

# BAY CITY IS IN RUINS

## Earthquake Visits San Francisco

### THOUSAND DEAD

### Fire Follows Shock and Adds to Panic

### NO WATER SUPPLY

### Mains are Broken and Firemen Fight Flames With Dynamite—All Business Section Is Gone.

#### City Surely Doomed.

Oakland, April 19.—At 11 o'clock this morning San Francisco is a mass of ruins and the flames continue the work of destruction, obliterating the few remaining habitations. There is no water and the city seems doomed. Dynamite has failed to check the fire. Oakland has been placed under martial law. The San Pablo ferry was sunk by flying debris. All night the hearths were lighted by the light of the vast conflagration. This morning a mass of smoke marks the continuation of the destruction amid scenes of unpeppable horror. The estimated loss in San Francisco will reach from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 in the town.

The limits of the fire at this hour are Nineteenth street on the west, Townsend street on the south and Broadway on the north. Everything between these streets and the waterfront is devastated.

#### Day Dawns Hopeless.

San Francisco, April 19.—Day dawned on a scene of death and destruction. During the night the flames consumed many of the city's finest structures and spread in a dozen directions to the residence portions.

The few dimmed eyes of a myriad of homeless, stricken, heart-weary, helpless people watched the fire stretch its long line of red destruction from the waterfront to the Mission, which it swept of standing wood and brick and steel and iron made a huge, smoldering scrap heap; around the shipping slip tried down to the bay shore, destroying vessels, wharves and docks; and then, in a bitter turn of the wind, shriveled the Warm Belt, reach its destructive banners over the Southern Pacific station at Third and Townsend, crumpling cars and engines and huge buildings into bonfire ashes, and completing the fell work of yesterday's south of Market street; then swung back on the wings of a self-made wind to find new fuel amid the state homes of the men who had been state builders and railroad magnates on Nob Hill.

Funston's Resume of Disaster.

Washington, April 19.—The War department today received the following telegram from General Funston:

"Your four dispatches received. Have already fled several for you. It is impossible now to inform you as to the full extent of the disaster. City practically destroyed. Troops have been aiding police patrolling and maintaining order. Martial law has not been declared. Working in conjunction with the civil authorities. Have not interfered with the sending of any dispatches. You cannot send too many tents or rations. About 200,000 people homeless. Food very scarce. Provision houses all destroyed. All the government buildings in the city gone."

Oakland, Cal., April 18.—Earthquake and fire today have caused the greatest calamity California has ever known. In San Francisco alone it is estimated that 1,000 persons have perished, while as many more are suffering from injuries.

The entire business portion of the city is in ruins, and the flames which, owing to the lack of water, cannot be checked, except by blowing up with dynamite buildings in their path, are still sweeping through the city. It is impossible at present to estimate the property loss, for the extent of the conflagration cannot be told until the fire has burned itself out.

# SOON REOCCUPY BUILDINGS.

Steel Structures Only Had the Inner Woodwork Burned Out.

San Francisco, April 19.—Today property-owners have had an opportunity to inspect some of their holdings, and in a measure to ascertain what damage had been done. The new modern steel buildings were found to be almost intact. In every instance it seemed that the earthquake had not damaged them. The steel frames were in perfect plumb and as strong as ever. Cornices and fancy trimmings fell, but that was all. Even when the fire swept through them, only the woodwork was damaged.

The Fairmount Hotel on Nob Hill will be rushed to completion; the Claus Spreckels building on Market and Third streets will be occupied within a few days. The Union Trust building on Montgomery and Market street has only lost the interior woodwork, and as soon as men can get in the lumber it will be ready for occupancy. The St. Francis Hotel is in the same category, and the work of renovating the interior will soon be commenced. An inspection of the Call building at Third and Market streets disclosed the fact that several floors were in good condition and could, after slight repairs, be used as formerly.

The new Monadnock, on Market street next to the Palace Hotel, was found to be in first-class condition, even the woodwork in the interior being intact, and the owner, Herbert E. Law, announced tonight that within ten days he would be renting offices in this building. The Monadnock is a large structure of steel and brick almost completed when the fire came. Marble and lumber have been ordered from Los Angeles, and a big force of men will rush the building to completion.

STEEL MILLS ARE CROWDED.

Structural Material for Bay City May Be Made Abroad.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 23.—According to Pittsburg steel men the rebuilding of San Francisco may be greatly retarded on account of the inability of Pittsburg mills to supply structural shapes for the new city. The Carnegie Steel Company and the Jones & Laughlin Company, the big independent concerns, are already so crowded that they have practically closed their order books of delivery of building material within eight months' time.

Never before in the history of structures has there been such a demand for material as this year, and it is feared that it will be well nigh impossible for the mills to take on additional work. According to the local steel men, the San Francisco people will be compelled to go to Great Britain and Germany for a large amount of their building material.

# GAINING CONFIDENCE

New San Francisco Soon to Rise on Site of Old

Only Deficiency in Supplies Is Lack of Variety—People Are Fed in Systematic Manner.

San Francisco, April 24.—The new San Francisco, which will rise from the ashes of the old, was in its first stages of rebuilding today. After five days of confusion and almost superhuman effort on the part of citizens of all ranks, the great task of sheltering, feeding and otherwise caring for the homeless thousands, complete order has been re-established and attention turned to the future.

Throughout the great business district, where the devastation of the flames was the most complete, walls were being raised, buildings that had not disintegrated before the intense heat were being inspected with a view to reoccupancy and ground was being cleared even for the immediate construction of some sort of building in which to resume business at the earliest possible time.

In short, confidence has been restored. The assurance of the insurance companies, the measures taken by the financial institutions, the prompt and reassuring word that had reached the business men of San Francisco from Eastern financial centers—all the things went to clear away any feeling of uncertainty that might have existed in the minds of the timid that San Francisco would not again be what it was—the great center of population and business of the Pacific Coast.

THE PEOPLE WERE FED TODAY IN A THOROUGHLY BUSINESSLIKE AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER. From the waterfront, where the boats loaded with provisions docked, there was an endless procession of carts and drays carrying food to the scores of sub-stations established throughout the city and parks. At these stations food and drink, bread, prepared meats, canned goods, milk and a limited amount of hot coffee was served to all those who applied.

KILLED BY GUARDS.

Major H. C. Tilden, of General Relief Committee, Shot.

# DESTRUCTION GROWS HOURLY.

Firemen Blow Up Buildings—Frenzied People Flea for Safety.

San Francisco, April 19.—With each succeeding hour the devastation and destruction in this stricken and prostrate ruin of a city grows and grows. At 6 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 wholesale district is now only a glowing furnace, while the giant tongues of flame have reached westward far beyond Van Ness avenue and are wiping out buildings and seeking more to devour.

In every excavation and hole throughout the north beach households are burying household effects, throwing them into the ditches and covering the holes. Attempts are made to mark the graves of the property so that it can be recovered after the flames are appeased.

Chief of Police Dinan said he thought 250 would fully cover the number of deaths. He found it impossible to secure details. About 50 bodies have thus far been found.

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

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 premises and it will be operated under municipal control. At this place men battled with women and children in their efforts to secure four and five loaves of bread. The police used their clubs for the purpose of bringing about an equitable distribution of the loaves.

BLAZE LIGHTS MIDNIGHT SKY.

Conflagration Seen From Oakland Appears Unchecked.

# MONEY AND FOOD.

People of Oregon Coming to Front With Help for Needy.

Portland.—Provisions in large supply are pouring in to the relief funds in a large number of Oregon towns. Many cars have been filled with a variety of edibles, including prepared food, eggs, bacon, rice, loaves of bread by the thousand, besides flour and potatoes.

Cooking utensils, stoves, blankets and clothing have been given and purchased in considerable quantities, and will arrive in the Bay City as fast as the trains can be moved south. Collections of money are still going forward and more supplies and funds will be forwarded later.

Portland aid for San Francisco and the other stricken California cities will probably exceed the value of \$250,000. Not less valuable than the money to be spent in the sympathy and love for human kind that prompts the voluntary gifts for relief. Reports from San Francisco show that her people have been touched by the prompt steps taken for their help by neighbor states.

Jacksonville Raises a Fund.

Medford.—At a meeting of the citizens of Jacksonville at the City Hall \$750 was subscribed in less than ten minutes for the relief of San Francisco sufferers. The amount has been increased through the efforts of the committee to \$1250 and will exceed \$1500.

The hall tenant contributes its savings, and a benefit game with Ashland is now in progress. All branches of the Masonic order and the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., Red Men, Jacksonville Elks and Native Daughters contributed liberally. There was no rivalry between the business men, but all gave freely and liberally, and made their contributions with as much pleasure as if it had been for their own people.

Collections at The Dalles.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

Salem Housewives Bake Bread and Bakeries Give Stocks.

Salem.—This city forwarded the following to aid San Francisco sufferers: One carload of potatoes, one carload of flour, one carload of bread and other provisions, one car of breadstuffs and two carloads of bread and potatoes. In addition to this, citizens of Shaw are making up a carload of provisions, and the citizens of Pratum a carload of potatoes. Cash subscriptions have been raised in Salem, amounting to \$3500. Practically every housewife in Salem has baked bread, and the bakeries have delivered over their entire stock. The prisoners in the penitentiary have subscribed \$75 and proffered 17 their blankets, and to go without bread, if necessary. Salem will continue to send supplies every day while there is need.

Corvallis Loads a Car.

Corvallis.—Corvallis citizens hastily assembled at the Courthouse upon information that an organized effort in this state was being made for the relief of San Francisco. At this meeting arrangements were completed for loading a car with provisions and starting it to its destination. The initial contributions from Corvallis include ten tons of flour, 400 bushels of potatoes, 31 cases of eggs, 300 pounds of bacon, 1000 loaves of bread. Other supplies will follow.

La Grande Gathers Three Carloads.

La Grande.—A mass meeting by the citizens of La Grande, held at the Commercial Club for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of San Francisco sufferers. Committees were appointed to canvass the city and a carload of flour and one of potatoes subscribed. A carload of mixed goods will follow. Cash contributions amounted to \$1,100, with more to follow. The local lodge of Elks has sent \$100 and the Woodmen of America raised a fund of \$50. Island City has donated a carload of provisions, which will be forwarded.

Refugees Arriving at Eugene.

Eugene.—Relief work to aid the sufferers—San Francisco continues here and several cars of supplies have already gone. Contributions now amount to about \$3,000, and the fund is still growing. Several parties have received word from relatives in the city. All are reported safe. Many from here are in the city. Refugees are arriving in the Valley, a man and wife from San Jose, who lost their property, has obtained work here.

Chemawa Students Give Bread.