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Committee Will Be Enlarged—Red Cross Gets Many Letters.

New York city gave \$200,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers in the West yesterday.

This brings the total sum collected here in two days up to \$300,000, and those receiving contributions expect that the half million mark will soon be reached.

The New York branch of the National Red Cross society has already wired \$5,000 to the War Department at Washington to be used in the flooded districts and it will wire \$50,000 more this morning.

Cardinal Farley in order to give prompt assistance to the Dayton sufferers telegraphed to the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, D. D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, in whose diocese Dayton is located, \$5,000 in the name of the Catholics of New York.

A. G. Vanderbilt Gives \$10,000.

The largest contributors to the day's fund were Alfred G. Vanderbilt, \$10,000; the Singer Manufacturing Company, \$10,000; the American Sugar Refining Company, \$5,000; Ogden Mills, \$2,500; Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, \$2,500; August Belmont & Co., \$2,500; Tiffany & Son, \$2,500.

But by far the greater part of the day's contribution was made up of small donations, ranging from \$1 to \$10, given by hundreds of people who, according to the collectors, looked as if they could ill spare the precious greenbacks.

All day long there came into the little office of the Red Cross Society in the United Charities Building poorly dressed women, many of them carrying babies and leading young children, who told Mrs. William K. Draper, secretary of the New York branch of the society, that they wanted to do something for the flood sufferers.

Some of these humble contributors broke down entirely as they placed their crumpled, dirty bills on the table in front of the secretary and hurried out of the office before they had given their names.

More than 200 letters were received at the office during the day containing sums ranging all the way from \$1 to \$200, and to these letters no names were signed.

Titanic Widow a Giver.

One of these letters, written on deeply black-bordered stationery, and which came from a small Massachusetts town, ran as follows:

Just one short year ago, when the ill-fated Titanic deprived me of my all, the Red Cross Society lost not a moment in coming to my aid. Through you I now wish to give my widow's mite to help the stricken ones in the far West, and I only wish I could make it a thousand times as much. God bless you in your noble work.

One of the most fervent letters was written in German on a strip of tablet paper.

A girl from one of the large manufacturing plants in the city brought \$5 worth of nickels and dimes which she had collected among the girls with whom she works.

About \$115,000 was received by the Red Cross Society yesterday, \$17,000 of which came from the uptown office. More than 500 separate contributions came to the office of Joseph H. Schiff, treasurer of the society, at 52 William Street, and these donations amounted to about \$98,000. A large clerical force is being the addresses from letters and acknowledging contributions with receipts.

\$50,000 Received by Mayor.

Mayor Gaynor received in one mail at his office in City Hall yesterday morning \$24,274, and by 10 o'clock the sum had increased to \$24,207. This makes a total of over \$50,000 which has been received by the Mayor since he issued a call to the city for funds to aid the flood sufferers.

The Mayor's committee of 100 representative citizens who are adding their own work of collecting funds met yesterday in City Hall for an organizational meeting. A large proportion of the members were present, a fact which Mayor Gaynor commented upon with considerable fervor.

The committee organized by electing Mayor Gaynor chairman and Robert Adams secretary. The Mayor appointed a sub-committee consisting of Daniel W. Fox, John Chaffin, William H. Hawk, Henry R. Towne, Otto H. Bannard, John J. McNamee, Thomas M. Pratt, Alfred T. White, Frederick B. Pratt, Frank L. Polk, Henry B. Davison, Felix M. Warburg, Alfred E. Davis, William Herli, James H. Mahon, Herman Ridder, Lee Shubert, Ralph Peters, William A. Brady, Edward P. Cragin, Seth Low, R. A. C. Smith, Doni I. Frohman, A. L. Erlanger, G. G. Gatti-Casazza and E. F. Albee.

The Mayor was requested to add an hundred names to the general committee, including the heads of the various trade organizations. This will be done tomorrow.

The executive committee met after the general committee had adjourned and arranged to cooperate with the various organizations throughout the city. A sub-committee of representative theatrical men was named, of which the following are members: Augustus Thomas, chairman; A. L. Erlanger, Lee Shubert, Daniel Frohman,

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FLOODS MAKE FOOD PRICES JUMP HERE

Wholesale Butter Rises on an Average of Five to Six Cents.

EGGS ARE COSTING MORE

Rumored That Big Beef Men Are Planning Increase—Chicken Shortage.

New York city, which as a rule has enough supplies on hand to feed itself for a week in case the provisioning sources were completely cut off, began yesterday to feel the lack of an adequate supply of certain commodities due to the great handicap under which the railroads are laboring as the result of the floods.

There is such a pronounced shortage, temporary at least, of butter that the wholesale price jumped on an average of five and six cents, the prevailing price yesterday ranging from 38 to 42 cents a pound. One lot of best butter sold on the exchange at 45 cents.

A large part of New York's butter supply comes from Iowa, Ohio, the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and all of it passes through Chicago. There is only one road open to the west of the Windy City, and until other routes are opened New York will continue to feel the pinch.

The failure of butter to reach the New York market is intensified, the commission men say, because the cold storage holdings have about been used up and the city is dependent upon the amount that it receives from day to day. The total butter receipts last week were 40,000 tubs, weighing about 62 or 63 pounds each.

Although the wholesalers jacked up the price of butter yesterday the big retailers down in Washington Market kept the price to the consumer at 42 cents, the prevailing rate for several days. The butchers and fish dealers and others openly declared their admiration for the buttermen's pluck.

"It's just like this," said one butterman. "As long as my stock holds out, and I have enough to last a week, I'm not going to take advantage of a distressing situation that can only be temporary. I can afford to sell at 42 cents and I'm going to hold fast until I can't help myself any longer."

The arrival of eggs from the West has also been a minimum because of the difficulties of transportation. Retail prices jumped from 12 to 14 cents.

There are ominous rumors that the big beef men, whose deliveries have been greatly reduced because of the floods and the disarrangement of railroad transportation from the West, are getting ready to increase the wholesale price of beef. The price hasn't been jacked up in several days.

Retail butchers got hints from several sources yesterday that an increase will probably go into effect on Monday and that now is the time to buy. The retailers have heard stories of this kind before and they were inclined to hold fast, although they admitted there is no telling what may happen if the big packers do not succeed in getting more beef through from the West.

An official of Swift & Co. said yesterday there had been a twenty-four hour delay in the arrival of beef shipments from the West, but the company had not experienced much trouble yet, as the supplies coming into New York were in excess of those on this side of the flooded district.

"We have been unable to get wires or telegrams from our representatives either yesterday or to-day," he said, "and we will probably not know until Monday just exactly where we stand."

The failure of chickens to come through from the egg section of the West is also being felt keenly in the New York market. Dealers are being obliged to have recourse to the cold storage fowl to make up the deficiency.

MILK ARRIVES LATE. All Deliveries Are Made, but Some Very Tardily.

Milkmen in and around New York felt yesterday the effects of the floods up State and had the time of their lives supplying the needs of their customers. Milk trains were delayed for hours by washouts and landslides and the last of the trains crept into the railroad terminals at 11 o'clock in the morning.

All the deliveries were made by the milkmen, but some of them were so very late that thousands of folk had to take their coffee clear. Many anxious mothers, tired of waiting for the milkmen, were obliged to feed their hungry babies with condensed milk. There was a great run on the canned product at the grocery stores.

About one-sixth of New York's supply comes from up-State through Albany. It is this supply that the up-State floods are holding up.

B. S. Halsey, vice-president of the Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker Company, said that his company received all its milk yesterday except one trainload, which was due over the Rutland Vermont Railroad. "This train was held up somewhere, he said, between Bennington, Vt., and Chatham, N. Y."

"The trouble," he said, "was due to washouts and dirt on tracks of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. The trains were obliged to go around by the way of Troy and came down via the Harlem division."

"Some of the last trains didn't get in until 10 and 11 o'clock this morning, but we made all deliveries. The trains are being delayed in going back empty and the outlook is not very bright for prompt deliveries in the morning."

H. N. Hallock, manager of the route department of the Borden company, said that its last train reached New York at 11 A. M., many hours behind time. Washouts and inundated tracks on the Delaware and Hudson, the milk road to Albany, caused the delay.

Not only were the railroads handicapped in getting in the milk trains, but in the Mohawk Valley and other districts farmers were unable to get their teams to the dairies by reason of flooded roads.

Fears Husband Was Killed by Torpedo.

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LITTLE FOOD IN WHEELING.

Hoping for Reopening of Railroads to Feed Victims.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 28.—With the river at its crest and the attendant excitement subsiding, the people of this city and vicinity as well as of the whole Ohio Valley, are face to face to-night with the stern realities of a genuine food. The chief of them is caring for the thousands of homeless during the wait for the waters to recede and the days of effort in cleaning out thousands of homes and making them habitable again.

At 4 o'clock the stage touched the mark of 51 feet 1 inch, the highest but one in a full century and but thirteen inches below the record mark of 52 feet 4 inches in 1884. The memorable '84 flood was a damaging one, but the present one is four times more damaging with the increased population and the more congested condition in the low water districts.

The 20,000 homeless in Wheeling proper make up no more than one-half the total of the immediate vicinity. The charity inclined have come nobly forward.

Wheeling people in a single day contributed \$10,000 in money and provisions. Mayor Kirk, in charge of the relief work, said to-night that he will be able to feed 5,000 people for at least three days.

SCHUYLKILL FLOODS MILLS IN MANAYUNK Dozen Are Shut Down and 10,000 Workers Are Affected.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—A dozen mills in the Manayunk district here were compelled to close down this morning when the rapidly rising Schuylkill River swept over its banks and surrounded the plants. More than 10,000 men and women were thrown out of employment.

In many cases the large manufacturing plants were inaccessible because of the depth of water surrounding them. Boat houses on the river front here are being struck away. Several park houses on the edge of Fairmount Park are surrounded by water.