

All Relief Work Is Now Thoroughly Systematized

40 BLOCKS INCLUDED IN BLAZE

First Attempt Made Today To Check Up on Actual Loss In Fire.

THOUSAND HOUSES

Conservative Estimates Now Place Buildings Lost At That Number.

Friday's fire covered an area of 40 blocks and destroyed 1,000 buildings, including homes, stores, warehouses and other structures. Including the Roper Mill the loss will approximate two million dollars. More than 3,000 are homeless.

For the first time today it was possible to obtain some estimate of the total damage done in Friday's great conflagration. Heretofore it has been purely guess-work on the part of the majority. Estimates ranged from 500 to 2,000 homes. With the aid of a local insurance map, which shows every house in the city, a fairly accurate count of the

morning and New Bern is said to secure some idea regarding her loss. The area destroyed by the fire is about one-fourth of the total area of the city. It was stated by one of the insurance men today that in his opinion about one-third of the total loss would be

COMMITTEES AT WORK IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

The work of caring for the victims of the fire is being carried on by a number of separate departments, each of which works independently but subservient to the general chairman, H. M. Jacobs.

At the court house clothing and shoes are being received and these are sent out to various sub-stations.

At Christ Church Parish House similar work is being done for the whites.

At the Chamber of Commerce general headquarters are maintained.

Committees are at work attending to the erection of tents and stoves. Others are attending to sanitary regulations. Others are making what purchases are necessary for the relief of the sufferers.

Red Cross workers, coming here from other towns, say that never before have they seen such an efficient organization as that which has been found here so quickly.

ALL VICTIMS WERE HOUSED LAST NIGHT

As far as is known today, every victim of the fire slept under shelter last night and all have been provided with food.

It is estimated that approximately 50 houses, occupied by white families, were lost in the flames. The inmates of these homes, for the most part have been taken in by friends. There are a number, however, for whom special accommodations had to be made.

The colored people are also helping materially in the situation. They are organizing their own committees and are hard at work. Many of the homeless are being taken into private homes.

AMERICAN MEN HELD UP BY GREEK BANDITS

DEDAGATCH, Dec. 4.—American businessmen held up and robbed by Greek bandits in Western Thrace. The latest victims are R. J. Wortham of Henderson, N. C., who was deprived of money and jewelry while traveling by automobile from Dramah to Kavala, and J. J. Harrington, of Rocky Mount, N. C., who was robbed on a road from Sayres to Salonika. American traders are rarely molested in this district.

covered by insurance. Many of the houses, occupied by colored residents, carried no insurance at all.

SIMMONS ASKS WAR SECRETARY FOR LOCAL AID

Believed That Barracks From Morehead City Be Moved Here In Few Days

Senator F. M. Simmons today sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Weeks, asking for removal of barracks buildings at Morehead City to New Bern to aid in housing the homeless of this city. The telegram reads as follows:

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 3, 1922.

Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. Barracks buildings at Camp Glenn, Morehead City, North Carolina, suitable for speedy removal to New Bern for use in housing homeless and destitute people. Stop. Request you authorize New Bern Relief Committee to knock down these buildings and transport same to our city for use. Stop. Urgently needed and will prevent great suffering and great danger of spread of disease. Stop. Request reply by naval radio because land wires closed.

F. M. SIMMONS, U. S. Senator. Same to General Robert W. Davis, The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

BREAK A COLD AS YOU SLEEP

Don't Drug Yourself—Just Breathe A Cold Away

Relief from colds and grip misery comes at once. Ease for feverish, aching head. Tight, sore chest loosened. Stuffed up air passages opened. "Cocking" mucus checked. Nose stops running. Pain goes.

Sterling's Vapor-Eze is the quick-acting relief for bad cold in head and chest because it soothes and heats the inflamed membranes and breaks up the congestion on which colds feed. Get from your dealer a 25 cent jar of Sterling's Vapor-Eze. Apply a little on the chest and throat at bed time.

Then, as you sleep, the heating germ destroying antiseptic vapor enters air passage, penetrates right down to where the cold is lodged and breaks it up. Sterling's Vapor-Eze is absolutely harmless. Mother, use it for the child's colds. Remember, the coat is only a few cents. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Sterling's on every jar.

READY TO HANDLE ALL VICTORY BONDS

The Peoples Bank has an interesting advertisement in the Sun-Journal this evening calling attention to the fact that they are prepared to handle for the holders of Victory Loan bonds, which are of the 4-3-4 per cent variety numbered from A to F inclusive and due to be redeemed on December 15th, these bonds and are inviting them to leave them there for collection.

In addition to this, the Peoples Bank is also calling attention to the fact that they are prepared to handle the collection of war savings stamps and are inviting holders of these to leave them there for collection.

TO SUCCEED SPENS AS FUEL DISTRIBUTOR



F. R. Wadleigh, assistant to Conrad Spens, has been appointed Federal Fuel Distributor, to take over the post of Mr. Spens. It is understood that there is no longer a serious danger of a fuel shortage and it is believed that the work of the distribution office will shortly be terminated.

SERVICES OF MORE WOMEN IS NEEDED TO CARRY ON RELIEF; SIMMONS DISCUSSES PROBLEM

NORFOLK PEOPLE TO AID NEW BERN

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—Norfolk people are offered an opportunity to come to the aid of the 3,000 people of New Bern, N. C., whose homes and belongings were swept away by the disastrous fire that destroyed a large part of that city Friday. Clothing and blankets are the chief needs of the sufferers, according to a telegram received last night from Lieutenant Commander Fisher, commander of the Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico, who is chairman of the housing committee in the stricken city.

Those who wish to contribute needed articles are requested to leave them on the third floor of the Virginia-Pilot Building, in Tazewell street, whence they will promptly be shipped to New Bern. In the mad rush of the flames, many were forced to flee from their homes with only what they could hastily pick up, and the suffering is described as widespread.

Relief measures in New Bern, according to Commander Fisher are well organized and efficient. He stated that his committee had arranged to care for 1,500 homeless last night, and would make arrangements for more today. Thousands of others were provided for in the homes of the city.

A special car was attached to the Norfolk Southern express train which left this city last night for New Bern, in which 1,000 mattresses, together with blankets and clothing for the use of sufferers was shipped from the Naval Base here.

PIERCE BUTLER FAILS TO GET CONFIRMATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an associate justice of the supreme court, failed of confirmation by the senate today in the close of the extra session and a re-nomination in the regular session was made necessary. Senators LaFollette, (R), Wisconsin, and Norris, (R), Nebraska, objected to immediate confirmation and forced over the nomination.

Mr. Bryan, whose brother wants to be governor of Nebraska, buried the hatchet with Senator Hitchcock. A very brotherly act.

Tables Erected At Graded School For Feeding Fire Victims.—Taylor Is Now Chairman of Relief Work.—Mrs. Whitford Desires the Names of Women Who Can Help in Caring for the Homeless.—Aid From Other Towns Will Be Gladly Accepted.

At a meeting held at the office of the Chamber of Commerce last night, at which Carter Taylor, Red Cross director of relief work here, Mayor Edward Clark, and chairmen of the various departments of relief were present, a thorough resume was made of the results already accomplished and needs of the immediate future.

One of the conclusions reached at the meeting was that the magnitude of the situation was of such proportions that it would be impossible for the community to afford the requisite relief required by the situation. It was the consensus of opinion that under the circumstances all assistance, financial and otherwise should be accepted.

The reports of the various chairmen indicated that excellent headway was being made in the way of temporary relief.

Taylor Now in Charge

The following communication from Chairman Harry M. Jacobs was read: To the Relief Department: This is to advise you that I have asked Mr. Carter Taylor, field director of the Southern Division Red Cross, who is now on the ground at work, to take active charge of our organization and he and his co-workers are so much more experienced in such undertakings and were so willing to help us that they would lift the burden considerably from those who are carrying it on now. I want every department to give all the support they can to him and to keep their departments supplied with plenty of help, for I am sure he can direct the work so much better than anyone else here.

We are making headquarters for him at the Chamber of Commerce with the same equipment and the same organization as we had before. There is absolutely no change in our working plans except that hereafter all of us will take our orders from Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor gave a brief summary of conditions as he had found them upon his tour of inspection Sunday afternoon. He said that a fine system for relief had been organized among the colored people. Rev. A. J. Johnson was receiving all applications for aid from members of his race and was giving orders for food and other supplies. Mr. Taylor explained that when the pastor was receiving these applications he was also taking an inventory of the applicant, requiring

him to give his name, whether he was married or single, the number of persons in his family, where his house had been located, whether he was out of a job, etc. The Red Cross workers also told of what was being done in the way of feeding and housing the refugees.

New Plan for Feeding

E. K. Bishop called attention to the crowded condition at the West Street Graded School and suggested that a new system be arranged so as to eliminate this suggestion. Wade Meadows stated that electric stoves had been installed and that long tables would be erected today. Mr. Taylor advocated a method of feeding similar to the cafeteria plan. He suggested that each person be supplied with plate, cup, knives and forks, that they then be helped to food and permitted to take it to the tables, where they could eat. Upon leaving the room they would surrender their knives and forks.

Harry M. Jacobs commended the committees for the splendid spirit they had displayed. He said that Mr. Taylor was now in complete charge of the work and urged the committees to stand by him. He also stressed the need for more persons to volunteer their services, saying that it was impossible for the same men and women to work day in and day out.

Mrs. Whitford Chairman

Mrs. Whitford was appointed chairman of a committee with Mrs. Harringer to assist her in enlisting new recruits for relief work. Captain Fisher, of the revenue cutter, Pamlico, who has been doing splendid service in helping to solve the housing problem, lists of coats, tents, blankets and other supplies which had been received here. He stated that the temporary housing situation was well in hand.

Mr. Taylor advised that General Bowley, of Camp Bragg, at the request of Senator Simmons, had sent a medical officer with two assistants to take charge of sanitary conditions here. These men arrived here this morning.

"We also have adapted another slogan in our work," said Mr. Taylor, "and that is, that no person shall be idle. We have begun organizing squads of men to help clean up some of the ruined property. Each squad is in command of a soldier from Camp Bragg. It also is reported to us that a number of servants have quit their

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TO THE ICE CONSUMERS OF NEW BERN

We are pleased to say our ice plant was not damaged in the great fire New Bern has just experienced. We will continue to deliver ice as usual. Patrons not receiving their ice will please notify the office. To those suffering a loss in property we extend our greatest sympathy.

Very respectfully,


CONSUMERS ICE COMPANY
ALLIE COOK, Manager.

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