

FIRE SWEEPS RESISTLESS ON ALL SIDES

Small Remainder of San Francisco Seems Doomed Beyond All Hope.

BURNS IN THREE DIRECTIONS

Undaunted Citizens Gather Amid the Ruins to Relieve Hungry and Homeless.

DEAD NUMBER ABOUT 250

Leading Men Subscribe Freely From Shrunken Fortunes.

BULLETS GREET LOOTERS

Flames Leap Across Broad Van Ness Avenue to Western Addition. Man With Dynamite Continues Unequal Conflict.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—San Francisco tonight is the city of desolate. It seemed that the acme of its misery was reached at dusk, when flames burst from all sides of the beautiful Hotel Fairmount, the palace that above every other building in the city has been apparently most strongly entrenched against the attack of the all-consuming fire. And surrounding that lofty pinnacle of flame, as far as the eyes can see to the south, to the east and far out to the west, lay in cruel, fantastic heaps, charred and smoking, all that remained of a prosperous city.

The metropolitan city of the western slope is in ashes.

Man's Struggle With Nature.

This has been another day of uneven struggle of man against unconquerable nature. Acre after acre has been ground into dust and ashes, despite the heroic perseverance of the firemen to limit the conflagration. Tonight there is a hope that the worst has been nearly reached, and that when tomorrow dawns, the end will have come, but the hope is faint indeed. If the flames can be barred in their devastation of the Western Addition, then this will be written to the great disaster.

People Equal to Emergency.

But San Francisco is not discouraged. Its best and highest class has already begun to plan for restoration and to care for the stricken ones, and the relief will be immediate and effective. Total subscriptions of \$100,000 were announced. Arrangements were made for the immediate relief of the needy. The baking of 30,000 loaves of bread daily will begin tomorrow. Major McKeever was appointed commander of the camps of the homeless. Free transportation will be provided by the Southern Pacific to destitute persons desiring to go to interior points. It was announced that tomorrow there would be a daily delivery into the city of ten million gallons of water.

Three Fires Still Burning.

Tonight three distinct fires were burning. One was at that portion that extends from Nob Hill toward the water front. It was traveling slowly toward the Telegraph Hill section and may die out from lack of material, or may again sweep toward the extreme water front. The center fire was in the Mission. The fire has reached Eighteenth street, but was making little headway to the hillside, where thousands of people were camped.

Dead Will Total 250.

Chief of Police Dinan said he thought 250 would fully cover the number of deaths. He found it impossible to secure details. About 50 bodies have thus far been found.

Firemen Get Water at Last.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock water was obtained in the central fire district, to the great joy of the firemen, and it was then thought that there was a good fighting

chance to check the flames on the eastern side of Van Ness avenue. At 10 o'clock this morning the fire had reached Van Ness and Sutter. The big powerhouse at Sutter and Polk streets was dynamited and this somewhat stayed the progress of the fire, but it swept across the street, and the McNutt Hospital was then blown up. Then the big Vulcan apartment-house was demolished.

North Beach Seems Doomed.

At 9 o'clock tonight the fire on the easterly slope of Nob Hill was eating its way toward Telegraph Hill. A stream of salt water was being pumped from the bay through a hose one mile long to quench the progress of the conflagration, but it seemed that North Beach, like the great-

FORLORN HOPE HAS FAILED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the east side of Van Ness avenue have proved fruitless.

Municipal Bakery Started.

There is a great shortage of the bread supply in the city. This afternoon, after a panic at the California-street bakery, the police took possession of the premises and it will be operated under municipal control. At this place men battled with women and children in their efforts to each seize four and five loaves of bread. The police used their clubs for the purpose of bringing about an equitable distribution of the loaves.

Firemen Blow Up Buildings—Francisco People Flee for Safety.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—With each succeeding hour the devastation and destruction in this stricken and prostrate ruin of a city grows and grows. At 5 o'clock tonight it seemed as if nothing could save the comparatively small portion of the city that yet remains unburned. The entire business and wholesale district is now only a glowing furnace, while the giant tongues of fire have reached westward far beyond Van Ness avenue and are wiping out buildings and seeking more to devour.

Big Guns and Dynamic Powerless.

Orders were given to concentrate every fire engine in the city at this avenue, to demolish the buildings there, the police and all the army of workers and make one last determined stand to save the remainder of the city.

Spurred On by Heroism Alone.

The work was necessarily dangerous and many of the exhausted workmen kept going and working through a stretch of 48 hours without sleep and scarcely any food, through force of instinctive heroism alone. Many have been killed while making this last desperate stand. Many of the workers in placing the blasts took chances that spelled injury or death.

Shot While Hunting for Food.

Survivors are invading what few buildings remain in the hope of finding something to eat. They only despair when they find no such morsel.

FOOD NEEDED BY 400,000 PEOPLE

F. W. Leadbetter's Call to Portland.

WORK FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

He Tells What Relief Committee Found Most Urgent.

FUNDS GIVEN BY LOCAL MEN

Portland Must Help to Feed and House Homeless and Hungry. Host—Mayor Schmitz Rises to Great Emergency.

LIBERAL GOLDEN GATE MEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 19.—(Special.)—Mayor Schmitz asks not for money, but provisions, flour, potatoes, breakfast foods, coffee. At a meeting of the various committees today at 5 P. M. at Fillmore and Bush streets, reports from all directions were very bad. The writer offered Portland's assistance and a request was made for immediate shipment of a cargo of supplies.

RELIEF COMMITTEE AT WORK

Refugees Flock Across Bay—Even Rich Cannot Buy Food.

THE SITUATION AT MIDNIGHT

At midnight the fire was still burning with every probability that it would destroy the few remaining sections of the city. The last desperate effort to stay its progress was the blowing up with artillery and dynamite of a range of splendid mansions on Van Ness avenue, but the flames leaped across and continued on their way westward. At last accounts they were advancing toward North Beach.

WILL HOUSE AND FEED THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS REFUGEES.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 19.—Extraordinary relief work for the benefit of the vast population which was rendered homeless by the San Francisco earthquake is being achieved by a local citizens' committee headed by Rev. E. L. Parsons, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The work of providing meals and sleeping accommodations for the large numbers who are pouring into Berkeley by every train from San Francisco is being joined in by university and townspeople alike.

CONGRESS GIVES \$1,000,000

Senator Perkins Asks for \$500,000, and It Is Doubled.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Senate and House today passed and President Roosevelt this evening signed a joint resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers. The money to be expended under the direction and at the discretion of the Secretary of War.

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A POPULAR RELIEF FUND.

The Oregonian, in response to many requests, will accept contributions to a popular fund for relief of the California earthquake and fire sufferers. A number of unsolicited contributions were offered yesterday to The Oregonian, and accepted; and suggestions came from persons who desired to turn in their check certificates to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, on which a dividend of 25 per cent has been declared and is about to be realized.

Name	Amount
W. R. Spence	\$100.00
W. R. Spence	100.00
M. L. Pipes	10.00
Harcourt & Co.	10.00
J. M. Gettier	25.00
T. Aronson	10.00
Frank	10.00
A. A. Bailey	10.00
N. Campbell	10.00
Duncan McMillan	5.00
Total	\$321.00

RELIEF COMMITTEE AT WORK

Henry Weinhard Brewery, Value per Paul Westing and Henry Wagner (\$10,000) \$2,500.00. The committee of safety, consisting of 50 prominent citizens, met with Mayor Schmitz this morning and organized a finance committee composed of James N. Pugh, F. W. Hellman, Claus Spreckels, J. W. Downey Harvey, Thomas Magee, J. L. Flood, William Babcock, W. F. Herrin, M. H. DeYoung and Robert J. Tobin.

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STRICKEN CITY TO BE RELIEVED

Trains Carrying Provisions Now on Way.

WILL ARRIVE THIS MORNING

Large Sums Raised for Earthquake Sufferers.

CONGRESS GIVES \$1,000,000

California Legislature Will Be Asked to Appropriate Like Sum—Whole Nation Responds to Appeal From San Francisco.

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CHARITABLY INCLINED CITIZENS ARE GIVING THEIR EXCESS HOME ACCOMMODATIONS.

A special request has been sent to the women of Berkeley to bake all the bread they possibly can, as there is a distressing bread famine on the other side of the bay. This is accounted for by the fact that all the bakeries that have been left standing are not allowed to build fire under their ovens on account of the danger of starting other fires through damaged chimneys. Native Sons and Daughters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks kept open house last night for the relief of the poor.

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FUGITIVES TELL TALE OF HORROR

A Graphic Description of Ruined City by Visitor From Oakland.

EXODUS IS A WILD FLIGHT

Rich and Poor Alike Are Struggling to Reach the Ferries.

GARRY ALL WORLDLY GOODS

Fire-Fighters Make Their Last Stand Against Flames.

EXPERIENCE OF REFUGEES

Streets Filled With Naked and Half-Dressed People After the First Shock—Falling Walls Kill the Dazed Victims.

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