

INSURANCE WILL BE PAID QUICKLY

Welcome News to Burned-Out and Anxious People of San Francisco.

PUT MONEY IN CIRCULATION

Block to Saving of Remnants and Demolition of Ruins Removed. Workmen Need Money to Pay for Daily Meals.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Financial interest today centered in the announcement made by the insurance companies that in the immediate future they would pay losses of the fire sufferers. It is believed that most of the money will be put into general circulation, and when it is distributed will relieve the people of San Francisco as no other means could.

This news was welcome, not only to the policyholders, but also to the banks that have been doing their best for the public with the resources at their immediate command necessarily limited. It was official to the extent that it was given to the committee and duly reported at the general committee's daily meeting. The announcement was received with applause, news from the insurance interests having been awaited with much anxiety.

Put People on Feet.

"What will be the effect of the payment of this insurance money?" was asked James D. Phelan, chairman of the finance committee. "Nothing could do more good," he replied. "When the money is paid out to the people it will put them on their feet. It will bring about an early resumption of normal conditions. The people want money to buy what they need and the payment of this many million dollars will greatly assist the banks in giving them money. What is more, the circulation of the money will be of great value to the banking interests."

Can Proceed With Salvage.

With the announcement that losses will soon be paid the insurance interests have made the concession that salvage operations on property swept by the flames can be proceeded with safety. Policyholders may save anything they can find without fear of risking the loss of their claims for insurance. To a great extent the work of demolishing walls and clearing away debris has been postponed, because of the doubt regarding the attitude the insurance companies would take. The work of contracting and wrecking companies has been deferred, awaiting such a definite statement as that made by the insurance companies to the committee today.

FILE CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE

Welcome News to Losers—Workmen Need Money for Meals.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—At the meeting of the reconstruction committee today, W. H. Meason, chairman of the sub-committee on insurance, reported that the report of the insurance companies with representative insurance men was satisfactory. "The first thing the people should do," he said, "is to file their claims. These will be tabulated, investigated, adjusted and promptly paid."

It was announced that the gas mains and ordinary and unskilled labor should be \$2.50 for nine hours. The resolution was adopted. This rate has been fixed by the Building Trades Council, and the employers pay that men something at least daily, so that they may be able to pay for their meals, is the request made today by General Greely in asking the co-operation of the business men of the city in restoring normal conditions.

"We are establishing 15-cent kitchens all over the city," said General Greely, "and if the men employed should have their wages promptly paid, it will greatly assist in the way of relief. It will put money in circulation and help the entire business community to get started again. We have cases where application is made for relief by men who are at work. They say they would much prefer to buy their meals, but that they are not being paid. Today's applications for relief, however, show a decrease of 1000."

In communications to Mayor Schmitz, E. H. Harriman says that he is so greatly interested in the work of rebuilding San Francisco that he will soon return from the East.

MAY BE TOOTHPICK HOTEL

Surviving Steel Building Will Be Sheathed in Steel.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The 14-story uncompleted steel frame building, popularly known as the "Toothpick" building, it is said, will be converted into a hotel. The entire metal skeleton had been erected when the fire came, but the structure, although situated in the very edge of Union Square, practically escaped undamaged. It is stated that it is the intention of the new owners to sheath it with steel, something after the fashion of a warship.

STICKERS FOR PRINCIPLE.

Butchers' Union Protests Against Buying Nonunion Meat.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(Special.)—In the midst of all their troubles the labor unions of the city apparently still cling as tenaciously as ever to their principles. Butchers' Union, local 112, today protested to the Board of Supervisors against the city buying meat for public institutions from nonunion firms. The matter was referred to the committee on capital and labor.

GREAT DAMAGE TO STEAMERS

Columbia Needs \$100,000 of Repairs, Puebla \$15,000.

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Relief Supplies From Oregon.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 9.—(Special.)—Two more shipments of supplies arrived today, one a carload of mixed goods from the people of Huntington, the other consisting of 62 cases of cheese from the citizens of Tillamook City and nearby creameries. These supplies will be turned over to the general relief bureau.

Money Needed as Evidence Burned.

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clerk's office at the Hall of Justice, instead of being fireproof, as the building specifications required, is nothing more than a closet with formidable-looking doors. Property Clerk Dignan refuses to accept the responsibility, because the vault was not fireproof. He admits, however, that the metal must be somewhere inside the vault, and that a further effort will be made to find it.

Laundry Fire Causes Panic.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—This city today had its first fire since the great conflagration. A Chinese laundry, located at Pierce and Bush streets, in the heart of the residential district, became ablaze and the people in the neighborhood were panic-stricken. Fortunately a chemical engine of the fire department was close at hand and prompt action quickly extinguished the blaze before serious damage was done. A large force of police from the neighboring station soon dispelled the fears of the frightened people.

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Events of the Day on Oak Street

Lower Albina Rough-House Club Entertained—Mr. Allison Gives Charming Recital—Mr. Frank Hoy Leaves the City.

THE Lower Albina Rough-House Club met with Mr. Cameron at the latter's Oak-street inn yesterday morning for the purpose of discussing the advisability of giving another Comanche social such as delighted all Lower Albina late Tuesday evening. The discussion on this delightful subject proved refreshing in the extreme, and many important suggestions were made by Mr. Cameron upon the club's future entertainments.

The Tuesday night affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and was conducted in elaborate fashion.

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Ecclesiastical Judges Send in Findings to Bishop.

SAID TO BE AGAINST HIM

Action Kept Secret Pending Action of Bishop Walker—Reports Differ, One Declaring Court All Voted Guilty.

RATES RAISED IN NEW YORK

Insurance Exchange Makes Advance on Congested Districts.

NEW ENGLAND MOVES TO RAISE RATES.

BOSTON, May 9.—The Boston Board of Fire Underwriters and the New England Insurance Exchange appointed committees yesterday to investigate the question of raising the rates on fire insurance policies in connection with the San Francisco fire. The committees will visit New York and other places where rate increases have already been put into operation.

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