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## SAN FRANCISCO A DOOMED CITY---NO HOPE OF SAVING ANY PORTION OF IT---NO HUMAN AGENCY CAN STOP CONFLAGRATION---NOT A BUSINESS HOUSE LEFT STANDING

### BLAZE CONSUMES RESIDENCE

The residence property of Albert Patterson on Second and B streets in Old town, was completely destroyed by fire last night. The two Patterson brothers had retired when a neighbor coming home shortly after eleven o'clock saw flames through the windows. He gave the alarm promptly, waking the inmates, and calling to his assistance some boys, hurried to the sub-station hose house and began to fight the fire. Meanwhile the Pattersons had carried a few household goods out of the burning structure. By the time the down town department could reach the scene the building was nearly burned down. The structure was an old one but the owners realize a heavy loss from the fact that so few of the many things contained in the house were rescued. Just how the fire originated is not known. Mr. Patterson says he had not had fire in the stove since four o'clock yesterday evening and knew nothing whatever until he was awakened last night to find his home in flames. Judging from the way the fire consumed the building it very likely started near the wood shed, a lean-to building. The building carries no insurance and with the exception of a few dollars worth of goods, every thing was destroyed.

### CELEBRATE PATRIOTS' DAY

(Scripps News Association)

Boston, Mass., April 19.—The anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, being a legal holiday in the state of Massachusetts under the name of Patriots' Day, was duly observed here and in other cities and towns throughout the state in the usual manner. Many patriotic and social organizations will hold meetings this afternoon and evening when prominent speakers will deliver addresses on the meaning and importance of the day. In the town of Lexington the day was ushered in, as customary, by the Lexington Drum Corps and the School Color Guards. There was also a band concert on the battle green in the forenoon. There will be another band concert in the afternoon and later in the afternoon there will be a popular entertainment for young people. The Old Belfry Club will keep open house all day and will conduct the usual ball in the evening. The Irish-American Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.

At Arlington the Fife and Drum Corps started early this morning and went over the Paul Revere route, starting at five o'clock in the morning from Old Mystic Bridge that divides the town from Medford and marching up the Paul Revere road to Lexington line. The corps visited the Revolutionary monument and the Revolutionary burying ground in the town and decorated them with flowers and flags. The tablets about the town and the Soldiers' Monument were also decorated.

### HOURS 12 TO 7

The voting hours for the primaries tomorrow open at 12 o'clock noon and will remain open until 7 o'clock p. m.

### SANTA ROSA, SAN JOSE, REDWOOD CITY AND SANTA BARBARA SUFFER TERRIFIC LOSS

### City of Oakland Badly Wrecked. Thousands Turn to Oakland

### Fearing Another Shock at San Francisco

### LOS ANGELES NOW SHAKEN

San Francisco, April 19.—It is the general belief that San Francisco, the pride of the Pacific Coast, is totally destroyed. (5 a. m.)—Almost every building in the vicinity of Union Square is ablaze. The magnificent St. Francis Hotel, the furnishings alone costing \$450,000, appeared doomed.

Thousands slept in the park and other open places last night.

### STILL BURNING

San Francisco, via Oakland April 19th. 6 a. m.—San Francisco is a mass of ruins and the flames continue their work of destruction, obliterating the few remaining habitations. All night long the heavens were lighted by the vast conflagration. This morning the mass of smoke which hangs heavily over the city marks the continuation of the destruction amid scenes of unspeakable horrors.

### WATER SUPPLY FAILS

(7 a. m.)—The water supply has absolutely failed. Nothing can save the city. The fire is spreading west, north and south through the residence portion of the city.

### INTO RESIDENCE SECTION

Death and destruction has been the fate of San Francisco. It is a mass of ruins. At six o'clock last evening the flames seemingly played with increased vigor, threatening such sections as the fury of the fire demon had spared during the earlier portion of the day.

The fire burned a path in a triangular circuit from the start until early morning it jockeyed as the day waned and left the business section, which too had been entirely destroyed and skipped in a dozen directions to the residence portion. As night fell the fire had made its way over into the North Beach section and springing over to the south reached out along the shipping section, down by the bay-shore and over the hills across toward Third and Townsend streets, warehouses, wholesale houses and manufacturing concerns fell in the path. This completed the destruction of the entire district known as South Market street. How far they are reaching to the south across the channel cannot be told as that part of the city is cut off entirely.

### PEOPLE FORCED TO HIGH GROUND

Cavalrymen have forced the people from the level district to the hill section to the north, where they will be out of the way of those engaged in rescue work and fighting the fire. As in Oakland, only those with passes issued by the fire chief and the mayor are allowed in the stricken district. Many of those driven to the hills are without money, food or clothing. The suffering is beyond the power of man to describe.

### LEGAL HOLIDAY DECLARED

Governor Pardee arrived at Oakland last night and issued a proclamation declaring this a legal holiday all over the state.

### UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Both San Francisco and Oakland are under martial law. Troops are patrolling the streets, only those with passes are allowed within the main sections of the city.

### TELEGRAMS OF SYMPATHY

Telegrams of sympathy and offers of aid are coming in by the hundreds from all parts of the globe.

### DEATHS NOT SO GREAT

On every side is death and suffering. Hundreds were injured yesterday by being either burned, crushed or struck by falling pieces from the buildings. Several

have died while being operated upon on at the Mechanics pavilion, which has been turned into an improvised hospital. The number of dead is not known but the estimate places it at least 500. Hundreds of troops patrolled the streets and drove the crowds back while hundreds were set to work assisting the firemen and soldiers. The soldiers are carrying out the orders in true military spirit.

### EGRESS CUT OFF

The Southern Pacific on the south is cut off at Samato, 30 miles south of the city, cutting off the most natural way of escape in that direction, leaving the only means of egress to vehicles and afoot.

### THOUSANDS HOMELESS

After darkness thousands of the homeless were making their way with blankets and scant provisions to the Golden Gate Park and the beach to find shelter.

Those who had homes on the hills just north of the Hayes valley wrecked section piled their belongings in the streets and express wagons and automobiles were kept busy at any price they might ask, hauling the things away to the sparsely settled regions.

### \$200,000,000 LOSS

The estimated loss in San Francisco will reach from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

### NO BUSINESS HOUSES STANDING

Down town everything is in ruins. There is not a business house standing. Theaters are crumbled into heaps. Factories and commission houses lie smoldering on their former sites. All of the city are rendered helpless. The Call and Examiner building are destroyed.

### THIEVES IN EVIDENCE

As usual in all places where death and destruction occupy the attention of the grief stricken, human fiends find opportunity to rob the dead and the injured this morning, three of the vamps were discovered at their ghastly work and were promptly shot down by the soldiers.

### DISTRICT BURNED LAST NIGHT

At eleven o'clock last night the Occidental hotel was destroyed by flames which swept unchecked across Montgomery Street and attacked the block bounded by Montgomery, Sutter, Bush and Kearney. The new Merchants building was a mass of flames from the basement to the tower and other buildings in that block. The Union Trust building and the Crocker bank are both ablaze.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the fire had eaten its way southward from Portsmouth to Kearney and California. The entire section fronting on the west side of Kearney is a mass of flames and soon all of the buildings adjoining the hall of justice were ablaze and firemen were striving to save that structure by the use of dynamite. At that time flames had eaten their way westward in the residence section as far as Gough Street. There dynamiting block after block the firemen succeeded in checking the fire for a time.

### ST IGNATIUS CHURCH DESTROYED

The magnificent church and college of St. Ignatius, on corner of Van Ness and Hays Streets is destroyed. The loss is over \$1,000,000. The church contained paintings and frescoes that are priceless.

### INSURANCE COMPANIES HIT HARD

It is probable that twenty or more insurance companies will be ruined. The managers of the large companies are of

this opinion that they will be able to meet all losses.

### TWENTY BURIED

The terminal at the foot of Market Street fell this morning and buried 20 persons under the debris. These were incinerated and there is no possibility of learning their identity.

### LIEUTENANT BLOWN UP

Lieut. Chas. C. Pulla, commanding the 24th light artillery, was blown up by a charge of dynamite and fatally injured.

### REDWOOD CITY DAMAGED

At Redwood City, which is 26 miles south of San Francisco suffered great damage by earthquake. Many buildings and blocks are destroyed and ruin is general in all parts of the city. The Carnegie library is completely destroyed.

### THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY DEMOLISHED

Stanford University April 19.—Most of the beautiful buildings of the Stanford University are razed to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$3,800,000. Two persons were killed here. The buildings destroyed are Encina Hall; the some of the college boy students; The new gymnasium building which was only recently completed and one of the finest structures of its kind in the world; The famous Stanford library building, recognized the world over for its architectural triumph; Quadrangle, one of the most novel and beautiful of the college structures and the grand arch at the entrance of the University grounds.

### CHINA TOWN CONSUMED

That portion of the city of San Francisco which has long been given over to the Chinese residents was totally consumed by fire at ten o'clock this morning. Continued on Page 5

### MARATHON RUN TO BOSTON

(Scripps News Association)

Ashland, Mass., April 19.—A large crowd was assembled near the bridge about one mile beyond the depot of Ashland, when the great Marathon race under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association started there at noon today. At the crack of the pistol in the hands of the starter the runners started down toward the depot, each one accompanied by a bicycle rider, who has orders to assist the runner to whom he is assigned in every possible way, should he become disabled or be compelled for some reason or other to drop out of the race. Every man whose strength should give out, will be put on board of a train or trolley car and sent home under escort of his cyclist companion.

The course for the race, which is about twenty-five miles long, runs from the starting point toward the depot, across the tracks of the railroad, and in an almost straight line through South Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Lower Falls, past the large sign boards, through the Newtons, Chestnut Hill, past the reservoir, through Beacon Street, into Exeter Street and finishing at the Boston Athletic club house.

The runners, more than fifty of whom started this noon, all seemed to be in good physical condition, but it is expected that a great many of them will drop out before having covered the entire distance. Prizes will be given to the first eight men and a souvenir each to the following twenty-five men who may finish after the prize winners. Souvenirs will also be presented to each caretaker of all contestants being placed.

J. D. Matheson, mechanical foreman of the O. R. & N. is in Umatilla taking care of the wreckage caused by the fire.

## SATURDAY SURPRISE SALE

### OF JAP SILKS AT 22c per. yd.

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