

GOOD EVENING

THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight; Friday probably showers; easterly winds.

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, FIVE CENTS

\$100,000 FOR RELIEF OF RUINED SAN FRANCISCO

Portland's Contribution by Tomorrow Will Reach That Sum and May Rise to a Quarter Million—First National Gives \$25,000, Security \$10,000.

The Journal Relief Bureau will receive contributions for the sufferers in San Francisco. Telephone Main 500 and a wagon will call for your contribution. Tents, food and clothing are particularly required.

Portland has come to the assistance of suffering San Francisco nobly. Scarcely had a call for relief been made by the committee, composed of members of the different commercial bodies, than it was decided to send \$100,000 to San Francisco tomorrow.

The United States senate today appropriated \$500,000 for relief and the governor of every state has tendered the financial aid of his state to the sufferers.

It is now apparent that the fire will completely destroy San Francisco. The supply of dynamite has given out and efforts to check the flames have ceased. The city is abandoned to its fate.

The entire business district is destroyed. Flames are sweeping through residence sections. Nob hill is burning. There is no water.

Three hundred thousand people are homeless and suffering from exposure, hunger and thirst. The food supply of the city is exhausted. The death list is estimated at 1,000, but may be much larger.

San Jose is in ruins, all buildings having been razed. A hundred and fifty lost their lives.

Santa Rosa has been destroyed, fires completing the work of the earthquake.

Stanford university buildings have crumbled. Those at the state university at Berkeley are not injured.

Portland will send \$100,000 to stricken San Francisco so that the unfortunate city will receive the money not later than tomorrow. The money is for immediate use in supplying actual necessities and will be followed by other sums which may run the total donation up to a quarter of a million.

Trainloads of clothing and food for the unfortunates are being made up in the terminal yards and will be sent southward by tomorrow. At noon today more than \$50,000 had been subscribed, and other sums are being given liberally and rapidly.

The First National bank started the fund by subscribing \$25,000. The committee in charge of the Heppner relief fund, through I. N. Fleischner, chairman, has offered \$15,000, which has been held in readiness for a calamity.

The Security Savings & Trust company contributed \$10,000. The three sums in themselves amount to one-half the amount that will be sent towards the first relief of the suffering city.

A meeting of the directors of the First National bank was held at 11 o'clock this morning and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved, That the president be and hereby is empowered for and on behalf of the First National bank of Portland, Oregon, to subscribe to the fund for the benefit of the sufferers by the San Francisco disaster the sum of \$25,000."

Money Available at Once. Mr. Mills, president of the bank, immediately notified President Hoge of the chamber of commerce of the action of the directors and said that the money was available at once, subject to the forwarding and distribution of it by the proper authorities.

Scarcely had the First National announced its liberal donation when the Security Savings & Trust company, through Mr. Adams, its president, announced a donation of \$10,000. That sum also is available at any time.

Other subscriptions were announced during the afternoon in such liberal numbers and amounts that there is no question but that \$100,000 will be forwarded to the city of destitution by tomorrow.

Telegraph companies have announced their willingness to transmit free of charge any sums that may be sent to the unfortunates of San Francisco.

Railroad companies have announced their willingness to carry free whatever contributions in the way of clothing and food may be sent in.

In the terminal yards two trains are being made up this afternoon in preparation for the trip to San Francisco. They will be loaded with food, clothing, tents and other articles of necessity for the suffering thousands in the south.

Liberal donations and subscriptions have been pouring in during the afternoon.

The Journal will acknowledge the receipt and forward all funds which may be contributed for the relief of San Francisco. Thousands of people are homeless and hungry. The common necessities of life are beginning to be sorely needed and within a few hours the distress may assume frightful proportions.

Relief is being sent from all parts of the country, but without food or shelter and in many cases without clothing the citizens of the once mighty city will suffer greatly until the arrival of the common things they must have.

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The Cliff House, San Francisco's Famous Pleasure Resort, Was Hurlled Into the Sea by the Earthquake Shock. Nothing Remains to Mark Its Site but Stubs of Timbers.

ALL EFFORTS TO CHECK THE FLAMES IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE NOW ABANDONED

(Journal Special Service.) Oakland, Cal., April 19.—When the sun rose on San Francisco this morning the city was one vast, desolate stretch of ruins and debris. Where the tallest buildings stood, there are now only piles of brick, twisted steel and broken stone. The city is a wreck and has been abandoned by the citizens to its fate. The supply of dynamite has been exhausted, and no more buildings can be blown up to stop the progress of the flames. No water is to be had and no human agency can stop the conflagration. Over Nob Hill at daylight this morning the flames crept, wrapping in their destroying mantle the costly mansions of the bonanza kings.

It was a night of horror that was spent by the people. The panic-stricken thousands gathered in Golden Gate park—homeless, homeless, hungry and thirsty. Blankets were spread for them but there was little sleep for any. The continued dynamiting told them of the destruction of scores of structures in the hope of saving homes. Thousands of refugees are at Black Point, which now seems the only safe place on the north end of the peninsula. Their plight is pitiful. During the night the walls of the young were mingled with the moans of the elders, while lack of bedding caused much suffering.

The Stanford residence, used by Stanford university as a museum, is also destroyed. Both of these buildings were built during the days of the bonanza king. The only government building in San Francisco that has so far escaped the flames is the United States mint, which so far is safe, with its \$200,000,000 in coin and bullion. Superintendent Leach praises the work of Lieutenant Armstrong of the Sixth Infantry and the soldiers under him, who by heroic efforts succeeded in saving the building which is the only one in that section of the city that escaped.

Among the buildings destroyed are: Claus Spreckels or Call building, 17 stories; Hearst building, eight stories; New Chronicle, 17 stories; White House, four stories; St. Francis hotel, 12 stories; Palace hotel, eight stories; Grand opera-house, six stories; Mechanics library, five stories; Crocker, 11 stories; California hotel, eight stories; Winchester hotel, seven stories; Lick house, four stories; Occidental, four stories; Upham, six stories; the Majestic theatre, six stories; the city hall, hall of justice, the Western Union, four stories; the Hobart, seven stories; Pacific Union club, five stories; Hotel Granada, five stories; Scottish Rite Masonic temple, Pacific National bank, Hale brothers, six stories; the Emporium, six stories; the Emmins Spreckels building, six stories; St. Dunstan apartment-house, six stories; Concordia club, four stories; Canadian bank, St. Dominic's church, Claus Spreckels' house and stables, St. Luke's church, Lane hospital, St. Luke's hospital, New Hamman baths, San Francisco Gas & Electric company, the Orpheum, the Columbia theatre, the Risio block, the Terminal hotel, eight stories; St. Ignatius church, new United States post office, the Union Trust building, eight stories; new Merchants' Exchange building, 15 stories; Fair building, seven stories; Daily News building, Bulletin building, Post building, Hopkins Art institute, Stanford residence, the Cliff House, the Flood building.

Desperate efforts made by the water company to repair the mains seem fruitless. There is no water, and it seems as if the fire will burn itself out before the broken conduits are repaired. The scarcity of food is equally serious. All the provision houses in the city have been destroyed. The only food is in the small stores in outlying districts and it is only sufficient to last a few hours. The poor have been forced to remain in San Francisco. Others have fled to Berkeley, Oakland and other bay cities, but the accommodations are not sufficient for all.

At daylight fire had eaten its way to Hopkins Art institute with its priceless treasures gathered from the museums of two continents. The building with its entire contents will be a total loss.

FT. VANCOUVER RATIOS SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO

The commissary department at Vancouver barracks received orders this morning to immediately ship all available army rations to San Francisco. Colonel Davis at once left Vancouver for Portland to arrange for the shipment. The supplies will probably be shipped this evening or tomorrow morning.

Mistake in Message. (Journal Special Service.) New York, April 19.—In reply to a message offering assistance, Morris Jessup, president of the chamber of commerce, received from Mayor Schmitz a telegram saying: "Thanks; no assistance needed." Jessup thinks the message was sent wrong or a mistake made somewhere.

JOURNAL HAD ONLY COMPLETE ACCOUNT

As a journalistic feat The Journal's performance of yesterday in publishing the only complete account of the great calamity in California that was printed in Portland is a matter of congratulation, not only to itself, but to thousands of its readers. The Journal had the only wire that ran out of San Francisco yesterday. In its first regular edition yesterday the only complete account of the disaster that appeared in Portland was printed. Other early editions and the editions of other papers contained merely bulletins.

The Western Union Telegraph company, over which the Associated Press sends its news exclusively, was out of commission completely. The Postal company was the only one that managed to get a wire out of the city, and the Journal is the only paper in Portland that used the Postal service exclusively.

Even the Postal was forced to suspend in San Francisco. The Associated Press, which serves other Portland papers, was unable to send anything from San Francisco, so the Journal service, which used the Postal wires, was exclusive. After the one wire out of San Francisco, which was in use by the Journal, went down further service was continued from Sacramento by rushing news out of San Francisco on special trains and wiring it to the Journal immediately on its receipt.



Agnew Asylum, Near San Jose, Which Collapsed, Killing More Than One Hundred Persons.

THE OUTLOOK IS BLACKER

Every Business Block and Half the Residence Section Has Been Destroyed.

WIRELESS EVEN IS OUT OF COMMISSION

Postal Telegraph Company's Messages Tell of Furious Spread of the Flames and the Final Cutting Off of Direct Communication With the Doomed City.

Mrs. C. H. Lewis this afternoon gave \$20,000 to the California earthquake sufferers and Allen Lewis \$5,000.

Through the local Postal Telegraph authorities it is learned that the government, through the army officers at the Presidio, has taken complete charge of the city of San Francisco and the direction of all affairs is in the hands of General Funston.

The Postal Telegraph company's wire across the bay to Goat island from Los Angeles has been taken over by the army authorities and is being used almost exclusively by them. The local office hears the army operators using the wire almost constantly, sending messages relative to the work of caring for those who have suffered from the flames and the earthquake.

Orders for tents, bedding and provisions for the hundreds of thousands of homeless, un-fed people are being sent out in every direction to army posts, and to the outside world in general. Judging from what the local operators hear going over the wires every possible effort is being put forth by the army officials to get relief to the people in the stricken city as quickly as possible.

The following messages were received at the local Postal office this morning: "The operator at Goat Island reports the city a mass of flames worse than yesterday. General Funston has telegraphed from San Francisco to the war department that too many tents cannot be sent. He says there are fully 300,000 people homeless. All government buildings have been destroyed and there is not a large building left standing in the city."

At 10:30 this morning the local Postal office received the following message: "The operator at Oakland says that the fire is still raging and that the entire city is doomed. There is no water except along the bay shore and buildings are being dynamited in the hope of checking the flames. The powder supply is almost exhausted even in the government arsenals, which have been emptied. The fire cannot be checked. Every building in the business district and one-half of the residence section has been destroyed."

From Goat Island at 10:30 a. m. came this message: "All communications are cut off from San Francisco and Oakland. There is no word of relief. San Francisco is entirely afire. There is hardly a building left standing on either side of Market street as far out as Sixteenth street, and on the water front for a distance of 25 blocks."

Iowa Will Respond. Des Moines, Ia., April 19.—The governor has issued a proclamation calling on the state to extend relief.

Illinois Comes Forward. Springfield, Ill., April 19.—The governor has wired Governor Pardee, offering relief.

Continued to do so until the calamity is abated.

Seven editions of extras were issued from the Journal and many papers were sent throughout the city. Today the Journal issued its first extra several hours before the other afternoon paper was on the streets, completely covering the progress of the disaster this morning. The Journal's accounts yesterday eliminated all hysterical features and printed the most complete and accurate details that have yet been published. Regular service has been established with Oakland and the Journal wireless are able to send complete accounts of the disaster.