

# RED CROSS QUOTA HALF SUBSCRIBED

Fortune Sends Check for \$25,000 to Washington Headquarters.

## DRIVE IS CONTINUED

Contributions From Citizens Are Still Pouring Into Office Here.

A check for \$25,000, half of the Indianapolis quota of the Japanese relief fund of the American Red Cross, was mailed to Washington today by William Fortune, chairman of the Indianapolis chapter. The amount was raised in seven days.

The following telegram was sent to Mrs. John Allen Daugherty, manager of the Washington division, by Fortune:

"We are today forwarding a check for \$25,000 representing voluntary contributions from a large number of our people in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$1,000 each, for the relief of sufferers in stricken Japan. This comes wholly from sympathetic volition of our people. We hope to receive our quota of the Red Cross fund from these voluntary offerings of people who give because they want to help others who are in dire distress. We are not conducting a campaign of personal solicitation, but we are depending on our newspapers instead. We have faith that our people will fulfill expectations. The response from Indianapolis to the appeal of President Coolidge and the Red Cross will come voluntarily from sympathetic and generous people."

Ninety-nine per cent of the contributions mailed to Red Cross headquarters are written on a newspaper contribution blank, Fortune said.

"This shows that the people of Indianapolis are giving their full measure voluntarily," Fortune said.

Prompt and generous giving will mean that Indianapolis will be classed among the cities filling their quotas first. Since the Red Cross has organized no solicitation campaign the matter of meeting Indianapolis' quota of \$50,000 is left entirely to the individual.

"What a splendid thing it would be if Indianapolis could, out of voluntary offerings, make up the total which the American Red Cross has assigned it," said Fortune. "Better to have it that way than to give two or three times the quota by organized solicitation, for what is coming now is voluntary expression of the wish to help millions of homeless people who have been stricken by a great calamity."

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List of today's local contributors to Red Cross Japan Relief fund will be found on page 2.

# QUAKE SUFFERERS NUMBER 1,356,470

Osaka Rapidly Becoming Center of Japanese Official and Business Life—Supplies Arrive at Yokohama.

By MOTTO TAKATA  
Assistant Foreign Editor Osaka Mainichi

(Written for the United Press)  
OSAKA, Sept. 8.—Japan's earthquake sufferers today number 1,356,470.

An official announcement to this effect has been issued in Osaka, which, the confusion and devastation in Tokio is rapidly becoming the center of Japanese official and business life.

The same announcement says 316,078 houses were destroyed by Saturday's shocks and the tidal wave and fire that followed.

Death Toll 50,000

It is stated it is still impossible to estimate accurately the number of dead, but few official figures indicate a loss of more than 50,000 lives in Tokio and Yokohama combined. Reports from outlying districts will be slow in coming in.

Yokohama apparently has been spared the ravages of cholera, thus far at least.

Alarming reports of the plague reached here yesterday but these were not followed by any further dispatches.

Relief work goes on; the fires are out; the earth rumblings have largely subsided, but still there are places where knockings and mutterings beneath the surface keep inhabitants who lived through the great disaster, in a state of perpetual terror.

Villages Live in Fear

The village of Gotemba, near the scene of the disaster at the Fuji spinning mill which collapsed in Saturday's quake and buried hundreds of girl employees in the ruins, is a strange sight these days.

Word coming from the town, which is largely in ruins, says when occasional rumblings occur, the population, fearing Fuji is about to erupt, rush

# The Indianapolis Times

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## Forecast

FAIR tonight and Sunday;  
not much change in temperature.

TWO CENTS

# COUCH GETS 2-14 YEARS FOR FRAUD

## Statehouse Custodian Pleads Guilty to Charge of Shortage

### PRESENTED FALSE CLAIMS

Resignation Asked When Absence of \$10,000 in Accounts Is Discovered.

Roy Couch, 35, former custodian of the State House, was sentenced to serve two to fourteen years in the State prison today on a plea of guilty to a charge of presenting false claims.

According to charges, Couch was short about \$10,000 in his accounts as custodian of the Statehouse. He was asked to resign when the shortage was revealed.

Couch also was charged with embezzlement, but this charge was dropped on his plea of guilty.

Couch was appointed custodian at the beginning of the McCray administration. His home was at Frankfort.

# COUNCIL REMOVES LAST OBSTRUCTION TO ORPHANS' HOME

Ordinance Setting Aside \$140,000 From County General Fund Passed.

An ordinance setting aside \$140,000 out of the general county fund to construct a colored orphans' home at Twenty-Fifth St. and Keystone Ave. was passed this morning by the Marion County council, which adjourned shortly afterward.

The money to build the home will be put in the general fund when the sale of eighteen acres of county land, the site of the old workhouse at Twenty-First St. and Northwestern Ave., to the Fairbanks-Morse Company is completed.

The workhouse land was sold Aug. 27 by county commissioners for \$10,500, the price fixed by the county council, over the protest of Leo K. Fesler, county auditor, who said that \$60,000 was more than enough.

The home will be cottage type, and accommodate 120 children. It will be built of brick, with boys in one wing and girls in the other, according to plans adopted by the county commissioners and shown to the council.

The council held up the appropriation until commissioners adopted plans, so councilmen "could know where money was going."

Bids will be advertised immediately.

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### More Gifts

Additional gifts for the Red Cross Japanese relief fund have been received by The Times and sent to the local chapter of the Red Cross. The givers: Mazie Spencer, \$1.25; Rev. J. W. Williams, \$5; Mrs. George Collings, \$1; James W. Shank, \$10; R. C. Vermillion, \$1; Fred R. Bonfield, \$5.

# SUIT FILED IN RAIL-AUTO CRASH

William Krieger Asks \$60,000 From Railroads.

Total damages of \$60,000 is asked from the Big Four and Belt Railroads by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Krieger, 1402 N. Illinois St., as a result of a collision between the Krieger automobile and a Big Four train on May 23.

Personal injuries are cited by Krieger, an undertaker, as basis for \$25,000 asked for himself. He also asks \$10,000 injuries to his wife. The latter asked \$25,000 damages on her own behalf.

The accident occurred at the Belt Railroad crossing on W. Washington St. The flagman and train crew are made co-defendants.

Five Others Overdue, However, Are Believed Lost in Pacific.

By United Press SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—The motorship Kennecoot of the Alaska Steamship Company, lost during tidal wave in Yokohama harbor, is safe, a dispatch from Kobe stated today. The vessel arrived at Kobe Tuesday undamaged.

Five other vessels from ninety to 100 days overdue, including the Wellawona and the West Jena are feared lost.

# HARDING ESTATE IS VALUED AT \$600,000

Relatives and Churches Are Principal Beneficiaries in Will.

By United Press MARION, Ohio, Sept. 8.—Marion businessmen and friends of the late President Warren G. Harding, whose will was filed for probate Friday, estimated today the estate is worth \$600,000.

Relatives, his home town and local churches were the principal beneficiaries.

### VETERINARY TREATS BOY

Owners of Dog Which Bit Youngster Send Horse Doctor.

Omer Surface, 2225 Oscar St., was bitten by a dog today whose owners sent a veterinary doctor to treat him, according to police. Later city ambulance doctors gave medical aid. The identity of the owners of the dog and the veterinary was not learned.

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Hourly Temperature

6 a. m. 57 10 a. m. 69

7 a. m. 59 11 a. m. 72

8 a. m. 64 12 (noon) 72

9 a. m. 68 1 p. m. 75

# Little 'Jackie Coogans' in Movie Tell Story for Fund



ABOVE—"BABY BOARDERS" IN THE SUPERVISED FAMILY WELFARE FUND. BELOW: RAYMOND OLIVE OF THE BOYS' CLUB. THEY ARE SHOWN AS THEY APPEAR IN THE COMMUNITY FUND MOVIE.

Amateur actors, most of them boys and girls not yet graduated in their teens, play parts in the one-reel motion picture, "The Kindness Cup," which the Community Fund is presenting before clubs and churches this fall in preparation for the annual campaign.

All the scenes were taken locally by the Rhodes-Chouinard Motion Picture Company, while all faces are those of Indianapolis folk as the camera man found them among the varied welfare organizations sharing in the fund.

Requests to witness the picture are being filled daily by the speakers' bureau of the Community Fund at the new campaign headquarters, 765 Century Bldg.

# CIRCUS INJURY IS FATAL TO BOY, 16

Youth Dies at Local Hospital After Truck Accident

Thomas Sullivan, 16, of 2059 E. Seventy-Ninth St., Cleveland, Ohio, died at the Methodist Hospital today from internal injuries and crushed legs received when a R. G. Barnes Circus truck ran over him at Whiteland, Ind., Thursday.

Sullivan was traveling with the circus. The boy was brought to the hospital by a stranger who could give no details.

Deputy Coroner W. A. Doeppers ordered the body held until word is received from relatives in Cleveland.

Attempts are being made to connect with headquarters of the circus at Palms, Cal.

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### MISSING SHIP IS SAFE

BOY FAIR VISITOR MISSING

Son of John A. McLain Falls to Return Home Friday Night.

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Description: Four feet 8 inches tall;

weight, 80 pounds; light hair, blue eyes, wearing glasses, tan Boy Scout shirt, gray trousers, tan shoes, black cap.

Eggs Up 3 Cents Again at Market

Humpty-Dumpty Doesn't Set an Example Here.

Eggs took another jump in city market today. Selling at 36 cents a dozen Thursday, they appeared at 39 cents at most of the stands. A few stands priced them at 38 cents each.

INDUSTRY TO BE AIDED

Chamber of Commerce Manufacturers' Committee Active.

Inaugurating a condition of increased helpfulness among Indianapolis industries, the manufacturers' committee of the Chamber of Commerce has voted unanimously to institute a system which will cement relationship between industrial firms of the city.

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