

FAMINE NOW CHIEF PERIL

(Continued From Page One.)
don Blankenship, \$10,000; Elmer Martin, \$2,000; J. L. Flood, \$2,000 with a promise of more.

FLOCK TO GOLDEN GATE PARK
Golden Gate Park is the main refuge, and supplies will be sent there.

Unless supplies are rushed and arrangements made for their distribution trouble is feared within a few days.

Robbing the Dead
Vandals and Ghouls at Work Despite the Vigilance of the Police and Soldiers.

The ruin in the commission and the wholesale quarters is complete, the flames of last night having destroyed the paralyzing work of the morning.

The dead horses were piled high and the wreckage blocked the streets until the advancing conflagration turned it into a vast furnace.

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GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO AID YOU, IT WILL BE DONE.

He also sent the following to Governor Pardee:
"It was difficult at first to credit the news of the calamity that has befallen San Francisco. I feel the greatest concern and sympathy for you and the people not only of San Francisco but of California in this terrible disaster.

GOVERNOR PARDEE ANSWERS
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"Owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication, the extent of the disaster in San Francisco is not well known here but no doubt the calamity is very serious.

Washington, April 19.—In response to a dispatch from General Funston, commanding the Department of California, for tents and rations for 2,000 people, Secretary Taft has directed the sending to San Francisco of \$200,000 rations from Vancouver Barracks and all available tents from a number of posts in the West and from Philadelphia.

General Funston is directed to do everything possible in keeping order, maintaining life and property and relieving suffering and hunger by the use of troops, materials and supplies under his orders.

Thursday a Holiday
Sacramento, Cal., April 19.—Governor Pardee has issued a proclamation setting aside to-day as a public holiday. The Governor recites the visitation of the earthquake with its consequent loss of life and property and adds:

"Therefore in order that the citizens of the State be set aside their ordinary daily concerns to address themselves to the catastrophe which has befallen them, in order that they may render aid to those in distress, that quiet may be restored and confidence regained and financial panic averted, I, George C. Pardee, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Legislature, do hereby appoint, designate and proclaim Thursday, the 19th of April, 1906, as a public holiday."

\$250,000 Insurance
Chicago, April 18.—Fire insurance companies had about a \$250,000,000 risk in the city of San Francisco when the flames broke out on the premiums received in 1905.

Cleveland, O., April 18.—It came to light here to-day that the committee of experts on fire hazards in the employ of the national board of fire underwriters met a remarkable session a year ago regarding San Francisco. Members of this committee are now in this city preparing a report on Cleveland fire risks.

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PARTY IN HIGH FEATHER

While Blackburn is Tied Up in Court the "Organization" is Conducting Sleepless Campaign to Rule at Washington. Taking Any Chances on the Congressman's Acquittal—One of the Strange and Wonderful Stories Heard by the Metropolitan Journals—Congressmen Elect Not Regarded as Members.

Mr. Withrow, of Hollis, Rutherford county, as cadet at Annapolis. Herren Sloan, of Davidson, and Eugene Oates, of Charlotte, were here yesterday on their way to Annapolis, where they go to prepare for the examination for the position of midshipmen. They received these appointments through Congressman Webb.

Some of the metropolitan journals up this way sometimes hear some strange and wonderful things. For instance, the White House representative of The Star recently published the following:
"President Roosevelt has received the declination of ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina as a member of the Pan-American conference, to be held at Rio de Janeiro in July. The reason given is that the noted ex-Governor of North Carolina is too much engaged in business to accept, but there is a shrewd idea on the part of a number of North Carolina people that the real reason is that Mr. Aycock proposes to enter the Senatorial race against Senator Simmons. He did not care to be indebted to Senator Simmons for the appointment, and therefore declined it. Senator Simmons asked for the appointment, and the President, although knowing Mr. Aycock well, made it to please the North Carolina Senator.

The declination of the position came through Senator Simmons, whose term expires March 3, 1907, and who will have to make a campaign this year to remain in office if he has opposition. A race between him and Mr. Aycock would be one of the most exciting in the history of the State, as both are immensely popular and understand their ground thoroughly. Mr. Aycock has always been spoken of as the hero of the "Leopard's Spots" which were widely read a few years ago. It dealt with reconstruction days in the South.

Perhaps it would illumine the foregoing about as much as anything to remark that Senator Simmons was not aware that the President was to make this appointment. He is chairman Rollins, National Committee, Duncan and Judge Douglas are here doing the Departments. The party is in high feather. One of the party said he believed Congressman Blackburn would be converted, and the organization crowd expects to rule without interruption if this comes about. The party is not taking any chances on an acquittal, however, and while Blackburn is summoned up in court they will make hay while the sun shines. They will henceforth redouble their efforts to bring about the undoing of Fraser and Grant at Greensboro. The trio he filled with renewed vigor by the fact that the report of the inspectors sent to Greensboro and Goldsboro have not been transmitted to the Senate committee, for they look upon this circumstance as an indication that the sympathy of the Department is with them. Butler's office is still the headquarters for the "organization" adherents.

CONGRESSMEN ELECT NOT MEMBERS
In view of the Blackburn trial a statement made to the House by Speaker Cannon yesterday interested a number of North Carolinians. The Speaker said that, in counting a quorum, had included in the count two members who had not taken the oath of office which he now felt was an error. After consulting numerous authorities, Representative Gaines, asking for permission to make a parliamentary inquiry, wanted to know if the Speaker did not consider a Congressman elect a member until after he took the oath of office. The Speaker said that in the organization of the House such men were not regarded as members and therefore they could not be counted.

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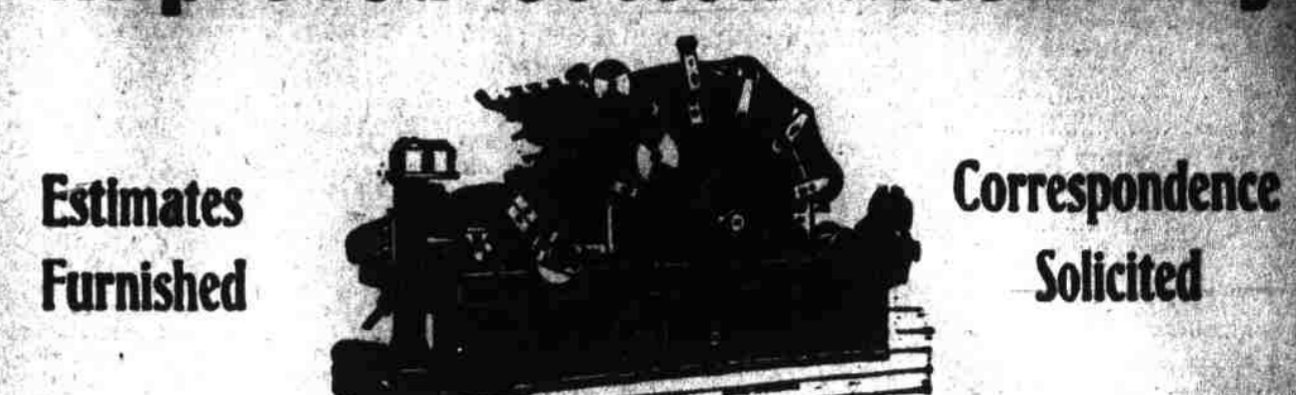
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