

SAN FRANCISCO

HORROR WORSE

Flames Have Spread to the Residence District

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—This morning San Francisco is a smouldering mass of ruins and the flames continue their work of destruction and are rapidly obliterating the few remaining habitations. All night the heavens were lighted up by the light of the vast conflagration. This morning a mass of smoke marks the continuance of the city's destruction amid scenes of unspeakable horror. The water supply has absolutely failed. Nothing can save the city. The fire is now spreading west, north and south through the residence districts, which are being rapidly devoured. People are fleeing from the city by thousands, and at this time it appears the city will be absolutely destroyed.

San Francisco—4 P. M.—Firemen are dropping from sheer exhaustion. Situation could not be worse unless a volcano should rise and pour lava over the stricken city. People sleeping under wagons pay no attention to approach of the flames.

OAKLAND, APRIL 19.—4 P. M.—SAN FRANCISCO IS A SHAMBLE. THE SUPPLY OF DYNAMITE IS ENTIRELY EXHAUSTED AND NO MORE BUILDINGS CAN BE BLOWN UP TO STOP THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRE. THERE IS NO WATER AND NO HUMAN AGENCY CAN STOP THE CONFLAGRATION. THE FIREMEN ARE DROPPING FROM EXHAUSTION. MANY ARE SLEEPING UNDER WAGONS ENTIRELY CARELESS AS TO THE APPROACH OF THE FLAMES. THE SITUATION COULD NOT BE WORSE UNLESS A VOLCANO WOULD BEGIN POURING LAVA OVER THE CITY.

A NIGHT OF HORROR WAS WITNESSED BY THE PANIC STRICKEN THOUSANDS GATHERED AT GOLDEN GATE PARK, HOUSELESS, HOMELESS, THIRSTY AND HUNGRY. DESPERATE EFFORTS WERE MADE BY THE WATER COMPANY TO REPAIR THE MAINS, BUT IN VAIN. THE SCARCITY OF FOOD IS EQUALLY ALARMING. THE ONLY FOOD IS SMALL STORES IN THE OUTLIER DISTRICTS, AND IS ONLY SUFFICIENT TO LAST A FEW HOURS. THE FLAMES ARE SLEEPING NOB HILL.

Los Angeles, April 19.—The Record correspondent reached 'Frisco this morning. He wires from Oakland: From the Union Iron Works to Telegraph Hill back to city hall the town is a mass of blackened ruins, still burning. Approaching the city from the bay a vast pall of smoke, lighted by columns of fire shooting hundreds of feet into the air. Fitful flares showing forms of dazed victims of the holocaust, afraid to lie close to buildings for fear of more quakes, afraid to stay in the street for fear of being run down in the darkness by patrol and fire wagons, and huddled along curbs, lying on the few goods were saved as they fled from falling houses. The scene is terrible.

San Francisco, April 19.—The estimated loss by fire, etc., here will reach \$1,000,000. Down town everything is ruins. Not a business house is

FIRE CONTINUES BEYOND ALL CONTROL AND IS SWEEPING ON TOWARD POTRERO WHERE THOUSANDS OF WORKMEN'S HOMES ARE LOCATED, AND BIDS FAIR TO SWEEP ON TO THE PRESIDIO, RICHMOND AND THE DISTRICT NORTH OF THE PARK. SOUTHWARD IT IS LIKELY TO BE STOPPED BY LACK OF MATERIAL. WITH THE FAILURE TO CHECK THE FLAMES THE PEOPLE HAVE ABANDONED EVEN THE FEW EFFECTS SAVED AND EXERTING EVERY EFFORT TO ESCAPE. A LEGAL HOLIDAY HAS BEEN DECLARED AGAIN TODAY TO GIVE THE BANKS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER.

San Francisco, April 20.—The sun rose this morning on a scene of utter desolation. The fire jumped Van Ness avenue, where it was hoped that the dynamiting, cannonading and razing of buildings would stay the flames, but the fire jumped over the street and continued in its fury all night, and this morning the fire is still beyond control. It seems that the only solution is how long there will be fuel to feed the flames.

Horrible scenes from hunger and thirst are now growing to be a serious problem and with the terrible stench arising from the burned district a full realization is had of what is to come. People with swollen tongues and bulging eyes, suffering intense agony mentally and physically are common sights. Many of these have lost all their worldly possessions. The refugees continue to flee from the city.

Oakland, April 20.—This city is now filled to overflowing with the 'Frisco sufferers. Every house has been thrown open to aid the refugees. Many pitiful and harrowing experiences are told by those fleeing from the burned city. The little stores on the outskirts of San Francisco are robbing the people by charging exorbitant rates. Single crackers have been sold as high as 25 cents. Canned vegetables containing liquids have brought from 75 cents to \$1 each. Water is drunk eagerly from mud puddles.

San Francisco, April 20, 9:30 a. m.—Bullets are greeting looters and ghouls.

Indianapolis, April 20.—This city sends \$10,000 to the 'Frisco relief fund.

San Francisco, April 20.—The fire continues to burn in the Nob Hill district this morning. The only solution seems to be in the fire burning itself out.

Portland, April 20.—Two special trains loaded with provisions, food, clothing, tents and other supplies left for San Francisco today. Forty doctors and nurses also left to give aid to the injured. The Oregon National Guard also sends members for guard duty.

Oakland, April 20.—The fire this morning is raging along the top of Telegraph Hill in 'Frisco from the south, and is reaching the last buildings in this direction. Dynamiting continues, but with no effect. The city is wiped out. There is a rumor of a tidal wave at San Diego.

11 a. m.—The fire is still spreading in 'Frisco. Everything has gone as far back as Twenty-seventh and south as far as the foothills. The fire is now coming down Broadway to the water front on the north side in the last part of the business section. No tickets on the ferries are being sold for 'Frisco. None are allowed to return from Oakland. Scores of dead are lying along the streets, but will be taken off from now on. Relief trains are relieving the situation. Dynamiting is stopped, it being useless to try to check the flames. The smoke is clearing away over the burnt section. Women and children, in a pitiable condition yesterday, are being cared for now. The arrival of relief trains have done much to relieve the situation. The cruisers Chicago and Marblehead have landed sailors and marines for duty guarding against pillaging.

Berkeley, Cal., April 19.—The report that California State University buildings were destroyed is an error. The big buildings standing on the campus passed through the earthquake shock without harm. No lives were lost but heavy damage occurred throughout the town.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 19.—This city is a total wreck and 10,000 people are homeless. The loss of life will probably reach into the hundreds. The business portion has tumbled into the street, which is many feet deep with fallen buildings. The destruction includes all the county buildings. What was not destroyed by the earthquake has been swept by fire.

Stanford University, April 19.—The most beautiful buildings of the university are razed to the ground, causing a loss of \$3,800,000 and bringing death to two persons. The buildings destroyed are: Encina hall, the college home of boy students; the new gymnasium building, only recently completed and one of the finest structures of its kind in the world; the famous Stanford library building, recognized the world over as an architectural triumph; the Quadrangle, one of the most novel and beautiful of college structures, and the grand arch at the entrance to the university grounds.

Los Angeles, April 20.—Caught by the first shock in San Francisco in

the street enroute for duty, C. E. Pressen, a railway mail clerk, has just reached here. He says: "I was in the car when the shock came just after 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. There was one great detonation and a roar and succession of frightful shocks. Flames broke out everywhere. Falling walls made noises like a cannon. I walked down Mission street and met several women in night clothes calling for their little ones. I saw men rushing through the half fallen buildings throwing clothes to women in the streets. In the postoffice building the beautiful marble was broken and piled so I could not get into the doors. I saw burning and falling buildings everywhere. Wagons were carting the dead and injured to emergency hospitals."

Oakland, April 20.—The only water in San Francisco is distributed by soldiers. Mineral water is selling at five cents a glass and crackers at ten cents each. Bread is \$1.50 a loaf, and one loaf of bread and a box of sardines for \$3.50. The authorities have confiscated every bit of provisions they could find and are issuing them to the people the same as to the soldiers.

Many people cannot accustom themselves to the army rations. Rich men and poor men are working side by side digging trenches for the dead. Some objected to the work, but the relentless troops show no distinction and are forcing all men able to bear a shovel to work at least an hour. Three hundred thousand people are homeless. The fire came very close to Fort Mason.

General Funston is doing all possible to relieve the suffering. A cold fog is causing much distress. Only five were killed in Oakland. San Francisco houses are opening up offices here.

Oakland, April 20.—The property loss at San Francisco is now estimated at \$200,000,000. The loss of life at San Jose has been overestimated. So far only ten bodies have been recovered.

San Jose, April 20.—One hundred and three bodies have been recovered from the ruins at St. Agnew's hospital for the insane at Santa Clara. The total number of injured is 207, 30 fatally. The main building of the hospital collapsed, pinning the patients under the fallen walls. Little damage was done to the Santa Clara college buildings.

Oakland, April 20.—4 p. m.—A rumor here considered authentic states that 10,000 people are surrounded in San Francisco by the flames near the big oil tanks. The situation is considered extremely critical, as the tanks may explode any minute, throwing the burning oil over the victims. The governor has been advised of the situation. Tugs and boats will go to the relief of those surrounded at once.

Portland, Oregon, 5:17, p. m.—No truth in report.

San Francisco, April 20.—It is reported that 14 men were killed last night in an attempt to loot the vaults of the ruined mint by soldiers.

Washington, April 20.—Funston wires that the situation is far better than he thought possible. He expects to save the region of the city from about Fillmore and Market on a regular line to Van Ness and Broadway and north of Market. The weather is fine.

Portland, April 20.—The government has purchased six carloads of potatoes here for San Francisco.

Vancouver, Wash., April 20. Ten companies of the 18th infantry and two batteries of artillery left this morning for San Francisco.

Ashland, April 20.—Harvey Scott, enroute to Portland from Oakland, reports that H. L. Pittock is among the missing.

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Shaw was notified this morning that the San Francisco sub-treasury was destroyed, but that the \$30,000,000 in the vault was saved and is guarded by soldiers. The message was signed by J. M. McClure, bookkeeper, who apparently did good work in the absence of his superiors. The department here is convinced that Sub-Treasurer Jacobs and Cashier Burns lost their lives.

Washington, April 21.—General Funston wires this morning: "Fire is making no progress through the west from Van Ness avenue. A west wind of considerable force is beginning. Indications are that the part of the city south of Van Ness avenue and west of the bay will be destroyed. Apprehension is felt for Fort Larson, but we expect to save it. The weather is fine and warm and

there is practically no suffering from cold. It is impossible to establish proper sanitary conditions. I expect much sickness will result. If the city to the west now standing intact remains a number of buildings will be used as hospitals. The water supply is encouraging and we expect to get 12,000,000 gallons daily."

Earlier dispatches, received at 2:20 this morning, say: "Fighting hard, probably a successful fight, and hope to save the west portion of the city. Supplies arriving. Admiral Goodrich landed all available men and placed them under my orders."

Washington, April 21.—The house this morning appropriated an additional million for San Francisco. The president sent a special message recommending that \$1,500,000 be appropriated.

OAKLAND, APRIL 21.—3:30 P. M.—THE FIRE IS ALMOST COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL. THE ARMY IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT RAMPANT VANDALISM AND HAS RESTORED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE. MERCHANTS ARE ORDERING STOCKS AND BUILDINGS WILL BE ERECTED. EVERY AVAILABLE MAN IS BEING HIRED TO CLEAR THE DEBRIS.

Oakland, April 21.—The fury of the flames is somewhat abated this morning, after laying waste a strip on the water front as far as Meigs wharf and destroying a large number of factories and warehouses in that portion of the city.

Last night's fire completed the work of destruction on Telegraph and Russian hills, sweeping them clear of human habitation. To save the water front and shipping the large Hendy Machine Works were dynamited. After a determined fight the appraisers' building and Station B postoffice were saved. Chances now are that the fire will be stopped at Lombard street wharf. Not a person went hungry in San Francisco last night.

There seems to be no immediate danger from the flames. It is likely the ferry building will be saved, as the wind has died down. Several warships and tugs are pouring water on the flames. It is very cold and foggy this morning.

Oakland, April 21.—This morning the wind veered again and threatened the ferry building. Dynamite was rushed across the bay. On four sides of the Holy Cross cemetery the fire burned fiercely all night, leveling all the fine residences in that section.

There is no probability that it will be checked in that section until it has burned itself out. The flames are now on every side of the Gibraltar warehouse, where are stored thousands of cans of canned goods and food stuffs. The destruction of the ferry building now appears imminent. Late reports from Santa Rosa say the number of dead there will not exceed forty.

EARTHQUAKE

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

San Jose, April 19.—Fully 150 persons are reported killed in this city. The entire business portion of the town, bordered by St. James on the north, Market on the west, Third street on the east and San Fernando on the south is a complete mass of ruins. All the hospitals are crowded with the injured and dying. The work of rescue is being carried on by appointed workers. The city is under martial law. All traffic is blocked. The property loss will reach far into the millions. At Agnew state insane asylum 100 were killed.

Oakland, April 19.—Governor Pardee arrived at Oakland last night and issued a proclamation declaring today a legal holiday in the state. Martial law was declared in Oakland this morning. From the present appearance probably 20 or more insurance companies will be ruined. The managers of the larger companies are of the opinion that they will be able to meet the losses.

Washington, April 19.—Superintendent Leach, of the mint at San Francisco, has wired that the mint so far is safe, with \$300,000,000 in coin and bullion saved. The mint is the only building in that part of the city saved.

Washington, April 19.—Funston wired this morning to the military secretary: "Your dispatches received.

Already filed several to you. Impossible to inform you of the full extent of the disaster. The city is practically destroyed. Troops are aiding the police in maintaining order. Martial law has not been declared. We are working in conjunction with the city authorities and are not interfered with in sending any dispatches. About 200,000 are homeless. Food is very scarce, hardly obtainable at all. All the provision houses were destroyed. All government buildings are gone."

Washington, April 19.—A message to the war department from Los Angeles this afternoon reports recurring shocks this afternoon. The operator at Los Angeles said his building was rocking like a boat. Communication was lost immediately thereafter.

Washington, April 19.—All army supplies and facilities on the Pacific coast have been ordered to General Funston. Funston says: Will report the army casualties later. Two hundred thousand rations have been ordered from Vancouver Barracks, near Portland. The orders give Funston carte blanc of all resources.

Oakland, April 19.—San Francisco's Chinatown is swept away. The Hopkin's Art Institute is gone. Fairmount Hotel is almost destroyed and all hope is abandoned.

Washington, April 19.—Commanders of revenue cutters on the Pacific coast have been ordered to co-operate with the war department in aiding victims. The cutter Perry, now at Astoria, has been ordered to 'Frisco with a cargo of supplies with all possible speed.

New York, April 19.—Director Conrad, of the Metropolitan opera house, has received a message from the Grand Opera Company, playing at 'Frisco, that all are safe. At 5:10 the Western Union was informed from 'Frisco that Funston expected to stop the fire at Van Ness street and California avenue by dynamite. The Presidio is safe.

New York, 4:15 p. m.—The W. U. telegraph operators have come back to work at Los Angeles. Severe shocks drove them out before that hour. No news of the damage yet received.

Oakland, April 19.—Alameda is badly wrecked, but it is believed no lives are lost. Reports say Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale, Hapland and Ukiah are all destroyed.

New Orleans, April 19.—President Smith, of the cotton exchange, and prominent citizens will send a special train of provisions to San Francisco. A big money collection is being made.

Washington, April 19.—The commissary general has been ordered to send \$200,000 from Denver and other Western points to 'Frisco.

New York, April 19.—J. P. Morgan this morning sent his check for \$25,000 for the relief of 'Frisco.

Portland, April 19.—At a meeting of the Lewis and Clark Exposition was called to give the \$100,000 profits of the exposition to the earthquake sufferers. The First National Bank has given \$25,000 and the Security Trust \$10,000 for the relief fund. Governor Chamberlain has offered aid in behalf of Oregon to any extent called upon. Allen & Lewis have given \$5000; Mrs. C. H. Lewis, \$2,500. The fund now exceeds \$75,000.

Washington, April 19.—The senate this morning appropriated \$500,000 for the relief of the 'Frisco sufferers. The house amended the resolution, making it \$1,000,000. The senate concurred.

Pittsburg, April 19.—The Carnegie hero commission has placed \$25,000 at the disposal of the mayor of 'Frisco.

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

Springfield, April 19.—Governor Deneen has wired Pardee, offering relief.

New York, April 19.—Guggenheimer & Sons wired \$50,000 to the Oakland bank to the credit of Funston, to be used in accordance with the general's desire for relief of the sufferers.

A box of Preston & Hales' shoe oil will keep the water out.