

There is no statement in the telephone eruption at Stateville, Tuesday's issue of the Landmark contained a defiant declaration of independence against the Bell people, and its printed list of signers presents to the eye general landscape effects which remind one of the first chapter of the gospel according to Matthew.

That Ex-Governor Aycock should decline a presidential appointment with \$10,000 attached to it is causing some people to wonder. Certainly, there are still a few people who can't see why a man should do anything except make money. Going down to a Pan-American Congress in Brazil in the month of July isn't naturally an inviting proposition, and it would take something more than a \$10,000 consideration to outweigh the inducement offered by an ice-cold red meat watermelon and a few choice friends on the shady side of a one-story Goldboro law-office on a July afternoon.

THE PACIFIC COAST DISASTER.

Through the bulletins of the two local telegraph companies the public was apprised early yesterday afternoon of the awful disasters on the Pacific coast. That San Francisco and five or six cities within a radius of sixty miles of it have suffered fearfully is certain—how fearfully it cannot now be determined, but each succeeding bulletin only adds to the terrible intelligence which has preceded it.

San Francisco is a city of more than 350,000 inhabitants. It occupies a peninsular between the bay and the ocean, and covers the northern point of the peninsula. It is the eastern side of the city, fronting on the bay, that collapsed when shocked by the earthquake, causing so many fires to start.

As we go to press a bulletin from Chicago, dated 3 P. M., says there is practically no hope of saving any part of the city. Block after block of residences have been destroyed by dynamite to no purpose. The flames leap across the gap and seem entirely beyond control. Many people imprisoned in the doomed buildings where the rescuers could not reach them are buried alive. Those who have been confident of the success of the firemen are fleeing from their homes in despair.

At two o'clock Los Angeles was reported to be in the throes of an earthquake and apparently doomed to destruction.

It is estimated that the death list has reached the appalling figure of 10,000.

As awful as the scenes about Mt. Vesuvius were, it seems that in destructiveness to human life and property the Pacific coast catastrophe will go far beyond the volcanic disaster in the old world.

PROOF OF THE SAUSAGE.

By some mistake the way was left open for the "Hot Dog."

At last the constituency of the sausage has been proved in the eating, and a dog has been found therein, says a special dispatch from Schenectady, N. Y., to the New York World.

While eating sandwiches the other night Special Officer Sam Warner of the General Electric company struck something hard with his knife and upon investigation found a dog leg bearing the legend "Schmaltz Cut the Dog."

Warner immediately interviewed the proprietress of the restaurant. She admitted that she had put a dog in the sausage, but she says a mysterious dog in the sausage for a "hot dog" is in no sense a dog. Officer Warner has reported a sausage containing a dog leg and another sausage containing a dog leg.

The sausage was found to have a dog in it, and the picture gallery, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Now for an exact how with an exact dog and sausage.

SAN FRANCISCO SHATTERED AND BURNED.

Terrible Earthquake Followed by Fire.

Wednesday Morning's Awful Catastrophe On the Pacific Coast—Other Cities Wrecked and Burning—\$200,000,000 of Property Destroyed and Thousands of People Homeless.

Charlotte Observer.

San Francisco, April, 18.—Earthquakes and fire to-day have put nearly half of San Francisco in ruins. At least 200 persons have been killed, a thousand injured, and the property loss will exceed one hundred million dollars. Thousands are homeless and destitute, and all day long streams of people have been fleeing from the stricken districts to places of safety. It was 5:13 this morning when a terrific earthquake shook the whole city and surrounding country. One shock apparently lasted two minutes, and there was almost immediate collapse of flimsy structures all over the city. The water supply was cut off and when fires broke out in various sections there was nothing to do but let the buildings burn. 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 company that managed to get a wire out of the city. About 10 o'clock even the Postal was forced to suspend. Electric power was stopped and street cars did not run. Railroads and ferry boats ceased operations. Fires have been raging all day and the fire department has been powerless to do anything except dynamite buildings threatened. All day long explosives have shaken the city and added to the terror of the inhabitants.

NOT CONFINED TO CITY.

Following the first shock there was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Three hours later there was another slight quake. Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage. San Jose, 50 miles south, lost many buildings and from 15 to 20 persons were killed. The annex of the Vendome Hotel collapsed and fire broke out. Stanford University and Palo Alto suffered greatly. At Stanford many handsome buildings were demolished and two persons were killed.

The court house at Redwood City, and other buildings collapsed. Menlo Park, Burlingame and other fashionable places suffered greatly.

WORST IN FILLED-IN PARTS.

The greatest destruction occurred in that part of the city which was reclaimed from San Francisco bay. Much of the devastated district was at one time low, marshy ground covered by water at high tide. As the city grew it became necessary to fill in many acres of this low ground in order to reach deep water.

MILLIONAIRE HILLS ESCAPE.

The damage by the earthquake to the residence portion of the city, the finest of which is on Nob Hill and Pacific Heights, seems to have been slight. On Nob Hill are the residences of many of the millionaires who in the early seventies became wealthy through mining investments or the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad. They include the Stanfords, Huntingtons, Hopkins, Crockers, Floods and others.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN RUINS.

Communication with outside towns is almost entirely cut off, but the report comes from Palo Alto that all but one of the buildings of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University have been wrecked and that the splendid memorial church, one of the finest structures of its kind in the world, is a mass of ruins. One student is known to have lost his life. In Oklahoma, five persons were killed. San Jose, Sacramento, Berkeley, Alameda and other places heard from suffered severely, but report no loss of life.

SCURRY OUT IN NIGHT CLOTHING.

The dreadful earthquake shook 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. Chinneys began to fall and crack, tottering on their foundations. The 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 some were hit by detached plaster, pictures and articles blown to the floor by the shock. It is believed that more or less

loss was sustained by nearly every family in the city.

SKYSCRAPERS BEHAVE WELL.

The tall steel-frame structures stood the strain better than brick buildings, few of them being badly damaged. The big 11-story Monarch office building, in course of construction, adjoining the Palace Hotel, was an exception, however, its rear wall collapsing and many cracks being made across the front. Some of the docks and freight sheds along the water front slid into the bay. Deep fissures opened in the filled-in ground near the shore and the union ferry depot was injured. Its high tower still stands, but will have to be torn down.

A portion of the new city hall, which cost seven million dollars, collapsed, the roof sliding into the court yard and smaller towers tumbling down. The great dome was moved, but did not fall.

The new postoffice, one of the finest in the United States was badly shattered.

The Valencia Hotel, four-story wooden building, sank into the basement, a pile of splintered timbers, under which were pinned many dead and dying occupants of the house. The basement was full of water and some of the helpless victims were drowned.

POWERLESS TO STAY FLAMES.

Scarcely had the earth ceased to shake when fires broke out simultaneously in many places. The fire department promptly responded to the first calls for aid, but it was found that the water mains had been rendered useless by the underground movement.

The flames, fanned by the rising breeze, swept down the main streets until within a few hundred feet of the ferry depot, the high tower of which stood at a dangerous angle. The big wholesale grocery establishment of Weselman Peck & Co. was on fire from cellar to roof, and the heat was so oppressive that passengers from the ferry boats were obliged to keep close to the water's edge in order to get past the burning structures.

REGULAR TROOPS TO SCENE.

At 9 o'clock this morning a thousand men from the Presidio arrived down town to patrol the city streets. The Thirtieth Infantry, 1,000 strong, arrived from Angel Island a little later, and went on patrol duty. The soldiers have been ordered to shoot down thieves caught in the act of robbing the dead and to guard with their lives the millions of dollars worth of property which has been placed in the streets that it may escape the ravages of the flames.

The First California Artillery, 2,000 strong, two companies, has been detailed to patrol duty on Ellis street. Two more companies are patrolling Broadway in the Italian section.

WILL CARE FOR HOMELESS.

Mayor Schmitz sent out word to the bakers and milk stations throughout the city that their food supplies must be harbored for the homeless. Tents have been placed in every park in the city, and those who have lost their homes will be given food and shelter.

The prisoners confined in the city prison on the fifth floor of the hall of justice were transferred to the iron and steel basement of the structure; later they were removed to the Broadway jail, and if necessary, they will be taken to a branch county jail on the Mission road.

INSURANCE COMPANIES LIBERAL.

Commissioner E. Myron Wolfe announced at noon that the 90-odd fire insurance companies interested had decided to pay dollar for dollar to every one insured with them. The companies will not discriminate between fire and earthquakes and every one insured will be paid to the extent of the loss. Only two of the companies affected are Pacific coast concerns, the others having principal offices in the East or in Europe and all will stand the loss without danger of failure.

One of the first orders issued by Chief of Police Dinslow today was one closing every saloon in the city. This step is taken to prevent drink-crazed men from rioting in the city streets.

WATCH BURNING SKYSCRAPERS.

The Metropolitan Opera Company from New York had just opened its season there, and all the scenery and costumes were soon reduced to ashes. From the opera house the fire leaped from building to building, leveling them to the ground in quick succession. The Call editorial

and mechanical departments were totally destroyed in a few minutes, and the flames leaped across Stevenson street toward the fifteen-story stone and iron Claus Spreckels building which, with its lofty dome, is the most notable edifice in San Francisco. Two small wooden structures furnished fuel to ignite the splendid pile. Thousands of people watched the flames licking the stone walls. At first no impression was made, but suddenly there was a cracking of glass and an entrance was effected. The inner furnishings of the fourth floor were the first to go. Then, as if by magic, smoke issued from the top of the dome. This was followed by a most spectacular illumination. The round windows of the dome shown like so many full moons; then long, waving streamers of flames burst forth. Women wrung their hands, and wept, saying: "It is so terrible."

NINE DAMAGE WORSE BY FAR.

To-day's experience has been a testimonial to the modern steel building. A score of these structures were in course of construction, and not one suffered from the earthquake shock. The completed modern buildings were also immune from harm from the seismic movement. The buildings that collapsed were all flimsy wooden and old brick structures. The damage by earthquake does not begin to compare with the loss by fire. The heart of the business quarter of San Francisco has been destroyed by fire.

Fire has done the great damage. An area of thickly covered ground of eight square miles has been burned over and there is no telling when the fire will be under control.

The city hall, a structure costing \$7,000,000, was first wrecked by the earthquake, and then destroyed by fire. The Palace Hotel, value estimated at \$3,000,000, also burned. The beautiful Claus Spreckels building, at Third and Market street, was gutted. The Rialto building and dozens of other costly buildings were also destroyed. The hall of justice is threatened and will undoubtedly go. The Examiner and Call buildings are gone and the Crocker building across the street from the Palace Hotel is on fire.

No afternoon papers were issued and it is doubtful if the morning papers will appear. The Southern Pacific tracks are in such condition that only a crippled train service has been possible.

The Chronicle building and its new annex are still standing.

FOUR LOOTERS SHOT.

General Funston realized that stern measures were necessary and gave orders that looters were to be shot at sight. Four men were summarily executed before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

OUTSIDE AID NECESSARY.

It is probable that, even with the people of San Francisco, outside aid will be necessary. A message from President Roosevelt was received this morning and it had a cheering effect. George Gould also telegraphed offering assistance.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAFE.

No shocks were felt below Santa Barbara. Los Angeles was not affected.

SIX CITIES RUINED.

Every business building in San Jose, 50 miles South of San Francisco, was damaged or demolished. Santa Cruz, Monterey, Gilroy, and Hollister are fatally wrecked. Santa Rosa, 60 miles north, is in flames and the damage is over \$1,000,000, and 10,000 people are homeless. People fled to fields and hills to watch the destruction of Santa Rosa by fire.

DAMAGE \$200,000,000.

San Francisco, April 18.—At 10 o'clock to-night the fire was unabated and thousands of people are fleeing to the hills and clamoring for places on the ferry boats to cross the bay.

The damage is now believed to have reached \$200,000,000 and 50,000 people are thought to be homeless. It looks now as if the entire city would be burned.

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS!

County Executive Committee to Meet in Dallas May 7th.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Gaston County is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Dallas at two o'clock P. M., on Monday, May 7th, 1906, for the transaction of such business as may come before it. All members are urged to attend this meeting as matters of importance will come before the Committee at that time. This April 16th, 1906. O. F. MASON, Chairman.

Naturally.

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LOCALS FROM THE LORAY.

Anxious About Relatives in San Francisco—Water System Will Supply Artesian Water to Mill Houses—Taking Notice of the Fourth—The Gazette is Found Newsy and Interesting.

Loray, April 19.—Things are lively in baseball circles at present. The ground is being fixed up and the boys are practicing with enthusiasm.

Your correspondent was at McAdenville Sunday. He was glad to see so many of his old friends, who gave him such a cordial handshake. Although there were attractions at St. Mary's, still the Sunday schools and church were well attended. The protracted meetings at Union Grove and West End have closed. We feel sure that much good has been done.

A protracted meeting will start at the Loray Wesleyan church next Sunday.

Our people have been shocked at the news of the disasters in San Francisco. Mrs. J. H. McDowell of this place just returned from there a few months ago, where she had been visiting her mother and family, and of course she is anxious to hear some reassuring news from them. Up to the present time all efforts to hear from them by wire have failed. We sympathize with Mrs. McDowell in her anxiety and hope she will soon hear that her relatives are all safe.

Our people are interested in the arrangements that are being made for the celebration of the Fourth of July. A number of them are expecting their people from a distance to visit Gastonia on that occasion; others are inviting their friends and if others are doing the same we will have a very large crowd at the celebration of our great national holiday.

Many improvements are being made here. Water works are being built to supply water from the artesian wells to the dwellings. This water is being used in the mill and is really better than most of the well water.

The congregation of the Wesleyan church here went over to the Avon church Sunday morning to hear Mrs. Ann C. Boardman lecture on Missions. Mrs. Boardman is a returned missionary from China and is on her way back again.

THE GAZETTE is always brimful of news and other interesting matter but we think the last issue was especially interesting. We wish all our people could have seen it for their own good and for the good of THE GAZETTE itself.

HERE ARE THREE MORE.

These Parents of Old Soldiers Live on Mr. W. N. Rhyne's Route—Let us Hear From Other Carriers.

To the Editor of the Gazette: Dallas, N. C., April 18.—I notice that you have been inquiring through THE GAZETTE for the names of the parents of old soldiers. I send you the following who live on my mail route.

Mr. Moses Thornburg, father of L. A. Thornburg. Mrs. Annie Huffstickler, mother of Jacob Huffstickler. Mrs. Susan C. Rhyne, mother of J. R. and P. J. Rhyne.

Let us hear from other carriers how many parents of old soldiers live on their routes, whether they can muster three or not.

And we would suggest, Mr. Editor, that you will find those parents more readily by inquiring of the mail carriers than in any other way. They cover the county and are in position to know. W. N. RHYNE, Rural Letter Carrier.

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Veteran Policeman Dead.

Assistant Chief J. L. Orr died Monday night in Charlotte. He had been on the police force of that city for 40 years. He lost an arm at Chancellorsville almost at the same hour Stonewall Jackson was wounded. In Gastonia he had a number of warm friends who sorrow that this good and faithful officer is gone.

HOW JAPS KEEP STRONG

Gazette Readers Can Learn Something of Value from This. Such a thing as a weakling is hardly known in Japan. The wonderful endurance of the Japanese soldiers and sailors in the recent war has been the marvel of all nations. Both men and women are well, happy and strong.

The reason for this, so careful investigators tell us, is that the Japanese from childhood up know how to keep well through care of the digestive system. If they have trouble with indigestion, heartburn, wind on the stomach, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, headaches, rheumatic pains, backaches, or any of the other troubles caused by a weak stomach, they treat themselves with some of the principal remedies that compose Mi-on-a, a stomach remedy that has already a large sale in Gastonia at J. H. Kennedy & Co's.

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SEALED BIDS WANTED.

For Construction of New Brick Church at Union. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids are desired for the erection of the new Union (Presbyterian) church, the same to be built of brick and of dimensions about 30x50 feet. Plans and specifications may be seen at the store of Robinson Brothers in Gastonia. All bids should be made for erection with and without material furnished and should be forwarded by or before the first of May, 1906, to Thomas Sparrow, Secretary, Gastonia, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. G. R. PATRICK, J. I. WILSON, J. R. HENDERSON, Building Committee, 790 W. KIDDLER. -97V