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THE INSURANCE FUTURE

The eyes of the entire commercial world are focused on the insurance companies just now. If they waive technicalities and pay up promptly, people will say they are all right and entitled to confidence and support. If, on the other hand, they interpose uncertain phrases and ambiguous clauses in the attempt to avoid carrying out their obligations, the public will be done with them. No one man in a hundred reads a fire insurance policy. He accepts it from the agent for what it purports to be on its face—a contract to protect the insured against loss by fire. The cause or origin of the fire cuts no figure with the insured. What he wants is protection, that is what the agent tells him he is buying, he pays his good money for it, and now it remains to be seen whether or not that is what he gets.

Tried to Rob the Safe

Miscreants made a bold attempt to break into the Press Democrat's safe lying in the ruins, some time during Monday night. One corner was cut off with a cold chisel, and the door partly pried open, so that when C. O. Dunbar of the Press Democrat went to the scene Tuesday and attempted to get into the safe with a crowbar, he did so inside of two minutes. O. M. Tuttle, one of the guards, reports that he ran two men off the premises Monday night. When questioned they said they "had the right of way," but he said it was against orders and they would have to go. Of course he had no idea they had been attempting any mischief, as they talked all right. Owing to the safe's having been partially pried open, allowing air to enter, all contents with the exception of actual coin were completely destroyed. The money was badly tarnished, but otherwise in good condition, but it was almost red hot.

The total amount subscribed to date to the San Francisco relief fund is \$3,470,370.

Ketterlin Bros, hardware and agricultural implements, at old stand, 413 Fourth street Escort through the lines at corner Fifth and A Streets

From San Francisco

San Francisco, April 24.—Order is beginning to show itself here again at last, and the people are once more beginning to take heart. Many of the refugees are finding accommodations in the country or with friends here, and thousands of men are at work removing wreckage and piling up bricks.

The condemned tower of the San Francisco ferry building will be rebuilt. The tower was damaged by the earthquake in the three lower stories and it will have to be strengthened by rods and timbers before the actual work of removal can be safely done. The new tower will be of reinforced concrete.

The upper vault of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company at California and Sansome streets were opened yesterday afternoon. By the inrush of air a blaze was started, and all the records and papers were burned. It will require at least two weeks to cool the bank and other large vaults sufficiently for their safe opening.

Today the United Railroads will have a number of their lines in operation. No fares will be charged refugees for rides and they will also be allowed to move their property on the cars. The refugees are rapidly thinning out of Golden Gate Park and the Panhandle. The police estimate that 2,000 people left the park yesterday. Yesterday morning two meetings of bankers were held. Everyone was optimistic and every effort will be made to clear the banking situation at the earliest possible moment.

Washington, April 23.—Secretary Shaw has given directions that \$15,000,000 of public money be distributed among the national banks of San Francisco and immediate vicinity, as soon as the banks furnish the necessary securities. The Secretary was in Chicago today, and his instructions to this effect were wired to the Treasury Department late this afternoon.

From Reno, Nev., on Monday afternoon a carload and a half of supplies in the way of provisions were received, including crate after crate of fine sandwiches, each sandwich done up in tissue paper. Sacramento also sent a large carload of provisions.

Local Brevities

At the meeting of the City Council on Monday afternoon a number of permits were issued for the erection of temporary offices. The Council meets again this afternoon at the new City Hall. City Clerk Clawson can be found at the hall daily.

The Supervisors were making the rounds this morning looking for a location for new county buildings.

J B Doda will repair the Western Hotel as soon as possible.

President J H Brush of the National Bank has received a telegram from the President of the National Bank of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, subscribing \$100 for the relief fund. The money has been forwarded.

Mr and Mrs Ed Roberts and Hattie Gates of this city, are safe in San Francisco. Word to this effect was received by this paper this morning.

Permission has been granted J C Mailer, T T Overton, J Letold, M Rosenberg, J Klein and J Perotta for the erection of temporary buildings.

Salem, Chico and Sacramento lodges of Elks have offered the local lodge assistance.

Armed with a badge of the Sebastopol fire department, a resident of that place, coming from Halfmoon Bay, rode muleback the entire length of Market street, San Francisco, to the ferry during the thick of the trouble. Whenever he was stopped by the guards he paid his fare and he was allowed to pass. After he had seen the sights he put his mule aboard the steamer Gold and came up to Petaluma en route home.

Horace Camm of Petaluma, who recently issued invitations for a dance at his home there, has recalled the invitations and postponed the affair "until such time as we can again enter into the spirit of merry-making."

Dr J W Jesse arrived home from Mexico, Missouri, this morning, and at once started in to do what he could for the sufferers. Rufus Hawley is also here from Idaho.

Mr and Mrs C O Dunbar and Mr and Mrs A B Lemmon returned last night from Mexico. They heard of the news in the City of Mexico the day it happened and started home immediately.

Four more Dead.

A Los Angeles law book man by the name of Palm died Monday evening at the Santa Rosa hospital. He was buried in the wreckage of the Grand Hotel, and had several ribs broken, besides sustaining serious internal injuries.

The bodies of three unknown persons were brought to the Morgue late Monday evening, having been found in the stairway to the Princess lodging house. Nothing could be learned of their identity. It is supposed to be a man, woman and child. With the remains of these three, the total number of persons taken to the Morgue since the catastrophe amounts to an even half hundred. The total known deaths now number 64.