

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

HON. EDWARD CLARK, MAYOR OF NEW BERN.

I WISH TO EXPRESS THROUGH YOU MY GREAT SYMPATHY FOR THE CITIZENS OF NEW BERN IN THE DISTRESSING CALAMITY THAT HAS BEFALLEN THEM. SINCERE HOPES THAT THEIR MISFORTUNES MAY BE ALLEVIATED IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY AND THAT EARLY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY MAY FOLLOW.

WARREN G. HARDING.

CITY CAN GET 200 HOUSES

John Rhoades Leaves Tonight To Investigate Buildings In Delaware.

ARE PRICED LOW

Company Is Ready To Ship At Once. Cost Is \$225 For Each of Houses.

An offer of 200 or more frame bungalows at a very reasonable price is being investigated today and may be accepted by the relief committee here.

John Rhoades, in response to a telegram received here this morning, leaves tonight for Wilmington, Del., to fully investigate the offer which was contained in a telegram, reading as follows: Chamber of Commerce, New Bern, N. C.

Sorry for your great loss. If you can use six-room frame bungalows we are in a position to begin shipment at once of two hundred or more. Will cost you \$225 each, loaded on cars, Pennsboro, N. J. Were used by Dupont Company and are good homes. We cut in sections and it is possible to re-erect in four days. If interested, wire at our expense.

DELAWARE SALES CO.

The local committee feels that if the houses are anything like represented, the city will do well in purchasing them.

WILL GIVE AID

Mr. T. G. Hyman, New Bern, N. C., Am appalled and distressed at the terrible conflagration that visited your city yesterday. Would be glad to make contribution to sufferers if accepted outside aid.

Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro, N. C. Mrs. Edmund Alexander left on the morning train for Wilmington where he will remain for several days on business, connected with the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., of which he is district manager.

Ask Postponement Of The Championship Game

Last week, while the fire raged in New Bern, the High School team from this city was engaged in playing football at Raleigh.

This week, some of the players are doing guard duty as members of the local battery unit while others are engaged in relief work. They have been forced to remain awake during all hours of the night. The coaches of the team also have been doing their part in helping to re-

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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA.

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PRICE, FIVE CENTS

APPEAL MADE OUTSIDE HELP

EMPLOYMENT IS OPEN FOR SOME OF DESTITUTE

Local Business Men Are Urged To Come Forward And Help the Fire Victims

Offers of employment are now being made and it is believed that many of those now idle will be put to work within the next few days.

Concerns or individuals which are in a position to employ men or women are requested to communicate with C. C. Kirkpatrick at once. There are hundreds of persons out of employment and it is essential that work be found for them at once.

Attention is called to the following positions which are open today:

The New Bern Tobacco Company announces that it wants 200 women at once to stem tobacco. The women are to be paid \$1.00 a day.

Fred Bragg has employment for 75 women, who are wanted to transplant cabbage plants.

It is hoped that other concerns, needing employees, will make their requests known.

The Sun-Journal will be glad to give full publicity to their announcements without charge.

NASSEF LOST HUGE AMOUNT

Proprietors of Overall Factory Were One of the Heaviest Losers in the Fire

Among the heaviest losers of Friday's fire was the Nassef Manufacturing Company.

Joseph Nassef stated this morning that the machinery and stock in the overall factory was worth approximately \$65,000 and that the brick building itself was worth \$25,000, making a total loss of \$90,000. Insurance amounting to \$80,000 was carried.

Mr. Nassef stated this morning that he intended rebuilding his factory at once and also erect a row of brick stores on Pasture street, greatly improving the appearance of that place. He already has received an offer from another town to locate his factory there, but has refused to consider it.

In addition to the brick factory, Mr. Nassef also lost several frame buildings.

NOTICE TO THE COLORED

All colored people desiring relief from the New Bern Relief Committee will please report their names to their pastor or some colored lawyer or doctor at once, with proof of their right to receive the same.

W. N. Lawrence, Secretary. R. I. Johnson, chairman.

STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY MAYOR CLARK TODAY

TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND OTHER STATES:

With more than one thousand homes destroyed, three thousand persons homeless and hundreds without employment or any means of obtaining an income, our city today is struggling under a burden which is all but overwhelming.

Local pride and a reluctance to call for aid, at first prompted us to confine our pleas for assistance to those people of New Bern who had escaped disaster. Now, however, we realize that New Bern cannot stand alone in her efforts to care for the distressed. Therefore, if there are communities, organizations or individuals who desire to help us in this, our hour of need, I wish to assure them on behalf of our people that their assistance will not only be deeply appreciated but that it will be the means of alleviating much distress and suffering. I respectfully ask the various newspapers to give publicity to this statement.

EDWARD CLARK,
Mayor of New Bern.

Ten Thousand Visitors Were Here Sunday To Inspect Ruins

More than ten thousand visitors from all sections of North Carolina were in New Bern yesterday to see for themselves the destruction which had been wrought by Friday's fire. They came in trains and in automobiles and formed the greatest crowd of out-of-town persons that ever had visited New Bern in one day's time.

Immediately upon arriving, the visitors made their way to the scene of devastation. Prepared to some extent by newspaper reports as to the

wholesale destruction, they nevertheless stood aghast as the magnitude of the disaster unfolded itself before their eyes. Every section of the city's devastated area was visited. Those of New Bern residents who are in the habit of eating in restaurants, found themselves greeted by locked doors late yesterday evening when they tried to get their evening meals. Seeking an explanation they were informed that the visitors had eaten up all the food that was carried in stock. Many had to go to bed last night hungry.

RED CROSS IS GIVING HELP

Southern Division of Organization Helping Out Wonderfully at New Bern

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The Southern Division of the Red Cross, acting under instructions of national headquarters, is actively engaged in meeting the situation at New Bern, N. C., where a \$2,000,000 fire rendered some 3,000 persons homeless.

Carter Taylor, Red Cross field director at Camp Bragg, N. C., is in charge at New Bern and has distributed a large quantity of clothing, dispatches from Southern division headquarters state.

The commanding officer at the Hampton Roads Naval Station has been authorized to furnish supplies of bedding. Mr. Taylor reported the situation at New Bern improving but urged prompt assignment of Red Cross nurses for relief work.

READY TO SERVE

Mayor of New Bern. I desire through you to express to your stricken community my most profound sympathy. Wish it were within my power to serve you. Julian S. Carr.

CLAIM NEGROES WERE EJECTED FROM HOUSES

Two Instances of Mercenary Motives on Part of Landlord Reported Today

Although practically every citizen of New Bern is engaged in doing everything possible for the relief of the fire victims, two cases of unbecomingly mercenary motives were reported to the Sun-Journal this morning.

It is reported that one landlord refused to rent a vacant house to a colored family because the family was unable to pay the rent in advance.

Another instance is reported in which a colored family proceeded to take possession of a vacant three-room house. The owner, it is stated, ordered the family to move out immediately because the rent could not be paid.

The Sun-Journal does not know whether the above incidents are authentic or not. However, upon the suggestion of the relief committee, it wishes to announce that whenever any person or persons has proof of such incidents as the above and when they are reported to either the relief committee or the paper, not the slightest hesitancy will be employed in making public the names of the offenders.

MANY WHITES ARE HOMELESS

List Has Been Compiled of Some of Those Who Lost Home in Friday's Fire

Friday is a list of the white families that were burned out in Friday's fire:

Starting at 88 Metcalf street: Mrs. Fanny Dixon, R. C. Godwin, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. George Howard. George street, starting north—east side—Horace Clark, A. E. Davis, J. Southard, Kilburn, Jarvis, the barber, Mrs. Lamb, Daniels and Caton. Across Queen: Thomas Gaskill and son, D. Forest, M. Wayne. Pine street, north of George, Leon Dawson, Pulaski Cahoon. Pine and George: R. M. Wayne and sons, W. Milton, Mary Clark. Stewart building on George: Geo. Trippett, Bert Trippett, Duff Harris, Dave Cahoon, Ben Cahoon, Mrs. Eva Burns, Mrs. Agnes Gurkins, Miss Florence Oldfield.

Frame building next to Stewart building, James Vinson and son, Mrs. Dolly Cannon, John Pittman, James Bell, Dick Weathering. George street above Cypress, west side, Louis Rice. East side: Philip Carawan and son, D. M. Carawan, Pittman's store and residence, Ben-Git.

Court street of George, Mont Harris. Upper corner of cemetery: Stores kept by Merritt and Caton. Pasture street, starting at John Duke house: John Duke lost furniture, Davis Lee, Madison Rowe and son, Dill warehouse, two families living in one house who are known, Archie Brinkley, James Whitley, R. H. Wiley, Archie Edwards, Ray Hill, Clay Willis and family, Willie Higgins.

Off Queen street: Sadie Rice, Tom Gautier, John Pollock, Daisy Gray. The above list by no means is complete and there probably are half a dozen or more families who lost their homes.

A whole lot of attention is being paid to coal for a matter that is neither here nor there.

Fire Notes

More women are needed to carry on the relief work. Those who can serve in any capacity whatsoever are urged to give their names to Mrs. Whitford or Mrs. Marriner as soon as possible.

The remains of six liquor stills were observed in the runs yesterday. They are no longer fit for use, so no one has attempted to remove them.

Carter Taylor, chief of the Field Division of the Red Cross, is now in charge of the relief work here. A medical officer and two assistants arrived here this morning from Camp Bragg to help solve the city's sanitary problem.

Captain Willis has received orders to transfer in the local unit of the National Guard and use them whenever and wherever required.

Servants who quit their jobs and try to pass themselves off as victims of fire, will be black-listed, making it impossible for them to ever hold another position in New Bern. The same policy will be adopted toward other persons with similar ideas in their minds.

"No idleness" is the slogan in connection with relief work. There is work for everybody to do. C. C. Kirkpatrick has been placed in charge of the Labor Department. He has forgotten that such an animal as the boll weevil ever existed.

The fire had no respect for the resting place of the dead. Scores of monuments in Cedar Grove today are cracked and begrimed where flames leaped from houses across George street and sought to continue their journey of destruction.

Six thousand meals were served Sunday at the West Street Graded School.

Thirty tents have been erected. There are plenty of cots and mattresses here. Up until last night none of the cots had been occupied.

There evidently had been considerable ammunition in some of the houses which were destroyed, for there were times during the progress of the fire when a veritable fusillade of cartridges exploded.

A check for \$50 was received this morning from Mrs. B. Andrews, prominent attorney of Raleigh.

General Van B. Metts, adjutant general, arrived in New Bern this morning to inspect the local situation. He stated that the resources of his department were open to New Bern's command.

Cove City people have a solid freight-car load of clothing and supplies which they are sending here today. This is a most splendid work for a community of that size. Needless to say, New Bern is appreciative.

Senator Shimmons contributed his personal check for \$100 to the relief fund.

J. D. Hinton, of Camp Bragg, is here and is securing recruits for army service. White men between the ages of 18 and 35 will be accepted. Those interested are requested to see him at the postoffice between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. daily.

W. N. Pugh had some articles removed from his house during the fire and some of these have been misplaced. Among them were an enlarged picture of Mr. Pugh's father, General Pugh's farewell address, framed, detachments, 119th Infantry, framed. Mr. Pugh would appreciate information relative to the whereabouts of these articles.

Miss McNeill, of the field department of the Red Cross, arrived in the city this morning to aid in relief work. Her assistance is going to be of much benefit locally.

Thank God for the Salvation Army!

As soon as the weather permits, Carter Taylor announced that some of the negroes, now idle, would be employed in tearing down the chimneys and clearing up the ruins of the fire.

The deacons of the Presbyterian church have tendered to the colored Presbyterians the use of their Sunday School room for their worship. It will be recalled that Ebenezer Presbyterian church on Pasture street was totally destroyed by fire in the great conflagration of last Friday.

The Maxwell Company of this city, the distributors of Maxwell House coffee for this territory have received a telegram from the factory at Richmond donating 500 pounds of their coffee for use in the feeding of the fire victims. This coffee is being used at the West street graded school building as a part of the meals that are being served.

D. Pender & Company sent a check for \$100 for New Bern relief work today.

Through their local representative, L. E. Lawrence, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has sent a check of \$300 for those of their policy holders who were rendered homeless. Being a mutual concern, this was the only form in which the donation could be made.

The information booth on Pasture street is located at Dukes' store.

A truck load of potatoes, collected (Continued on page six)

SUPPLIES AND CASH RECEIVED

Magnitude of Disaster Is Just Beginning To Be Realized Here And Elsewhere.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED

It Will Take Huge Amount of Money To Eliminate Suffering And Misery Here.

The situation resulting from Friday's great fire, was briefly summarized as follows: Last night passed without any disorders excepting for one case of drunkenness and one case of assault.

Members of the local field artillery unit, soldiers from Camp Bragg and others did patrol duty in all sections of the city throughout the night.

The work of feeding the colored people at the West Street Graded School continues without any cessation. Approximately 300 sleep in the school building last night.

General Van B. Metts, state adjutant general, arrived in the city this morning to inspect the local situation.

1500 sweaters and 1000 pairs of socks are on the way from Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta.

1000 blankets and 1000 mattresses have arrived from the coast guard station at Norfolk.

An estimate that, compiled by J. B. Willis, shows that 35 families are homeless. They occupied 34 dwellings. Fifty more operated by whites, also were destroyed in addition to a number of other structures, including a factory, warehouses and shops.

A medical officer with two assistants has arrived from Camp Bragg to take charge of the sanitary situation. Miss McNeill, of the American Red Cross, also arrived this morning.

For the first time since the disaster, New Bern today is giving actual serious consideration to the problems which must be overcome. It is now realized that the temporary housing and feeding of the fire victims presents a small phase of the situation and that the relief work must be carried on in a far more extensive manner. As this fact is being driven home in the minds of those in charge of affairs, they now are forced to admit that New Bern, of this area, cannot bear the entire burden and that help must be asked from neighboring towns and cities.

"Gentlemen," said a local business man in a committee meeting this morning, "I know that all of us hate to put up a plea for assistance. At first we discouraged outside aid, for we were determined to do our utmost to solve the situation by ourselves. That was before we had gained full cognizance of the situation. Today, however, we feel that we cannot any longer permit our pride to stand in the way. For us to take such a stand would cause much more suffering and distress. We must swallow our pride and send out a call for assistance." Other towns, according to information received by the Sun-Journal this morning, are now busily engaged in raising relief funds and it is expected that thousands of dollars will pour into the city within the next few days. Everywhere committees are being organized. Such a situation has never before been known in this section of the state.

TURKS DESIRE TO FORTIFY STRAITS

LAUSANNE, Dec. 4.—The closing of the Dardanelles to all warships except those of Turkey, and giving Turkey the right to fortify the straits were advocated by Foreign Minister Pichogherin of Russia at today's meeting of the Lausanne conference called to discuss the question of the straits.

Ismit Pasha, leading Turkish delegate, asked for absolute Turkish control of the straits without demilitarization.

The preliminary discussion of the question by representatives of the Great Power had not been completed when the meeting was adjourned.

JOHN WANAMAKER IS REPORTED UNCHANGED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 4.—The condition of John Wanamaker, who has been ill at his home here for several weeks with a severe cold, was reported as "about the same as last evening" by his physicians this morning.

"I can't imagine how you get so much money out of your husband."