

CHICAGO NEAR END OF TETHER; RELIEF URGENT

Suffering, City's Lack of
Money Swiftly Coming
to Crisis.

The United Press has pictured in this series of stories the plight of penniless Chicago and its unpaid workers. Some of the causes of the crisis have been explained, possible solutions enumerated. This story estimates the colossal cost of failure to solve the problem. It attempts to predict what will happen here if nothing is done. Tomorrow's concluding installment tells of the most amazing "strike" in the history—the Chicago taxpayers' strike.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Disaster as

complete as from a major flood, fire or earthquake confronts Chicago.

That is no exaggeration. Far-

seeing officials have hinted at the

possibility for months. They no

longer hint; they declare chaos is

inevitable unless the city can raise

money.

Starvation threatens more than

500,000 men, women and children.

The equivalent of the entire popula-

tion of Milwaukee. Charity has

been feeding them. Now relief funds

are dwindling, and no more are in

prospect.

More than \$25,000 jobless walk the

streets. Not all have been on the

charity list. Some have borrowed.

Others have been supported by rela-

tives or friends. They, too, are al-

most at the end of the rope.

Worst Outlook in History

Some 30,000 Chicagoans, including

school teachers, policemen, firemen

and other city and county employees,

either are working without pay or

their pay checks are long overdue.

A Chicago newspaper carried in

italic type scattered through its news

columns today such warnings as:

"Pay your taxes or there will be

no fire department."

"Pay your taxes or there will be

no police department."

"Pay your taxes or the county hos-

pital will shut down."

"Pay your taxes or the schools will

close."

"Pay your taxes or the courts will

close."

In slogan-form, that is the pic-

ture. Collapse of every agency for

protection of life, health and prop-

erty, with hundreds of thousands

dying for lack of something to eat,

freezing from lack of fuel—such is

the prospect, the most dismal in

Chicago's history.

Fire Less Disastrous

"There is no use denying that the

situation is desperate," said Edward

L. Ryerson Jr., president of the joint

emergency relief funds. "Never has

Chicago had anything like the num-

ber of unemployed it has."

The Chicago fire was not as bad

in many ways as this situation, with

500,000 persons on charity lists. Peo-

ple, rich and poor, have given until

they can hardly give any more.

The legislature holds the key to the

problem."

And the legislature, by voting

down the Kelly bill for revamping

the city's tax machinery early on

Wednesday, prolonged for no one

knows how long the anxiety of Chi-

cago's 3,500,000 inhabitants.

Fourteen relief stations, which

have been caring for 35,000 destitute

families, must close unless tax funds

are made available, Ryerson said.

The relief fund of \$10,500,000 that

the city raised among its citizens

will not keep them open much

longer.

Lunch Fund Depleted

Suffering among the 500,000 school

children threatens to become more

acute immediately. Many of them

have been given free lunches at

school. In many cases, that was

their biggest meal of the day, since

laders at home were nearly empty.

The advisory committee on school

lunches announces that its funds are

depleted. There may be drastic cuts

in the luncheon menus, or they may

have to be abolished in some schools.

Normal college students met in

a mass meeting this week to protest

against the board of education's tem-

tative decision to close down the in-

stitution for one year. Students

who have attended from one to three

years would be thrown on the streets

to augment the army of jobless.

Patients in the municipal tuber-

culosis sanitarium aged and feeble

in home and institutions, mothers

on the pension list, all of them

helpless to help themselves, face the

gloomy prospect of being deprived

of enough food to keep them alive.

Those too ill to realize what Chi-

cago is up against perhaps are the

luckiest ones.

OPENS NEW MORTUARY

Harry C. Keers to Conduct Business

on North Meridian.

Harry C. Keers, 2333 North Penn-

sylvania street, today announced the

opening of his funeral home at 1801

North Meridian street.

Keers has been in the funeral

business for fifteen years in Indi-

ana. He plans to give day and

night ambulance service.

The establishment has its own

chapel. A pipe organ will be an-

other feature of the home.

Associated with Keers will be W.

K. Richardson, who has been an

undertaker at 1801 North Meridian

street for the last ten years. They

will not be partners, but will share

the same building.

Guardians Haled Into Court

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 14.—Judge

George H. Leonard has ordered 105

guardians to appear Jan. 25 in Allen

superior court to show cause why

they should not be removed. In

some cases no reports have been

made in twenty years, and in one,

not since 1894.

W. C. MUSTEROLE

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WGC	1180	KRLD	1640	WLCR	650	WMAQ	1230	WJMX	1000
WHD	1160	WWD	870	WIBO	560	WOW	590	WTIC	1060
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