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"They Thank the Herald From Their Hearts."

Mayor of Jacksonville Says the Supplies in the Relief Train Will Help Thousands-People of the City Are Grateful

Jacksonville, Fla., May 9.--Preparations to handle the supplies on the Herald relief train were made tonight by the citizens' committee, and as soon as it reaches Jacksonville tomorrow night the food and clothing will be distributed from the seven commissary depots.

Mr. Telfair Stockton, a member of the committee, will have personal charge of the distribution, and fully a thousand people will receive rations and apparel.

Mayor J. E. T. Bowden tonight asked the Herald correspondent to transmit the following:

"The people of Jacksonville thank the Herald and people of Baltimore from the bottom of their hearts for so generously helping them in their need. The supplies in the Herald train will aid hundreds who are now homeless and penniless.

"Jacksonville is making a gallant effort to help herself, but her loss has been too great, and for weeks she must look to her charitable neighbors. With such assistance as the Herald and Baltimore have so speedily offered, she will rise again greater and more prosperous than ever before."

The Herald "special" is now speeding through the Carolinas. A dispatch from the train en route says that Raleigh, N. C., was reached at 8.30 this morning, and was due to pass through Columbia, S. C., tonight. At this rate the car, with its load of necessaries, will reach Jacksonville on time.

There is much enthusiasm among the representative people of this city because of the interest taken in her welfare in the hour of need by the people of Baltimore and the representative morning paper of that city. Words of praise are heard on all sides, particularly for the Herald, which, as the people here know, took the initiative in Baltimore in the movement to send relief to Jacksonville.

Rt. Rev. John Moore, bishop of St. Augustine, and very Rev. William J. Kenny, vicar general of this diocese, have issued an appeal to the Roman Catholic people of the United States and Canada calling upon them to aid the Catholics of this place. The appeal recites the destruction of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the only one in the city; the parochial residence, St. Mary's Orphanage and St. Joseph's Convent, representing a total loss of about \$125,000 and states that today the Catholics of this city find themselves without a place to worship in, without a home for the priests, without a home for the sisters and without a home for the orphans or a school for the children, and that in view of the utter impoverishment and destitution of the Catholics here, unless they receive help from the outside Catholic world, it will be impossible to continue the work of Catholic progress of this community.

They call upon the Catholic people of the United States to help them out in this great calamity and ask that contributions be sent to Very Rev. William J. Kenny, vicar general of this diocese.

The main streets of Jacksonville are being rapidly cleared of debris. Street cars will be operated by mules until the trolley system can be restored. Plans are being drawn for a large number of business structures. The river probably will be bulkheaded. Temporary structures are going up on all sides, the city requiring their demolition by December 1. Thousands are being fed by the relief committee. No more dead bodies have been found. A large amount of insurance has been paid.