# TAKES UP BROKEN THREAD OF LIFE

San Francisco Proves Her Greatness by Splendid Optimism.

#### HARMONY WITH RED CROSS

ritz Depies Any Discrimination Against Chinese-General Preparations to Rebuild and Resume Business.

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ill the amergency committees, it was as estained that the loss of life caused by the catagrophe is estimated at less than 200. This estimate was made by Fairfax Wheelan, and surprised everyone, as esti-mates of 1000 and more had been made by

mates of 1699 and more had been made by, the Coroner's office.

The expenses of the various committees will be considerably less than expected. The statement of Mr. Wheelan that all physicians and nurses had refused pay was greated with cheers by the committeemen. Several committee chairmen present announced that they had carried on work laid out for them without incurring any expense.

#### Railroads Will Not Move.

Representatives of Western railroads der instructions from their headquarters have decided to follow the example set by the Southern Pacific officials, and will not even temporarily abandon locations in this city. Some of the agencies removed to Oakland will return, while other roads will maintain offices both here and across

Before noen today practically the essential departments of the Southern Pacific were in operation. Every available employe of the company was engaged in arranging for the handling of the great press of business. New office furniture consigned to dealers who have no use for it was hurriefly unnacked from ourse and it was hurriedly unpacked from cases and carried into the Ferry building, where provision has been made for all Eastern railroad agencies not elsewhere accom-modated. The officials of the company, including Messrs. Sproule, Fee, Sroupe and Hourseburg, took off their coats and carried deeks and chairs up the stairways until enabled to begin the actual transac-tion of business. Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs confirmed the statement that the main offices of the Southern Pacific would

A force of men today commenced re-construction of the Ferry building tower. the upper half of which will have to be replaced with lighter material of a dif-ferent character. A quantity of the wood and iron work to be used in restoring the tower arrived on the wharf today

#### Harbor Under Civic Control.

The military officers early this morning returned to the State Harbor Cor full authority over docks, wharves and plers. At the same time, the two departwill continue as beretofore to assisone another in every way calculated to expedite the unloading and handling of food supplies. With the assistance of the regulars assigned to duty along the water-front district and the jackles from the Boston and other vessels of the Pacific squadron, perfect order has been maintained in this, the most congested portion of the city. Chief Wharfinger R. J. Welch

It has been agreed that nothing shall be handled at the docks except food sup-plies, and no vessel will be allowed to lie alongeide a wharf where there is any possibility of unloading anything needed by

## Damage to St. Francis Slight.

in company with William Dohrman, the auditor of the St. Francis Hotel, representatives of the Associated Fress explored the building as far as the fourth floor. The interior resembles the inside walls of a dead furnace. The effect of the intense heat is shown by melted glass and metal objects. The walls, however, do not appear to be aprung and the building can be repaired. The engine room, in the basement, sustained little or no dam-

The steel superstructure is apparently unaffected, and save for the southeast corner, there are no cracks in the towering walls. The annex, forming the third wing, which was in course of construc-tion, was uninjured. The vaults containing the safety deposit boxes are intact. It is roughly estimated that \$100,000 will restore the hotel to its former splendor.

## Telephone Lines Restored.

Telephone connections to Oakland and also San Bruno way are now complete. Today the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company had 800 men at work throughout the city repairing and laying underground emergency lines. Before nightfall a 25-wire cable had been laid the entire length of Market street in the street car cable slot and messages are now being sent without difficulty. General Manager Glass said this afternoon that while before the disaster the company had 50,000 subscrib-ers, the names now on its list number less

than 8000.

Three hundred representative San Prancisco merchants met this afternoon to consider the best methods of reconstructing and resuming Ban Francisco retail business. The necessary steps were taken for the formation or resumption of the Trade Lesgue, and sub-committees were formed representing every trade in the commercial world. The sub-committees consist of three representative men of every line of trade. It is the duty of each therein to attend to the resumption of business in its particular line. They were instructed to report each day to the seninstructed to report each day to the gen-

committee.

Merchants' Exchange this morning out the ground floor The Merchants' Exchange this morning had already cleaned out the ground floor and second floor of its 14-story building and by tomorrow expects to be transacting some business there. The shipping business is at a standstill Only one vessel of any size has been permitted to leave this port. The exception was a hig German freighter bound for Hamburg.

The fire underwriters are making some plans to reopen offices in the Merchants' Exchange building.

The San Francisco Gas & Electric Company yesterday obtained permits for a small army of men to go about the city to gain some idea of the details of the Gamage, and by this means to place itself in a position to effect a reatoration of normal conditions.

The United Railways Company today had many of its employes on the streets clearing the tracks and erecting temporary trolley poles on Market street. These poles were erected from the Ferry building to Fifth street.

Coffee and Sugar Wanted.

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Coffee and sugar are wanted in San Francisco for the relief camps. Other provisions are to be had in plenty. There is plenty of meat, which is being sold at

mal prices.

7. Ward, president of the State and of Health, states that there is less amunicable disease in the city today



-Photo by A. W. Plummer, of 351 Alder street, Portland MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, AS IT IS TODAY. SCENE LOOKING DOWN MARKET STREET, SHOWING A THRONG OF REFUGEES ON THEIR WAY TO THE PERRY.

weeks. Dr. Ward will issue a daily bul-

#### Funds Received \$1,917,000.

Chairman Phelan reports contribution to the relief fund as follows: Outside, \$1917,000.

Local, \$540,000. Total, \$2,363,468.

Many cases of clothing, old and new, were unpacked yesterday morning at subrelief stations established on plers and distributed among the needy. Several thousand people were supplied with garments during the first few hours, and there still remain many unpospend cases. there still remain many unopened cases.

A dozen large boxes containing assorted sizes of overcoats were emptied in a twinkling, and for half an hour after-wards the gratified owners of the gar-ments were engaged in alternately trad-ing and trying them until they had se-cured something like a fit.

#### Arrival of Supplies Fluctuates.

To guard against possible misapprehen sion by people engaged in the handling and distribution of food supplies, it may be stated upon the beat authority that the condition at present existing and the prospects for tomorrow and the ensuing few days are entitely favorable. Unavoidable delays there have been occasionally. At the Army transport dock, for instance, it chanced yesterday that the amount of matter received and distributed was up to an early hour of the afternoon practo an early hour of the afternoon practically nothing as compared to yesterday, when the supply from across the bay was never a moment depleted, and the procession of outgoing loaded wagons was continuous. At the same time the supply of goods across the bay on the Oakland wharves was continuously increasing, but the military authorities were direction; the food into other changes. were directing the food into other chan-nels and consequently a long line of emp-ty wagous was compelled to wait several hours at the transport dock.

Southern Pacific officials have increased the facilities for transporting cars and miscellaneous supplies across the bay to the fullest extent. The entire system is under the direction and at the disposal of Captain Baker, assistant Department Quartermaster under Major Devol. All mercantile business of every kind has been set mide and will be neglected until

#### conditions warrant its resumption. Steamer Due From Seattle.

The steamer Shasta this morning un-loaded 20 tons of general supplies at the transport dock. Another large steamer is expected during the day. The steam-er Buckman is due today from Seattle with 1990 tons of food and general sup-

A report on conditions in Laurel Hill A report on conditions in Laurel Hill Cemetery shows that all the refugees there have been supplied with either tents or bedcovers. There are about 500 peo-ple in Alamo Square. They are fairly well housed and have a well-stocked hos-pital. There has been only one death-that of a two-weeks-old baby this morning

as the result of exposure.

At a meeting of the Lumber Dealers' Association held this morning at Third and Berry streets it was estimated that there is \$6,000,000 feet of undamaged lumber in San Francisco at present.

## SHOT TO ESCAPE CREMATION

#### Fate of Men on Burning Roof-Awful Scenes at Agnews.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 24.- That three men were shot to death on a blasing roo in San Francisco to keep them from being ourned alive, is solemnly asserted by Max Fast, a garmentworker, who came

Max Fast, a garmentworker, who came here yesterday.

"When the fire caught the Windsor Ho-tel, at Fifth and Market," said Mr. Fast, "there were three men on the roof, and it was impossible to get them down. Rather than see the crazed men fall in with the roof and be roasted alive, the military officer directed his men-to shoot them, which they did, in the presence of 5000 people.

"I saw great stones fall on three men near the City Hall, crushing the life out of them. In the Union Square I stood beside a woman who died actually from fright and thirst. Her last request was for water, and we had none to site her. fright and turst. Ther has request was for water, and we had none to give her.

At Jefferson Square I saw a fatal clash between the military and the police. A policeman ordered a soldier to take up a body to put it in the wagon. Words followed, and the soldier shot the policeman

John Cashnear, an old soldier fro Speak Fish, S. D., says the sentry on duty near Van Ness avenue ordered a friend, who was entering his home, to come out, as it was about to be dynamited. The man said: "This is my house, and I have a right to go in." The soldjer instantly killed him.

killed him.

As a general rule, the soldiers were kind and helpful, and deplored these hasty actions just as much as anyone did.

Nothing could have been more terrible than the calamity at Agnews Asylum, as described by R. L. Drinkwater, of Still water, Minn., who fied from San Francisco to San Jose, only to get from bad to worse. He said last night:

"We went to Agnews, where we had a friend, and found the asylum in rulins and friend, and found the asylum in rulins and

200 demented creatures buried there. It was a sight to transfix one with horror to see scores of mad men and women

to see scores of mad men and women strapped to trees all over the grounds, crying, shricking and cursing.

"Ordinarily troublesome in their way, the excitement of the falling of the building had made them mad indeed, and their utcanny looks and flery eyes were terrible to behold. Nothing could be done for them, as there was no place to put them, and every same woman or man available was digging to release the other unfortunates buried in the ruins.

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"Oh! such cries as came seemingly from the bowels of the earth! The devils have got me. Let me out!" I am the King; you cannot kill me! "I want my supper; I want my dinner." Just as the vagary seized them, they called out their disor-dered thought, nor even guessed their true

Most ghastly of all is the statement of William Ames, a Salt Lake man, who escaped to Los Angeles. He says:
"While I was walking about the streets I saw man after man shot down by the troops. Most of these were ghouls. One was made the troopers believe that one man made the troopers believe that one of the dead bodies lying on a pile of rocks was his mother, and he was permitted to go up to the body. Apparently overcome by grief, he threw himself across the corpse. In another instant the soldiers discovered that he was chewing the dia-mond earrings from the ears of the dead

"Here's where you get what's coming to you, said one of the soldiers, and with that he put a bullet through the ghoul. The diamonds were found in the man's

Already beggars are seeking to profit by the misfortune of San Francisco, and two men arrested while begging in the charac-ter of refugees have been proved im-

Word comes from San Jose that Charles his home by a guard. Alexander was wheeling his bicycle, when he heard some one call to him; he stopped; the call was repeated, and when the operator, who did not understand what was said, remained standing, the guard fired, and the bullet

## HISTORY OF JOURNALISM LOST

#### Loring Pickering's Unpublished Work Destroyed by Fire.

SACRAMENTO Cal., April 24-R. A. Crothers, proprietor of the San Francisco Bulletin, arrived in Sacramento tonight. He said he lost everything in his home at 1989 Bush street, where were collected a vast mass of valuable manuscripts and other articles belonging to the late Lor

other articles belonging to the late Lor-ing Pickering.

Among these was the manuscript of a history of journalism by Mr. Pickering. This had never been published, but it was regarded by Mr. Pickering as a work of importance, giving his personal recoilec-tions of every journalist of note in the United States, running back for three-quariers of a century.

Mr. Crothers was pleased to state that most of the files of the Bulletin were saved and that those that were lost can be replaced. The account books, circulation and advertising lists were rescued from the fames.

## Raymond, Wash., Raises \$750.

RAYMOND, Wash., April B. -(Special.)

Over \$150 was raised in Raymond and South Bend yesterday for the San Francisco relief fund. The money was invested in provisions, including food, clething and bedding, which were shipped on the steamer Mayfair at 10 o'clock this morning. Although loaded with lumber for San Pedro, Captain H. Hansen of the Mayfair agreed to land the provisions at San Francisco free of charge.

## Old Man Dies of Collapse.

SAN FRANCISCO, April M.-The emergency and maternity hospital located at 170 Fillmore street attended to 65 cases today. Mr. H. Finck, aged 35 formerly residing at 30 Haight street, was brought to this hospital about noon in a state of collapse, and died at 1 P. M. Mr. Finck was connected with the well-known firm of Will & Finck.

## "Pope" Schrader Loses Family.

EL PASO, Tex, April 24.—"Pope" Schrader, claiming to be the head of the "Divine Catholic Church," and known throughout the West as a "divine healer," reached here this afternoon, fleeing from San Francisco. He said he feared his entire family was lost and that not half the horrors of the diameter have been reported. aster have been reported.

Mayor Protests Against Action of Militia.

FORCED LABOR ILLEGAL

#### Reckless Shooting by State Soldiers and Ignoring of City Authorities Arouses Indignation of All Civilian Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO, April M.—That the militis, unlike the regular troops, are not all working in harmony with the local suthorities, is evidenced by the following letter, sent tonight by Mayor Schmitz to General Koster, commander of the National Guerdi.

Schmitz to General Koster, commander of the National Guard:

A great number of complaints have come in and are coming in to this office relative to arrests by our National guard of citizens in the employ of the city and even doctors and officials of the city and county and pressing them into service for work upon the public streets. Such action is illegal and I wish to hereby officially notify you that, until such lime as you are relieved by the Federal troops or the police department, you issue an order or the police department, you issue an order to your men that these acts stop immediately. There is no martial law and never has been since the earthquake, and I wish that you would see to it that your men act merely as sentinels and not take the drastic measures that in some cases they are now taking. Sheriff O'Neill had the Mayor add a paragraph to his letter. The Sheriff is also protesting against the action of the guardsmen.

Chief of Police Dinan has received a report that G. A. Hensley of the Hensley-Green Company, contractors, has under-taken to force citizens to work on the streets. The report is now being investi-

## MILITIA TOO READY TO SHOOT Police Chief Tells Instances of Ig-

noring Mayor's Orders. SAN PRANCISCO, April 24.—Chief of Police Dinan announced this morning that the reports of clashes between police and National Guardsmen were greatly exag-gerated. The officers are doing patrol duty

in conjunction with the regulars.

"As far as the Police Department is concerned," said Chief of Police Dinan.

"We have endeavored to co-operate with the regulars in patrolling the streets and

the regulars in patrolling the streets and preserving order.

"We have had no clash with militiamen or the citizens' patrol, but there have been numerous complaints of the overzealousness of the Guardsmen by private citizens, and for that reason we have deemed it advisable to request the withdrawal of all bodies of troops not acting under the direct command of General Funston.

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"Policeman Alpera, detailed to duty in an automobile, was fired upon by militiamen at Hayes street and Van Ness avenue shortly before midnight last night. No effort was made to stop him until he came up against the militia patrol at Hayes street and Van Ness avenue! They commenced to shoot before challenging the automobile party, and as the officer dashed by four shots were fired by the excited Guardsmen.

"Fortunately all were poor marksmen and Policeman Alpers lived to tell his story to his company commander.

"Captain of Police Martin was warned by militiamen in his section last night that there must be no lights. He told the guards the order was that lights should be permitted until 16 o'clock P. M. but the guard was obdurate and the captain put in the evening without lights.

"It is such little incidents as these that make the militiamen undestrable for patrol duty and have called forth a vigorous protest from the citisens."

## GREELY CALLS FOR CAVALRY

#### Will Need 5000 Regulars When the Militia Is Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, April M.—General Greely, in command at San Francisco, has telegraphed the War Department that within a week or ten days, when the militia shall have been withdrawn, as is desired by Governor Pardee, Mayor Schmitz and the militiamen themselves, the force of regulars must be largely reinforced to preserve order and safeguard public interests.

He says that icmorrow 1000 regulars would not be an excessive number. He believes that half that number from out-

## side his military division could do to-work. These should be largely cavairy, owing to lack of transportation facilities. There are 2500 regulars now at San Franhis military division could do the and slain a further search will be made of

The telegram concludes that difficulty in securing lumber exists, and is bound to increase, and that the soldlers who have been entirely occupied in trying to save the city will from now on bend their energies to make provision for difficulties which are sure to arise during the next month.

In another telegram General Greely last night praises the work of General Puna-ton and the conduct of the people of San Francisco, and says that 25,000 people have left the city within the last 34 hours.

## SOLDIER AND POLICE DISAGREE

#### Demand That Liquor Stock Be De stroyed Is Ignored.

SAN PRANCISCO, April M.—Captain Edward Rettenhaus of the Marine Corps notified Chief Dinan last night that liquor was being sold in a saloon and grocery at Fillmore and Fulton streets. Police Cap-Fillmore and Pulton streets. Police Cap-tain Duke, with a platoon of policement accompanied him to the saloon and found it closed. Captain Rettenhaus insisted that the stock be destroyed and when Captain Duke explained that he had no authority to take such action, became indignant, demanded his card and declared that General Funston would be notified that a call had been made upon the police for aid and that it had been refused. for aid and that it had been refuse Sergeant Donovan of the Municipal Li-cense Department has been requested by Chief Dinan to investigate the case and, if the conditions are as complain the military authorities, there will be future permit to the saloon man.

## CHICAGO POLICE WILL HELD

#### Posse of Detectives Placed at Service of San Francisco Chief.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.-Command ing a company of ten detective sergants identified with the Chicago police department. Lieutenant John D. Hartford reached the city shortly after noon today and reported for duty to Chief of Police Dinan. Lieutenant Hartford said, this afternoon;

"We only know that as soon as your great calamity was reported to us, the superintendent instructed us to prepare for the journey across the continent, and here we are, ready to do all that we can

nere we are, ready to do an that we can in co-operation with the local department to alleviate suffering and to prevent crime. We are here to work, and Chief Dinan can command us for any duty he may see fit." may see in.

Mr. Dinan, with an expression of thanks,
assigned the Eastern officers to Captain
of Detectives Burnett's command. They will work with the local detective ser-geants, and will keep a special watch upon Eastern crooks, who are headed this way

with an eye to wholesale looting. PARDEE AVOIDS MEETING.

#### Does Not Court Hearing His Soldie Boys Roasted.

OREGONIAN NEWS AND INFORMA-TION BUREAU, Oakland, Cal. April 24.—There has been much trouble over unnecessary shooting by soldiers, which has reached a high pitch, and to avoid trouble Governor Pardee this afternoon absented himself from the meeting of the citisens' committee awhich the question of sending home the militiamen was to be decided.

## DOGS DEVOURING BODIES.

#### of Animals Follows. SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.-One of the

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—One of the most gruesome access that has followed the fire was that witnessed on Telegraph and Russian Hills and along the entire North Beach front of the city this morning, when acores of half-starved dogs were found eating human bodies.

The animals were discovered gnawing and tearing at the corpeen half buried in the ruins, Where body a leg or an arm protruded the dogs were digging for the rest of the body.

Men who had been sent into the ruins of homes to look for what little property might have escaped the flames came upon this sickening condition, and immediately reported it to the naval officers in command of the water-front military districts. Bluejackets were detailed to cover the sections designated and kill all dogs. All morning rifle reports could be heard on the hills and along the beach as the dogs were killed.

those sections to obtain the bury them as soon as possible. Metcalf on Way to Golden Gate.

SACRAMENTO, April 24.-Secretary letcalf, of the Department of Commerce Metcaif, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, passed through this city tonight on his way to San Francisco to take charge of United States properties and buildings as special commissioner from the President. He was accompanied by Congressman D. E. McKiniey, who announced that he would at once proceed to Santa Rosa, where he will devote himself to the fullest extent to alleviation of suffering, both in his private and official ca-

E. P. Joseph Buried at San Jose. OREGONIAN NEWS AND INFORMA-TION BUREAU, Oakland, Cal., April 24.

-E. F. Joseph, of Portland, a victim of the earthquake at San Jose, was buried

fering, both in his private and official ca-

## NOTES OF THE DISASTER

Incidents and Consequences of Great

City's Destruction.

Orden. Utah.—It is estimated that 10,000 to 15,000 San Francisco refugees will pass through Orden before the end of the exodus. The Southern Pacific passenger traffic is demoralized. On one special train not a ticket was taken up Monday.

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San Francisco.—There is one place within pistoi shot of ruised San Francisco that the earthquake did not touch, that did not lose a chimney or feel a tremor—Alcatrax Island. Despite the fact that the island is covered with brick buildings, brick forts and brick chimneys, not a brick was loosened, not a creat make new a notice of the covered.

Oakland, Cal.—The palatial residence of C. A. Clark, son of United States Senator William A. Clark, of Butte, Mont., and New York City, at Burlingame, was partially demoitshed by the earthquake. The house and grounds were bought for \$350,000 three years grounds were bought for \$350,000 three ago and extensive improvements had

made.

New Tork—All the records of the San Francisco offices having been destroyed, the Equitable, the New Tork and Mutual Life Insurance Companies have a large force of men at the home offices copying duplicate records. None of the companies knows what its death losses will be. All the big companies have extended the time for payment of premiums on San Francisco policies for 60 days.

New Tork. No fee homes.

New York. — No fire insurance compan-tas admitted inability to pay losses, o account of the fire, and the officials of som

San Francisco. The Museum at Golden Gate Park was not seriously Jamaged. The main estrance is not injured, but haif the north wall has suffered. The pictures and the relice were not destroyed, but some of the destructible relice were broken. The balustrades of the riaducts bridging the main driveway near the Museum are wrecked.

San Francisco. The French Hospital, oc-cupying a block of land on Point Lobos ave-nue and Pitth avenue, was badly wrecked. No one was seriquely injured, but most of the patients were removed.

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San Francisco.—A mfe expert after examining makes and vanits in the burned district, mye that the vanits of the burne are all right, but that it will be several days before they can be opened on account of the heat. Those safes that are covered by debris will not be opened until perfectly cold.

San Francisco.—Thomas P. McGlins. a private in the state militia, attempted to shoot Detective Harry Nichols Monday, and was suspected of having planned the assaciation of Chief Dinas. He will be held until his sanity can be investigated.

San Francisco.—The San Francisco Stock Exchange Board has opened temporary quaters at 1407 Gough street. An executive season will be held within a few days to decide upon the date of resumption of business. The Goldfield Exchange was closed immediately on receipt of news of the canastrophe. Oskiand.—No pupil or employe of the Deaf. Dumb, and Blind Aegium at Berkeley received the slightest injury. All are well.

San Francisco.—All the historical and other important pletures in the Bohemian Club's gallery were saved, and are now at the Park Museum, together with the office books and records.

records.

Denver—Six hundred refugees from California arrived in Danver Tuenchy afternoon and evening. Most of them, were penniless and hungry. They were supplied with food in abundance and free transportation eastward was given those who had no money or rall-road tickets.

San Francisco.—A number of young girls who have been stranded here, far away from relatives and friends, will be taken to their homes free of charge by the Santa Pe Railroad.

morning rifle reports could be heard on the hills and along the beach as the dogs were killed.

Men were pressed into service either to bury the bodies or throw them into the bay. In a few places smoldering fires were found, and there it was possible to cremais the animals.

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# MODEL CITY AT PRESIDE

ARMY WILL GATHER 8000 REP. UGEES IN TENTS.

Streets, Sewers and Police System Complete - Systematic Distribution of Rations Arranged.

SAN FRANCISCO, April M.-Conditions at the Presidio are being rapidly reduced to a systematic basis. The efforts of the authorities are now being directed to the organization of a perfect system for the introl of the thousands of people who have sought refuge within the precincts of the reservation.

of the reservation.

Within a day or so a model camp will have been put into operation. Preparations are being made to gather together all the refugees within one immense tented city just within and north of the Union-street entrance of the Presidio. It will be streeted sewered and constantly patrolled, and order and sanitation conditions.

patrolled, and order and sanitation conditions preserved as nearly as is possible. The food supply will be regulated
and the promiscuous giving of eatables,
clothing and other supplies will cease.
Hereafter the residents of the camp will
not be required to go to the various relief stations for their supplies, but the
various commodities will be distributed
from tent to tent.

It has been definitely ascertained by the
commissary and other departments that
there has been enormous abuse of the
free food and clothing provision. Whole
families have been accustomed to standing in line several times a day, each carrying away with him supplies of food to
last for several days. In this way some
families have accumulated stocks of provisions to last them for many weeks to visions to last them for many weeks to come. Food is being distributed at four distinct points in the Presidio, and a xx-tem has been devised which obviates the ong delays which characterized the first camp, which is a counierpart of the others, canned roast beef, canned corned beef, beans, rice, onlone, potatoes, bread, prunes, pepper, sugar, tea and milk were served in turn to the long line, each person asking for what he or she wanted when passing the various tables. In this manner an applicant for food received a sufficient assortment within two minutes

after entering the relief station.

At the hospitals within the reservation the most satisfactory condition pravails. At the general hospital, there are many cases of tonsilitis, colds and such ills, but the sanitary conditions are such that the medical authorities have no fear of a serious epidemic of any kind. The patients suffering from contagious diseases are being cared for at Harbor View, but their number has been comparatively

During the past few days thousands of people have left the reservation, hav-ing found homes with friends in this city or gone to Oakland, Alameda or other places. The number of campers on the grounds has been reduced to less than 3000, having been over 20,000 a few days ago. Hundreds of tents are now vacant and will be taken to other camps. In a few days tentage sufficient to house 180. 000 people will arrive and be distributed ghout the city.

Today 300 teams were prepared to carry food and supplies thoughout the residence sections. These wagons will start from the Presidio with a guard and go to the various relief stations and make a house-to-house call in some sections. It is pro-posed to make later this distribution of food even greater. Water and milk will be distributed in this manner also.

## MUST BE UNDERSTANDING

Coal Road Manager Upholds Rate Combines Before Commission.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(Special.)— "The commercial and trade conditions of this country cannot be carried on unless there is some sort of understanding between the railroads as to rates." This was the defense which T. S. Davant, freight traffic manager of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, was forced to advance this morning at the further investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the coal and oil business, to account

for the past relations of his road with other roads. Special Counsel Glagow, assisted by Attorney Whitney for the commission, put Mr. Davant through a crossine of ques-tions in regard to the competition of the Norfolk & Western with the Chesapeake & Ohio. Baltimore & Ohio and the Penn-sylvania for carrying coal to points in the Eastern States from the West Vir-

## ginia bituminous fields.

All Eugene People Escaped. EUGENE, Or., April 24.—Among Eugene people who escaped injury at San Francisco is Mrs. Marie Ware McKinley, wife of Horace McKinley, of land fraud fame. She writes to a brother here that she and her brother, Joel Ware, his wife and a friend were driven before the flames for 24 hours. There were numerous Eugene people in San Francisco, but none was killed

## St. Mark's Day at St. Mark's Church.

Today being St. Mark's day, there will be the following services at St. Mark's Church, Nineteenth and Quimby streets. Hely communion at \$\frac{1}{2}\$ A. M.: evening prayer, 2:30 P. M. The Rev. F. Alleyne, of Holy innocents' Church, Astoria, will be the preacher. After the evening service there will be a parish reunion in the parish bouse. All parishloners and friends are heartile waterme. are heartily welcome.

## Handicap Billiard Tourney.

The handlesp billiard tournament among the cue experts of this city will begin at the Portland billiard parlors full evening. The first match will be between J. W. Bendle and P. B. Potter. The other entries are: Roy Wittschen, W. S. Rhodes, Mac Bissaillon, Fritz Ber-ger, C. F. Sengers, A. H. Horn and Walter Jackson.



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