HHADREDS OF THOUSANDS HOMELESS

WEALTHY SUBURB LAST PREY

lis of the Pacific Coast is

ed to a Vast Waste of Smoking Ruins With the Exception of the Fashionable Western Addition, and in the Effort to Save This the Firemen Are Waging the Last of Their Heroic but Unavailing Struggles—Dynamiting of a Mile Costly Buildings Along Van Ness Avenue in Supreme Effort to Save a Third of the City Utterly in VainThree Fires Still Feeding on the Remnants-Ferries, Parks and Remoter Suburbs Are Thronged With the Multitude Fleeing After Destruction of Their Homes and the Matter of Feeding and Sheltering These is the Urgent Problem-All Groceries Seized by Federal Troops and Arrangements Made for Baking 50,000 Loaves of Bread Daily -Assurance of Aid From Government and Country at Large Lend Needed Encouragement and Talk of the Restoration is Already Heard -\$180,000 is Raised by Local Subscription and Work of Organizing Relief Proceeds Apace.

BULLETIN-(3:30 EASTERN TIME.) San Francisco, April 20 .-- At midnight the flames were slowly but steadily moving on portions of San Francisco still untouched. The sky presented a lurid picture. The strongseemed to be in the western and of the city, while the volume of dames in the Mission district would indicate that the confiagration was gess severe than during the day.

San Francisco, April 19.—San Franelsoe to-night is the city desolate. It above every other was apparently most strongly entrenched against the

MARKS COMPLETE RUIN.

All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the East side of Van Ness avenue proved fruitsees. The fire has spread across the broad thoroughfare and from present ally strict in observing the enforcement of the order to shoot all looters. indications the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's wealthiest class, is now doomed. The destruction of the western addition of the city completes the work of the ravaging flames and marks the dewastation of the entire city. .

DAY OF UNEVEN STRUGGLE. This has been another day of uneven struggle of man against an unconquerable element. Acre after acre has been ground into dust and ashes, despite the heroic perseverance of the

firemen to limit the confiagration. To-night there is a hope that the worst has been nearly reached and If the flames can be barred from the western addition, then the end will be written to the great disaster.

RELIEF WORK BEGUN. San Francisco is not discouraged Its best and highest class has already begun to plan for restoration and to pare for the stricken ones, and the relief will be immediate and effective. Total subscriptions of \$180,000 were anad to-night. Arrangements were for the immediate relief of the needy. The baking of 50,000 leaves of bread daily will begin to-morrow. Free transportation will be provided by the Southern Pacific Railroad to

mandant of the camps of the homeless,
It was announced that to-morrow there
would begin a daily delivery into the
city of ten million gallons of water,
WIRE COMMUNICATION ANEW,

To-night for the first time direct telegraphic communication was re-es

d the honor of being the first to \$1,000.000 FROM CONGRESS

face of great obstacles, the Postal Telegraph Company succeeded in restoring one of its shattered lines and its managers are hopeful of bringing back its service to-normal in a day or The Postal office to-night is in a little wooden structure erected on plies at the water front. THREE FIRES STILL BURN.

To-night three distinct fires were usning. One was in the territory that extends from Nob Hill casterly towards the water front. It was traveling slowly northerly towards the Telegraph Hill section, and may die out from lack of material, or may sweep towards the extreme water front. The second center was in the Mission district. Here the fire had reached Eighteenth street, But was making little headway towards the hillsides to the west, where thousands of people are camped.

The third and most dangerous fire is that threatening the western part of the city. This is really a continuation of the Nob Hill fire. It is wedge shaped, with the apex punching forward. This is the point against which the firemen are bending their greatest efforts. Dynamite was used for back firing purposes with only fair success. To-night many blocks may be blown

Chief of Police Dinan to-night said that 250 would fully cover the number of dead. About 50 bodies have thus far been found. There was considerable shooting of looters to-day, but the offenders escaped with wounds.

DAY OF DEATH AND DISASTER.

San Francisco a City Desolate, Its Streets Piled High With Ruins and Affording Lurking Places Only for Looters, Who Are Shot by Troops Without Mercy—Mint Almost Un-

San Francisco, April 19.-(Via Oakland.)-The magnitude of the calamity that has befallen San Francisco became apparent this morning when a red sun arose above the horizon and dissipated the pall of darkness that hung over the stricken districts. Looking eastward from the heights in the central portion of the city, everything atests to the awful havoc wrought by earthquake and flame. Where once rose noble buildings now nothing but frail walls, tottering chimneys, heaps of twisted iron and huge piles of brick and mortar. Adding to the horror work of the destruction had not reach the fire was still raging with unabat ed vigor, converting into sme ashes everything in the shape of com-bustible material, and turning into ruin structures that has cost millions of

community viewed the ruin of their city, but the extent of the devastation not yet come to be fully realized The people are seemingly half-daged by the magnitude of the disaster and it will be some days before the full orror of the situation comes home to

Possibility of famine is already pre-senting its hideous face. At best the city never carried more than three days' supply of provisions and food, and now, with the wholesale districts and warehouses wiped out there is al-ready a shortage of food. Prices today were in most instances more than trebled. An Associated Press man was obliged to pay 25 cents for a small-glass of mineral water in the Hayes valley district. That half of the city that has been laid waste and not a drop of water is to be had there except bottled mineral water.

This morning policemen were stationed at some of the retail shops regulating the sale of foodstuffs, and permitting only a small portion of the retail shops regulating the sale of foodstuffs, and

permitting only a small portion of goods to be delivered to each pur-chaser, the idea being to prevent a few persons from gathering in large quantities of supplies.

MANY THIEVES SHOT. Reports were received that numer One man on Market street, who was found digging in the ruins of a jewelfy shop, was discovered by a naval reserve man and fired upon three times. The fellow sought safety in flight, but the reserve man brought flight, but the reserve man brought him down by running a bayonet through him. The bodies of three thieves were found lying in the streets on the south side this forenoon. It is impossible to verify the many reports of shooting that are coming to the press representatives, oncerted action of any kind, in fact, is out of the question and almost every official is acting on his own responsibility, it being a physicial impossibility to communicate with superior authorities.

acate with superior authorities. EVERY STREET PILED HIGH. Yesterday some sort of systematic communication could be had by means of automobiles, but to-day every street is piled high with ruins and to add to this trouble there is and to add to this trouble there is constant danger from falling walls. On miles of streets the front walls of ruined buildings still stand swaying with the concussions of distant dynamite explosions and the rising winds. Frequently a crash of stone and brick, followed by a cloud of dust, gives warning to pedestrians of the unsafety of travel.

All manner of reports of death and disaster are coming to the temporary headquarters of the authorities, but

headquarters of the authorities, but there reports are received guardedly allowance being made for the likelihood of exaggeration due to the confusion that prevails in the stricker

NOB HILL SWEPT CLEAN. NOB HILL SWEPT CLEAN.

The wind changed this morning to the westward and the flames changed their devouring direction southward and began eating their wide swath from the water front north of Market street, up to what is known as Nob Hill, an eminence that nad been selected years ago by the millionaires of the "bomansa days" upon which to erect their mansions. This hill is surmounted by the Hotel Fairmont, just finished at a cost of over a million dollars. It is a beautiful structure of white stone, visible from almost every point of the city and the borror was universal when its destruction seemed inevitable Steadily but surely, the

NEW YORKERS \$500,000 NEXT Homeless in California Cities is Made by Joint Resolution, Receiving President's Signature, and New York Spontaneously Responds to Appeal—President Roosevelt Issues Official Appeal for Aid, Red Cross

to Make Distribution — Treasury Department Help by Telegraphic Transfer of Credits. Washington, April 19.-The House today appropriated \$1,000,000 for the suffering and homeless in San Francisco and other California towns, and gave the Secretary of War, the Secretaries of the Treasury, Navy and Commerce, power to co-operate with the mayors of the stricken cities that the very best results might be obtained in affording relief. The resolution was hurried to the Senate and late in the afternoon was returned with the announcement that the Senate had concurred in the action of the House. Speaker Cannon's signature was attached at once to the measure and it was rushed to the Senate for the Vice President's signature and thence to the President to complete the legislation.

During the discussion of the District appropriation bill Mr. Williams, the minority leader, gave notice that there would be no more legislation except under the rules of the House or a special rule until the conferees on the Statehood bill had made a report. Several speeches were made on the tariff.

New York, April 19.-New York today spontaneously responded to the appeal for help sent out on behalf of the sufferers in the California disaster. More than half a million dollars was subscribed here to-day. Mayor Mc-Clellan to-night issued a proclamation appointing a representative committee of relief. The Pennsylvania and Eric Railroads and Wells Fargo Company have offered to ship supplies free of charge. The Western Union Telegraph Company will handle all relief messages at the company's expense.

To-day's big subscription list was headed by John D. Rockefeller with a contribution of \$100,000. The United Rallway Investment Company, through its brokers, subscribed \$75,000; M. Guggenheim Sons contributed \$56,000; the Carnegle hero fund and J. P. Morgan & Co., \$25,000.

Mrs. Herman Oeirichs, who lost much property at San Francisco, is chairman of a committee of ladies arranging for a benefit Saturday afternoon and evening at the Hippo-

Washington, April 19.-President loosevelt has issued an official appeal for aid for the earthquake sufferers, he distribution to be made through the American Red Cross. Contribu-tions may be sent to Jacob H. Schiff, New York, Red Cross Treasurer, or other local Red Cross treasurers.

tary of the Treasury has authorized the telegraphic transfer of \$10,000,000 Treasury at New York to San Francisco. The cash will be posited in New York and immediately naid out on the order of San Francisco banks entitled to the same.

New York, April Mackay, president of the Psotal Tele-graph Cable Company, to-night telegraphed to President Wheeler of the University of California at Berkeley, saying he will contribute \$100,000 the erection of a new building for the university. John D. Rockefeller to-day authorized his agents in San Francisco to expend \$100,000 for the relief of the homeless and destitute of that city.

Atlanta, Ga., April 19,-A special meeting of Atlanta's city council this afternoon, authorized the appropriation of \$5,000 dollars for the relief of the sufferers by the disaster at San Francisco. The amount was im-mediately transmitted by telegraph to Mayor Schmitz, next to the govern-ment appropriation being the first to reach the stricken city. Subscription lists have been opened at the offices of the daily papers here.

cial to The Observer. Baltimore, Md., April 19,-The Manufacturers' Record of to-day, in a double leaded editorial, urges that the entire South take immediate action in contributing aid to San Francisco, and says: "Out of its abundance and its sympathy, born of recent memories of Meridian, Baltimore, Jacksonville and Galveston, the South has chance to render signal service in ganizing prompt relief of the suffering that has been entailed unop the paocoast, as a result of the San Francisly acts with double effect."

Atlanta, Ga., April 19.—Governor Terrell to-day issued a proclamation to the people of Georgia calling upon the cities and towns of the State to contribute money and supplies for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. Gov. Terrell also sent the following elegram to Governe Pardee of Call-

ornia;
"The people of Georgia sympathise lesply with your people and esteem t a privilege to contribute liberally oward relieving their suffering. Have insued a proclamation calling upon

Birmingham Ala., April 19.—President T. H. Molton, of the Birmingham Commercial Club, has sent the following message of sympathy to Mayo Schmitz of San Francisco:

"The people of Birmingham extensympathy and stand ready to rendessary spancial assistance."

Montgomery, Ala., April 19.—The Commercial Club of Alabama, by telegraph to-day authorized Mayor Schmits of San Praucisco to draw on the club for \$1,000 to be used for relief work in the stricken city.

STORY OF A REFUGER

leagon Arriving at Los Angeles From San Francisco Describes Panic Pollowing Earthquake— Thousands Clawed Iron Ferry Gates and Then Turned on Each

Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.—Athert I. Gould, of Chicago, was one of three persons to arrive in Los Angeles on the first train from San Francisco, which reached here to-day.

"I was asleep on the seventh floor of the Palace Hotel," he said, "at the time of the first earthquake. I was thrown out of bed and half way across the room. Immediately realizing the import of the occurrence and fearing that the building was about to col-lapse. I made my way down several flights of stairs and into the main corridor. I was the first guest to appear. The cierk and hotel employes were running about like madmen. Within two minutes after I had reached the corridor other guests began to flock into the court. Almost all wore night clothing only. Men, women and children stood as though fixed. Children and women cried. The men were hardly less affected.
"I returned to my room and got my clothing; then walked to the offices of

the Western Union in my pajamas and bare feet to telegraph to my wife in Los Angeles. I found the telegraphers on duty, but all the wires were down. I sat down on the sidewalk, soles my feet and put on my clothes. All this I suppose took 20 minutes. Within that time, below the Palace Hotel, buildings for more than three blocks were a mass of fishes, which spread to other buildings.

"People by the thousands were crowded around the ferry station. They clawed at the iron gates like so many maniacs. They sought to break the bars, and failing in that, turned on each other. After a maddening delay, we got aboard the boat and crossed the bay."

WHOLE BURNED OR BURNING.

Dispatch of 5 p. m., Pacific Tibe, Shows That Every Building of Any Importance in San Francisco Up to Van Ness Avenue Has Been Entirely Destroyed.

New York, April 19.-The Western Inion is in receipt of a dispatch timed p. m., Pacific time, giving the area destroyed by fire. It shows that prac-tically all of San Francisco has been burned or it burning. The informa-tion was brought in by Sergeant Bink-United States army, who said: "Everything out Market street to "Everything out Market street to Twenfy-third street is burning fiercely. Everything is gone except the mint. The postoffice was injured only by the eart muske. Only three or four rooms there are damaged. Every building of any importance in the city up to Van Ness avenue, including the entire humness section and all the hoties have never antirely destroyed, and tels, has been entirely destroyed, and the district running north from Gold-en Gate avenue and lying between Van Ness avenue and Octavia street also has been burned. Chinatown is gone.
The fire is raging on Nob Hill are entirely
wiped out. The fire has crossed Van everything in that district is gone. Cartain parts of Nob Hill are still un-touched, though very seriously threatened. The fire is raging around Union and Franklin streets, with every prospect of continuing. It now looks as if the entire city will be burned before the fire stops. A section bounded by Union and Octavia streets and Golden Gate avenue and another lying be-tween Market, Hayes and Fillmore streets are about all that is left of the city north of Market street. There is a section in the Mission district, south of Market street, which has not yet been burned. The prospects are however, that it will go, because nothstop the flames until they reach the straggling outskirts of the

TWO-THIRDS GONE AT 6 P. M. No Possibility of Saving Rest of City,

According to Fire Marsha Boundaries of Burned District. Chicago, April 19.—The Postal Tele-graph Company at 6 p. m. received the following message from its Oakland, Cal., office:

"The fire marshal of San Francisco advises that more than two-thirds of the area of the city of San Francisco has been destroyed, and there is no possibility of saving the rest of the city. The following is the dis-trict north of Market street now detrict north of Market street now de-vastated. Sansom to Market street, to Sacramento, to Buchanan, thence to California, to Hyde, to Eddy, to Larkin, to Gough and to Market. On the south side of Market street the fire extends along Market street to Fourteenth, and below the Southern Fourteenth, and below the Schede tracks to the boundary.

NEWSPAPERS COMBINE ISSUE. San Francisco Journals to Use Oak-land Tribune's Plant—Hospital and Two Hotels Dynamited.

San Francisco, April 19 .- The Southern Pacific Hospital, at Fourteenth and Mission streets, has been dyna-mited, the patients having been removed to places of safety. The Linda Vista and the Pleastanton, two large hotels on Jones street, in the part of the city, have been wn up to stay the progress of the

in an issue to-morrow morning from the plant of The akland Tribune. President Harriman, of the Southern Pacific Company has wired orders to place the company's freight depots at the disposal of the San Francisco

SOUTH CALIFORNIA TOWN HIT. Angeles, Practically in No Known Fatalities,

Gir—No Known Fatallties,

I. Angeles, Cal., April 19.—Reports of Brawley, a small town on the puthern Pacific 120 miles south of os Angeles, state that the town was ractically wiped out by the carthunks of yesterday. This is the only wen in southern California known to ave suffered the shock. Southern acific officials here to-day say the showing buildings there, all brick gretures, were destroyed: Brawley and building, Paulin buildings and the incipal merchandles buildings of the lown. In addition, dozene of adobe ones were rased. So far as known, here were no fatalities. Brawley is

disco has

FAMINE NOW CHIEF PERIL

FLIGHT FROM CITY OF FIRE Dragging Boxes of Provisions and Bundles of Blankets Through Streets, Thousands Upon Thousands Flock to Parks, Ferries and Su-burbs in Numbed State of Mind Not Related to Panic—Groceries Controlled by Military and Every Effort Made to Forward and Dis-tribute Supplies — Residents of Fashionable Section Cheerfully Aclesce in Dynamiting of Their

San Francisco, April 19.-Thousands upon thousands of people are fleeing from the fire to-day. They are flocking to the ferries, to the parks, to the military reservation and to the suburbs. Residents of the hillsides in the central portion of the city seemingly were safe from the roaring furnace that was consuming the business sec-tion. They watched the towering mounds of flames and speculated as to the extent of the territory that was doomed. Suddenly there fas whispered alarm up and down the long line of watchers and they hurried away to drag clothing, cooking utensils and scant provisions through the streets.

From Grant avenue, the procession GEN. FUNSTON HAS NO HOP moved westward. Men and women dragged trunks, packed huge bundles of blankets, boxes of provisions—everything. Wagons could not be hired except by paying the most extortion ate rates.

PROPLE CALM BUT STUNNED. But there was no panic. The peo ple are calm, but stunned. They seem not to realize the extent of the calamity. They hear that the city is destroyed in so far as business plants are concerned; they tell each other in the most natural tone that their residences were destroyed by the flames, but there is no hysteria, no outcry, no criticism.

Mayor Schmitz and Chief of Police Dinan have been forced from place to lace by the flames.

HEROIC MEASURES TRIED. Daybreak found them directing th municipal council, which is a commit-tee of safety, from the Fairmount Hotel, the beautiful structure that stood on the top of Nob Hill. But caught fire and they retreated to the Cushing, at Larkin and Sutter streets, and then to the north end police station, in Sacramento street. Here the council, composed of the financial leaders of the city, met this morning and decided to resort to most measures yet undertaken since the city has been in the path of devastation This decision was to bombard the entire section of the city lying along the east side of Van Ness avenue from Golden Gate avenue to Pacific avenue, 6 blocks in all, containing the homes of many millionaires and apartment

FLEE DOOMED DISTRICT. The military was notified of this action, and barrels of gun powder, the only remaining explosive in the city, were taken from the Presidio, Fort McDowell, Alcatras and other near-by posts. Hundreds of police, regiments of soldiers and scores of volunteers were sent into the doomed district to ally responded to the demand of law, and went bravely on their way, trudging painfully over the pavements with the little they could get together. Every available wagon was taken by the military to carry the powder.

General Funston is co-operating with Mayor Schmitz, whose orders officers are to kill without warning all malefactors. When men have been needed to carry out the plans of rescue, they have been pressed into service In a few instances it was necessary to resort to the cocked revolver and drawn sword, after which there was no hesitation. The Presidio reservation, the vast Richmond district of thou-sands of acres, Golden Gate Park and the surrounding hills resembled vast picnic ground. Tents and improvised coverings have been erected erywhere, fire places built in streets, beds and mattresses th down all over the section. The people thus situated are philosophical.

FEAR AS TO FOOD SUPPLY. There is only one danger, and that is that the food supply will run out. ery grocery in San Francisco has been taken by the authorities, and each family is being sold only and military prohibit overcharging. ing that rations would soon reach the city and then the people will be sup-plied from the Presidio. Bakeries have already been built within the reserva-tion and the bread supply has not

given completely out. The government also has begun to aid in the progress of the people of the city of Oakland, Berkley and Alameds. Tug boats and steamers are being pressed into service for this purpose, and there is a vast army on the way to the ferries.

VIEW FROM WATER FRONT. From the water front the burned city can be seen to-day in all its smoky nakedness. From the Pacific mail dock to Vallejo street on the west side, a distance of two miles, wreck-age and ruin is the rule. Although the fire did not jump East street, the damage has been enormous. The filled-in land facing the ferry building is a and facing the terry bunding is a succession of little valleys, some four, others six feet deep. The ferry tower litself is out of plumb, and the big building is much twisted by the earthtrake.

CITY IN SMOULDERING RUINS.

Looking up Market street, from the ferry building, the city is a smouldering mass of ruina. Great manufactories correntile houses, hanks and office buildings are nowhere to be seen, and only in spots is there so much a tower, the monument of the burned structure. To-day was bright and warm. The sun beat down on the tired workers and rescuers. There is scarcely any water to relieve the thirst of the suffering. The dead, in many instances, are lying in the streets and the ruins. The guthorities are doing all in their power to remove the bodies in order that a pestilence may be prevented. It has been necessary repeatedly to move the injured from places where they had sought refuge, for the fire kept increasing with alarming repidity. Water is the increasant cry of the firemen and the people; one wants it to fight, the other to drink, but there is only a scant drinking CITY IN SMOULDERING RUINS.

INDIVIDUALS GIVE \$65,000. littee of safety, consist

Academic and Municipal Authorities of Berkley Busy Providing Food and Shelter for Fugitives—Straw on Ball Grounds and Tents on Campus.

Berkley, Cal., April 19.-The work f providing meals and sleeping acmmodations for the large number of refuges that are pouring into Berkey by every train from San Franisco, was heartily carried on to-day and to-night by university and towns-

people alike... President Wheeler has thrown open the grounds of the University of California to the refugees from the burn-ing city across the bay and the hurches are supplying food.

Meals will be served from a great tent which has been erected under the campus oaks, while sleeping accommodations will be provided t strewing the baseball grounds with deep layer of straw. If the weather proves inclement, the homeless will have the opportunity of sleeping in Harmon gymnasium. Tents also will be placed on the campus. and houses are open to many. The women of Berkley are baking

GEN. FUNSTON HAS NO HOPE.

Reports to War Department That Fire Has Crossed Van Ness Avenue and That Entire City is Doomed-Sub-Treasury Vaults Intact. Washington, April 19 .- The War De-

partment has received the following from General Funston: "Fire crossed Van Ness avenue to the west at 3:30 p. m. Almost certain now that entire city will be de-stroyed. Have ordered troops from Monterey and everything is going as well as could be expected. On account of confusion it has been impossible to locate individuals inquired for, but attention will be given that matter as oon as practicable.

"FUNSTON, Commanding." Another dispatch from General Fun-

ston to-night says: "An official report at police headquarters this date states that the subtreasury is entirely destroyed by fire with the exception of the vaults, which contain all cash on hand. Suitable guards have been ordered to protect this money.

"FUNSTON, Commanding."

SHOCK SCARES LOS ANGELES. No Damage is Done, but Owing to San Francisco Horror People's Nerves Are on Edge and They

Get a Bad Fright. Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.-At 12:63 this afternoon Los Angeles experienced a distinct earthquake shock of short duration. No damage was don thousands of people were frightened Occupants of office buildings, especially of tall structures, ran out into the streets hatless. Many stores were deerted in like manner by customers and clerks. The shock passed soon and most of those who had fied returned to the buildings. The San Francisco horror has strung the populace here to a high tension, and a spell of sultry weather serves to increase the general nervousness.

LOCKING FROM BURNING CITY.

All In-Bound Traffic Stopped by Authorities to Facilitate Exodus— Oakland Hospitals Filled With Injured and Dying.

New York, April 19.-The Western Inion Telegraph Company received the following from San Francisco this

afternoon: 'From burning city homeless people are flocking with blankets and such baggage as can carry in arms to re-fuge across bay. All traffic towards city stopped by military authorities and every means of travel made available to distressed and homeles people. In many cases wagons carried wounded, sick and dying, togethcould be gathered together.

"The Oakland hospitals are with inqured and dying, who are being conveyed to other side of the bay as rapidly as possible.

TEN KILLED IN SAN JOSE. Earthquake Damage Heavy-Great Lick Observatory Escapes

San Jose, Cal., April 19 .- Latest re ports today show that ten persons were killed by the earthquake in San Jose. The hall of records is destroy-ed, as well as the hall of justice. All the main buildings are damaged. R. H. Tucker, in charge of the Lick Observatary says:

"No damage was done to the instruments or the building of the observatory by the earthquake." Florida Tenders Sympathy and As-. sistance.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 19.-Governor Broward to-day sent the following nessage of sympathy to the Governor of California:
"Tallahassee, Fla., April 18.
"Governor George C. Pardee, Sacra-

mento, Cal. "In the name of the people of Florda. I tender you sinces sympathy and deep regret for the calamity that has overtaken the city of San Francisco. Advise us if we can be of assistance. "N. B. BROWARD,

Governor of Florida." uthern Pacific Road Rushing Sup-

Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.—E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, this afternoon wired Superintendent Ingram to get a special train, buy five carloads of goods and send them to San Francisco at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Calvin says conditions in the stricken city are so appalling as to be beyond belief or comprehension.

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Smoke Turns Day Into Night.

New York, April 19.—The fire spread over the creat of the Nob Hill residence section, according to a dispatch received here by the Western Union. The fiames were traveling in a northerly direction. It, was 2:15 p. m., Han Francisco time when this despatch was sent and because of the dense smoke which snyeloped the city the sending operator announced. "It is setting dark I will have to get a

UNIVERSITY TOWN A REFUGE. CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGE BLACKBURN TRIAL NEARS

> to Jury at Noon To-Day, Judge Goff Delivers Charge, J Lewis Will Close Argument Government This Morning Bynum Caustically Charges Republican Leaders in This-Arc Cut-Threats and Thiever That Indictment of Black Result of Factional Pr

Negro on the Jury The Probable To-Day. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, April 19.-The Blackburn trial will close to-morrow if the jary can agree on a verdict for the argument will be over and the ju charge in by noon. Judge Lewis will close the case for the government immediately after court convenes in the morning and Judge Goff will then instruct the jury. Messrs, Britt, for the prosecution, and Bynum, Bradshaw, Justice and Brooks, for the defendant, spoke to-day. The argument was elaborate and apparently abundant. Mr. Justice and Mr. Bynum injected considerable spice into speeches when they referred the factional fight now waging in the Republican party in North Carolina CONSPIRACY AGAINST BLACK

Mr. Justice was very caustic in his remarks, declaring, in effect, that a conspiracy to destroy Blackburn, existed. Judge Bynum made a sensational assertion concerning his party. The day has been interesting. Judge Goff. and the jury are the unknown quantities. Judge Goff is a man of first-rate ability and fine legal learning, and isknown to be fearless and independ-As a judge he ranks well. Much depends on what he has to say to the

The public generally is in sympathy with Blackburn. Sentiment here seems to be pretty much one way. The evidence obtained by the government is considered flimsy. It is a fact that the men summoned here and put up by the prosecution failed to make the desired impression. It may have been the fault of the witnesses but the fact remains the same. Judge Lewis and Mr. Britt were disappointed in what

they got from Krider and Eddleman. The jury to try Blackburn is comof horse sense and their share of in-telligence. There is one negro in tha lot, and he is not bad to look upon.

MORNING SESSION. At 9:30 Marshal J. M. Milliken called court to order and Judge Goff took his seat while the audience rose and stood. A large number of ladies were scattered throughout the court house and ad-ded much in the way of ornament. the defendant, who were a red nation in the button hole of his There was anticipation of semething interesting this morning but no one knew what shape it would come in. For several minutes after court convened District Attorney Holton

quiet conversation with Judge Goff. When the court announced that all for the defendanct, offered a prayer for special instruction to the jury and handed a copy of his document to

Judge Goff. Some discussion followed whether the court should instruct the jury before or after the argui was decided to follow the North Car olina custom and let the opinion of the judge follow.

Judge Bynum said that he thought four hours sufficient time forside to argue the points at issue. Lewis declared that it would not take hours for the prosecution to say what it had to say.
"No," declared Judge Bynum, with

a mischevious twinkle in his eye, "I hardly see how you could find argument on your side to occupy your time for that length of time. LIMIT FOUR HOURS.

Judge Goff said that the limit would be fixed at four hours with the un-derstanding that the lawyers would make it much less if possible.
Assistant District Attorney Britt was the first speaker to address the jury. He is a man of shrewdness and education. His voice rings clear and strong. He argued that the case in hand should be tried on its merits according to the law. No man should be mistreated because of his humility or favored because of his rank. Mr. Britt declared that he would rather lose his right arm than to missiate the evidence produced and asked the attorneys for the defence to correct

him if he should err. He then reviewed the testimony, be gining with the Krider case. He declared that Mr. W. R. Krider had gone to Black Irn and asked him to help him out. Krider asked the defendant to see Col. Chapman and District Attorney Holton. Col. Chapman. the speaker declared, is the agent of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue Mr. Holton is the legal counsel for the

commissioner here.
"This is the inception of this cargued Mr. Britt. Blackburn concinothing the first day Krider saw."
About the last of May Krider was for going before the Burus ternal Revenue. Nothing we the Federal Court. But Bla-eay that \$100 would effect him 150 as a present, to service and other services thing in their but one thing in their Blackburn never appeared eral Court. He says he courts but Mr. Blackburn yer of many clients. Krider at any of the courts. It is Blackburn did write to Mr. about the case and it was