

JAPAN'S DEAD OVER 200,000, U. S. FIGURES

2,500,000 Homeless; 500,000 Injured.

BULLETIN.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The "enduring gratitude" of Japan for the generosity of the American people towards the earthquake sufferers was telegraphed to the Japanese embassy here today by Prime Minister Yamamoto, with instructions that it be communicated to the nation.

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—[Special.]—New estimates based upon later and more accurate reports now place the number of dead in the Japanese earthquake disaster at between 200,000 and 300,000, with 300,000 to 500,000 injured, according to a joint statement issued today by Judge John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross executive committee, and Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Each new report enhances the appalling extent of the catastrophe, according to the Red Cross headquarters statement, and a survey of the needs of the situation has made it necessary to appeal again to Red Cross chapters to redoubled effort to obtain adequate supplies.

The number of dead at Yokohama alone is 80,000, according to a radio message to the navy department from Admiral Anderson, commander of the Pacific fleet, on board his flagship, the Furuzumi, which has arrived at Yokohama.

[An Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo, dated Sept. 9, quoted Japanese agency reports from Osaka to the effect that Tokyo police now officially place the dead in that city at 43,000. Based on the count of bodies thus far recovered in Yokohama, the dead in that city alone are estimated at 100,000.]

Red Cross Speeds Efforts.

With \$3,547,900 reported from the districts as already in hand; with the Red Cross cargo vessel due to sail tomorrow and with five more ships loading, the Red Cross executive committee spent the day of Sunday morning in conference with its staff upon the joint problem of expediting the incoming contributions to a maximum within the current week and of even further speeding the purchase and shipment of supplies.

Judge Payne and Secretary Hoover have devoted the major portion of his time to the earthquake relief work and activities since the first news of the calamity reached America, in the joint statement, surveyed the situation to date and appealed urgently for increased effort on the part of all local Red Cross chapters.

Human Suffering Appalling.

The statement makes a strong distinction between economic loss, which Secretary Hoover has said he believes have been exaggerated in first reports, and the appalling human suffering that each new report enhances.

It is now possible, from the reports of the different government departments and the Red Cross, to form a more comprehensive idea of the extent of the Japanese disaster. The area affected supports a population of approximately 10,000,000 people. Between 200,000 and 300,000 are estimated to have been killed and from 300,000 to 500,000 injured.

In the Yokohama and Tokio districts alone 1,500,000 persons have been rendered homeless, and in addition it is estimated that 1,000,000 more are homeless in the outside districts. Many millions more have been cut off from their occupations.

Supplies of food, clothing, medicines, hospital service, and material for construction of shelter have been destroyed in the larger centers. Supplies of milk for children are no longer available. Great masses of children have been orphaned. Hundreds of thousands of bread winners have been unemployed.

Duty Before Americans.

The problem, therefore, of American charity is to provide with the most expedition supplies of food, medicines, and clothing, and to ship material for temporary shelter to provide relief for the destitution which follows from such a great disaster and displacement.

The need before us is an emergency. For our aid to be of the most effective character we must have American resources placed at our disposal during the current week. We sincerely hope the campaign will proceed with the utmost vigor. The receipts from the fund effort to date are estimated at about \$3,500,000. The donations we have already undertaken

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in supplies and money exceed this sum. Eight cargoes, the third of which will sail tomorrow and the other five of which are loading, have been purchased.

"Some portions of the United States have found it possible to exceed the quotas assigned them. It is the earnest hope of the executives of the Red Cross that these will continue their efforts unabated and that all districts will exceed generously the minimum quota that was set.

"The amount of the contribution we can make, the supplies and support we can mobilize within the next ten days, are not only the mark of American generosity, but have a direct quotient of human suffering mitigated and human life saved."

Legion to Assist Drive.

Following the receipt of a check for \$1,000 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national organization, the national headquarters of the Red Cross was notified today by Lemuel Bowles, national adjutant of the American Legion, that his organization proposed to ask its membership for contributions to the relief fund and that the department of Iowa had started the movement with a donation

of \$3,000. The veterans will confine their drive to their own membership and anticipate a ready response throughout the country.

The total contributions received by noon Sunday were reported to be as follows:

Washington division	\$2,032,000
New England division	242,000
Southern division	61,000
Central division	612,000
Southwestern division	250,000
Pacific division	200,300
Insular and foreign	150,500

Total

\$3,547,900

A new appeal for Japanese relief was issued by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in which he said:

"On Labor day I said that every man who has a dollar should give a quarter in behalf of the sufferers across the Pacific. With the extent of the disaster more adequately known, it is urgent that all possible relief should be taken to the Japanese people without the unnecessary loss of an hour."

MIDWEST HEARS PLEA

The central division of the Red Cross, comprising Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and one or two northwestern states, has raised \$645,036 for Japanese relief. The apportionment for this division on the basis of the \$5,000,000 goal of the United States was \$800,000. To Illinois was assigned \$280,000. If all the divisions will keep pace with the central division the \$5,000,000 quota will be greatly exceeded, Walter Davidson, Red Cross district chief, says. It was he who made public yesterday the amount of money already subscribed.

A plea for immediate aid was made in practically all Chicago pulpits yesterday. Definite totals cannot be announced until today, when reports will be made at the headquarters in the mayor's office.

Some pastors have not returned from their vacations and collections were



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postponed until next Sunday. The board of Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church sent last Friday an appeal to its 26,500 Sunday schools, naming next Sunday as the day for the offering, but nearby Sunday schools responded yesterday. Churches in the Chicago presbytery all received an appeal from the board of foreign missions in time to make generous offerings.

Pleads for Japan.

"America has helped Ireland, China, Persia, Russia, Armenia, India, and now it is Japan's turn to need our aid," said the Rev. Duncan C. Milner, who spoke in the Ravenswood Presbyterian church. "When Kansas was devastated by grasshoppers and Johnstown, Pa., by a flood, we helped, just as Chicago was helped when our city was swept by the great fire fifty years ago."

"What America does in unselfish help for Japan in this hour may easily become more important than the Washington disarmament conference," said the Rev. Ralph A. Ward, associate general secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, who spoke in the morning in St. Paul's church, South Bend, Ind.

"Safety for the peoples of the Pacific lies in mutual understanding and good will," Dr. Ward said. "Japan and America have been suspicious of each other. Now the Japanese will have a chance to come up against the warm hearts of America as folks and

not simply as one of the great powers of the political world.

Drive Continues Today.

The work of collecting funds will go on today. Salvation Army lassies and Japanese women will collect funds on the street corners. Office buildings and places of public interest will be visited by members of the women's committee of which Mrs. Joseph Fish is chair man.

The Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions clubs all have committees at work. The Uptown Association of Commerce will also be active.

"Speed up before interest wanes," was the order issued by Phil L. Clarke chief assistant to Chairman Frank O. Wetmore.

"All checks," he said, "should be made out to the treasurer, James B. Forgan Jr., 38 South Dearborn street."

Rogers Park Woman Asks Search for Missing Girl

Mrs. E. R. Allen, 1430 Lunt avenue has appealed to THE TRIBUNE to aid her in her search for Helen Zimmerman, 13 years old, who has for the last three years been employed by Mrs. Allen as a maid. Mrs. Allen says she knows no reason for her disappearance. The girl was taken out of the Nebraska Children's Home society by Mrs. Allen with the intention of keeping her until she is of age.