

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 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 unrepeatable 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 woe, 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 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 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 telegrams. 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.

Theater Houses Homeless.
Oakland, April 19.—Thousands of refugees rendered homeless by the terrible calamity which has overtaken San Francisco, have come to this city. On learning of this, the Realty Syndicate at once offered Idora park for the use of those left without shelter by the earthquake. The offer has been accepted by the police and fire departments and 100 cottages have been placed in the theater for the use of the refugees. Relief stations have been established at the city hall and at the various parks throughout the city.

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 Strada Baker Carriage works on Tenth and Market streets, the top story caved in, badly wrecking the entire building.

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 shape 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 raised 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 work 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 the quantities of steel 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, canned 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.

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.

Look for Long Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 24.—In the opinion of many of the anthracite miners, it will require an eight months' strike to defeat the operators. This would continue the suspension of anthracite mining until the end of December, calculating that a strike may start soon after May 1. At the same time a number of them agree that if, in the event of a strike, the union is beaten, it will be practically wiped out and that the work of unionizing the men would have to be commenced all over again.

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 earthquake 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 cars 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.

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 been destroyed by 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.

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DESTRUCTION GROWS HOURLY.

Firemen Blow Up Buildings—Franciscans People Flee for Safety.

San Francisco, April 19.—With each succeeding hour the devastation and destruction in this stricken and prostrate 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.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.

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 humankind 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 ball team 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.

The Dalles.—Circulation of the relief committee's list has brought the amount subscribed up to \$5160. A large section of the town is yet uncrushed. In addition to this, the city and county will each subscribe \$500. Besides the three carloads of provisions shipped from here, a carload of potatoes and rice already loaded in Portland for a local firm was purchased by the committee, who ordered them sent from that city to San Francisco. Three thousand loaves of bread were expressed from local bakeries to Oakland.

Work Supplied for Refugees.

Oregon City.—Several refugees from San Francisco are here. They were received at the depot by Mayor Canfield and other members of the citizens' relief committee. Employment was procured for a number of the men at the paper mills, while others were given positions at other labor. The local relief committee is continuing its work of collecting clothing and supplies for shipment to California to relieve the sufferers.

Salmon Better Than Money.

Astoria.—The cash subscriptions made by the citizens of Astoria to the San Francisco relief fund amount at the present time to about \$2850, and besides this the Lower Columbia River cannerymen have donated 725 cases of canned salmon. Two carloads of canned salmon have been shipped. Another car of salmon will be shipped and the committee promises to raise another \$1000.

Roseburg Raises \$1,500.

Roseburg.—Roseburg responds nobly to the call for help by the sufferers at San Francisco by contributing \$1500 for relief. A carload of provisions, bread, clothing, bedding and tents have been forwarded. Drain puts in the hands of the relief committee a good collection. A large number of Roseburg citizens are in San Francisco, but all are reported saved.

Clothing in the Carload.

Oregon City.—The citizens' committee has forwarded another carload of potatoes, flour, blankets and clothing. The women of the city have organized and collected a great quantity of clothing. One of the largest local contributors is the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, which, in cash and blankets, has contributed about \$1,000.

Good Things from Hillsboro.

Hillsboro.—The citizens of Hillsboro dispatched a 60-ton car laden with potatoes, flour, evaporated cream, beans, blankets and clothing, and representing a cash outlay of \$600, to the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. The committee named by Mayor Corfellers raised the necessary amount in a few hours.

Canvassing at Newberg.

Newberg.—At a meeting of the citizens of Newberg called by E. H. Woodward, president of the Board of Trade, it was decided to send two carloads of potatoes to the San Francisco sufferers. Liberal subscriptions were taken at the meeting and a committee was appointed to make further canvass.

Medford Shipped by First Train.

Medford.—On hearing of San Francisco's need, Medford dispatched one car of supplies to San Francisco by the first relief train. As soon as possible thereafter a mass meeting was held and arrangements made to send other cars as fast as it could be learned what was especially needed.

Purse from Bohemian Miners.

Cottage Grove.—The miners of Bohemian raised \$100 and sent it down to succor the San Francisco needy. This contribution came without solicitation. The sawmills up Row River have also contributed a carload of lumber.

Glendale Adds a Carload.

Glendale.—The citizens of this city responded to the call for aid by shipping a carload of provisions on one of the supply trains passing for San Francisco.

FOUR CARS SENT.

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 breadstuffs and other provisions, one car 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 a 1 their blankets, and to go without bread if necessary. Salem will continue to send supplies every day while there is need.

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 the 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.

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.

Refugees Arriving at Eugene.

Eugene.—Relief work to aid the sufferers at 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.

Chemawa.—The Indian pupils of the training school here sent \$300 loaves of bread, being their first contribution for the benefit of the California sufferers. This contribution was sent by Wells-Fargo, and will be followed by others from day to day as fast as the flour purchased can be baked into bread in the school oven by the Indian bakers.

Cooking Utensils from Union.

Union.—A special meeting of the City Council adopted sympathetic resolutions with the San Francisco sufferers and a committee of 50 was appointed to secure contributions for the relief of the victims. The committee loaded one car of provisions, stoves, cooking utensils, blankets and clothing and another carload of flour.

Supplies Ready at Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove.—The committee appointed to solicit funds for San Francisco relief at the mass meeting has secured \$550. A carload of supplies was purchased, consisting mostly of flour, potatoes and bacon, and went by the first train.

Arlington Raises \$600.

Arlington.—At a mass meeting \$600 in cash was subscribed for San Francisco. Mr. Smith and Smythe & Son, sheepmen, each gave \$100.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c; bluestem, 70c; 71c; red, 68c; valley, 68c@69c.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$15@16 per ton; valley timothy, \$12; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$12.
Fruits—Apples, \$2@2.75 per crate; strawberries, \$2.50 per crate.
Vegetables—Asparagus, 8c@12 1/2c per pound; cabbage, 2c@2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75c@90c per dozen; head lettuce, 25c per dozen; onions, 10c@15c per dozen; radishes, 20c@25c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c@4c per pound; spinach, 90c per box; parsley, 25c; turnips, 1c@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65c@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1.10 per sack.
Onions—No. 1, \$1@1.15 per sack; No. 2, nominal.
Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65c@75c per hundred; ordinary, 50c@60c; new California, 5c per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17 1/2@20c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 16 1/2@17c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 14c@15c per pound; mixed chickens, 13c@14c; broilers, 22c@23c; young roosters, 12 1/2@13c; old roosters, 11c@11 1/2c; dressed chickens, 15c@15 1/2c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21c@22c; geese, live, 8c@10c; geese, dressed, 10c@11c; ducks, 17@18c.
Hops—Oregon, 1905, 8@10c; olds, 5 1/2@7c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15c@20c; valley, 24@26c per pound; mohair, choice, 28@30c.
Veal—Dressed, 8 1/2@7 1/2c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bull, 3c per pound; cows, 4 1/2@5 1/2c; country steers, 5c@6c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9 1/2@10c per pound; ordinary, 6c@7c; lambs, with pelt on, 10@10 1/2c.
Pork—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound.