FIRE SWEEPS RESISTLESS

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 desolate. It seemed that the acme of its misery was reached at dusk, when flames burst from all sides of the beautiful Hotel Fair-mount, the pulace that above every other structure was apparently most strongly entrenched against the attack of the allconsuming 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 beaps, charred and smoking, all that remained of a prosperous city.

The metropolitan city of the wester

Man's Struggle With Nature. This has been another day of uneven nature. Acre after acre has been ground into dust and ashes, despite she heroic perseverance of the firemen to limit the onflagration. 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,

But San Francisco is not discouraged lis best and highest class has already begun to plan for restoration and to care scriptions of \$180,000 were announced. Arrelief of the needy. The baking of 50,ese lonves of bread daily will begin tomrrow. Major McKeester 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 gin a daily delivery into the city of ten

Tonight direct communication was be gun with the outside by telegraph. By overcoming great obstacles, the Postal Telegraph Company managed to regain one of its shuttered lines. The Postal office tonight is located in a little wooden structure erected on piles at the water

Three Fires Still Burning

Tonight three distinct fires were hurning. One was on that portion that exthe Telegraph Hill section and may die tack of material, or may again sweep toward the extreme water fire has reached Eighteenth street, but was making little headway to the billwhere thousands of people were

that threatening the western section. This is really a continuation of the Nob Hill It is wedge-shaped, with the apex pushing forward. This is the point against which the firemen are bending greatest efforts. Dynamite was used for back-firing purposes with only fair success. Tonight many blocks may

280 would fully cover the number of details. About 50 bodies have thus far

There was much shooting of looters to day, but the offenders were fortunate mough to escape with wounds.

Firemen Get Water at Last.

on at 4 o'clock water was obtained in the central fire district, to the great joy of the firemen, and it was then ght that there was a good fight

chance to check the flames on the east-ern side of Van Ness avenue. At 10 o'clock this morning the fire had reached Van Ness and Sutter. The big power-house 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.

While the firemen were fighting with dynamite, the steeple of St. Mary's Ca-thedral, a Roman Catholic edifice, which had withstood the earthquake shock, caught fire. A fireman scaled the steeple with a hose and played a stream on the burning section, and the blaze was extin-guished. Thousands of people cheered the heroic deed and the handsome building

North Beach Seems Doomed.

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

FORLORN HOPE HAS FAILED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—All offorts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the east

The fire has spread across the broad tions the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's millionaires and people of the wealthler class, is now doomed dition of the city practically com-pletes the work of the ravaging flames and marks the devastation of

er portion of the city, was doomed to de

The Conried Opera Company left fo New York on tonight's overland, after having played two nights here. All the nes and properties of the company have been destroyed, and all of the individual members have suffered heavy per-

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 prem nicipal 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.

E. H. Harriman, president of th Southern Pacific, has telegraphed that he had left New York tonight on a special train, and that he will take charge here immediately upon his arrival. The head-quarters of the company will be established at Oakland temporarily

DESTRUCTION GROWS HOURLY

Firemen Blow Up Buildings Frantic People Flee for Safety.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.-With each succeeding hour the devastation and de-struction in this stricken and prostrate ruin of a city grows and grows. At 6 the occasion and is everywhere. 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 whole sale district is now only a glowing fur nace, while the giant tongues of fire have avenue and are wiping out buildings and seeking more to devour.

At 4 o'clock Mayor Schmitz and Chief Dinan saw that the only hope of saving the western addition, with its forest o frame dwellings, and the Richmond dis-trict, with its thousands of homes, was to check the cruel march of the wall of fire at Van Ness avenue, which crosse the city from north to south, where the for the stricken ones, and the relief will retail store and fine apartment-house district ends, and where the residence sec tion begins. This avenue is 150 feet wide rangements were made for the immediate and the possibilities of checking the march of the flames here looked hopeful to those who were looking for ways and means in the hour of need.

> Big Guns and Dynamite Powerless Orders were given to concentrate every fire engine in the city at this avenue, to marshal troops of soldiers there, the police and all the army of workers and make one last determined stand to save

the remainder of the city. The co-operation of the artillery was secured, and huge cannon were drawn to the avenue by the madly-dushing horses to aid the dynamiters in blowing up the mansions of the millionaires on the west side of Van Ness avenue in order to pre vent the fiames from leaping across the highway and starting on their strained sweep across the Western Addition. Every available pound of dynamite was hauled to the spot, and the sight was one of stupendous and appalling havpalaces and the shot tore into the walls At other points the dynamite was used The center fire was in the Mission. The and house after house-dwellings worth millions-was lifted into the air by th power of the bellowing blast and dropped

Spurred On by Heroism Alone.

The work was necessarily dangerou kept going and working through a stretch of 48 hours without sleep and scarcely any food, through force of instinctive roism alone. Many have been killed while making this last desperate stand. Many of the workers in placing the blasts took

The fire line at 6 o'clock extends a mile from Pacific street to Ellis. All behind this, excepting the Russian Hill region and a small district along the beach, has been swept clean by the fiames and great steel huses of buildings and pipes and shafts and spires have been dropped into the molten mass of debris

Shot While Hunting for Food. Sufferers are invading what few build-ings remain in the hope of finding some

thing to eat. They only desist wher

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.

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 ship-

ment of a cargo of supplies. Mr. Anderson reported only 5.000,000 gallons of water on hand, the mains in bad shape everywhere and broken in all The Mayor stated that the emergency mains were nearly finished and would supply 19,600,000 gallons tomorrow. On lights, Rudolph Spreckels reported that nothing can be done.

Mr. McNary reports that nothing can

Liberal Golden Gate Men.

On finance Claus Spreckels subscriber 15,000, Rudolph Spreckels and others \$10. 100 each, total \$75,000. N. T. Guggenheim subscribes \$50,000, others \$75,000.

Mayor McKeever, at the request of Mayor Schmitz, was appointed to the control of Golden Gate Park by General Funsion. The park and hills. James D. Phelan says, are the city. Everything south of Market street is gone—the entire Mission and all north of Market street from the water front to Van Ness avenue and to Broadway. At 9:30 P. M. the fire is crossing Van Ness avenue at Sut-

ter street. Schmitz Rises to Occasion

Exorbitant grocers who have stocks have been made to sell at fair prices by Mayor Schmitz, who has risen nobly to vote of thanks was given Oakland

and Portland for assistance offered. The necessity for supplies will increase as the days go by, as the scanty stores carried by the fugitives will soon give out and many are too old and feeble

Get Commercial Club to Work.

Get the committee of the Commercial Club to work, as the entire city appears \$10,000, Harry Tevis \$0,000, Gordon Bland aged; other cities not much hurt. The company promised a supply of water th

were advancing toward North Beach

oured the few supplies in that city.

and that the loss aggregates \$4,000,000.

change of wind occurs the rest of the city is doomed. F. W. LEADBETTER.

CONGRESS GIVES \$1,000,000

Senator Perkins Asks for \$500,000.

ASHINGTON, April 19.-The Sen

and It Is Doubled.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Sen-ate and House today passed and Presi-dent Rossevelt this evening signed a joint resolution appropriating \$1,300,000 for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers, the money to be expended under the di-rection and at the discretion of the Secretary of War.

Senate resolution: Senate resolution: solved, by the Senate and House of Rep-tatives of the United States of America ongress assembled, that the Secretary of is hereby authorized and is directed in

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

The only hope of stopping the fire is the recovery of the water supply

The people of San Francisco, having been almost without food and sleep

Tens of thousands are camped along the beach with their belongings

The committee of safety, presided over by Mayor Schmitz, has begun

for two days are becoming desperate from hunger, thirst and exhaustion

They swarm the streets, mobbing bread wagons and bakeries, drink out of

mud puddles and are only restrained from entering buildings by use of

while other tens of thousands have swarmed across to Oakland and de-

taking measures for the relief of the people. The Federal Government has appropriated \$1,000,000, and every city in the country is raising lib-

eral funds in money and provisions. Salt Lake and Los Angeles have

President Jordan, of Stanford University, announces that the prin-

The destruction of the state insane asylum at Agnews is complete

cipal buildings of that institution are wrecked, many others damaged

and two physicians and 55 patients were killed and many others injured.

railroad to San Jose is damaged, but the afternoon in the Western Addition, and

burning fiercely at 10:30, and unless a were appointed to take charge of the re

started trains loaded with supplies for San Francisco.

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 unsolletted contributions were offered yeaterday to The Oregonian, and accepted; and suggestions came from persons who desired to turn in their stock certificates to the

Lewis and Clark Exposition, on which a dividend of 25 per cent has been declared and is about to be realized All persons who desire to contribut to the popular fund, either by money, checks or Lawis and Clark certificates, properly informed to The Orego-nian, may send them to or leave them with the cashier of The Oregonian at the business office. Subscriptions yesterday follow:

Fred W. Stowell.... W. Reid! M. L. Pipes Bernstein & Cohen... J. M. Gellert... Aronson
Frank Nan
A Balley
Friend
Campbell
Juncan McMillan

Lewis and Clark Certific

Henry Weinhard Brewery, per Paul Wessinger and Henry Wagner (\$10,000). \$2,300.00 Pickehner, Mayer & Cr. 1,000.00 Blumauer & Hoch (\$230). 62,50 Total, certificates \$3,542.56 321.00

sistence and quartermaster supplies, in addition to the supplies belonging to the Government establishment, and issue the same to such destitute persons as have been rendered homeloss or are in needy circumstances, as a result of the earthquake which occurred April 18, and the attending confiagration; and in executing this joint resolution the Secretary of War is directed to co-operate with the authorities of the State of California and the Mayers of the Cities of San Francisco.

with the authorities of the State of California and the Mayors of the Cities of San Francisco, Berkeley, Cakland, Alameda and such other cities on the Pacific Coast as may have suffered damage. Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, of the Navy and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor are hereby directed to coperate with the Secretary of War, in extending relief and assistance to the extricten people herein referred to, and extend the use of naval vessels, revenue cutters and other vessels. naval vessels, revenue cutters and other vesse and Government supplies under their control on the Pacific Coast. He it further

on the Pacific Coast. He it further Resolved, That to enable the Secretary of War to execute the provisions of this joint resolution there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000 to be expended under the direction and in the dis-cretion of the Secretary of War.

Tawney explained that the larger sum was absolutely needed; that Sec-retaries of other departments were included so that naval vessels, cutters and Fish Commission boat Albatross could be used. The resolution was adopted at 2:20, within ten minutes of its being re-

within ten minutes of its being reported.

The substitute was reported on the
second that the amount should be
joubled and the Stretces of war
should be relieved from any statutory
prohibition requiring bids to be secured
regarding the needed supplies.

RELIEF COMMITTEE AT WORK

Refugees Flock Across Bay-Ever Rich Cannot Buy Food.

BAN FRANCISCO, April 19.-(1 P. M.) nmittee on safety, consisting of 50 finance committee, composed of James N Phelan, P. W. Hellman, Claus Spreckels, J. W. Downey Harvey, Thomas Magee, J. L. Flood, William Babcock, W. F. Herrin, M. H. DeYoung and Robert J

Before the meeting had organized Claus Spreckels gave \$5,000, Rud to be doomed, and \$80,000 people are ing \$10,000 Eleanor Martin \$5000, J. L. homeless and hungry. San Jose, Santa Flood \$5000, with a promise of more. Ross and Santa Cruz are badly dam. The Mayor announced that the water

lief of the destitute and the work has al-

ready begun and assumed some system Golden Gate Park will be the mair

Golden Gate Park will be the main refuge, and supplies will be sent there. Boats are being provided to take people across the bay, and thousands are avail-ing themselves of the privilege. The Uni-versity of California at Berkeley has vol-

Mayor Schmits has appointed his com-mittee of 60 citizens, special officers with full power to represent him, and with power to requisition men, supplies, vehi-cles and boats for public use. Unless sup-

piles are rushed in and arrangements made for their distribution, trouble is feared within a few days. Even men of wealth cannot obtain food with all their

STRICKEN CITY TO BE RELIE**ve**d

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.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.-By day light tomorrow the first relief trains bringing cooked food, provisions, blankets and clothing for the famishin carthquake sufferers, and medicines, phy sicians and nurses for the sick and wounded, will arrive in San Francisco Temporary relief has been afforded from the Oakland side of the bay, but the news that solid trains laden with provisions are being rushed forward from Portland Los Argeles and Salt Lake, and that others will follow at close intervals, relieves

the strain of the situation. passed a resolution appropriating \$1,000,nessages from Oakland stating that Gov ernor Pardee will call a special sessio of the California Legislature to vote whatever relief may be deemed neces-sary. The response to the first appeal for ald has been so prompt and generous from every section of the country, however, that the need for Federal and state relief has been shorn of its imperativ

le this time of tirest calemity and sufstricken thousands, overwheimed and benumbed by the horror of the events of the past % hours, are filled to over flowing with gratifude for the instant response of the citizens of sister cities in this and other states to the appeal of the ruined metropolis for assistance.

mercial rivalries and local jeal ousies have been forgotten and state and sectional lines wiped out by generous sympathy, and from all the larger cities of the Coast and from many cities and where such action could not have been looked for, telegrams are pouring in announcing the subscription of big sums

for relief.

Especially welcome is the news that Los Angeles, besides sending food by train and boat, has pledged \$300,000 in cash and has already raised more than salf of the amount. . Hardly less so is the telegram received here today stating that Sait Lake has undertaken to raise \$100,000, and that the Utah Legis lature will be called together in special

ession to assist in the movement. North Coast Cities Generous.

From San Francisco's northern neigh ors, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, from other smaller cities in Oregon and raising of money and the dispatch of prothe knowledge that in their time of need they have warm-hearted and open-handed friends who will assist them to re-trieve their broken fortunes. Omaha, Ineven far-away Atlanta have telegraphed assurances of money and supplies

smaller cities of California by assuring idents of the Bay cities, at home and abroad, are quickly coming forward with

Among the largest gifts from private citizens is \$100,000 from John D. Ro feller, and members of the New York Stock Exchange are sending \$85,000.

BERKELEY OPENS ITS GATES

Will House and Feed Thousands of Homeless Refugees.

BERKELEY, Cat., April 19.-Extraor dinary relief work for the benefit of the vast population which was rendered homeless by the San Prancisco earthquake is being achieved by a local citi-sens' committee headed by Rev. E. L. The work of providing meals and sleeping accommodations for the large numbers who are pouring into Berkeley by every train from San Pran-cisco is being joined in by university and

charitably inclined citizens are giving their extra 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 firea under their ovens on account of the danger of starting other fires through damaged chimneys. Native Bons and Daughters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks kept open house last night for the relief of the poor. Medical attention for a large number of injured persons is being provided in Berkeley. The local hospitals have been thrown open and the medical men are bending every effort to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunates. Among those who are believed to be fatally hurt are William Cunningham, whose skull was crushed in the collapsing walls of a hotel, and C. W. Harris, a lumberman of 198 Howard street, San Francisco, who was hadly burned about the head. Care will be taken to prevent any law-lessness during the time that the university grounds and the homes of the college town are thrown open. All the student cadets were summoned to report at the Armory tonight and detailed for

DONATIONS FOR RELIEF.

San Francisco	150,000
	1,000,000
New York Stock Exchange.	85,000
John D. Rockefeller	100,000
Sacramento	56.000
Philadelphia	25,000
Los Angeles	200,000
Indianapolis	10,000
Pittsburg	50,000
Carnegie Hero Fund	25,000
Salt Lake and Utah	100,000
Stockton	20,000
Mrs. John W. Mackay	3,000
Atlanta	10,000
Omaba	10,000
Goldfield	10,000

guard duty. A large number of special deputies have been sworn in by the Chief of Police to prevent thieving.

PARK AND THEATER OPENED Oakland Offers Camping Places and Provides Relief.

OAKLAND, April 19.—Thousands of refugees rendered homeless by the terrible calamity which has overtaken San Francalamity which has overtaken San Francisco, have come to this city. On learning of this the Realty Syndicate at once offered Idora Fark for the use of those left without shelter. The offer has been accepted by the police and fire departments, and life cots have been placed in the theater for the use of the refugees. Reilef stations have been established at the City Hall and at the various parks throughout the city. Other reilef sta-

the City Hall and at the various parks throughout the city. Other relief stations have been established in churches throughout the city, which are considered safe for use as such.

A report comes that the Martinez bank building, one of the finest structures in the town, has been completely destroyed. It is impossible to estimate the loss. Many of the structures which, from the outside, show little apparent damage, on closer examination prove to have been budly twisted and racked by the shock.

NEEDS BEDDING, FOOD, TENTS

Mayor Tells Governor Wants of the

Ruined City.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The following appeal for aid has been sent out by Mayor Schmitz to Governor Pardee, and shows the destitution of people and the dire need of food and shelter:

shelter:
"Send all supplies as soon as possible to Golden Gate Park. Have bakeries in small towns bake all the bread they can. We want bedding, food and

Indianapolis Sends \$10,000.

telegram to Mayor Schmitz of San Fran-cisco:

"The people of Indianapolis authorize you to make a draft upon me for Ele-606 for the relief of the suffering people of your city. Let us know if further assistance will be needed."

A general call for relief has been is-sued, and any sum in excess of the Ele-600 will be forwarded to the stricken city.

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CARRY ALL WORLDLY 600DS

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.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 19.-A newspap nan who crossed the bay late this aftertion of the destruction of San Francis San Francisco is a city of ruins. There is no pen that can describe the scene of

desolation left in the wake of the terrible "What remains of San Francisco is heap of smoldering bricks. Its magnificent buildings, its Market street, its gay and happy throngs are no more. Its iffhabitants are fleeing from it as though from a dread pestilence. The ferries are taking its thousands at every trip. The boats running in every description are loaded to the water-line with fleeing peo

of any army never equaled for its dis-INDIANAPOLIS, April 19.-After a con- it is the only means of access to the ferries. It is the one highway along which the rich and poor, old and young, with their bedding and worldly possessions tied up in every sort of odd packages, are

> "The scene beggars description, and the pen of a Hugo or Tolstoi would be unequal to give any adequate idea of it. And, oh! the loss of it! The awful isola tion and waste of what men in this world set great store by. The loss is untold and the effects will be far-reaching. The insurance companies are threatened with a loss probably equaled only by the great fire at Chicago, and the fire is still rag-

ing,

"At 6 o'clock it is burning with unrestrained fury. And the entire Western Addition is threatened. One final stand is being made at Van Ness avenue and

C. A. Duffy, of Owensboro, Ky., who has been in Santa Rosa since last October, was the only one out of several score to escape from the floor in which he was Rosa. He came to Oakland on his motor cycle after he was released, and tells

condition of affairs in general at Santa

Caught in the Debris. Mr. Duffy says that when the shock came he rushed for the stairway, but the building was swaying and shaking so he He threw himself in front of the dresser protect him from the falling timbers. The dresser held up the beams which tumbled over him, and this protected him somewhat from the falling mass of debris.

"I was imprisoned five hours," said Mr. Duffy, "before finally being rescued. cuers heard me, but could not locate my position from the sound of my vioce, and I could hear them going away after get-

ting close to me. Help Comes at Last

"Finally I got hold of a lath from the ruins around me, poked it through a hole left by the falling of a steam-pipe, and by waving it and yelling at the same

by waving it and yelling at the same time, finally managed to show the people where I was.

There were about 300 people killed in the destruction of the three hotels, and not less than 500 in the whole town. The business section of the place collapsed to the ground aimost inside of five minutes. Then the fire started and burned Fourth street from one end to the other, starting at each end and meeting in the middle, thus sweeping over the ruins and burning the imprisoned people.

T saw two arms protruding from one

Dead Will Total @50. Chief of Police Dinan said he thought