

FAMISHED WOMEN IN BUNDLE DAY LINE

**100 Shivered in Cold Waiting
Their Allotment of Warm
Clothing.**

RELIEF IS QUICKLY GIVEN

**Miss Kellor Started Distribution
Long in Advance of Opening
Hour to Relieve Distress.**

More than 100 women, shivering from the sharp, biting wind, stood in line yesterday morning at Bundle Day headquarters, 208 and 210 Fifth Avenue, waiting to receive the warm clothing that was being passed out as rapidly as possible by scores of attendants. One woman fainted, and the ambulance surgeon who was summoned from Bellevue said she had collapsed from starvation. She was taken to the hospital. Scores of other applicants, several of them invalid old men, were without coats, and stood shivering in lightweight tattered Summer clothing. When possible these were provided for first.

The attendants told of case after case of widows who came with children, all of whom were so famished they could hardly walk. It became necessary early in the day to obtain the services of interpreters, as many of the most deserving applicants did not speak English. Applicants with more skill in stating their needs were often compelled to wait while the stories of the foreign mothers were listened to and the necessary items of clothing listed for them. The supplies of clothing in the Mark Cross Building proved ample for the day's line of applicants, and no effort was made to move into the building supplies from the various store houses of the Bundle Day Committee.

Headquarters Well Stocked.

It was estimated last night that the committee could handle a crowd like the one assembled yesterday every day for a week without exhausting the supply now in the headquarters building. Policemen took a kindly interest in the applicants and took down the addresses of those who seemed most acutely in need. It was planned to start distributing at 1 o'clock, as on Monday, but when Miss Frances Kellor, who was in charge for the Bundle Day Committee, saw the long line of women she altered the committee's plans and ordered that the distributions be commenced at 10 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the hour set for closing, there were still several hundred men and 100 women waiting to present their slips and to receive bundles. By common consent the working force remained on duty another hour, so that all of the women could be accommodated. A few hundred men had to be turned away, with a notice that they could return at 10 o'clock this morning.

One big outfitting job, which was attended to at noon, made seventy-five longshoremen happy. The longshoremen had been out of work since the war began, and their clothes had been reduced to rags and tatters. They marched into the headquarters, a destitute-looking lot. Every man in the group was outfitted with a good suit of clothes and a new hat and pair of shoes.

An old man asked for a suit of clothes and underclothing. It was found that he had on nothing warmer than a thin Summer suit, and he had neither underclothing nor socks. The volunteer attendant who outfitted him with new shoes, socks, underclothes, a fresh suit, and an overcoat, stopped the work of distribution long enough to take up a contribution from his coworkers. It amounted to \$5, and he placed the sum in the man's overcoat pocket.

Cash Donations Wanted.

A call was issued last night for cash contributions to supplement the gifts of clothing to those most desperately in need. The inflow of gifts of bundles has not stopped, as one attendant was kept busy all day yesterday answering telephone calls from people who had found clothing for additional bundles.

A letter from the army Quartermaster stationed at Fort Hancock stated that the soldiers there had made up four bundles, which had been forwarded to an East River pier. The Bundle Day Committee sent a private automobile to pick them up, but the chauffeur brought back word that each "bundle" was nearly a dray load. An automobile truck had all it could do to move the four "bundles," which were really big packing cases, up to the headquarters.

In one consignment there were eighty-six packing cases. Each contained a dozen pairs of new shoes, which had been shipped direct from a big Middle Western factory. The shoes will be given to homeless men at 130 Broad Street.

Besides relieving the distress of applicants who came to the committee's headquarters, the committee filled over 1,000 requisitions sent in in writing. In each case the bundle called for was sent to the police station nearest to the home of the applicant, and the applicant was notified to call at the station for it.

COMPLAINS OF RELIEF PLANS.

**Member of Mayor's Committee Says
City Should Do More for Poor.**

Paul Kennaday, a member of the Mayor's Committee on Unemployment, addressed an open letter to the Mayor yesterday in which he asserted that London, Paris, and Berlin were able to do much more for their poor than New York. He protested against the policy by which the city refrained from doing more than a very little to relieve the "tens of thousands of men, women, and children who are the victims in our community of the war now devastating Europe."

"The long lines of people waiting hours for old clothes," Mr. Kennaday wrote, "appearing in the full light of Broadway in quest of a cup of coffee and a roll, and the lines of people besieging the emergency workshops to offer their services for \$3 a week have changed public opinion." He urged that the practice of removing snow from the principal streets be extended to include all of the streets, so that work may be provided that "will increase the general health."

A benefit for the Workshop Fund of the Mayor's Committee on Unemployment will be held at the Punch and Judy Theatre in West Forty-ninth Street on Washington's Birthday.

At the Hotel Knickerbocker bread line an aged woman in deep mourning appeared yesterday. The police thought from her genteel appearance that she was a spectator, and suggested that she stand with other spectators across the

street from the bread line. She whispered that she was starving. She was immediately taken into the lobby of the Hotel Knickerbocker, where she was provided with a good dinner. She said she had walked from Nyack, hoping to find work sewing, and had slept in a ferryhouse Monday night. Forty dollars in cash contributions was distributed to the 2,000 men and 105 women of the bread line.

Jeff Davis, boss of the Hotel de Gink, received a contribution of \$105 yesterday from a business man who "fopped" one night with the hoboes to see how their co-operative plan was working out. It was specified that the money be spent for cots.