



PRESIDENT APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF CITY'S BONDS BY GOVERNMENT

RUSH CONSTRUCTION OF HUMBOLDT BANK

Men Who Planned Splendid Structure Not Disheartened by the Fire.



FINEST OF HOTELS IS TO BE ERECTED IN CITY OF CHICAGO

Seven Million Dollars Will Be Expended on Palatial Caravansary.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, June 12.—As the result of negotiations just completed Chicago is insured the finest hotel in the country...

SPLendid MODERN BUILDING THAT WILL BE ERECTED ON MARKET STREET, NEAR FOURTH.

The work of excavating for the Humboldt Bank building is now nearly completed, and there are carloads of building material on the way for its construction.

The architects, Meyer & O'Brien, have erected a temporary office on stilts just in front of the building site, where they can watch over the minutest details of its construction.

The hotel is to be conducted by the management of the St. Regis Hotel in New York.

BRITISH BULLETS DROP THE BLACKS FROM TREES

Africans Killed While in the Branches of the Forest Like Birds. DURBAN, Natal, June 12.—Colonel MacKenzie's column yesterday attacked the rebel natives, who had sought shelter in the bush.

The President has approved the plan to have the city bonds of San Francisco accepted as security for Government deposits. There is strong opposition in Congress to the proposed loan of \$10,000,000, either to the Red Cross or the clearing-house.

Proposed Ten - Million - Dollar Loan Meets Strong Opposition in Congress.

RELIEF PLAN FORMALLY PRESENTED Committee to Be Given a Hearing, When Scheme Will Be Fully Explained.

JUDGE MORROW ACTS AS SPOKESMAN

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

CALL BUREAU, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON, June 12.—It is proposed by the committee of San Francisco citizens, which has come to Washington to secure the aid of the National Government in rebuilding the city, that Congress shall authorize a loan of \$10,000,000 to the San Francisco Clearing-house Association, the money to be used for building homes for the people in San Francisco who are now homeless.

This proposition was laid before President Roosevelt by the committee today and it appeared to impress the President as one which he might be inclined to consider if indorsement of the scheme could be secured from the leading members of both houses of Congress.

It is probable that arrangements will be made by the Secretary of the Treasury for the acceptance of the bonds of the city of San Francisco as security for the deposit of Government money in the banks of that city.

The committee, consisting of Judge W. W. Morrow, Dr. Devine, Thomas Magee, W. J. Barnett and Franklin K. Lane, with Maxwell Evarts, representing E. H. Harriman of the Southern Pacific, met the members of the California delegation this morning and after a brief consultation the entire body visited the White House, where it was cordially received by President Roosevelt.

PLAN APPEALS TO PRESIDENT.

Judge Morrow read a statement to the President setting forth existing conditions in San Francisco and suggesting the loan to the National Red Cross and the acceptance of \$13,000,000 of city bonds as security for deposits of Government money.

Senator Flint then proposed that the money, to the amount of \$10,000,000, be loaned to the San

Francisco Clearing-house Association, or to a securities company to be backed by that organization, and by them loaned out to the small borrowers for the rebuilding of homes, the sum to be paid back to the Government in ten years with interest.

The House committee on appropriations has granted a hearing to the visiting committee to be held on next Thursday morning, when Judge Morrow and others will submit their views on the question and urge the favorable action of Congress.

OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS.

If the proposition for national aid should meet the approval of the House committee and of Speaker Cannon, the necessary legislation might be secured, but there is apparently strong opposition in both the Senate and House to any Congressional action authorizing the proposed Government assistance to San Francisco.

While the California Senators have found some friendly sentiment in the Senate, the committee and the California delegation in the House have, thus far, received very little encouragement in their inquiries among Congressmen, but they hope to make a more favorable impression upon the appropriations committee at the coming hearing.

The desire of Secretary Taft to be heard by the House appropriations committee on Thursday morning on another matter may cause the hearing of the San Francisco committee to be deferred until later in the week.

ABSOLUTE DECREE OF DIVORCE WANTED BY MRS. W. E. COREY

Wife of Steel Magnate of Pittsburgh Files Suit in Reno.

RENO, June 12.—Mrs. William Ellis Corey, wife of the president of the United States Steel Corporation, this morning filed a petition in the Second District Court of Nevada at this place for an absolute decree of divorce.

GEORGE GOULD AND WIFE START FOR OLD WORLD

Intend to Make Ten-thousand-Mile Automobile Journey by Easy Stages in Europe.

NEW YORK, June 12.—George J. Gould and Mrs. Gould, with their daughters, Marjorie and Helen, left today on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse for Cherbourg.

divorce and his settlement upon his wife of an independent fortune. The attorneys declined to discuss this phase of the matter.

THOUSANDS THROUGH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH IN BOSTON

Two Large Business Meetings Are Held in the Great Edifice.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. BOSTON, June 12.—So great a crowd had assembled before the new auditorium of the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, for the annual business meeting of the believers in the Christian Science faith today that two meetings, one a duplicate of the other, were arranged.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

MAKE A SECRET PACT

FIRE VICTIMS TO SUFFER

All Adjusted Losses to Be Cut 25 Per Cent Before Payments Are Made.

Sixty companies agreed through their agents at a meeting in Oakland yesterday to slash all policies twenty-five per cent. Thirty companies refused to enter the agreement.

OAKLAND, June 12.—The fire insurance situation has reached a critical point. Sixty companies today voted through their managers at Reed Hall to establish a horizontal cut of 25 per cent on all adjusted losses.

While the vote which was taken today is not binding upon any of the companies, it places on record more than one-half of the corporations carrying fire risks in San Francisco as in favor of a slash in the payments of adjusted losses.

This action is the result of an agitation which has been in progress for several weeks among the insurance companies. It reflects decisions which have been reached in many of the Eastern and some of the foreign home offices with relation to payment of the San Francisco losses.

Efforts of the representatives of companies which will pay in full to force a publication of the roll call by which the corporations went on record failed.

SEEK TO HIDE IDENTITY FROM THE PUBLIC.

The majority of the companies voting to cut was strong enough to prevent the light of publicity being thrown upon their action so far as identity of the corporations was concerned.

Managers of many companies represented at today's meeting when pressed for information concerning their action blocked every query by declaring that the proceedings were secret and those present were bound by word of honor not to discuss anything which there occurred.

T. C. Coogan, the attorney for the bureau, and E. F. Mohrhardt, secretary of the bureau, were positive in their declarations to furnish information.

Today's session was prolonged and stormy. The minority of thirty stubbornly fought every move which tended to place the bureau on record in the matter of payment of losses.

While the California Senators have found some friendly sentiment in the Senate, the committee and the California delegation in the House have, thus far, received very little encouragement in their inquiries among Congressmen.

But the action does serve an important use to the policy-holders, in that it will give them a basis upon which to figure where they are standing in the matter of loss payments.

The situation is rapidly nearing the point where the "paying" companies will take the matter of adjustments into their own hands, will settle their own losses and let the other companies travel alone the road they have selected, the road of 25 per cent discount.

Another side of the argument is that made by managers who favored a uniform 25 per cent cut. This figure, they maintain, was selected in order to prevent even a greater slashing in the settlement.

The bureau refused today to amend its rule touching the work on adjustments.

A meeting of the American companies has been called for this afternoon at Reed Hall. It is said the question of reinsurance will be discussed.

ence and Health" in 1866. A number of others spent the day visiting points of interest about the city.

Among the persons in the San Francisco delegation are the following: Miss Sue Ella Bradshaw (lecturer), Frank Gale, Miss Mary Elder, Miss Elsie Stevens, John R. Culbertson, Charles F. Paine, Miss Clara Rice, C. S. Rogers, David Putnam, Miss Harriet E. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. H. de C. Richards, Harry P. Reynolds, Mrs. Lida Preston, Mrs. D. Frank Pierce, Mrs. Walter Fields, Mrs. H. Rosegar-

den, Mrs. M. A. Swenson, Mrs. Anna Thompson, Mrs. E. V. Le Blond, Mrs. Ida Gates, Mrs. Caroline Paton.

Other persons of exceptional prominence are Lecturer Clarence C. Eaton of California and Judge John D. Works of Los Angeles.

Marshal of the Nobility Murdered. KUTAIS, Russia, June 12.—M. Sharp-kovsky, a marshal of the nobility, was waylaid and murdered by revolutionists yesterday.