

MEN STAY BY POSTS

WHOLESALE SECTION IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED

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INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL PAY ALL LOSSES

Authorities Will Not Allow Boats to Cross the Bay With Passengers

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The latest reports at police headquarters show the entire district bounded by Vallejo, Howard, East and Sansome streets, embracing practically the entire wholesale portion of the city, has been swept clean by the fire. Also the district bounded by Second, Market, Eighth and Folsom streets has been devastated. In the latter district is included most of the city's finest and most substantial buildings. The area covered by the flames up to the present is about eight square miles, or several hundred city blocks. Very little, if any water is available and blowing up the buildings by dynamite is the only means of checking the progress of the flames. Most of the buildings untouched by flames have been greatly damaged by earthquake shocks. The pecuniary loss at 4 p. m. is conservatively estimated at \$100,000,000.

Insurance Companies Will Pay

Commissioner E. Myron Wolfe announced that eighty odd fire insurance companies interested have decided to pay dollar for dollar to everyone insured with them. The companies will not discriminate between fire and earthquakes, everyone insured will be paid the extent of the loss. But two of the companies affected are Pacific Coast concerns, others having their principal offices East or in Europe, all will stand the loss without danger of failure.

Insane Patients Run Wild

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Western Union has received another report from the Agnew Asylum near that city is a total wreck; that many inmates are killed and the remainder are running around loose, terrorizing the community. The superintendent of the institution and his wife were both killed.

No Boats Allowed to Cross Bay

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—The Postal Company received news from its Oakland office on Broadway street this afternoon that not one boat has crossed from San Francisco to Oakland today. Troops are guarding the ferry landing at San Francisco. No one is allowed to depart. No communication whatever between San Francisco and Oakland is allowed.

Prays for Stricken City

WASHINGTON, April 18.—In his opening prayer in the Senate today Chaplain Edward Everett Hale made reference to the San Francisco disaster without mentioning the name. After the transaction of routine business the Senate adjourned in order to permit the Democrats to proceed with their conference.

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APPEAL FOR AID

TO THE PEOPLE OF ASTORIA

A calamity beyond description has visited our sister State of California. Thousands of our neighbors have been killed or maimed and thousands of others have been ruined.

At such a time the human heart is filled with sympathy and everyone feels like doing something to alleviate the distressed and suffering.

Money cannot bring back to life the dead nor restore the injured to former health, but it can relieve the suffering and it will also show in a substantial form how we sympathize with our fellowmen.

Therefore, knowing the people of Astoria as I do, I confidently appeal to our fellow citizens to subscribe to the CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE FUND as liberally as their means will allow and as quickly as possible.

In order to facilitate the collection of funds, I hereby designate the three Banks of the City as Depositories where the people may subscribe their mite.

Let us treat our neighbors as we would have them treat us under like circumstances. Astoria is prosperous—Astoria must help.

HERMAN WISE
Mayor of the City of Astoria.

At Salinas Loss \$2,500,000

Salinas, Calif., April 18th.—One hundred and eighteen miles from San Francisco—At 5:15 A. M. three shocks from an earthquake visited this town lasting five, ten and forty-two seconds. They came from the Northwest and Southwest. The damage will be two and a half millions. No lives were lost, but a number of people were injured. The Spreckles Sugar Factory is entirely destroyed, with a loss of \$1,500,000.

Second Shock Occurs

The high school is wrecked. Another shock occurred at 2:25 P. M. The Watsonville Moreland Academy was destroyed by fire, and several buildings have collapsed. The shocks were also felt at Monterey and Pacific Grove, though little damage was done. At the Del Monte Hotel three chimneys fell through the roof, killing a bridegroom, and one of the hotel help, and injuring several others fatally. At Hollister, the Grangers' Union warehouse was destroyed. Mrs. Griffith was killed and her husband is insane from the shock.

Water Secured in Sections

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The War Department has been furnished the following message from the Western Union at San Francisco: "Although water is secured by the firemen in many sections, the fire by no means is under control. It is raging around Pine and Montgomery streets and the Western Union Telegraph Company building has been abandoned to its fate. At Oakland the ferry house, where the company has established its office, it is difficult to obtain information concerning current events."

Damage Not So Bad

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Western Union is in receipt of a message stating the situation in Oakland is not very bad. A few buildings had the walls thrown down.

Falling Chimneys Damage Oakland

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A private telegram from Oakland forwarded to Secretary Metcalf says the principal damage done in Oakland is caused by falling chimneys.

Governor Starts for City

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—Governor Pardee started for San Francisco at 3 p. m. to be on the ground to take immediate steps for furnishing relief.

300 Killed at Santa Rosa

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—Dr. Stone, superintendent of the Napa State Hospital, telephones the governor's office that an automobile arrived there with the news that Santa Rosa is ruined and between 200 and 300 people are killed.

War Department Appealed to

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Messages from General Funston were received here at 11:45 p. m. addressed to Secretary Taft saying: "We need thousands of tents and all the rations that can be sent. About 100,000 people are homeless. The fire is still raging. Troops are all on duty and assisting the police. The loss of life will probably be 1000. The best part of the residence district is not yet burned."

Burned Area Eight Miles Square

OAKLAND, April 19.—An area of thickly covered ground of eight square miles has been burned over, there is no telling when the fire will be under control. Mayor Schmitz was about early and took measures for relief protections for the city. General Funston realized that stern measures were necessary and gave orders that looters were to be shot on sight. Four men were summarily executed before 3 o'clock this afternoon. The burned district extends from the water front south of Market street to Mission street and west to Eleventh street. The fire extends out Hayes and McAllister streets nearly to Fillmore and from the waterfront along Market to Montgomery and north from the waterfront to New Montgomery streets. Manufactories, hotels, wholesale houses, and residences comprising the principal part of the business section have been destroyed.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS REMAIN TO THE LAST

Brave Operators of Postal Telegraph Company Continue to Send Messages Out of San Francisco Until Compelled to Leave.

OAKLAND IS DAMAGED BY FALLING CHIMNEYS

General Funston Petitions War Department to Send Immediate Supplies to the City.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The World received throughout the day news of the San Francisco disaster is due in part to the courage of the telegraph operators there who stuck to their posts and continued to send news and other messages in spite of the great personal danger.

The operators and officials of the Postal Telegraph Company remained in the main office of the company at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets, opposite the Palace Hotel until ordered out of the building because of the danger from dynamite explosions in the immediate vicinity. The men then proceeded to Oakland, across the bay and took possession of the office there. Tonight the company is operating seven wires from Oakland. All messages from the city must be taken across the bay in boats. The Associated Press has established a boat service for its news.

W. C. Swain, an electric engineer in the service of the Postal returned several times this evening to the main building in San Francisco and got into communication with the East.

His last message was timed 5:47 p. m. He was then surrounded by explosions of illuminating and sewer gas. The Postal's building was not destroyed up to 7 p. m. The roofs only had been damaged. It was surrounded by fire on three sides. The cable apparatus of the Postal Company was moved this afternoon to a cable hut on the beach near the Cliff House.

The destruction of the telephone building in San Francisco has broken telephonic communication with that city. The Southern Pacific is doing its utmost to get people out of the city and is not charging refugees for transportation.

Another Earthquake Occurs

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (8:45 p. m.)—A telegraph operator named Baum arrived in Oakland a few minutes ago in a launch and he says another earthquake occurred in San Francisco at 7:45 p. m. The damage he says is beyond calculation. The conflagration is still raging.

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