$5 from Helen M. Dayton, \$10 from H. Ford, \$10 from 'One of the Eighty-five Million,' and \$10 from the employees of Francis Bros. & Jellett, Inc. The money will be turned over to the Mayor's relief committee.

PLANS OF MAYOR'S COMMITTEE.

Will Work Through Dr. Devine, the Agent of the Red Cross Society.

Cleveland H. Dodge, chairman of the executive committee of the New York State Red Cross, made this announcement yesterday.

"The statement in the morning papers about the relationship of the Mayor's committee and the Red Cross may lead to a misunderstanding. The Red Cross is not in competition in any way with nor does it wish to assume any of the credit of the vast work of the Mayor's committee. The facts are, however, that all funds raised by the local Red Cross will be merged with the funds raised by the Mayor's committee, both funds having the same treasurer, Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of the Red Cross who will issue a single receipt as treasurer of the California Relief Fund.

Money collected at the Red Cross office, 506 Fifth avenue, will be sent at once to Mr. Schiff, to become part of the general fund. All the money raised jointly by the Red Cross and the Mayor's committee will, however, be sent to Charles H. Keep, treasurer of the American National Red Cross at Washington. Mr. Keep will transmit the funds received by him to Dr. E. T. Devine, the special representative of the National Red Cross in California. Dr. Devine will disburse these funds through all of the local relief agencies in California and see to it that each relief agency receives its proper proportion of the funds so that no city and no town will be neglected.

One of the most important parts of Dr. Devine's function as special representative will be to see that the funds which are so made as to be equitable and most effective. Without such a central distributing agency on the part of the Red Cross to receive a vast amount of money while other equally strictures received little or nothing.

Edward W. Forest, chairman of the Mayor's relief fund committee, issued this statement:

"There is complete understanding between the Mayor's committee and the Red Cross Society. Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of both and Dr. Edward T. Devine, a member of the Mayor's committee, is acting as agent for the Red Cross and will arrive in San Francisco Tuesday at latest.

"It is expected that arrangements will be made to have banks, savings banks and trust companies receive subscriptions for the Mayor's committee. No collectors will be employed. No collector has authority to receive money for the committee."

REFUGEES BEACH CHICAGO.

Eight Out of Seventy-five Got to the Morning Train in Oakland.

Chicago, April 21.—The first refugees from San Francisco to reach Chicago arrived in the city this afternoon. There were eight who came through. Seventy-five advance reservations had been made for passage on the Overland Limited. Sixty-seven failed to get across the bay to the place where the fast Northwestern train was ready to start on Wednesday morning.

The only Chicago men on the train were J. E. Sprink, the Pullman porter, 5001 Grove avenue, and John A. Floyd, Pullman conductor, 4 Alhambra square. One of the train was Horatio N. Hovey, Mrs. Hovey and three children, Eleanor, Ella and Willard Hovey, 825 Cass avenue, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. William Winder, Erie, Pa.; Robert H. Gross, Boston, Mass.; and J. W. Rumbough of Washington.

At Omaha one car of the Overland Limited was switched to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road and attached to a train to Chicago. The train arrived at the Union Depot at 7:27 o'clock this afternoon. J. W. Rumbough, 18 years old, a freshman at the University of California, was the only refugee on the St. Paul train. He is on the way to his home in Washington.

"I was standing on the university campus when Berkeley was struck by the earthquake," he said. "Several buildings were demolished, but I hurried to Oakland, where I was able to see the flames begin the destruction of San Francisco."

When it became known that Mr. Hovey was a witness of the scenes in San Francisco he was surrounded by an eager throng, and at the Northwestern station it was with difficulty that he made his way to the street to take a carriage for the Park Row station.

"My family and I had apartments on the third floor of the Palace Hotel when the city was shaken by the earthquake," said Mr. Hovey. "It was about 5:15 o'clock when I was suddenly thrown from my bed by the terrible shock. I made immediate preparations to leave the hotel. We crowded our way down the staircase to the main floor. We managed to reach the street, though our clothes were almost torn from our bodies in the crush when we attempted to leave the building. In front of the Palace Hotel great crowds had gathered."

"The previous day I had made arrangements to leave San Francisco. I had bought my Pullman berth on the Overland limited, and it was only a matter of leaving the city and reaching the train. I finally got a cab, and after making a wide detour of the city, staying out of the fire zone, I reached the Union ferry just as a boat left. I chartered a tug and in that way reached Oakland, where we took the Overland limited."

Mr. Winder was visiting the wife of a naval officer at Mare Island Navy Yard when the earthquake shook struck San Francisco. The officer, who believed danger was imminent, proposed to have his wife and Mrs. Winder take a launch to safety. His wife declined to leave him.

"Finally I was put in a launch," said Mrs. Winder, "and landed at Oakland. As we ploughed along by the waterfront of the city I could hear the buildings crash and hear the rumblings. When we landed I was taken to the railway station and taken and had something to eat. I was so excited that I did not eat. When I was put on the train and became conscious of surroundings I found I had a saucer in one hand and a cup in the other."

Mr. Gross, who is a salesman, said he arrived in Oakland at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning. San Francisco was blazing and the second shock made the buildings roll. "I didn't stay," he said, "I found I could get a train out at 9 o'clock, and I just caught that."

Floyd, the Pullman conductor, said: "When I arrived on the Market street level a big wholesale drug house at Seventh street exploded, throwing out brilliant colored particles for hundreds of feet. The ashes and sparks fell on the scantily protected women and children."

"The street level then had become very irregular, depressions and humps of four feet being common. One man in a light runabout, clad only in his underclothing, then rushed by. Turning his machine, he ran round and round Market and Seventh. He ran down a score before he was controlled. With 1,000 other refugees I crowded on an Oakland ferryboat and left the scene."

REBUILDING PLANS READY.

Opportunity Now for Carrying Out Scheme of a San Francisco Beautifier.

The disaster at the Golden Gate has left the way clear for the carrying out of plans for the rebuilding and improvement of the city which have been formulating for many months.

The Association for the Improvement and Adornment of San Francisco, which was formed in January, 1904, to make an ideal city of the Pacific metropolis, employed Daniel H. Burnham, the Chicago architect, to prepare a comprehensive scheme for the beautifying of the city.

Mr. Burnham, besides being the architect of the Flatiron Building in this city, was also the designer of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. He is also known by his work in laying out plans for the adornment of Washington, Cleveland and other cities and was one of the consulting architects in the plans for the rebuilding of Baltimore.

Mr. Burnham is due to arrive in this city from Europe next Wednesday, and it is more than likely that he will start immediately for the Coast.

The earthquake and fire which destroyed the city will enable him to proceed at once on the plan which he has long been working on for over a year. The Adornment Association, which has for its president James D. Phelan, a former Mayor of San Francisco, and has a membership of about 500 of the most prominent citizens, had its special bulletin sent year for Mr. Burnham and his staff a bungalow on the summit of the Twin Peaks.

It is one of Mr. Burnham's pet theories that every city should have a public library which is the center of the city. The City Hall of San Francisco is admirably placed to be taken as a center. Only two blocks away from the City Hall stood the post office, and only a block distant the plot bounded by Fulton, Polk and Grove streets and Van Ness avenue had been proposed as a site for the public library.

There will be no change, then, in the plans for these buildings, but the wiping out of practically the entire section about the City Hall will give Mr. Burnham and the Adornment Association an opportunity to carry out the plans which they have had in view for grouping all the important public buildings in one section readily accessible from all parts of the city.

Among the other buildings which were considered are a magnificent conservatory of music and another structure especially suited to theatrical performances, which could be utilized for the grand opera season.

From the City Hall a boulevard is planned to run straight to Golden Gate Park, and thence to be extended to the Presidio. Many other boulevards are planned. One of these is to wind about the shore of the bay to the site of the wrecked Cliff House, where it will connect with the Ocean Boulevard. Still another runs from the City Hall to the line of San Mateo county, in which San Francisco is situated.

The plans for the park and boulevard system, and the transformation of the land surrounding Laguna de la Merced, as the series of picturesque lakes which form one of the sources for the water supplied to the city by the Spring Valley Water Company is called.

The bills of San Francisco cannot be forgotten in any effective scheme for the beautification of the city. Up to the time of the disaster the Adornment Association had to fight its way inch by inch in its plans for the utilization of their splendid natural beauty. No steep has been the ascent to many of the high places in the city that it was a constant source of danger to horses. Now, wherever streets along the hillsides are laid out, their lines will be materially changed, the slopes will be cut to an angle that will make the ascent and descent easy.

Telegaph Hill, Twin Peaks and several others of the city's beauties lend themselves readily to terracing, and the Adornment Association has already had plans prepared by Mr. Burnham with a view to establishing a graduated system of parklike terraces.

STEEL BUILDINGS STAND.

Books in the Hall of Records Are Unharmed -No Tangle of Titles.

OAKLAND, April 21.—Work at the relief stations is well under way. Thousands left the city to-day and the exodus continues with as great rapidity as possible. Actual starvation does not exist, but the suffering and inconvenience are great. Almost every steel building in San Francisco is standing bare of everything inflammable and the ravages of the flames.

The Call building stands as though it had never been injured. The Chronicle building collapsed directly toward the ground. It threw little or no debris into the street. The Examiner building went like a card house when it fell. The Hamilton Building, twelve stories high and twenty-five feet wide at the base, stands as though never shaken, but it is a mere shell of steel and stone.

According to latest reports, the ferry building is safe from the destruction which at one time threatened it from the flames which spread along the sea wall. Efforts of the soldiers and of the fire tugs and steamers will check the fire near the Lombard street freight slips. In other directions the fire is now completely under control.

Mayor Schmitz and Gen. Funston have established headquarters at Fort Mason, which was saved by some desperate work on the part of the soldiers aided by sailors from the warship Chicago. The records in the Hall of Records have been unharmed, which will prevent any tangle in titles.

The only building standing between Mission, Howard, East and Stewart streets is the San Pablo Hotel, which is occupied and running.

BALLINGTON BOOTH'S FEARS.

Seven Officers of the Volunteers of America in San Francisco Not Heard From.

Officers of the Volunteers of America are greatly alarmed over the safety of seven prominent officers of the organization who were stationed in San Francisco and have not been heard from since the fire. The quarters of these officers were in two buildings owned by the organization and a hall leased by it. All these places were in the fire district.

Col. and Mrs. Duncan, two of the best known officers of the Volunteers, are among the missing; so are Adj. and Mrs. Folks. Col. and Mrs. Duncan are Scotch people who formerly had charge of the Volunteers in Chicago. Mrs. Duncan is a remarkably well educated woman and she and her husband, according to Ballington Booth, are well known to thousands of people in Chicago.

The reason the Volunteers have not got their men out actively soliciting subscriptions by various performances," said Mr. Booth last night, "is because we are in mourning. We have come to the conclusion that we must prepare ourselves for the worst. Col. Duncan is as resourceful a man as I know. He has quick wits and would surely have devised a way of acquainting us with his and his companions' condition were he alive."

"The Volunteers had a children's home in the fire district and their headquarters, where Colonel Mrs. Duncan lived, was hardly a pebble's throw from the City Hall. We fear that both these buildings were destroyed by the earthquake and the fire. Being unfinished, it has not been classified among the big structures of San Francisco. Only ten stories were complete externally. This is comparatively undamaged, and the upper ten stories of steel frame are entirely undamaged. Work on the building will be continued at once."

The old Chronicle building, in which the paper was at the time of the fire, was destroyed. The Chronicle force fled to Oakland at once, however, and got a press, where it finished it will proceed at once, not missing a single edition.

PASSAGE TO SEND MONEY AND CLOTHES.

PASSAIC, N. J., April 21.—The city of Passaic will send \$10,000 to the San Francisco sufferers and in addition will express on Monday a carload of clothes, bedding and medical supplies.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., April 21.—In response to an appeal the citizens of Plainfield have contributed \$1,101 toward the fund for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. The amount was raised in about forty-five hours and it is believed that about \$1,000 will be nearly double that amount.

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Contributions will be received in all of the churches to-morrow for the relief fund.

FORT BRAGG WIPED OUT.

Flames Destroy the County Seat—Only One Man Killed.

OAKLAND, April 21.—A private letter says Fort Bragg, the county seat and big lumbering town of Mendocino county, was wiped out by flames following an earthquake which leveled the banks and all brick buildings on Wednesday. Only one man was killed. Scores were injured.

NEWSPAPERS APPEAR AGAIN.

Three Combined on Thursday, but Published Separately Thereafter.

OAKLAND, April 21.—The San Francisco daily newspapers, all of which were burned out, are gradually getting in shape to serve their subscribers. On Thursday morning the morning journals could make a small combination sheet bearing the unique heading Call-Chronicle-Examiner.

It was set up and printed in the office of the Oakland Tribune, gave a brief account of the great disaster and took an optimistic view of the future of the stricken city.

Yesterday and to-day the papers, though still printed in Oakland, have appeared under their own headings and with a few illustrations showing scenes in the streets of San Francisco. It is expected that within a short time they will be able to replace their plants and present their former appearance.

OPERA COMPANY COMING HOME.

Subordinants Have Fifteen Minutes in Which to Buy Clothes in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—A majority of the members of the Metropolitan Opera Company arrived in Los Angeles at 2 o'clock to-day by special train. Fifteen minutes was allowed here for the purchase of hats, shoes and other necessary apparel before the train proceeded east. The principals went east direct from San Francisco.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE.

If Board of Education Approves Plan to Help the San Francisco Sufferers.

In order to give the school children of the city an opportunity to contribute to the San Francisco sufferers, Edward L. Winthrop, Jr., president of the Board of Education, and William H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools, have prepared a letter to the teachers of the public schools asking them to open subscriptions. The plan is subject to the approval of the Board of Education, which is expected to suspend its by-laws at the meeting on April 23 and permit the collection of money in the schools.

In case such action is taken the following plan has been suggested: Each teacher will, on Friday, April 21, hand to each pupil an envelope marked on the outside 'For San Francisco Sufferers' which will contain whatever subscription the child or the child's parents may desire to make. The children will be instructed not to mention the name of the giver. The subscriptions will be counted up and the money will be turned over to the president of the Board of Education.

Aid From Plainfield.

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PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY

THE PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY paid all its losses promptly and in full in the conflagrations in the various cities referred to, which practically cover all conflagration losses for the past fifty years. All claims upon the Phenix were paid without assessing the stockholders for one dollar.

Latest information from San Francisco places Phenix's loss, at the outside, at less than \$1,500,000. The assets of the company at the present time amount to over \$9,000,000 and its net surplus nearly \$3,000,000. All California losses of every kind will be paid in full on demand, and the company will have a Net Surplus, after such payments, of more than \$1,000,000.

GEO. P. SHELDON, President.