

# 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.

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 heavens were lighted by the light of the vast conflagration. This morning a mass of smoke marks the continuance of the destruction amid scenes of unspeakable 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 tear dimmed eyes of a myriad of homeless, stricken, heart weary, helpless people watched the fire stretch its long lobe 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 district down to the bay shore, destroying vessels, wharves and docks; and then, in a bitter turn of the wind, shrivel 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 south of Market street; then swing back, on the wings of a self-made gale, to find new fuel amid the stately 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 filed 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.

**Injured Roam the Streets.**  
San Francisco, April 19.—At the Southern Pacific hospital water is being carried into the building from outside sources for the use of the patients. Many people suffering from injuries are seen on the streets making their way to the different hospitals. The Episcopal church, on Eleventh street, is badly damaged, and at the Studebaker Carriage works, on Tenth and Market streets, the top story caved in, badly wrecking the entire building.

The dreadful earthquake shock came without warning at precisely 5:13 o'clock this morning, its motion apparently being from east to west. At first the upheaval of the earth was gradual, but in a few seconds it increased in intensity. Chimneys began to fall and buildings to crack, tottering on their foundations. People became panic stricken and rushed into the streets, most of them in their night attire. They were met by showers of falling buildings, bricks, cornices and walls. Many were instantly crushed to death, while others were dreadfully mangled. Those who remained indoors generally escaped with their lives, though scores were hit by detached plaster, pictures and articles thrown to the floor by the shock. It is believed that more or less loss was sustained by nearly every family in the city.

Telegraph and telephone communication was shut off for a time. The Western Union was put completely out of business, and the Postal company was the only one that managed to get a wire out of the city. About 10 o'clock even the Postal was forced to suspend in San Francisco. Electric power was stopped and street cars did not run. Railroads and ferry boats also ceased operations.

Today's experience has been a testimonial to the modern steel building. A score of these structures were in course of erection, and not one of these suffered. The completed modern buildings were also immune from harm by earthquake. The buildings that collapsed were all flimsy wooden and old-fashioned brick structures.

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 water front along Market to Montgomery and north from the water front to New Montgomery street. Manufacturing, hotels, wholesale houses and residences, comprising the principal part of the business section, have been destroyed. The city hall, a structure costing \$7,000,000, was then wrecked by the earthquake and first destroyed by fire. The Palace hotel, valued at \$3,000,000, also was burned. The beautiful Claus Spreckels building at Third and Market streets was gutted. The Rialto building and dozens of other costly structures were also destroyed. The Hall of Justice is threatened, and will undoubtedly go. The Examiner and Call buildings are gone and the Croker building, across the street from the Palace hotel, is on fire.

The freaks of the earthquake were many. Wide fissures were made in the streets, street railways were twisted out of line, sewers and water pipes were burst, and it is feared that there will be an epidemic of disease. Provisions are being sold at fancy prices, and even water is being vendied by the glass. It is impossible to give a list of the dead and wounded, or even a list of the principal buildings destroyed.

### OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO.

**Many Towns Ruined by Earthquake and Hundreds of Lives Lost.**

San Jose, April 19.—One hundred and fifty 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 on the east and San Fernando on the south is a complete mass of ruins. The city is under martial law, the streets are being patrolled by troops. All hospitals are crowded with dead and dying. The electric plant is badly demolished and the city is in darkness.

San Francisco, April 19.—Reports from the interior are most alarming. Santa Rosa, one of the most beautiful cities in the state, in the prosperous county of Sonoma, is a total wreck. There are 10,000 homeless men, women and children, huddled together. The loss of life is not to be estimated. It will probably reach the thousands. The main street is piled many feet deep with the fallen buildings. Not one business block is left intact. This destruction includes all the county buildings. Nothing is left. What was not destroyed by the earthquake was swept by fire.

Messengers bring the saddest tidings from Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale, H. Opland and Ukiah. In every case the loss of life and property is as shocking as here.

Oakland, April 18.—Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage. San Jose, 50 miles south, lost many buildings and from 15 to 20 people killed. The annex of the Vendome hotel collapsed and fire broke out.

Stanford university and Palo Alto suffered. At Stanford, many handsome buildings were demolished and two people were killed. Six other students are lying in the Palo Alto hospital with bruises, cuts and internal injuries.

The courthouse at Redwood City and other buildings collapsed. Menlo Park, Burlingame and other fashionable suburbs suffered. Santa Rosa, to the north, Napa, Vallejo and all towns around the bay were damaged.

**Thieves Shot Dead on Sight.**  
San Francisco, April 19.—The city is under martial law, and precautions have been taken to prevent disorder and looting. Four thieves were shot by soldiers this afternoon for looting. The soldiers have orders to shoot without warning any persons acting in a suspicious manner. At Eighteenth and Valencia there is a crevice in the street six feet wide and entire sidewalks are torn up. The street car tracks are twisted and traffic is at a standstill.

### SOON REOCCUPY BUILDINGS.

Steel Structures Only Had the Inner Woodwork Burned Out.

San Francisco, April 23.—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 put 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 steel 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.

The mills of Germany are busy at the present time, and will be able to take on but little additional work. Those of Great Britain, however, will be able to handle a great many of the orders. On account of the high freight rates from the east to the Pacific Coast the foreign steel mills will be able to deliver structural shapes at San Francisco as cheap and probably cheaper than the local mills will be able to do. The Pennsylvania and Lackawanna Steel Companies and the Illinois Steel Company will be able to handle some of the work. It is believed that the local mills will, if possible, attempt to put aside some of their present orders, in order to accommodate the more urgent work for San Francisco.

### TAKING CARE OF HEALTH.

Many Willing Workers to Improve Sanitation.

San Francisco, April 23.—The board of health reports a very encouraging health condition, considering the circumstances. Sickness is constantly on the decrease. There are very few contagious diseases, and these are being attended at Deer Lodge in Golden Gate park. Sanitary conditions in the residence districts are being improved.

A large corps of volunteers started at work yesterday removing all cans of garbage to the curbs. Wagons were pressed into service today and the garbage removed to the burned districts, where it will be destroyed. Cesspools are being dug.

### Trust Menaces the Cattlemen.

Helena, Mont., April 23.—The North Montana Roundup Association, composed of cattlemen in Northern Montana, and representing \$10,000,000 in individual holdings, at its annual session today issued a manifesto, in which the trusts, captains of industry and Wall street are severely criticised. After referring to the blight on the cattle industry, due, it is alleged, to the beef trust, the statement is made that if conditions are not better this season many owners will have to go into bankruptcy.

### Plan to Rebuild.

San Francisco, April 23.—Many of the most substantial business men and property owners of San Francisco are in consultation with the architects. While the work of clearing away the debris goes forward a great corps of draughtsmen will be busily occupied preparing plans for the new buildings. It is understood that James D. Phelan will be one of the first to rebuild on Market street. His plans are not complete.

### Says Dowie Cheated Him.

Chicago, April 23.—James Surrock, of New Mexico, today made complaint to the Federal authorities that he had been defrauded by John Alexander Dowie out of a sum close to \$20,000, and that the mails had been used in the operation.

### GAINING CONFIDENCE

## New San Francisco Soon to Rise on Site of Old

## HOMELESS RECEIVE AMPLE FOOD

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 California's metropolis, 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 razed, 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 these 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 water front, 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.

San Francisco, April 24.—Major H. C. Tilden, a member of Governor Pardee's staff, one of the most prominent members of the general relief committee, was shot and instantly killed in his automobile about 12 o'clock last night while returning from Menlo Park, by men supposed to be members of the citizens' patrol.

Hugo Alltschul, a coachman, who was in the automobile, was cut in the face by a bullet, and another ball pierced the seat and struck R. G. Seaman, acting Lieutenant of the Second Company of the Signal Corps, in the back.

The shooting occurred at Twenty-second and Guerrero streets. Three men suspected of having done the shooting are under arrest at the police station at Twenty-second and Mission streets.

### FREE PLANS FROM BOSTON.

Leading Architects Coming to Offer Services Gratis.

Boston, Mass, April 24.—Three of Boston's leading architects will proceed immediately to San Francisco, taking with them plans, specifications and contracts of the city's most recent schoolhouses for the free use of San Francisco. Other parties of architects and draughtsmen are to be sent as gotten together.

The Boston Typographical Union has voted \$10,000 to lend San Francisco employing printers to re-establish their plants, in addition to relief voted for union members.

### Irreparable Loss to Masons.

San Francisco, April 24.—The Masons of California have suffered an irreparable loss by fire. The Masonic Temple on Post street was destroyed, and with it went more than 150 portraits of past grand officers. Five hundred hand-embroidered uniforms belonging to members of California Commandery, No. 1, went up in the flames. In addition to this the paraphernalia and records of 20 Masonic bodies that used the temple as a meeting place were destroyed, as well as the records of the grand lodge.

### Free Rides on Street Cars.

San Francisco, April 24.—The United Railroads has tendered the use of the entire system to Mayor Schmitz for the benefit of the people during the present crisis. Free transportation will be furnished the people over the lines of the company for themselves and their baggage. The company's cars standing in the streets and all of its carriages not destroyed are also free for the use of the people for the purpose of shelter and lodging.

### Revenue Office Opens.

Washington, April 24.—Telegrams from revenue offices in San Francisco state all records, stamps and papers of their office are in good condition, and that they will be ready for business tomorrow. A temporary internal revenue office will be opened in Oakland.

### DESTRUCTION GROWS HOURLY.

Firemen Blow Up Buildings—Frantic People Flee 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 householders 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 each seize 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.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—(Midnight)—At this hour the light from burning San Francisco does not appear to have diminished, and is almost, if not quite, as brilliant as last night. Although the flames have swept their way three miles westward from the water front, the entire sky is illuminated by the glare of the unchecked conflagration. There is no wind and only the faintest suspicion of a breeze here tonight, but it is said there is a stiff breeze blowing over San Francisco. A gigantic column of smoke hangs over the desolated city, the apex forming fantastic shapes thousands of feet in the air and slowly drifting away to the northward.

Although telegraphic communication was established this evening with the Ferry building on the San Francisco side, only a very limited amount of matter could be handled. The telegraph company would receive but a few hundred words of press matter, giving the wires over to pressing commercial business. It is believed that by tomorrow morning additional facilities will be had.

The telegraph companies are completely swamped by the enormous volume of messages reaching here, as well as the crush of business filed for the outside world. It is unlikely there will be any further news matter from San Francisco before morning.

### Money Pours In.

The following list shows how the cities of the United States are responding to San Francisco's urgent need of help: Los Angeles, \$200,000; Salt Lake, \$100,000; Sacramento, \$50,000; Portland, \$100,000; Indianapolis, \$10,000; Spokane, \$5,000; Stockton, \$20,000; Seattle, \$40,000; Pittsburg, \$50,000; Omaha, \$10,000; Goldfield, Nev., \$10,000; Tacoma, \$10,000; Eugene, \$2,000. Besides these John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000; Clarence H. Mackay, \$100,000, and the Andrew Carnegie hero fund, \$25,000. There are also thousands of telegrams pouring into San Francisco from all parts of the United States telling of funds being raised.

### Wreck of Asylum.

Oakland, April 19.—Dr. Clark, superintendent of the San Francisco county hospital, telephoned the Associated Press headquarters in Oakland tonight concerning the situation at the Agnews insane asylum near San Jose. Dr. Clark said that 11 employees and officers of the institution, including Drs. Kelly and Gell, were killed and 20 injured. Among the patients were 55 killed and 120 injured. All the buildings were completely demolished. Dr. Clark went to Agnews in an automobile, taking four nurses with him.

### War Department is Prompt.

Washington, April 19.—Prompt action has been taken by the War department in extending to the earthquake sufferers of San Francisco all available resources to relieve want and to provide shelter. Two hundred thousand rations have been directed to be sent from Vancouver barracks to San Francisco, and a large number of tents from Vancouver and other military posts. The supplies will be forwarded with all the expedition possible.

### Treasure at Mint is Safe.

Washington, April 19.—The United States mint at San Francisco escaped serious damage from the earthquake and the conflagration. Its stock of gold, silver and bullion, amounting to about \$39,000,000, is safe.

### FIRE STILL BURNING

## But Has Lost Its Fury and Is Now Slowly Dying Out.

## NATION COMING NOBLY TO RELIEF

Foreign Countries Stand Ready With Help, But Their Aid Will Not Be Needed.

San Francisco, April 20.—From 11 o'clock absolute darkness tonight at San Francisco has not seen the conclusion of the devastating work of the conflagration.

The fire that started at Nob Hill and worked its way to the North Beach station, sweeping that section clear of buildings, was later veered around by a fierce wind and made its way westward to the immense sea-wall sheds and warehouses. The flames were heading directly for the immense Ferry building, the terminal point of all central overland and local trains of the Southern Pacific road. The darkness and the wind, which at times amounted to a gale, added fresh terrors to the situation.

Tonight the principal remaining fire was confined east of Van Ness avenue and north of Union street, but was burning its way to the shore.

Late this afternoon the police broke open every saloon and corner grocer in the saved districts and poured out malt and spirituous liquors into the gutters.

### HUNDREDS DEAD IN HOTELS.

Over 75 Bodies Taken Out—One Hundred in Cosmopolitan.

San Francisco, April 20.—The three-story lodging house at Fifth and Mission streets collapsed and over 75 dead bodies have been taken out. There are at least 50 more dead bodies exposed. This building was one of the first to take fire on Fifth street.

At least 100 people were lost in the Cosmopolitan hotel on Fourth street.

The only building standing between Mission, Howard, East and Stewart streets is the San Pablo hotel, which is occupied and running. The shot tower at First and Howard streets is gone. This landmark was built 40 years ago. The Risdon Iron works is partially destroyed. The Great Western Smelting and Refining works escaped damage, also the Mutual Electric Light works with slight damage to the American Rubber company and Vietgas Engine company. Folger Bros' Coffee and Spice house is uninjured, and the firm is giving away large quantities of bread and milk.

Many are dropping dead from the heat and from suffocation. Over 150 people are reported lost in the Brunswick hotel, Seventh and Mission streets.

### NATION TO THE RELIEF.

War Department Assumes Entire Control of Situation.

Associated Press dispatches from every important city in the land indicate that \$12,000,000 in cash is already in sight for the relief of the fire and earthquake sufferers in and about San Francisco, and that a total of \$20,000,000 is likely to be raised. The United States will grapple alone with the destruction of one of her richest and most populous cities. Foreign countries, in view of the magnificent responses of the American people to the call for aid, will not be asked to contribute, though numerous offers have been made.

Yesterday the cabinet, at its meeting, had resolved upon this course, however the Dominion of Canada had taken cognizance of the situation in San Francisco by voting \$100,000 in cash for relief, and dispatching from the seaport cities of British Columbia indicate that they are ignoring the existence of the international boundary line and are joining in the work of forwarding money and provisions with their sisters cities on the Pacific coast.

### Pottoffice Department's Task.

Washington, April 20.—The War department has learned that the Southern Pacific freight sheds at San Francisco were not seriously injured. The superintendent of the railway mail service at San Francisco has telegraphed that every train to and from Oakland is proceeding with reasonable regularity on slow schedule. He has been authorized by wire to call in subordinate officials and all clerks of the railway mail service on regular duty and command the use of postal cars available to handle San Francisco mail.

### Can't Deliver Telegrams.

San Francisco, April 20.—The delivery of telegraphic messages from outside points to people in San Francisco is impossible. The messenger service of both the big telegraph companies no longer exists. Even had the companies an army of messengers, they would be of little value for the reason that the people are scattered far and wide, and that a journey from the ferry building to the western addition, or to the refugee camps consumes hours.

### Will Build \$5,000,000 Plant.

New York, April 20.—It was announced at the office of M. Guggenheim's Sons today that orders have been issued by that firm to proceed as soon as possible with the construction of a \$5,000,000 smelting plant in San Francisco.