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TUESDAY	7,123
WEDNESDAY	7,671
THURSDAY	7,277
FRIDAY	7,752
SATURDAY	7,143
TOTAL	43,933
Daily Average	7,322
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GOOE WORK!

The promptness and readiness with which St. John joined in the good work of contributing money to relieve the stricken of San Francisco must long be a matter for congratulation here. As our news columns show, the fund started by the Times and the Telegraph is still rapidly growing, and there is every prospect that this pleasing growth will continue. The large advance sale of seats for the concert in aid of the fund at the York Theatre tomorrow night indicates that St. John will turn out a bumper house in support of a cause so worthy. The concert will well repay all patrons, and it is the hope of the Times that no seat will be empty.

A fortunate feature of the relief work here is that it was begun early and that the money raised will be utilized in San Francisco just when it will do the most good—when it will help to provide shelter for the homeless women and children, food for the hungry, medicine for the sick. St. John is to be congratulated upon the evidences of its generosity and charity already shown, and the hope may be expressed that the relief fund will be very substantially increased during the next few days. It is a noble work and it will give general satisfaction to feel that it is being heartily and generously carried out.

FIXING THE PRICE

Some of the grim incidents of the first few days of terror in San Francisco are now related. One concerns the manner in which a soldier fixed the price of bread with his bayonet. The presence of a large body of regular troops in the city—so runs the account—was a great protection. The soldiers everywhere inspired courage and confidence, and they were the only efficient check on looting. Gen. Funston was the real ruler of the city. It is said that he did not sleep for three days after the earthquake shock. The correspondent of the New York Sun, "on the spot." telegraphed: "Thank God for these soldiers! They have been the steadfast hope of the people, and they have policed like heroes and ruled like fathers." They checked the outrageous famine prices of food to starving people. The correspondent tells how one of them fixed the price of bread:

"When this morning broke, lines formed before the stores whose supplies had not been commandeered. In one of these, the first man was charged 75 cents for a loaf of bread. The corporal in charge at that point brought his gun down with a slam. "Bread is 10 cents a loaf in this shop," he said. It went. The soldier fixed the schedule of prices a little higher than in ordinary times, and to make up for that he forced the storekeeper to give free food to several hungry people in line who had no money to pay."

This sort of rule, says one writer, may be described as a beneficent despotism. There are times and occasions when a little of it is necessary, and the San Francisco calamity is one of these. During the last day or two, however, some acts of the soldiers have caused complaint, and yesterday Mayor Schmitz protested that the city never was and never will be under martial law. The phrase does not matter. During the first days of the trouble no doubt the stern rule and strong hand of the regular soldiers were both necessary and salutary.

A SURPRISE COMING?

Mr. Edward Porrit, a British correspondent who travelled with the Canadian Tariff Commission and who now writes in the North American Review concerning Canada's tariff future, intimates that the British preference may be confined to goods entering this country through its own ports. To quote:

"From what he heard at the sittings of the commission Mr. Porritt expects that the chief feature of the tariff of 1906 will be an effort to increase the operativeness of the British preference in the direction of benefiting Canadian ports and Canadian steamship lines. The feeling is that the encouragement of a greater volume of western freights tends to reduce the freight rates on our outgoing products, and that advantages extended to our British kinsmen create a sentimental preference for Canadian commodities in that market. This sentimental preference is of as much value as any small fiscal preference would be, if not of more value. Mr. Porritt, therefore, thinks that there will be some agreeable surprises for Great Britain in the 1906 tariff. To the extent that they will be agreeable to the people of Great Britain he thinks that they will be disagreeable to certain American ports and railways which now profit largely from handling Canadian imports and exports.

"Another matter which he thinks will be given some attention is the operation of American machinery in Canada. In the case of some patented American machinery it is made a condition that American material must be used in the process. In certain patented machines leased to shoe manufacturers, for example, it is a part of the conditions that all wire and findings for use on the machines must be purchased from the manufacturers of the machines at prices arbitrarily fixed. These shoe-machinery corporations, Mr. Porritt thinks, may expect to be hit in two ways. Higher duties may be imposed on the product of these machines made in American factories, now sold in large quantities in Canada; and there may be amendments to the patent laws which will have the effect of relieving the Canadian hirers from the onerous obligations into which they have now to contract themselves. It has become a generally accepted idea that the budget of this year would not contain any striking features, but if Mr. Porritt's surmises are right it may be a more discussable document than has hitherto been supposed."

A decision by the Canadian government to confine the preference to our own ports would give an impetus to St. John and Halifax which they could get in scarcely any other way. The Americans, some say, would retaliate by abrogating the bonding privilege. But that would interfere with their trade more than with ours, and there can be little doubt that they would hesitate a long time before they pursued any such course. Considering their own tariff policy they could not logically object if we used our tariff to favor the ports which it is expected will soon be equipped by the federal government.

Commenting upon last Sunday's sermons on the San Francisco disaster the Boston Transcript says:

There was a time when the cant of the old theologies would have broken loose over the San Francisco cataclysm as a fearful revelation of judgment. There was very little of that in the pulpits hereabout yesterday. Two clergymen, Rev. Edward Cummings of the South Congregational Church and Dr. Gordon of the Old South preached from the same very appropriate text: "The Lord was not in the earthquake," but He was in the outpouring of sympathy and substantial aid that finds its tributaries even in the remotest hamlets of the country. Said Dr. Gordon: "God is in the manhood and the womanhood of the stricken city, in the manhood and womanhood of the responsive and sympathetic nation. It is in our power to relieve much of the suffering and we shall do it."

The later accounts give the number of dead in San Francisco as 300, a much more cheerful estimate than many sent out at first. Considering the fact that the first shock came when most people were asleep the death list is likely to prove small in comparison with the devastation and suffering that have followed the fire.

The engineers of the big construction companies in New York say that if they are called upon to help in rebuilding San Francisco they will prescribe for new buildings a strong steel framework, with the walls thoroughly anchored, and a new height limit of 100 feet or less.

This common council, or the next one, if either finds time, may some day issue a trustworthy report regarding the present condition of the West Side berths. Meantime it must be remembered that all the big ships came and loaded and left in safety—as they will again.

San Francisco and the governor of California are accepting aid from all sources. They are not particular where it comes from. It is all inspired by the same spirit—charity. And any money will buy food, clothing and medicine.

SCIENCE AND EARTHQUAKES

(Montreal Star.)

A sign of the times is that we turn instinctively to the scientists and not to the theologians to explain this ghastly visitation. The day was when it would have been regarded as an act of Providence, inflicted upon the stricken city for some special sin. Today no such inhuman and blasphemous doctrine is dreamed of. We hear rather of the connections between the weak world line on the Pacific Coast and Vesuvius, or of the periodic shrinkings of the earth's crust, as explanations. We look to the phenomena of nature and not to the wickendess of man for the "why and wherefore."

Gradually we may surely hope that the army of scientists who are always with their fingers upon the giant pulse of the world, may be able to do more than mistily explain; they may be able to forewarn. If there is a connection between Vesuvius and California, which can be well established, then when Vesuvius erupts it will be a mere matter of bulletining the weather to warn San Francisco to be on the lookout for earth storms. It is such work as this that the men who are giving their lives to the study of earth tremors may reasonably hope to accomplish.

The Free Kindergarten committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed future arrangements with the special committee appointed to look into the question of extending the work. The members of this committee who were present were John E. Irvine, W. T. Burdett, Dr. G. U. Hay and Mrs. T. H. Bullock. It was decided in order to meet the regular expenditure for the maintenance of the two schools that a collector should be appointed and a proper subscription list prepared. It was mentioned that the cost for ten months in the year now averaged $90 a month and it is hoped by forming a ways and means committee that this outlay may be regularly met.

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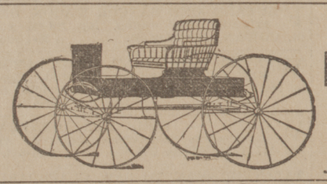
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THE LABOR WORLD

According to decision handed down recently by Justice Bischoff, in the New York Supreme Court, union wages must prevail when the city is an employer.

The Erie Railroad Co. announces that hereafter all shops will be on a fifty-hour a week working basis instead of sixty, the standard week's work. The fifty hours will be made up of nine hours a day, except on Saturday, when work will cease at noon. The change affects about 2,500 employes.

The Central of Georgia railway announced recently that it will immediately increase the salary of its corps of 350 telegraphers and telegraph agents fifteen per cent.

Ex-Judge George D. Gear, of Honolulu, announces that he has received a commission from a mainland client to recruit 10,000 Japanese laborers in Hawaii for work on the coast.

There are 534,500 organized miners in the United States.

A general advance in wages will be asked by the operatives in the cotton mills in several Massachusetts cities soon.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor has indorsed the action of the Philadelphia, Pa., Central Labor Union in suspending the Brewery Workers' Union for defying the Central Labor Union.

A contractor on the Western Pacific Railroad, in Butte County, Cal., has discharged 700 Japanese laborers and employed whites in their places.

The striking plumbers of Cincinnati, O., after being out for only two days, resumed work having reached a compromise agreement with their employers.

Upon the application of the employers' union the New South Wales Arbitration Court has vetoed the new rule adopted by the Sydney Coal Lumpers' Union to regulate the long hours worked by some men, and thereby secure a fairer distribution of the work.

Shop forces of New York Central lines are being put on shorter time—the reduction being about two hours per week, The pay was reduced in proportion.

Hungarian strikers in New Brunswick, N. J., returned to work.

Havana, Cuba, is threatened with serious and continued troubles.

Twelve hundred men struck at the East Chicago plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. recently, completely suspending the works.

The General Labor Federation of Paris, France, decided that all workmen shall be asked to cease work on June 1st, and remain on strike until an eight hour day is granted to them.

The wages of the 180,158 men employed by the United States Steel Corporation will be raised, provided business continues at the present rate.

Seven hundred drivers of government mail carts struck recently in Vienna, Australia.

St. Louis bricklayers are threatening a big strike.

A decision to demand a general increase in wages for every employe of the elevated railways of Chicago, was made at a meeting recently in that city.

In the three months which ended March 31st, 343 persons either resigned their employment at the Navy department or in Navy yards, or refused to accept places after having been certified by the Civil Service Commission to the secretary of the Navy. Poor pay was the principal reason.

Fifteen hundred Bell telephone linemen may strike in the southern states.

Recital Most Successful.

A most successful recital was given in St. David's school room last evening by the pupils of Miss Annie L. Lugrin. The concert was well attended and the artistic rendering of the various numbers on the programme showed the excellent training which had been bestowed on those who took part. The programme was:

Salamaleikun, (baritone solo with Chorus), solo by D. B. Pidgeon; piano solo, Witches Dance, Miss Maude March; Sheena Van, Master Eric Titus; songs, Now High, Now Low, I Know of Two Bright Eyes, George Brown; song, Carmena, Miss Fannie Trentowsky; song, Cavalier's Song, H. A. Allison; Male quartette, Wynken, Blynken and Nod, (Four-hand accompaniment), Chester Gandy, Geo. Brown, Dean Gandy, H. A. Allison. Obligato, Mrs. F. G. Spencer; songs, Where the Heart is, I'm wearin' awa' Jean, Mrs. Whitfield Wood; song, A Norway Song, Master Eric Titus; song, Break, Break, Break, D. B. Pidgeon; songs, When in thy dear eyes I gaze, The lovely month of May, Mrs. F. G. Spencer; chorus, Song of the Vikings, Miss Maude March, accompanist.

Asks Attention of City Clergymen.

The Tourist Association city booklet of last year is now being revised. A portion of it is given up to a table of church services in St. John. In order to have this accurate, Mrs. Scovil, the association's secretary, has sent to all the clergymen of the various denominations a copy of last year's book asking each to check the reference to the services in his church and return the book to the office.

A number have done so but not all and as this year's booklet must go to press in a short time Mrs. Scovil asks that all who have not attended to the matter wil do so before the end of this week.

Hon. C. N. Skinner received word yesterday of the safety of Mrs. and Miss Skinner, who, it was feared, were in San Francisco at the time of the disaster. A letter from Mrs. Skinner states that she and her daughter were at Redlands, near Los Angeles, some hundreds of miles to the south of San Francisco, and were to leave for San Francisco on the way home on the day the earthquake occurred. They changed their plans after news of the calamity reached them and it is possible they will return by another route.

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Arnold's Department Store, has removed to 83 and 85 Charlotte St., Robertson, Trites & Co's. old stand, second building from King Street.

April 19, 1906.

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