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# REFUGEES DOING WELL

## General Committee's Good Work Alleviates All Suffering



FOOD BEING SERVED AT FORT MASON

### Bank Depositors Sure to Be Paid. Insurance Risks Will Be Fully Settled.

The unexampled courage, the boundless confidence and the superb fortitude of the citizens of San Francisco rise superior to adversity.

Order and system now emerge from the scenes of devastation. Every hour brings convincing proof that the city will be restored in renewed grandeur. Already owners of the massive destroyed buildings are making plans to rebuild on the original sites of their respective structures. It is noted that the wholesale merchants, bankers and business men generally have resolved to retain the sites which they occupied before the fire.

The most encouraging intelligence that comes today is the assurance that the insurance companies will meet the prodigious losses which they sustained in the fire. The telegrams concerning the attitude of the great American and foreign insurance corporations give promise of ample capital to be employed in the building operations of the future.

Local bankers, after conference with the money centers of the East, assure the General Committee for the restoration of San Francisco that depositors will be paid in full. Measures to insure loans on a large scale are being effected. The abundance of coin in the savings banks will soon be released and placed in circulation. Special inquiry regarding the time for the opening of the banks is being addressed to the leading men composing the General Relief Committee.

Depositors are asked to be patient for a few days. Time must be given for safes to cool. Directions were given by the authorities yesterday that no permits for the opening of safes should be given until next Monday.

**SANITATION IS GOOD.**  
Proper sanitation of the vast camps where many thousands of the homeless find shelter has been achieved. The reports of Colonel Torrey, U. S. A., and Dr. Ward of San Francisco, who have complete control of the important work of sanitation, assure the country that the danger of pestilence is averted. In fact, the health of the city was never better. In the General Committee the report of Dr. Ward was hailed with applause.

The condition of the Fire Department is reported by Chairman Wilson as excellent. It was never in better

shape. Fresh horses have been brought in. The water supply is daily increasing.

Street car service, now ready for renewal, promises to give the public an avenue of relief that must prove highly acceptable. Mayor Schmitz, Rudolph Spreckels, Thornwell Mullally, Charles S. Wheeler and Engineers Hunt and Davis have had much difficulty in reaching a decision as to the safety of permitting the resumption of car service. Danger of fires from house connections of telephone wires is said to be finally removed.

Permanent location of Chinatown has been entrusted to a committee consisting of A. Ruef, James D. Phelan, Chief of Police Dinan, Dr. Ward and Dr. Filben. The temporary Chinese camp is established on four blocks near Fort Mason. It was the sense of the General Committee, that Mongolian refugees should go for the present to this camp, where the United States army is enforcing the strictest sanitary regulations.

Assurance was given to the General Committee that the Chinese would not resist the plan to permanently put the Chinatown of the future near deep water at Hunters Point, close to the San Mateo County line, but without the municipal boundaries of San Francisco. The committee and municipal authorities regard this question as one of vital concern to the future growth and welfare of the city. The committee find that the military authorities have had some advice from Washington touching the care of the Chinese.

**TRADE IS PICKING UP.**  
Trade, wholesale and retail, is in the process of resumption. The normal business of buying and selling goods is gaining in volume every hour. The committee of which George W. Wittman is chairman reports to the General Relief Committee that the most gratifying advances toward the restoration of retail trade have been accomplished.

Work of cleaning away the debris of the fire, knocking down dangerous walls and rendering passable the streets in the burned district is progressing with amazing rapidity under the direction of Mahoney, Daneen and Federal officers.

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PORTION OF THE TENT CITY AT FORT MASON

HOW THE HOMELESS IN SAN FRANCISCO ENJOY OUT-OF-DOOR LIFE, AMPLY PROVIDED WITH FOOD AND WELL PROTECTED FROM THE COLD. MAN'S HUMANITY TO MAN HAS CARED FOR THE UN-FORTUNATES MOST HANDSOMELY AND A HAPPY MOOD PREVAILS IN THE HOUR OF GREAT DISTRESS.

### MAYOR GRANTS PERMIT FOR ELECTRIC CARS TO RUN

#### City Electrician Makes Favorable Report.

Street railway traffic will be resumed at 7 o'clock this morning, and every day from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. cars will be run at brief intervals over the following route:

Commencing at Pacific avenue on Fillmore street to Thirteenth, on Thirteenth to Church, on Church to Sixteenth, on Sixteenth from Church to Mission, from Sixteenth on Mission to Fifth, on Fifth between Mission and Market, on Market from Fifth to Ferry; also from Sixteenth and Mission on Sixteenth street to the Bryant street power house.

All of this was decided on last evening, when Mayor Schmitz and General Greely approved the report of the Light and Power Committee and W. R. Hewitt, chief of the Department of Electricity, permitting the United Railroads to start its Bryant-street power house and operate the above-mentioned lines.

It is understood and directed that the current must not be turned on trolley or feeder circuits of other streets than those named until permit is obtained therefor. This permit is given with the understanding that the United Railroads shall for such a period as they may be directed maintain a patrol of the lines operated within the unburned district, having one man in each block.

Thornwell Mullally of the United Railroads stated last evening that the

lines that will be operated to-day have been ready for the last four days.

Street car traffic was interrupted on Fillmore street yesterday by a tottering wall on the west of the Pierce-Rudolph storage building. So dangerous has this wall become that the police roped the street between Eddy and Ellis, and no person or wagon will be permitted within the enclosure until the wall is taken down. This will interrupt the Fillmore street car service for a few days.

Thornwell Mullally of the United Railroads has received the following telegram from President Patrick Cahalan in New York:

"Confidence among our friends unshaken. Policy of company remains the same. Let Mayor and public fully understand that we are ready to carry forward all our plans and to co-operate in the fullest way and with the most aggressive policy in aiding in rebuilding the city. Am arranging to promptly furnish any additional engineers or other men you need. The whole of Messrs. Ford, Bacon & Davis' force is at your disposal. Pittsburg is ready to furnish additional engines and dynamos if needed and Westinghouse and General Electric Company have kindly offered to furnish any temporary facilities in priority to all other orders. Congratulate you, Davis, Chapman and our whole force upon the effective way in which you have handled situation. We are all rejoiced at your and their safety."

tributed for the alleviation of the people.

It may be said that while the complete details of disbursing and accounting for the immense sum of money already contributed have not been formulated they have been thoroughly discussed in committee and may be briefly stated as follows:

All expenditures will be authorized by the finance committee of the citizens' relief and Red Cross funds. The members of this committee are representative bankers, business men and jurists of San Francisco, and Dr. Devine of the Red Cross Society. This committee will audit all accounts and make a detailed report to the War Department, where a final audit and statement will be made.

At noon yesterday the distribution of food to the city of San Francisco was formally turned over to the United States army, which will act under the system already described. Under this system many of the abuses that have prevailed in the giving out of supplies by the various local and outside relief organizations, each of which has acted independently of all others, will be discontinued and the direction of all the stations will be centralized in the depot of the quartermaster of the United States army, Major Duval.

**NO CONFLICT EXISTS.**  
The impression which seems to have prevailed in New York, Washington and other Eastern cities that there was friction over the matter of concentrating and distributing Red Cross supplies was corrected yesterday by Dr. Edward T. Devine, general agent of the Red Cross Society, who informed the proper persons in those cities that absolute harmony prevailed and that the work was being carried on to the entire satisfaction of everybody. He felt that it was but just to all those cities in the East and elsewhere that have contributed so liberally to the relief fund, to be kept informed as to what disposition is being made of their supplies.

He wished it to be known that the Red Cross work had been carried out

### VAST SUMS DISBURSED FOR NEEDY

National Red Cross Corps Works With Local Bodies.

Wholesalers Decide to Remain at Old Stands.

One of the great problems confronting the executive heads of the relief work is how to distribute the fund con-

### THE GREATER CALL

The Call believes in San Francisco. While the battle with the flames that wiped out the city—that was still waged, plans were laid for the building of a new and a Greater Call.

In spite of the general disorder following the fire and the destruction of its entire plant, The Call has been published every day.

The plans, hurriedly made in the thick of the conflict, have now matured. As an evidence of its faith in the new San Francisco, The Call has planned the assembling of a new plant of the most complete newspaper equipment on the Pacific Coast.

Orders have been placed and rapidly as human energy can turn out the work and railroads bring it across the continent The Call's new equipment will be installed.

Then The Call will be ready to give substantial evidence of the sincerity of its present declaration of faith and to take its place as the factor for the best newspaper expression of the spirit which will make the new San Francisco the most beautiful city on earth and one of the world's most important commercial centers.

in a satisfactory manner and that the transfer of all its supplies now on hand would be made without the slightest confusion.

Dr. Devine expressed the opinion that less perishable goods and more supplies of a substantial character should be sent here. Owing to the lack of prompt transportation facilities during the first few days of the excitement following the fire large quantities of fruits and other perishable goods were unfit for use when they arrived here.

**NOT MANY SICK.**  
The reports from the large hospitals at the Presidio and at Golden Gate Park yesterday showed that the number of patients is less than Wednesday. At the General Hospital in the Presidio there were 550 patients yesterday, which 200 less than Tuesday. The decreases are probably due to the fact that the privilege of free transportation over the railroads to any part of the State expired at noon yesterday and many of the patients who were suffering from minor injuries and complaints left the hospitals in time to take advantage of the generosity of the railroads.

A statement by Dr. James W. Ward, president of the Board of Health, yesterday showed that there are now thirty hospitals in use, all the smaller institutions established during the confusion of the first few days following the fire having been abandoned and the patients removed to the larger establishments. Tuberculosis hospitals have been established separate from the others. Every well and other source of water supply throughout the city is being examined by competent inspectors to provide against any possibility of contamination and resulting sickness. The garbage of the city is being towed out to sea on barges and all unsanitary camps have been removed and the ground which they occupied quarantined. The medical supplies of the city have been concentrated at the Presidio General Hospital, and from there distributed to the various hospitals and relief stations. A most rigid inspection is maintained and every case of communicable disease is promptly isolated and quarantined. The prompt and thorough measures taken by the Health Department have served to prevent any sort of epidemic, and the general average health reports are almost normal.

**STREET CAR TRAFFIC.**  
The resumption of street car traffic is causing considerable discussion in the citizens' committee of fifty meetings as well as in the meetings of the various executive bodies. The street railway companies announce that they can resume traffic at a moment's notice on all the lines throughout habitable

sections of the city and only await the final word of the Mayor.

Opposed to the resumption at this time there is a strong section of the committee which argues that it would be entirely unsafe to permit the charging of electric wires until a sufficient supply of water is available for the suppression of possible fires.

The street car companies assert that they have made a most careful inspection of their system of overhead wires and that the danger from these wires is hardly worth consideration even at this time. Means of transportation are very badly needed just now and the running of street cars would very materially assist in bringing about normal conditions. Late this evening it was decided to start the street cars tomorrow morning.

**WHOLESALESMEN FIRM.**  
As an evidence of the determination of San Francisco business men to resume business at their old stands, the Wholesalers' Association today declined the generous offer of Oakland's citizens of a large tract of land on that side of the bay for the location of wholesale establishments. After mature consideration the wholesalers declined the offer with thanks and reiterated their intention of rebuilding and opening up business on the old ground.

It was stated at this meeting that temporary buildings for many of the wholesale firms would be completed within fifteen days. The wholesalers have reports of 3000 carloads of goods now in transit between Chicago and San Francisco and of 2500 more carloads ready for delivery as soon as the congestion in the railroad yards can be relieved.

James D. Phelan, president of the Association for the Improvement and adornment of San Francisco, has invited all interested architects, engineers and others to confer with the directors of the association at Upper Franklin Hall, corner Bush and Fillmore streets, tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Phelan has also telegraphed D. H. Burnham, the noted Chicago architect, to come to San Francisco at once. Mr. Burnham some months ago had submitted an elaborate plan for the beautification of San Francisco to the city and it is proposed to put those plans into effect.

**Marriage of Lurline Spreckels.**  
PARIS, April 26.—The civil marriage of Spencer Eddy, secretary of the American Embassy at St. Petersburg, and Lurline Spreckels, daughter of C. Augustus Spreckels of San Francisco, took place today at the town hall of Passy in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The church marriage will be celebrated tomorrow.

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