

MUST PRACTICE RIGID ECONOMY

Army Officers Resolve to Carefully Husband Food Supplies.

NOT AN OUNCE TO SPARE

Flour on Hand Will Last but Ten Days, and Other Staples Even Less Time—Authorities Now Feeding 200,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBSCRIPTIONS. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The finance committee today reported relief subscriptions as follows: Total promises confirmed, \$4,102,916. Total promises unconfirmed, 411,750. Total, \$4,514,666.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—An important conference, devoted to the problem of husbanding food supplies, was held at the Presidio today. Among those in attendance were General Greely, General Funston, Dr. Devine and Allan Pollak. The situation, as made public during the committee meeting last Thursday, was discussed in all its details, and all present agreed that rigid economy should be practiced in future distribution. At the conclusion of the conference General Greely said:

"The condition of the food supply will render it possible to issue very little except flour, which will last ten days; potatoes, coffee and rice. Meat we are buying in small quantities. I have been officially notified that the appropriation of \$2,500,000 has been exhausted in the purchase of supplies, and I may state that the money allotted to me has gone for the same purpose."

"Must Be Carefully Husbanded." "It has been agreed that the supplies now on hand must be carefully husbanded in order that they may be diverted into the proper channels for as long a period as possible."

"We are issuing but two-thirds of the quantity of food that was distributed prior to the time the regular Army took charge of the situation. The teams engaged in distributing have been reduced from 500 to 200 in number. The last official report showed that supplies were issued on Thursday to 261,000 people. I hope that today's report will show rations issued to less than 200,000."

"The census of each district is being carefully computed. I am convinced that there is repeating, and since thousands of men are reported to have obtained employment, there should be a special reduction in the number of those entitled to relief."

"Willing to Put on Screws." "I am willing to put on the screws and diminish the food supply at any time, but I shall not take such a step until I am so advised by the committee. We have recommended the patronage of cheap restaurants which may be located in many places throughout the city and are certain to prosper."

"By furnishing a wholesome meal for 15 cents they will be assured of support by the working population and will greatly relieve the situation."

SEIZING STOLEN SUPPLIES.

Police Ferret Out Graters on Relief Fund. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The police and military authorities are slowly but surely ferreting out the people who have abused the free supplies privilege. The detectives engaged in the work are proceeding cautiously, so that no seizures will be made unless the officers are certain that injury to deserving persons will be inflicted.

When it is established that supplies have been secured by subterfuge, the goods are seized and turned over to the nearest station.

The authorities are being assisted by numerous anonymous letters telling of the unlawful hoarding of stores. These letters are always investigated, and in almost every instance have been found to state the truth.

A letter came last night saying that Charles B. Tribble, living on Haight street, a member of the relief committee, had not neglected to look out for himself. The detectives found at his home, so they said, a stock of provisions, tents and bedding sufficient to last for many months. They took away from his home supplies valued at \$75, but this amount did not represent all that was found at his home.

The detectives also seized at the residence of Mrs. Levine on Lombard street, \$500 worth of military blankets, bedding and clothing, but the woman refused to tell where she got the goods.

CHEAP RESTAURANTS NEEDED

Finance Committee Approves of Their Establishment in Bay City. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Following a conference of citizens and officials prominent in relief work, the finance committee of the general relief committee this afternoon approved the plan of Dr. Devine to encourage the establishment of cheap restaurants by private parties. Whenever there is a surplus of perishable food it will be sold to these restaurants and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of staple supplies.

James D. Hague, representing the New York Chamber of Commerce, announced that he would ask the body for which he spoke to hold the \$500,000 remaining of its \$750,000 subscription for the use of the citizens committee.

After the meeting Chairman Phelan said that the last \$700,000 of the Government's appropriation of \$2,500,000 had been expended by the War Department, but that the citizens' committee is turning back tents and blankets for which there is no need and getting food supplies in return.

MEXICO WILL AID HER OWN

Indignant Because Roosevelt Declined Help of Foreigners. EL PASO, Tex., May 5.—According to A. N. Dugan, secretary of the Mexican District of Havana, Mexico is going to send a commission to San Francisco to look into the needs of her citizens there. He says President Roosevelt's rejection of Mexico's proffered aid has caused indignation in Mexico and she will send a commission to help her own people.

NOT SURE OF EXTRA SESSION

Governor Wants Business to Be Done Defined in Call.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 5.—Governor Parden is here and speaks freely of the proposed extra session of the State Legislature. When asked by a reporter of the Sacramento Union what he proposed to do about an extra session, the Governor said:

"If it will be called, when it will be called, I don't know, as well as I do, perhaps. It is not decided. You cannot say, then, that you will call an extra session at all? The Governor was asked. He replied:

"They must show me first. What should one be called for? Do we know yet what we want? I don't. Why, a body of usually level-headed men from the bar came to me with a call prepared—a wide-open call, at that. Never! Never! If there is a call—mind, I say, if—must be for such specific purpose and with such limitations that no mistake can be made that human prudence can guard against. But a wide-open call. Never."

"I am not sure, if it should be determined that an extra session is needed in this crisis, that before I will sign a call for the Legislature to assemble, every bill, measure and resolution to be passed should be agreed upon and included in the call; then let the Legislature take or leave the measures. There must

be no mistakes in this matter. It is one thing to call a Legislature, another to call its business. But I have not determined to call an extra session. The matter is one wholly of speculation. We must know what we want an extra session for, and on that head I am not settled in my mind, by any means."

Receives Coffee and Eggs. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Major Feibiger, of the Army relief committee, today reported that 20 cartons of coffee and ten cartons of eggs have just been received, and expects that within a week his bureau will be in a position steadily to decrease the daily issue of rations, without causing any inconvenience or suffering.

Three Cars on the Way. OMAHA, May 5.—General Manager Mohler today issued the following statement: Following relief supplies for San Francisco are being moved over the Union Pacific Railroad today: One car flour, Mankato, Ia.; one car clothing, Denver; one car flour, Beloit, Kan."

Report on Newlands' Scheme Monday. WASHINGTON, May 5.—The Senate committee on finance today postponed making a report on the Newlands San Francisco credit resolution until Monday.

Athletic and Social Life of Butler College Paralyzed by Action of Faculty. INDIANAPOLIS, May 5.—(Special.)—Twenty-one young men students of Butler College were today suspended for their part in an attempt to disorganize the faculty. The attempt was made at a meeting of the college faculty, last Wednesday evening. As the young men concerned are among the most prominent in all college activities, the life of the school is practically paralyzed for the present. The suspension was declared by the faculty committee on good and bad students after an investigation and an attempt to duck Professor Moore with a bucket of water and the throwing of bricks through the windows of his apartment. The committee issued a statement that as the inquiry had failed to reveal the names of the persons actually guilty of the violence all would be suspended, subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the faculty.

A meeting of the committee will be held Monday morning to hear any student who believes he has been wrongfully reinstated. After an indignation meeting, a committee was appointed to meet with the faculty committee Monday afternoon. Other students who believe they have been wrongfully reinstated are expected, as it is said, to appear at the meeting, which is expected to be a crowded one.

Burbank Drops Divorce Suit. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 5.—The suit of ex-Deputy Sheriff S. Burbank against Constance Vasquez, a Filipino woman, for divorce, was dismissed in the District Court here today for want of prosecution. The suit was filed in the Federal Court after a trial in the Philippines by court-martial. Burbank was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment.

A WORD OF COUNSEL.

Ladies, before you buy your white wool or linen suits and skirts it will be to your interest to call at Le Palais Royal, 375 Washington street.

FUTURE LOOKS ROSY

People of Ruined City Fast Recovering Their Spirits.

ALL ARE OPTIMISTS NOW

Contractors Report Burned District Can Be Cleared Up in Six Months—Not Worried About Money. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—(Special.)—The shades of night falling over the ruins of the City of San Francisco Saturday evening revealed a community so far recovered from the calamity that had wiped out nearly all of the business houses of the city that even those who were compelled by force of circumstances to be members of the camps of refugees were discussing the future in the most optimistic terms, and all classes and conditions are confident that the ultimate effect of the

tragedy will be the creation of a new and better city that will hold forth better advantages for all its citizens. A great deal of this spirit of optimism was due to the reports made to the members of the Citizens' Committee, which has in charge the matter of rebuilding the city, by the various contractors who have been referred the task of estimating on the cost of clearing the ruins, and of the various agents of the steel manufacturers who have declared that they will be in a position to furnish all the steel needed for rebuilding the city so fast as it may be needed.

All Clear in Six Months. "The men who will clear away the ruins are a unit in stating that, while the task is a most stupendous one, there is no reason why, should the authorities permit them the necessary leeway, they cannot clear away all of the 10,000,000 cubic yards of ruined material that now covers the business section in at least six months. Since as soon as one section is cleared the work of rebuilding can commence, it will be possible to have the destroying and constructing contractors speeded from the Federal Government back to the City Beautiful in far less time than any one ever dreamed would be possible.

There is one grave danger, apparent at present, and that is the lavish and wasteful manner in which food supplies have been disposed of in the last fortnight. Money Plenty for Rebuilding. After the conference of the clearing-house committee, which resulted in the issuing of the statement that, so far as that body could see, there was no reason why anyone should be apprehensive over funds for rebuilding, inasmuch as \$100,000,000 was to be received from the fire insurance companies, it was generally admitted that there was no reason to be disappointed at the action of the Senate committee, which today decided to refuse Government backing to the bonds of the city.

However, among some classes it is thought that the treatment of the city extended by Eastern capitalists, with the insurance that is to be paid on the property destroyed and with the money that native Californians will invest here, there will be no necessity of funds to pay for building materials and the new structural work can be done in record-breaking time.

With the increasing number of daily discharges of its subcommittees, the general municipal relief committee doubtless will soon pass out of existence and the direction of affairs will be restored to the regularly constituted officers. Many of the subordinate bodies have reported

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HOME WORKMEN COME FIRST

Relief Committee Opposes Employing Mechanics From Outside. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—State Labor Commissioner W. V. Stafford was represented at this morning's meeting of the general committee of 35 by a deputy, who announced that a general bureau of registration and employment had been opened. He felt called upon to make this announcement by reason of the circumstance that contractors and builders in general were complaining of the lack of mechanics and laborers. He wished to assure the committee that there was no truth in these reports.

He said his men were now coming into the city from the interior and displacing those who should have the first call upon the consideration of capital. Many such had applied to his bureau for registration, but had been refused, because it was the desire of Mr. Stafford that those citizens of the city who were wholly dependent upon the relief committee for subsistence should first be provided for.

Judge Henshaw stated the sense of the meeting in a resolution to the effect that wages should prevail as before the catastrophe, and that the sufferers by the catastrophe be given first choice in matters of employment.

Paul Cowles called the attention of the committee to the circumstance that the relief committee had been rendering the city efficient aid in the transmission of the Mayor's and the committee's telegrams of cheer and hope to the various contractors who had been referred the task of rebuilding the city so fast as it may be needed.

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PLenty OF STEEL AND CREDIT

San Francisco Has Preference—Insurance Money is Coming. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—That every facility will be afforded the builders of new San Francisco by the manufacturing interests of the East is apparent by the promise of representatives of steel companies. Officials of the Santa Fe, Pacific Mail

and American-Hawaiian Steamship companies have stated that no scarcity of structural steel will delay the rebuilding of the city.

Structural steel is to be furnished San Francisco for the next three years as fast as it is needed, faster than it can be riveted together in the frames of buildings that are already being planned.

More than that, the promise is given that credits on past business will be extended and payment on new orders may be deferred to the longest limit to which industrial builders can legitimately be entitled.

Money will not be wanting to back up the building operations now about to be energetically taken up, and the insurance money, exceeding \$100,000,000, soon to be released in the community, will go a long way in helping the good work along.

A large amount of money is already being forwarded here by the insurance companies of the United States and Europe to meet the immense losses they will have to pay.

Many of the companies have, it is said, decided to reimburse their clients with spot cash at their offices, or with drafts as good as gold here, and thus avoid the delay that would ensue if bills of exchange were issued on Eastern or foreign money centers.

CONRIED LOSES HEAVILY.

Operative Manager's Burned Equipment Alone Was Worth \$250,000. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Ernest Conried, general manager of the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company, returned to this city last night. He was met at the Oakland pier by Charles W. Strine, San Francisco manager of the most promising operatic engagement in the musical history of California, which was so abruptly ended by the catastrophe which overwhelmed San Francisco. In the interim between Mr. Conried's departure for New York in charge of the company and the time of his return, the Conried interests here have been guarded by Mr. Strine.

Mr. Conried stated that every member of the company, with the exception of his wife, had been killed by the earthquake. Of all the cases handled by returned to New York. None of the telegrams sent to Mr. Conried from San Francisco and Oakland, on the day of the disaster, ever reached their destination, and the suspense of the New York home office was not relieved until Mr. Conried received a message from Mr. Goeritz through Cheyenne.

Mr. Conried joined the first contingent of the company, which left San Francisco Friday, April 20, at Albany, N. Y., and returned with Mr. Goeritz and a number of relatives and friends of the returning members, boarded the special train bearing the main body of the company at Philadelphia. This part of the organization traveled east by way of New Orleans. Mr. Goeritz said tonight:

While the safe return of the company was a matter of general congratulation, the material losses to the organization by the burning of the Grand Opera House were not short of \$250,000. The equipment of the full tour, repertoire of 19 operas with their scenery, costumes, properties, electrical apparatus and all the music, which of itself is an almost invaluable item, was totally destroyed and will have to be replaced at an estimated cost of over \$250,000.

The insurance of this entire outfit, owing to the peculiarity of its construction, was only about \$50,000. In addition to this there is the loss of the preliminary local expenses, the enormous cost of transporting the company to and from the coast and the financial settlements with the artists, chorus, ballet, orchestra and staff, which was effected by Mr. Conried in a most liberal spirit, regardless of the fact that all contracts were rendered invalid by the act of God.

Mr. Conried sailed for Europe last Saturday to make necessary preparations for the coming season of grand opera in New York, but before sailing he conferred upon Mr. Goeritz full power to act as the representative of the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company.

The purpose of Mr. Goeritz' return to San Francisco at this time is to arrange the refunding of the advance sale of the undated portion of the company's engagement in San Francisco to the subscribers and purchasers of tickets.

The legal question of such obligation has not been considered, but it was decided by Mr. Conried without a moment's hesitation that every dollar rightfully belonging to the most generous opera-going public of San Francisco should be returned.

It has therefore been decided to open an office at Convent, where all tickets burned or destroyed or properly withheld by their rightful owners will be redeemed in full.

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