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THE BESOM OF DESTRUCTION SWEEPS QUEEN CITY OF THE PACIFIC

Oakland, April 19.—At 6 o'clock this morning San Francisco is a mass of ruins, and the flames continue the work of destruction, obliterating the few remaining habitations. All night the heavens were lighted by the vast conflagration. This morning clouds of smoke mark the continuance of the destruction amid a scene of unspeakable horror. The water has absolutely failed, and nothing can save the city. Fire is spreading west, north and south throughout the residence districts, and all are helpless and hopeless.

Oakland, April 19.—San Francisco is a shambles, the supply of dynamite is exhausted, no more buildings can be blown up to stop the progress of the fire. There is no water. No human agency can stop the conflagration. Firemen are dropping from exhaustion. Many are sleeping under wagons, careless as to the approach of the flames. The situation could not be worse, unless a volcano began pouring lava over the city.

Stanford University, April 19.—All the most beautiful buildings of the famous Stanford 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 the boy students, the new Gymnasium Building, only recently completed and one of the finest structures of its kind in the world; famous Stanford Library building, recognized the world over as an architectural triumph; quadrangle, one of the most novel and beautiful of all college structures, and the grand arch at the entrance of the university grounds.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 19.—This city is a total wreck. 10,000 homeless men, women and children are huddled together. The loss of life will reach into the hundreds. The business portion has tumbled into ruins. Main street is piled many feet deep with fallen buildings. Not one business building from the California Northwestern Pacific depot in the extreme west to the Athenaeum on the east is left intact. The destruction includes all the county buildings. What was not destroyed by the earthquake was swept by fire.

New York, April 19.—The Postal Telegraph Company received this morning a dispatch from San Francisco, via Oakland, saying: "Fire still raging and city doomed. No water except along the bay. The fire must burn itself out. Every building in the business district and half of the residence district is already destroyed. Not a large building left in the city."

San Jose, Cal., April 19.—One hundred and fifty persons are reported killed in this city. The entire business portion of the town, bordered by St. James street on the north, Market street on the west, Third street on the east and San Fernando street on the south is a complete mass of ruins. The city is under martial law, and the streets are patrolled by troops and none allowed to leave their homes until morning. All the hospitals are crowded with dead and dying. The work of rescue is being carried on by appointed workers. Traffic in all parts of the city is blocked. The Standard electric plant is badly demolished, and the city is in darkness. The property loss will reach far into the millions. Among the buildings either badly damaged or razed to the ground are the court house, hall of records, St. James Hotel, Annex of Vendome, Eagle's hall, postoffice, New building, Dougherty block, St. Patrick's church, Safe Deposit, National bank of San Jose buildings. A report from the St. Agnew state insane asylum, six miles from this city, states that 100 were killed by the collapsing of half of the main structure. Many are reported missing.

Redwood City, April 19.—Great damage was done by the earthquake. Many blocks were destroyed, and the condition of ruin is general about the city. The Carnegie library was completely destroyed.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—3 p. m.—When the sun rose on San Francisco this morning the city was one vast desolate stretch. Where had stood the tallest buildings, now can be seen only piles of brick and steel and stone. It was a sight of horror. Panic-stricken thousands gathered in Golden Gate Park, homeless, hungry and thirsty. They spread blankets, but there was little sleep for any. The sound of continued dynamiting told of the destruction of scores of structures, and they gave up hopes of saving their homes. Thousands of refugees are at Black Point, which now seems to be the only safe place on the north end of the peninsula. Their plight is pitiful. Few having sufficient bedding. The wailings of the young are mingled with the moans of the elders. The desperate efforts made by the water company to repair its mains seem fruitless. There is no water yet. The scarcity of food is equally serious. The only food is in the small stores in the outlying districts, and only sufficient to last a few hours. The poor are forced to remain in San Francisco. Others have fled to Berkeley, Oakland and other bay cities, but the accommodations are not sufficient for all. In the city hall 500 refugees are using overcoats and wraps for blankets.

Washington, April 19.—The commissary-general has ordered 200,000 rations from Denver and other Western points sent to San Francisco, making 600,000 ordered there. The army expects to have more rations in San Francisco within ten days. These cost about \$25,000.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—The earthquake recording instruments here registered two small shocks during last night and this morning. The senate this morning appropriated \$500,000 for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers to be expended under the direction of Taft, who was authorized to employ steamers and other means to carry supplies and furnish transportation to refugees.

Chicago, April 19.—Chief of Police Collins has wired Chief Dines, of San Francisco extending sympathy, and tendering a squad of detectives.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Superintendent Leach, of the mint at San Francisco, has wired that the mint, so far, is safe. Three hundred and nine million dollars in coin and bullion have been saved. He praised the work of Lieutenant Armstrong, of the Sixth infantry, and the men who aided in saving the mint, which was the only building in that part of the city saved.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—All the army supplies and facilities on the coast have been ordered to Funston. Funston says: "Will report army casualties later." Two hundred thousand rations have been ordered from Vancouver barracks. Orders have been given to give Funston carte blanche to use all resources. No word has been received at the navy department of the warships California and South Dakota, under construction in San Francisco. Admirals McCalla and Goodrich have been ordered to use all their facilities to aid the city. There is enough food at Mare Island to prevent

suffering in the city for at least two days, and by that time food will arrive from Vancouver barracks.

San Francisco, April 19.—The water system was destroyed by the earthquake, and fire fighting is out of the question. The citizens have abandoned their homes and gone to the hills. The fire has swept the mission district, leveling the homes of 50,000 in this one section alone. The Emporium, the city's biggest department store, on Market street, is a mass of ruins.

Late yesterday afternoon the buildings in the vicinity of the United States mint and the postoffice were blown up, in the hope of saving these public places. The effort proved useless, and these magnificent structures, including the city hall, fell before the onrushing flames. At 9 o'clock last night the Bailey & LaCosta building, on Clay street, fell in, killing three men and seven horses.

San Francisco, April 19.—The magnificent church and college of St. Ignace, at the northwest corner of Van Ness Avenue and Hayes streets, have been destroyed. The loss is over \$1,000,000. The church contained paintings and frescoes of almost priceless value. From the present appearance it is probable that 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 all losses. In any event, all insurance companies doing business in this city have been hit a staggering blow, from the effects of which many will never recover.

San Francisco, April 19.—There was a wide lapse in the raging of the flames just before dark, and hope was raised that, with the use of tons of dynamite, the course of the fire might be checked and confined to the triangular section it had cut out for its path. But on the Barbary Coast fire broke out anew, and as night closed in the flames were eating their way into parts untouched in the ravages during the day. To the south and north they spread. Down to the docks, and out into the resident section, in and to the north of Hayes Valley. By 6 o'clock practically all St. Ignace's great buildings had been leveled to a heap that marked what was once the pride of the metropolis of the West.

The scene at the Mechanics' Pavilion during the early hours of the morning, and up until noon, when all the dead and injured had been removed, because of the threatened destruction of the building by fire, was one of indescribable sadness. Sisters, brothers, wives and sympathizers searched eagerly for missing dear ones. Thousands

hurriedly went through the building, inspecting the cots on which the sufferers lay in hope of locating some loved one that was missing. The dead were placed in one portion of the building, and the remainder devoted to hospital purposes. After the fire forced the nurses to desert the building eager crowds followed them to the Presidio and the Children's Hospital, where they renewed the search for missing relatives.

All of San Francisco's best play houses, including the Majestic, Columbia, Grand, and Opera House, are a mass of ruins. The earthquake demolished them for all practical purposes, and the fire completed the work of demolition. The Risito and Caserri buildings are burned to the ground. The Terminal Hotel, at the foot of Market street, fell and buried 20 persons under the debris. There has been no possibility of learning their identity.

Lieutenant Charles C. Fells, commanding the Twenty-fourth light artillery, was blown up by a charge of dynamite at Sixth and Jessie streets, and fatally injured.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—The really syndicate has offered Iduna Park for the use of those who are left without shelter by the earthquake. The offer has been accepted by the police and fire companies, and 200 cots have been placed in it for the use of refugees. Relief stations have been established at the city hall and at the various public parks and churches. Mayor Frank K. Mott has issued an appeal to the people of Oakland to aid the authorities in preserving peace and order. Thousands have gathered the few household goods they had saved and fled in terror. Thousands more have fled without taking anything, glad only to escape. The San Bruno road other avenues of egress to the southward are packed with pedestrians plodding along, with no other idea than to get away from the horrors behind them. The ferry boats for Oakland

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