

SAFETY TAKEN
THREAT OF LIFE

San Francisco Proves Her
Greatness by Splendid
Optimism.

HARMONY WITH RED CROSS

Schmitz Depies Any Discrimination
Against Chinese—General Pre-
parations to Rebuild and
Resume Business.

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all the emergency committees. It was as-
certained that the loss of life caused by
the catastrophe is estimated at less than
25. This estimate was made by Fairfax
Wheeler, and surprises everyone as esti-
mates of 1000 and more had been made by
the coroner's office.

The expenses of the various committees
will be considerably less than expected.
The statement of Mr. Wheeler that all
physicians and nurses had refused pay
was greeted with cheers by the commit-
tees. Several committee chairmen
present announced that they had carried
on work laid out for them without in-
curring any expense.

Railroads Will Not Move.

Representatives of Western railroads
whose offices were destroyed, acting un-
der instructions from their headquarters,
have decided to follow the example set
by the Southern Pacific officials, and will
not even temporarily abandon stations in
this city. Some of the agencies removed
to Oakland will return, while other roads
will maintain offices both here and across
the bay.

Before noon today practically the essen-
tial departments of the Southern Pacific
were in operation. Every available em-
ployee of the company was engaged in
arranging for the handling of the great
press of business. New office furniture
consigned to dealers who have no use for
it was hurriedly unpacked from cases and
carried into the Ferry building, where
provision had been made for all Eastern
railroad agencies not elsewhere accom-
modated. The officials of the company,
including Messrs. Sproule, Fee, Sroupe
and Hourston, were seen in the streets
today, and the fact that they were seen
enabled to begin the actual transac-
tion of business. Traffic Director J. C.
Robbs confirmed the statement that the
main offices of the Southern Pacific would
remain in San Francisco.

Harbor Under Civic Control.

The military officers early this morning
returned to the State Harbor Commission
full authority over docks, wharves and
piers. At the same time, the two depart-
ments will continue as heretofore to assist
one another in every way calculated to
expedite the unloading and handling of
food supplies. With the assistance of the
regulars assigned to duty along the water-
front district and the jacksies from the
Boston and other vessels of the Pacific
squadron, perfect order has been main-
tained in this respect since the disaster
of the city. Chief Wharfinger B. J. Welch
said:

"It has been agreed that nothing shall
be done at the dock except food sup-
plies, and no vessel will be allowed to
alongside a wharf where there is any possi-
bility of unloading anything needed by
the people."

Damage to St. Francis Slight.

In company with William Dohman, the
superintendent of the St. Francis Hotel, re-
presentatives of the city and the depart-
ment of the building as far as the fourth
floor. The interior resembles the inside
walls of a dead furnace. The effect of
the intense heat was to melt glass and
metal objects. The water, however,
does not appear to be sprung and the build-
ing can be repaired. The engine room, in
the basement, sustained little or no dam-
age.

Telephone Lines Restored.

Telephone connections to Oakland and
also San Bruno way are now complete.
Today the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph
Company had 800 men at work throughout
the city repairing and laying underground
emergency lines. Before midnight all the
wire cable had been laid the entire length
of Market street in the street car slot
and messages are now being sent without
difficulty. General Manager Glass said
this afternoon that while the details of
the disaster the company had 20,000 subscrib-
ers, the names now on its list number less
than 8000.

Shot to Escape Cremation.

Three hundred representatives San Fran-
cisco merchants met this afternoon to
consider the best method of reconstruct-
ing and resuming San Francisco retail
business. The necessary steps were taken
for the formation or resumption of the
Trade League, and sub-committees were
formed representing every trade in the
commercial world. The sub-committees
consist of the representatives of men of
every line of trade. It is the duty of each
therein to attend to the resumption of
business in its particular line. They were
instructed to report each day to the gen-
eral committee.

Fate of Men on Burning Roof—Ar-
rested.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 24.—That three
men were shot to death on a blazing roof
in San Francisco to keep them from being
burned alive, is solemnly asserted by
Max East, a garment worker, who came
here yesterday.

Old Man Dies of Collapse.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The emer-
gency and maternity hospital located at
170 Filmore street attended to 38 cases
today. Mr. H. Finck, aged 74, formerly re-
siding at 30 Haight street, was brought to
this hospital about noon in a state of col-
lapse, and died at 1 P. M. Mr. Finck
was connected with the well-known firm
of Will & Finck.

"Popo" Schrader Loses Family.

EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—"Popo"
Schrader, claiming to be the head of the
"Divine Catholic Church," and known
throughout the West as a "divine
healer," reached here this afternoon,
fleeing from San Francisco. He said he
feared his entire family was lost and
that he had fled from the horrors of the
disaster here in San Francisco.

Pay Postal Funds in New York.

NEW YORK, April 24.—It was an-
nounced today that the United States
sub-treasurer in this city will pay all post-
office warrants drawn on the sub-treas-
urer at San Francisco.

Coffee and Sugar Wanted.

Coffee and sugar are wanted in San
Francisco for the relief camps. Other
provisions are to be had in plenty. There
is plenty of meat, which is being sold at
normal prices.

Dr. Ward, president of the State
Board of Health, states that there is less
communicable disease in the city today
than at any time during the past seven



MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, AS IT IS TODAY. SCENE LOOKING DOWN MARKET STREET, SHOWING A THROG OF REFUGEES ON THEIR WAY TO THE FERRY.

200 Demented Creatures Buried There.

It was a sight to transfix one with horror
to see scores of mad men and women
strapped to trees all over the grounds,
crying, shrieking and cursing.

Funds Received \$1,017,000.

Chairman Phelan reports contributions
to the relief fund as follows:
Outside, \$1,017,000.
Local, \$50,000.
Total, \$1,067,000.

Arrival of Supplies Fluctuates.

To guard against possible misapprehen-
sion by people engaged in the handling
and distribution of food supplies, it may
be stated upon the highest authority that
the condition at present existing and the
prospects for tomorrow and the ensuing
few days are entirely favorable. Unavail-
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Streets, Sewers and Police System
Complete—Systematic Distribu-
tion of Rations Arranged.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Conditions
at the Presidio are being rapidly reduced
to a systematic basis. The efforts of the
authorities are now being directed to the
organization of a perfect system for the
control of the thousands of people who
have sought refuge within the precincts
of the reservation.

Within a day or so a model camp will
have been put into operation. Prepara-
tions are being made to gather together
the refugees within one immense
tent, which will be situated in the
Union-street entrance of the Presidio. It
will be strewn, sewered and constantly
patrolled, and order and sanitation con-
ditions preserved as nearly as is possi-
ble. The food supply will be regulated
and the promiscuous giving of eatables,
clothing and other supplies will cease.
Hereafter the residents of the camp will
not be required to go to the various re-
lief stations for their supplies, but the
various commodities will be distributed
from tent to tent.

It has been definitely ascertained by the
commissary and other departments that
there has been enormous abuse of the
free food and clothing provision. Whole-
families have been receiving such treat-
ment in line several times a day, each car-
rying away with him supplies of food to
last for several days. In this way some
families have accumulated stocks of pro-
visions to last them for many weeks to
come. Food is being distributed at four
distinct points in the Presidio, and a sys-
tem has been devised which obviates the
long delays which characterized the first
few days of the distribution. At one
camp, which is a counterpart of the oth-
ers, canned roast beef, canned corn,
peas, beans, rice, onions, potatoes, bread,
prunes, pepper, sugar, tea and milk were
served in turn to the long line, each per-
son asking for what he or she wanted
when passing the various tables. In this
manner an applicant for food received a
sufficient assortment within two minutes
after entering the relief station.

At the hospital, where the reservation
the most satisfactory condition prevail.
At the general hospital, there are many
cases of tonsillitis, colds and such like,
but the sanitary conditions are such that
the medical authorities have no fear of a
serious epidemic of any kind. The pa-
tients suffering from contagious diseases
are being treated at a Harbor View hos-
pital, where their number has been compari-
tively small.

During the past few days thousands of
people have left the reservation, hav-
ing secured the necessary papers to go to
Oakland, Alameda, or other
places. The number of campers on the
grounds has been reduced to less than
"Oh, no," said the commissary, "I have