

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Senator Heyburn is seriously ill. Witte's resignation as premier of Russia has been accepted by the czar. Hearst has asked congress to appropriate another \$2,500,000 for California. Three men were fatally injured in a riot between striking miners and Pennsylvania constabulary. Each side claims a majority of the senators in the question of court review on the railroad rate bill. Senator Morgan has a plan for the construction of the Panama canal which he has brought before the senate. The French government has arrested many labor leaders, imperialists and anarchists and is preparing for an outbreak. Millions of Chinese are learning English and are translating foreign scientific books. The Chinese Reform Association has worked wonders among the natives. The supply of food at San Francisco is running low. Mayor Schmitz has issued a statement saying anything in the way of funds, clothing and provisions can be used. It is believed the senate will vote on the railroad rate bill this week. Great Britain may force Turkey to give up Tabah. Every library in San Francisco, except one, was destroyed. Peddlers have been captured in San Francisco selling relief supplies. Suit has been begun to oust the Standard Oil and its allies from Ohio. Dowie has returned to Zion City. He was welcomed by a small crowd. Prince von Radolin will likely be named as the successor of Chancellor von Buelow. Premier Witte will be appointed president of the council of the empire by Czar Nicholas. Secretary Metcalf has reported recommending an immediate rebuilding in San Francisco. Roosevelt has approved the report. Luke K. Wright, United States ambassador to Japan, says the Chinese should receive better treatment at the hands of the Americans than is now accorded them. Senators from Oregon and Washington have received telegrams from the lumber interests in those states opposing free lumber for the purpose of rebuilding San Francisco and other wrecked cities. Japan is sorry aid was declined by this country. Preparations are being made to receive Dowie in his old home. The Russian democrats have won a great victory in the elections. French police have discovered an intrigue between labor leaders and monarchists. The Northern Pacific has commenced work on its bridge across the Willamette at Portland. Small graft on the relief fund for California has been discovered and is worse than feared. Anthracite operators have rejected the latest terms of the miners and have renewed their former offer. The unveiling of the Franklin statue in Paris was the occasion of speeches of good will by Frenchmen and Americans. A drenching rain has made it very uncomfortable for the San Francisco refugees camped in the various parks of that city. Quartermaster-General Humphrey has informed Senator Fulton that there is no intention of even temporarily abandoning San Francisco as an army transport headquarters. Dowie's wife has become reconciled with the prophet. Oakland is making a great effort to capture San Francisco shipping. Many of the steel frames of large buildings in San Francisco are uninjured. The regular troops now have entire charge of feeding the San Francisco refugees. Senator Heyburn is improving from his second attack of appendicitis. King Edward, Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas will hold a conference shortly. Bellevue, Texas, has been devastated by a tornado. Forty people are reported killed. The Japanese mikado has given \$200,000 to the relief of San Francisco, and the people a like sum. An area of 453 blocks was burned by the San Francisco fire. It is estimated that the buildings destroyed will be in the neighborhood of 60,000. The doubtful vote in the senate on the railroad rate bill is large enough to swing the result either way. Norway is taking steps to organize a new army. A ninth victim of the explosion on the battleship Kearsarge has died. The last of the Russian prisoners have been returned home from Japan. The total relief fund from all sources totals more than \$18,000,000 and still grows.

SEARCH FOR OUTLAW.

Desperado Believed to Be in Hiding Near Woodburn.

Woodburn, Ore., April 29.—The arrival of bloodhounds at the scene of the hunt near Woodburn is being anxiously awaited by the authorities and the posse. The dogs are expected from Portland on the morning train, and will be hurried at once to the point where Frank Smith, the outlaw, was fired at on Saturday afternoon, unless a fresher trail is found in the meantime. Great confidence is felt in the outcome of the hunt with trained hounds. In the dense underbrush men can follow the trail only at a great disadvantage; they might easily pass within a dozen feet of their quarry and not know it. The hounds will be kept in leash so that the posse may keep close behind them. A detachment of cool-headed, courageous men who can be depended upon to take chances against the outlaw will follow the dogs. It is now universally believed that Smith is in the brush east of Woodburn, as stated yesterday, and that he is within a very few miles of the town.

Frank Smith is a desperate criminal. He robbed a grocery store and postoffice at Troutdale, April 22. He was arrested in Portland the following day, broke jail Tuesday morning, April 24, in a most daring manner, tried to rob a jewelry store at Oregon City, and shot and killed Policeman Hanlon when the latter attempted to arrest him. April 25 he broke into the Canby postoffice and secured provisions and again escaped. He was next heard of at McKee, the morning of the 26th, and later in the day made his appearance near Woodburn. On the night of the 27th, while large posses were in search of the fugitive, he suddenly appeared on the railroad track south of Woodburn and shot and fatally wounded Sheriff Shaver, of Clackamas county, and Captain O. D. Henderson, of the Woodburn O. N. G. Both men died of their wounds. Since the shooting of Henderson and Shaver the manhunters have not sighted the fugitive.

ARMY OFFICERS AT THE HEAD.

General Greeley's Plan for Feeding the Destitute.

San Francisco, May 1.—Major-General Greeley, U. S. A., today made public the plan under which relief will be distributed by the army to the 200,000 people of San Francisco, who, under the present conditions, are unable to provide for themselves. The plan has been very carefully drawn, and they are interesting for the reason that the army has never before had a similar task of such magnitude to perform. It is not a mere distribution of food to poverty-stricken people, but it is the helping of even a vast number of people of considerable means who now find themselves compelled to take their places in long bread lines. The officers named will, as far as possible, transact their business with each other and with outside applicants directly, the object being to secure an economical and prompt service for the distressed and destitute. A responsible civilian will be placed in immediate charge of each relief station, with reasonable pay, and assisted by a paid personnel. Charges of wastage, deception, theft and improper appropriation of relief supplies have been freely made, and it is alleged that in some cases too lavish in quantity, and are now being issued without suitable discrimination. The period of extreme distress for food has passed, and at the earliest possible moment the issue of rations must be confined to helpless women and children, and refused to adult males unless they are in sick or feeble condition.

FREIGHT WRECK BURNS.

Eleven Men Believed to Have Met Death in Montana.

Missoula, Mont., May 1.—A special east-bound freight train, consisting of forty-one cars of lumber and a caboose, was wrecked near Reid Station, about ten miles west of here, at 6 o'clock this evening. At least eleven lives are thought to have been lost. As the train was running at a terrific speed along the side of the hill the engine went off the track and the entire train, except one car and the engine, was piled up in a heap forty feet high. Soon afterwards fire broke out and the entire train is now ablaze. Engineer L. D. Sterne and Fireman Ed Juliette are thought to have been incinerated. According to Conductor Garber, there were at least twelve tramps on board the ill-fated train, only three of whom have been found.

Plotting the Sultan's Death.

Tangier, Morocco, May 1.—The sultan has received information that several provisional governors have entered into a plot to aid pretenders to the throne and depose him. There is no question but that Moroccan chieftains are decidedly angry over reforms demanded by the recent Algerian conference, and by the fact that the sultan has promised to abide by the demands of the powers has added fuel to their wrath. It is reported that already one attempt against the sultan's life has been frustrated.

Vatican Holds the Principal.

Rome, May 1.—The plan devised by the Vatican for the division of the Philippine lands in the Philippines has been approved by the Dominicans and substantially agreed to by the other religious orders. A portion of the interest will be given annually to the Philippine diocese and the remainder to the religious orders in the islands, to be divided by them according to the agreement.

Clash of Coal Miners.

Johnstown, Pa., May 1.—A conflict occurred between union and non-union miners at the Paint Creek mine of the Berwind White Coal Company, near English, about midnight last night. The union men were attacked by a mob of foremen, St. George, a foreigner, were fired. St. George, a foreigner, were fatally wounded, and three others were injured, but not seriously.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW LAND SEEDED

Acres North and South of Bend Coming Under Cultivation.

Bend.—Much new land is being cultivated near Bend. North lies what is known as the Powell Buttes district, one of the best agricultural sections in the Deschutes valley, extending from the eastern extremity of the buttes to the old channel of the river, eight miles. It is one immense plowed field, broken in only a few places. This area is being increased rapidly, and in a short time all tillable land in the district will be producing. Three years ago there were only a couple of houses between Bend and Prineville. Fences and other signs of habitation were equally scarce. Another district rapidly developing is that under the Arnold ditch, five to six miles south of Bend. Settlers here are putting up substantial houses that would be a credit to any city; they are not small shacks as so many dwelling houses are in a new country, but in many instances are two stories and well painted. Much new land is being seeded in this district. Fences are being built, new permanent roads made to run on section lines. Less than two years ago one could go south from Bend fifty to sixty miles, and in that distance find scarcely a house; now, within seven miles of Bend, along what is known as the Ice Cave road, there are thirty houses, with much land in crops each year.

Endowed Scholarships.

Willamette University, Salem.—Directors of the Oregon Children's Aid Society have ordered that funds of the society shall be given to the Willamette Endowment Association of Willamette University, to be maintained as a trust fund to aid needy and worthy orphans, or half-orphans who wish to attend the university. Each individual will be allowed \$100, and as the income is about \$300, this will provide for three students annually. The fund will be non-sectarian, and benefits are to be secured by competitive examination. A standard of 85 per cent in scholarship must be maintained. Report of expenditures will be given to the society each year.

Wells Are Spouting Water.

Arlington.—Wells bored for oil prospects two years ago, in which water came to the surface level, have become active artesian gushers since the hour of the destructive earthquake in California. These wells are located at Cayley, Wash., a few miles northeast of Arlington, and had been sunk by prospectors in the hope of securing a flow of crude petroleum. Results were not up to the anticipations of those who planned the exploitation, and the enterprise was abandoned. Water from the principal well is being thrown ten feet into the air, and the flow has been continuous and even in volume since the earthquake in San Francisco.

Substitute Fills for Bridges.

Albany.—Fills are taking the place of bridges in Linn county wherever the change is practicable. In a great many places this change has been made. In two instances fills 350 feet long were made. Bridges are short-lived in this climate, and a constant source of expense to the county. Permanent fills cost but little more than a few seasons, which will stand but a few seasons. The county court has ordered road supervisors to supplant all wrought bridges with fills where material is available. In all cases where there are long approaches to bridges, standing only a short distance above the ground, fills are ordered.

Compels Another Survey.

Drain.—The recent calamity in San Francisco has made necessary a resurvey of the first twenty-five miles of the proposed Drain-Coos Bay Railroad, beginning at this place. The maps and profiles of the final survey were destroyed in the conflagration. The engineer, F. D. Brown, was ordered back from North Bend on Coos Bay, and will begin at once to resurvey. Mr. Brown brought his entire crew with him, and thinks it will only require from two to four weeks to complete the work.

War of Telephone Companies.

Albany.—The telephone war has reached the courts in Linn county, and a legal battle will determine the rights of the contending companies. Some time ago the Pacific States Telephone Company, which has enjoyed the right of furnishing service in Albany for many years, filed an injunction suit against the Independent Company, which has recently begun operations in Albany. The latter company has filed an answer, and attorneys for both parties are preparing for a legal battle.

Creamery at Latourell Falls.

Bridal Veil.—Latourell Falls is to have a creamery. Repairs and improvements are being made on a two-story building 30x60 feet. Concrete floors will be provided and an engine will be installed, with machinery to handle the product supplied by farmers in the vicinity. The enterprise is projected by Newton Courter, of Latourell Falls.

High Price for Sheared Sheep.

Baker City.—Lee Brothers, of this city, have purchased the entire flock of sheep of Oliver, in the John Day country, for delivery after shearing at the high price of more than \$3 a head, including yearlings, lambs and ewes. The exact figures are not given out. It is one of the largest sales of the season.

MUST OBSERVE REGULATIONS.

Government Inspector Finds Scab Among Oregon Sheep.

Pendleton.—That scab among sheep is more prevalent in Eastern Oregon than last year is maintained by R. A. Ramsay, supervising inspector of the United States bureau of animal industry, who has been investigating conditions. Mr. Ramsay came from Montana at the instance of sheep buyers in that state, who desire to have quarantine regulations made less rigid in Oregon in order to permit them to ship stock from Oregon to Montana without dipping. From reports received by Mr. Ramsay from federal inspectors, county stock inspectors and shepherds themselves, he is convinced that conditions are worse than last year. Consequently he says quarantine regulations cannot be relaxed.

Plan Union High Schools.

Albany.—To secure high school facilities in rural communities, different school districts in Linn county are planning union high schools at central points. In Jordan Valley five districts will join next fall, and besides maintaining separate schools of eight grades will establish one high school for all pupils who have completed eighth-grade work. Under present conditions rural districts must send children to one of the larger towns for high school training. If the experiment at Jordan Valley proves successful, the plan will be followed in other parts of the county.

Hops Have Healthy Look.

Eugene.—Kola Neis, the hop dealer, is here examining the crop conditions, and finds that the prospects are good for the usual Oregon crop. The vines are starting better this year than last, and there will likely be less missing hills. The average in Lane county will be fully as large as last year, and the yards are being carefully cultivated, so that it is safe to count on an average crop unless it should be damaged late in the season.

Bigger Demand for Oregon Sugar.

La Grande.—One of the immediate effects of the San Francisco disaster on La Grande is an increased demand for the product of the local sugar factory. During the past week the factory has sent out seventeen carloads of sugar to points that have heretofore depended largely on San Francisco for their supply. While the factory has been supplying places eastward as far as Boise and shipping westward to Pendleton and Walla Walla, no such extensive shipments have before been made at this time of the year.

Investigate Umatilla Troubles.

Chenawa.—Dr. Charles E. McChesney, United States supervisor of Indian schools and special inspection official, passed through here, en route to Pendleton, to investigate troubles on the Umatilla reservation between the superintendent, the Indians and the stockmen. Dr. McChesney has been in northern and southern California, locating remnants of the Chinook and confederated tribes of the Pacific coast.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c; bluestem, 70c 71c; red, 68c; valley, 68@69c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50. Hay—Valley timothy, \$12; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7 @8; alfalfa, \$12. Fruits—Apples, \$2@3.00 per box; strawberries, \$1.75@2.00 per crate. Vegetables—Asparagus, 8½@12½¢ per pound; cabbage, 2½@2¾¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, \$5.00 per crate; head lettuce, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 10@15¢ per dozen; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 30¢ per pound; spinach, 90¢ per box; parsley, 25¢; turnips, \$1 @1.25 per sack; carrots, 65¢@75¢ per sack; beets, 85¢@1 per sack. Onions—No. 1, 3¢ per pound. Potatoes—Fancy graded burbank, 60¢@70¢ per hundred; ordinary, 50¢ @60¢; new California, 4¢ per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20¢ per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17½@18¢ per dozen. Poultry—Average old hens, 14@15¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 13½@14¢; broilers, 20@22½¢; young roosters, 12½@13¢; old roosters, 11@12½¢; dressed chickens, 16@16½¢; turkeys, live, 17@18¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21@22¢; geese, live, 8@10¢; geese, dressed, 10@11¢; ducks, 17@18¢. Hops—Oregon, 1905, 11@12¢. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21¢; valley, 24@26¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 28@30¢. Veal—Dressed, 3¼@7¢ per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 3¢ per pound; cows, 4½@5½¢; country steers, 5@6¢. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8½@9¢ per pound; ordinary, 5@6¢; lambs, with pelt on, 9@10¢. Pork—Dressed, 6@8½¢ per pound.

UNREST IN ORIENT.

Russia Is Now Planning Another Invasion of Chinese Territory.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—In spite of the defeat of her ambitions in Manchuria and Kwantung, and the obstacles met with by M. Pokotiloff, the Russian minister to China, in his negotiations at Peking, Russia is steadily pushing forward with the purpose of occupying another big slice of China, namely, the two eastern provinces of Mongolia, covering the route of the proposed railroad from Baikal to Peking, which, as announced by the Associated Press, February 20, has been given over to the Russo-Chinese bank.

Under the guise of the innocent-sounding name of "geographic ethnographic expedition for purely scientific purposes," a party headed by Colonel Novitsky, one of the brilliant younger members of the general staff, will leave

DEMOCRATIC TICKET—OFFICIAL.

United States Senator, long term John M. Geary. Congressman, Second District, J. H. Graham. Governor, George E. Chamberlain. Secretary of State, P. H. Sroat. State Treasurer, J. D. Matlock. Supreme Judge, T. G. Hatley. Superintendent Public Instruction, J. H. Ackman (Rep.). State Printer, Scott Taylor. Attorney-General, R. A. Miller. Labor Commissioner, O. P. Hoff (Rep.).

St. Petersburg in the middle of May to survey the hitherto unexplored region between the Manchurian frontier and Urga.

Though the expedition nominally is to be under the auspices of the Imperial Geographical Society, it is believed it will be financed and officered by the general staff, and its composition will be almost purely military. The strategic aims, in fact, are so thinly covered that it is doubtful if it will be accompanied by any representative of the geographical society.

The region to be explored covers the hazy "Mongolian Desert," in which during the war mysterious Japanese armies were supposed to be hovering to strike the Russian rear and into which small scouting detachments of Japanese actually penetrated long distances. Colonel Novitsky's expedition probably will find the work already well under way, as the Russian force stationed at Urga certainly has not been idle during its long stay there.

NEED HELP FOR MANY WEEKS.

Devine Urges Nation Not to Slacken Enthusiasm in Giving.

San Francisco, April 30.—Dr. Devine, of the National Red Cross, tonight issued the following statement: "It is important for the entire country to understand that the loss of homes and property in San Francisco has not been exaggerated. Expectations have been aroused and plans have been made, based on telegrams and newspaper reports, of large contributions for relief, and these expectations should not be disappointed. The distribution of food will have to be continued until there are enough stores in which to buy on a money basis and then it can be gradually diminished, but relief of other kinds is now and will be required for weeks to come. Sick and delicate persons will need care for months. Inmates of institutions which have been destroyed must be established elsewhere, and on some plan yet to be devised families which cannot get started otherwise may have to be given a helping hand. "It is not intended to encourage chronic dependence, but quick, generous and efficient relief is needed here for a very large number of persons whose homes and means of livelihood have been destroyed."

GOVERNMENT LOSST MILLIONS.

Appropriation of \$3,387,630 Needed for San Francisco.

Washington, April 30.—The secretary of war today forwarded to the secretary of the treasury for transmission to congress urgent deficiency estimates of appropriations amounting to \$3,387,630. This amount is required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, for the purpose of replacing military stores destroyed by earthquake and fire. The secretary is also for repairing damage to cable connecting Angel Island and Alcatraz in the harbor of San Francisco, and the repair of damage to the general hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Kill Odessa Police Chief.

Odessa, April 30.—The chief of police, who played such a prominent role in the October massacres here and a policeman, were assassinated by revolutionaries here today in broad daylight. The plot was far-reaching, and contemplated also the assassination of Assistant Chief of Police Poltavachenko and several other policemen. A young girl named Jerebtzova threw a bomb at Poltavachenko, who was on his way to the hospital to visit one of the wounded police. Her aim was poor, and the officer was not harmed. The girl was seriously wounded by Poltavachenko's orderly.

Bristol Case in Doubt.

Washington, April 30.—Members of the senate judiciary committee have been informally discussing the nomination of District Attorney Bristol, and it is believed that a majority of the committee is not favorable to his confirmation. There has been no formal consideration of the case, as the subcommittee has not reported, but, if that committee does report, its recommendation will be adverse, and unless there is a change of sentiment the full committee will approve the recommendation.

Railroad Line Indicted.

Clarkeburg, W. Va., April 30.—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was indicted five times by the federal grand jury today for alleged violation of the interstate commerce law in failure to distribute cars to coal operators in a fair and equitable manner. These indictments are the first of the kind ever found in the United States. The fine, in case of conviction, may be \$5,000 in each case.

FRANK SMITH KILLED

Murderer of Three Officers Meets Death Near New Era.

STOLEN CAP IDENTIFIES FUGITIVE

Fugitive Had Doubled on His Track and Was Heading Toward Portland When Shot by Posse.

New Era, Ore., May 1.—Frank Smith is dead. The desperado was shot and killed at 11:10 o'clock by Harry Draper, who was in charge of the bloodhounds that he had brought from Spokane to help in hunting the fugitive down. After being surrounded in the woods between the Willamette river and the railroad tracks at this place this morning, posses began dynamiting the underbrush to bring him out. Draper, accompanied by the dogs, went into the timber and Smith was discovered behind a log. He made a desperate attempt to shoot, but Draper anticipated him, shooting him through the neck and killing him instantly. Smith bore no wounds, showing conclusively that he had not been wounded by any of the previous shots fired at him.

Crouching in the underbrush between the railroad tracks and the Willamette river, about half a mile from this place, surrounded by posses of armed men who were dynamiting the woods to drive the fugitive out, Frank Smith, the desperado, who made a sensational escape from the city jail at Portland and since his flight last week has killed three officers, made his last stand. After murdering Policeman Hanlon at Oregon City, Smith was next located near Woodburn by Sheriff Shaver of Clackamas county and Captain O. D. Henderson of Woodburn, whom he mortally wounded, both dying at Salem a few hours later.

The bandit then disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened up and engulfed him. Many rumors were prevalent of the murderer being seen during the last few days in various parts of the district where he was being hunted, but nothing definite could be found until this morning, when, weary and worn with his long flight, he was driven into the brush.

The gray cap, slightly torn in one corner, which was stolen from the Canby postoffice, and which Smith wore, proved his undoing. The stolen cap belonged to Willie Stuniger, who lives near New Era.

Willie was pumping water for the cows this morning when he saw a man pass along the road wearing his own cap. Willie recognized the cap at once and gave the alarm. This positive identification brought out the posses in force, and 200 armed men with dogs were presently hunting down the fugitive.

Smith stopped to talk to Flagman Archibald on the Southern Pacific tracks. While they were in conversation one of the numerous armed parties that has been scouring the country appeared down the road.

"Well, I must take to the woods," said Smith. With that he dashed into the brush.

He was surrounded between the railway tracks and the Willamette river, half a mile below New Era.

MONEY NEEDED FOR RELIEF.

Red Cross Sends \$300,000, and Has Another \$1,000,000.

Washington, May 1.—Three hundred thousand dollars were forwarded by wire by the American Red Cross today to James D. Phelan, chairman of the Red Cross and relief committee in San Francisco, and he was advised that \$1,000,000 more is at the disposal of the committee.

Judge W. W. Morrow, president of the California branch of the Red Cross, advised the Red Cross today that it will be better from this time on for the society to send money to California rather than food and provisions, as the immediate needs are provided for.

Dr. Edward T. Devine, special representative of the Red Cross at San Francisco, made the following report today on supplies sent to earthquake sufferers: "I have tabulation from Quartermaster Devol of supplies reported to have been received up to April 28 and of supplies en route or ordered. It shows on the whole remarkable discrimination and intelligent purchases. Supplies received:

"Five carloads of stoves, 1,850 stove-pipe joints, 28 carloads of forage, 1,600 tons and 25 carloads of tentage, two cars and 250,000 feet of lumber, 160 tons of lime, 170 tons of medical supplies, seven carloads of acid and chemicals, four carloads of wood, 241 cars and four steamers of subsistence stores, 1,570 tons of flour, five cars of fresh meats, 185 cars of miscellaneous stores, one car of oranges, five cars of clothing, two cars of salt, camp outfit of Los Angeles, 23 cars."

Sailors on Lark in Cuba.

Havana, May 1.—An American sailor was shot and seriously wounded, and another sailor was slightly wounded, Sunday evening, at Guantanamo, in a row between sailors from American warships and Cuban police. Thirty sailors who were ashore enjoying a lark attempted to lower the flag over the Spanish club, when the police interfered and citizens joined in the disturbance. Several shots were fired. One policeman is reported to have been seriously wounded.

Two Slight Shocks Cause No Alarm.

San Francisco, May 1.—Two slight earthquake shocks at an interval of an hour were felt here early this morning. They were of the same nature as a dozen other shocks that have been felt since the big quake of April 18. No damage was done this morning, and there was no alarm.

LOOKING FOR SITES.

San Francisco Wholesalers Want to Begin Business at Once.

San Francisco, April 27.—The first important step toward re-establishing trade relations in San Francisco was taken tonight when the realty men held a hurried consultation with more than fifty important merchants. The object of the meeting was to secure temporary quarters for the wholesalers, six of whom announced they were forced to go into business immediately.

The meeting was called without warning, so the real estate men were not prepared to offer sites. It was decided that the two bodies meet again Saturday morning at 10, to make final arrangements. The realty men discovered that the wholesalers were all ready to move across the bay. The chairman of the meeting, Mr. Triest, announced that land was offered the wholesalers in Oakland practically free of charge for a period of two years.

Triest asked the real estate men for figures and location sites, saying the wholesalers wanted them immediately. From his manner of expression it would appear that some of the wholesale merchants were ready to desert San Francisco and locate in Oakland until such time as at least San Francisco could be rebuilt.

The wholesalers announced their intention to congregate in one district if possible. They preferred the southern part of the city because of the railroad facilities there. When the real estate men mentioned several sites in the vicinity of North Beach the merchants said these would have to receive second call, as they wanted south of Market street, if such a location were at all possible.

The wholesalers said most of their members were willing to be housed under one or two roofs at the present time, and that they could manage with such quarters for at least a year. They then asked the real estate men for figures on buildings. It was impossible for the latter to furnish this data under present conditions, so the wholesalers agreed to wait for a few days for their answer.

The wholesalers announced that six of their members would require at least 100,000 square feet. Before the meeting adorned others told the realty men that they intended to join with the six in reopening right away, and, in rough figures, it is estimated that the merchants will need at least 1,000,000 square feet of ground space.

After a lengthy discussion, the real estate men finally managed to restrain the merchants from further action until another conference can be held Saturday morning.

SANTA ROSA TO BE REBUILT.

Entire Business Section of City Destroyed by Earthquake.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 27.—The latest figures show fifty-one dead, sixty-three injured and seven missing, as published in these dispatches.

The entire business section of the town was destroyed and many residences went down.

Twenty fires started, but the water supply was unimpaired, and within three hours the flames were under control.

Cut off by the disaster from communication with the rest of the world, Santa Rosa knew nothing of the destruction of San Francisco until the arrival from there of a trainload of nearly 1,000 refugees, begging for help that could not be given, but nearby towns came to the rescue, and after a period of starvation and suffering aid was received.

The courthouse, the new Masonic temple, the new library and the Odd Fellows' building went with the other buildings, but larger and better structures will replace them.

It is the intention of business men at once to begin rebuilding. The savings bank of Santa Rosa occupied a \$40,000 building. Its new one, which will be an office building, will cost \$250,000.

Con Shea, who lost five buildings, worth \$100,000, says that his new one will be worth twice that sum.

The same spirit is manifested by all who have been interviewed.

As soon as the dead were buried business men began clearing a passageway through the streets and teams were put to work hauling the rubbish to waiting freight cars.

Fissures Open in the Earth.

Oakland, Cal., April 27.—Word comes from the district between Milpitas and Alviso, on the south arm of San Francisco bay, that fissures have opened in the earth, and water is flowing over the surface. The section is known as the artesian belt, hundreds of wells flowing perennially and supplying means of irrigating large areas. Such wells require capping to restrain the flow under ordinary conditions, and recent disturbance of the earth's surface has released subterranean streams. Roads in this locality are flooded and impassable.

Japanese Offer Hospital Ship.

Washington, April 27.—In response to the offer of the Japanese government to send a hospital ship at top speed to San Francisco, the state department has replied that owing to the rapidity with which the country has come to the relief of the distressed city it may be safely estimated that there will exist no need for the ship by the time she could cross the Pacific. The president stated his appreciation of the spirit which dictated this offer.

Steel People to Rush Orders.

Pittsburg, April 27.—Orders have been issued by the officials of the Carnegie Steel Company making all orders for San Francisco "emergency orders," and giving them precedence. John G. Neale, structural engineer of the Carnegie Company, left last night for San Francisco to take charge of the structural force of the United States Steel Corporation on the Pacific Coast.