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April 17, 1912.k

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On the arrival of the "Carpathia" with the survivors of the "Titanic" the United States authorities will exclude all photographers from the dock space devoted to the customs service. You will exclude all photographers or picture takers from entrance to the rest of the dock. Also rope off a large space on the outside for the protection of these unfortunate people from all approach or interference of photographers or any one else. We owe this to them, and let it be carried out strictly.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Mayer
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Rhinelanders Waldo, Esq.,
Police Commissioner.

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May 9, 1912.

Hon. Earl Brewer,
Governor of the State of Mississippi,
Jackson, Miss.

Many of us here are much concerned by newspaper dispatches giving the details of damage being done by the river overflow, and the losses and distress caused thereby to many families. Is the distress as great as this, and will it be agreeable to you if we should make up a fund here to relieve those in distress? New York City has long been indebted to the Southern states for many of our most useful citizens, and we should be glad to make some recognition of this fact.

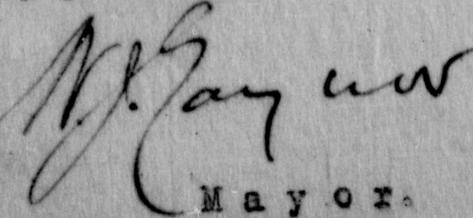
W. J. Gaynor, Mayor.

May 10th, 1918. s

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I am informed that the Executive Committee of the Southern Society is to meet this afternoon to take some action for the relief of the sufferers from the Mississippi River flood. I have been in communication with the Governors of the states most affected, and I am informed by Governor Sanders of Louisiana that the need of assistance there is very great. There are already 5,000 refugees from the flood in the small capitol city of that state, and as many more are expected. The condition is also bad in other states. With our minds distracted by the tragedy of the "Titanic", we have not fully realized the extent of this awful calamity in the South. It is the duty of our people here in New York to come to the aid of the victims of this disastrous flood. I intend to ask the generous people of New York to subscribe to a relief fund. Instead of the Mayor forming a committee, however, would it not be much better if your Executive Committee this afternoon should name such a committee? I should be very glad to ask that all contributions be sent to your committee. I hope you will take up this suggestion at your meeting this afternoon, and I will be very glad to cooperate with you in every way possible.

Very truly yours,



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Walter L. McCorkle, Esq.,
President of the Southern Society.