

# CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVED IN THE STRICKEN CITY

## MONEY IN BIG SUMS; FOOD BY CARLOADS

Cash and Provisions Pouring Into Red Cross.

REACHES INTO THE MILLIONS

National Headquarters Reports Show Supplies Being Rushed to Frisco From All Directions.

Contributions of big sums of money and provisions by the carload are pouring into the Red Cross Society from all parts of the country. Only a small amount has been reported officially to the national headquarters in Washington, as the contributions are turned into the State branches, and through them the money is turned over to C. H. Keep, the national treasurer, in the Treasury Department, while the provision, clothing, etc., are being transported direct to San Francisco as rapidly as possible. Owing to the fact that reports are slow coming in from State officers, it is difficult to estimate the total amount of money and value of supplies donated so far. It is safe to say, however, that it already will reach into the millions of dollars.

Miss Mabel Boardman, in charge of the national headquarters, sent messages to the Red Cross officials in Denver and Seattle, yesterday afternoon, for them to rush all the milk procurable by the quickest possible means to the parched victims of the fire and earthquake. Reports from Seattle and Los Angeles, received by the Red Cross and War Department, are to the effect that the food supply has been almost totally exhausted.

Miss Boardman instructed the Red Cross agents in Portland, Seattle, Denver, Los Angeles, and other large cities in that region, yesterday morning, to buy all the food supplies available, and rush them to San Francisco. Word came in from Los Angeles and Seattle that practically everything had been bought up by the War Department and local relief societies.

Food the First Necessity.

In reply to a telegram sent to General Funston, asking if he desired funds, Miss Boardman received a dispatch stating that money is of no use. Consequently, no money will be sent until food and clothing in ample quantities are delivered in the devastated city, as there is nothing to be bought there.

The following consignments of provisions were started en route to San Francisco by express trains Friday night and yesterday:

Thirty carloads of flour, by Minneapolis relief committee.  
One carload of canned vegetable, by relief association of Indianapolis.  
Two carloads of provisions, by citizens of Cheyenne.  
Carload of eggs, by Chicago butter and egg board.  
Trainload of provisions, by city of St. Paul.

About \$2,000 worth of canned vegetables, by citizens of Waterloo, Iowa.  
Carload of canned corn, from Oneida Community, New York.  
Three carloads of provisions, by people of Colorado Springs, Col.

The mayor of Wilmington, N. C., wired yesterday that \$4,000 had been subscribed by citizens of that city.

Local Committee to Receive Clothing.  
A committee of prominent Washington women connected with the Red Cross was appointed yesterday afternoon by Miss Mabel Boardman to superintend the receiving of clothing, both new or old, linen, blankets, etc.

Miss Boardman states that clothing is needed, next to food, as in a few days the survivors will be in tatters. She requests that upon packages be sent to 1801 P street northwest, and all other packages be delivered to Woodward & Lothrop, on P street. This firm has volunteered to pack and cart to the railway stations all contributions.

The committee named is as follows: Mrs. W. S. Cowles, Mrs. E. C. Hobson, Mrs. W. J. Boardman, Miss Mary Williams, Mrs. E. Edward Reynolds, Mrs. F. A. Keep, Mrs. Herbert Wardworth, and Mrs. H. H. D. Peirce.

List of Washington Contributions.  
Following is a list of Washington contributions reported to the national headquarters of the Red Cross yesterday:

Theodore Roosevelt, \$1,000; cash, \$5,000; Mrs. Clara S. Hay, \$500; Mrs. Ellen N. Warden, \$500; Frederick C. Stevens, \$500; Mrs. A. P. Gardner, \$500; Mrs. Virginia L. W. Fox, \$300; E. Francis Riggs, \$200; Miss E. C. Q. Woodbury, \$100; Mrs. James McMillan, \$100; Ion H. Pedicaris,



MISS MABEL BOARDMAN, In Charge of National Headquarters, Who Is Directing the Dispatch of Supplies to Frisco.

\$100; Thomas R. Jones, \$50; J. C. Boyd, \$20; Gist Blair, \$20; Charles G. Brownwell, \$25; L. R. de Sturgiur, \$20; John E. Wilkie, \$10; General and Mrs. of the Misses Randolph, \$20; E. A. Root, \$10; cash, \$10; W. C. Dodge, \$5; Maury D. Baker, \$1; Office of Auditor for Navy Department, \$100; Frank Goodwin, \$5; Treasury Department, E. B. D. \$1; J. W. \$1; J. M. \$1; G. R. S. \$1; E. S. \$1; cash, \$1; cash, \$1; A. S. H. \$1; W. M. \$1; D. R. \$1; A. F. E. \$1; Walter Dutton, \$1; C. T. C. \$1; M. D. A. \$1; E. J. C. \$1; cash, \$1; Keltoston, \$1; S. L. Brooks, 25 cents; Joseph Johnson, \$5; H. H. W. \$1; J. C. Moore, 50 cents; E. Grant Norman, \$1; J. J. \$1; Office of Auditor for State and other Departments, \$88.75; James McReynolds, \$100; Mrs. W. S. Cowles, \$100; Admiral W. S. Cowles, \$25; A. B. Loundsbury, \$25; Mrs. Fannie T. Bulkeley, \$25; Miss Eleanor and Master Holton Bulkeley, \$25; M. D. Purdy, \$25; Charles Hallam Keep, \$100; H. A. Taylor, \$100; KNOX, \$500; James H. Henry, \$25; N. W. Ambrose, \$10; Allerton Cushman, \$25; C. C. Dunn, \$1; Gideon Bantz, \$100; Mrs. M. C. Keep, \$100; Mrs. F. A. Keep, \$25; J. E. Jenks, \$25; John R. Adams, \$25; J. H. Edwards, \$25; D. A. De Armond, \$100; Mrs. A. P. Barney, \$25; Miss Mary Cryder, \$5.

## GRAND ARMY SOUNDS APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The following appeal for funds was issued last night from the headquarters of the National G. A. R.:

"To All Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"The awful disaster at San Francisco calls for the immediate exhibition of our broadest fraternity and charity. I appeal to each post in our order to assemble at once and make such contribution as they can and send quickly to Edward Dwyer, Grand Army Representative, Oakland, Cal. JAMES TANNER, Commander-in-Chief and Member of National Executive Committee of Red Cross."

## UNDERWRITERS PREDICTED GREAT SAN FRANCISCO FIRE

CLEVELAND, April 21.—The national board of underwriters warned the people of San Francisco last night that the city was in danger of being wiped out.

Among the fire insurance men now in Cleveland are the members of the committee of twenty of the national board of underwriters. For the last two months this committee has been at work in Cleveland studying fire conditions. Last October they spent two months in San Francisco studying conditions. After speaking of bad fire conditions in San Francisco the report says:

"In fact, San Francisco has violated all underwriting traditions and precedent by not burning up, what it has not done so is largely due to the vigilance of the fire department, which cannot be relied upon indefinitely to stave off the inevitable."

## ASTOR'S DONATION WILL GO BEGGING

Government Accepts No Gifts for Frisco From Foreigners.

While contributions for relief of the San Francisco sufferers are being eagerly accepted by the Red Cross from persons all over the country, no matter their station or whether the sum in cash be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars or only 5 cents, the contribution of \$100,000 offered by William Waldorf Astor seems destined to go begging for some one to accept it.

This situation arises through the fact that Mr. Astor, having renounced his country and his citizenship, is no longer an American, and the State Department, on the suggestion of the President, has announced that no foreign contributions will be accepted.

This munificent contribution, which has been reported from London and New York, has not yet reached either the Red Cross Society or the State Department, and it is unlikely that either would accept it should it be offered.

That Editorial.

The offer is put in a particularly unfavorable light in the eyes of the Government and Red Cross officials who have to do with receiving contributions, through the publication of an editorial in the Pall Mall Gazette, in which it was stated that such calamities as that at San Francisco only visit nations of a degenerate character. Mr. Astor is accredited with owning the controlling interest in the Gazette, and is even said to write many of its editorials treating American affairs.

When announcement of the contribution was made yesterday the spirit of the editorial, as well as the act of Mr. Astor in renouncing his country, immediately flashed into the minds of the officials.

It is understood that steps already have been taken by Mr. Astor's agents in New York to point out to the relief officials that the editorial in question was printed without his knowledge, and in this way it was hoped that amendments might be made. It can be said on authority that these explanations are not likely to alter the situation in the least, for as two notable contributions already have been declined on the ground that they were offered by foreigners, no exceptions will be made.

It is pointed out that Mr. Astor might make his contribution directly to the mayor of San Francisco or governor of California, but the understanding is that all contributions, no matter where sent, eventually will be turned over to the Red Cross and army officials in San Francisco for use.

Many contributions by Americans already have been made by draft to the governor and mayor, and they in turn have expressed their intention of turning them over to the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, as money is now as worthless in San Francisco as gold in a desert.

As to foreign contributions, the Red Cross officials have announced that they will follow the policy of the President and State Department. Many of the leading officers of the society are Government officials, Secretary Tamm being the president, and in this instance it is operating practically as an adjunct to the army.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS TERRORIZE TUSCANS

ROME, April 21.—In the province of Siena, Tuscany, thirteen earthquake shocks were felt in succession this morning. Among the buildings damaged was the city hall at Poggibonsi, about twenty miles south of Florence. The inhabitants of that place were panic-stricken and rushed madly from their homes.

## FEDERAL BUILDINGS SOON TO BE REPLACED

Steel Structures the Plan Under Consideration by House Leaders Having Matter in Hand.

The Government will lose no time in preparing to remove the wreckage of the demolished Federal buildings at San Francisco. The Secretary of the Treasury has already been called upon to submit an estimate of the cost of constructing steel buildings. It has been decided by the House leaders to provide for the new buildings in a special bill.

Chairman Bartholdt, of the Public Buildings Committee, in making this announcement, stated that it would be impossible to make proper provisions in the omnibus public buildings bill, now in course of preparation.

## RELIEF FUND NEARS TEN MILLION MARK

Money Pours in From Every City and Village in the Country—Contributions Made by Foreigners Also.

NEW YORK, April 21.—It is estimated today that the relief fund for the benefit of stricken San Francisco will reach the ten-million mark before noon on Monday.

From every city, town, and village in the entire United States has come a response, which eclipses any other effort in the history of this most generous nation. So large have been the contributions, that it will be many days before a detailed list can be made up. It is the plan now of those persons in the East, who are raising money, to transfer it at once to the citizens' committee of San Francisco, to be spent by them just as they want to. In addition to the money, supplies are pouring into all of the express companies and railroad corporation offices everywhere, and are being shipped on as fast as possible.

The sorrow of the West is the sorrow of the World, and despite the fact that President Roosevelt, through the State Department, has caused it to be known that the nation can care for its sufferers, individual foreign contributions came in throughout the day, and were turned over to collecting organizations in the large seaboard cities of the East.

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## CHILDREN DESERTED IN FLIGHT FROM FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 21.—It is certain now that more than 150 persons were burned to death last night in the vicinity of Telegraph and Russian Hills and Union street.

While the fire was raging the people were cut off from retreat. In twenty buildings bodies have been recovered. Two babies were found where they were dropped in the mad flight. This fire rendered 25,000 more people homeless.

It is now known that several cases of smallpox reached the Oakland side of the bay. The city may be quarantined.

Because of broken water and gas mains and leaky pipes, coupled with improper diet, sickness is breaking out among refugees and extraordinary military strictness is being enforced, not even Governor Pardee's passes being recognized. Portable oil and alcohol stoves, canned milk, and soups and soured digested foods are being called for to prevent dietic diseases.

Banks are taking steps to reopen. The clearing house people say a considerable portion of the money on deposit will be available within a few days. The little town of Salinas is half ruined and one death is reported. There was no fire.

## VIRGINIA DISMAL SWAMP EXPERIENCES EARTHQUAKE

SUFFOLK, Va., April 21.—A volcanic disturbance was reported about 11:20 o'clock on the edge of Dismal Swamp. The news was told by Police Chief Brinkley.

He says pieces of forest, undergrowth and mud are boiling up, and that residents of the locality are becoming much frightened and are seeking safety in flight.

## MAROOINED MILLIONAIRE PAID \$1 EACH FOR EGGS

OAKLAND, Cal., April 21.—Among the refugees from San Francisco stranded in this city today were John Singleton, a Los Angeles millionaire, his wife and her sister. The Singletons were staying in the Palace Hotel when the earthquake tore up the city on Wednesday morning. Mr. Singleton gives the following account of his experience:

"After leaving the Palace Hotel we secured an express wagon for \$25 to take us to the Casino, near the Golden Gate Park, where we stayed Wednesday night. On Thursday morning we managed to get a conveyance at an enormous price and spent an entire day in getting to the Palace. We paid \$1 apiece for eggs and \$1 for a loaf of bread. On these and a little ham we had to be satisfied. We reached Oakland last night on a ferryboat and are now trying to get back to Los Angeles."

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