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SAN FRANCISCO'S DESTRUCTION.

Story of the Earthquake and the Firey Visitation that Followed.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—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 began to creak, 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 wall. 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.

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 Monadnock 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, a 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 movements. Fanned by a light breeze, the flames quickly spread and soon many blocks were seen to be doomed. Then dynamite was resorted to and the sound of frequent explosions added to the terror of the people. All efforts to stay the progress of the fire, however, proved futile. The south side of Market street from Ninth street to the bay, was soon ablaze, the fire covering a belt two blocks wide. On this, the main thoroughfare of the city, are located many of the finest edifices in the city, including the Grant, Parrott, Flood, Call, Examiner and Monadnock buildings and the Palace and Grand Hotels, and numerous wholesale houses.

WHOLE CITY SEEMED AFIRE.

At the same time the commercial establishments and banks north of Market street were burning. The burning district in this section of the city extended from Samson street to the water front, and from Market street to Broadway. Fires also broke out in the Mission and the entire city seemed to be in flames.

FIRE 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 movements. 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 the fire. 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 section. They watched the towering mounds of flames and speculated as to the extent of the territory that was doomed. Suddenly there was whispered an alarm up and down the long line of watchers and they hurried away to draw clothing, cooking utensils and scant provisions through the streets. From Grant avenue, the procession 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 extortionate rates.

PEOPLE CALM BUT STUNNED.

But there was no panic. The people 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 criticism.

HEROIC MEASURES TRIED.

Daybreak found them directing the municipal council, which is a committee of safety, from the Fairmount Hotel, the beautiful structure that stood on the top of Nob Hill. But that 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 heroic 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, 16 blocks in all, containing the homes of many millionaires and apartment houses.

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, Alcatraz and other nearby posts. Hundreds of police, regiments of soldiers and scores of volunteers were sent into the doomed district to warn the people to flee. These heroically 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. It was with saddened hearts that community viewed the ruin of their city, but the extent of the devastation has not yet come to be fully realized. The people are seemingly half-dazed by the magnitude of the disaster and it will be some days before the full horror of the situation comes home to them.

MENACE OF FAMINE.

Possibility of famine is already presenting its hideous face. At least 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 already a shortage of food. Prices to-day 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, Ferry Building, San Francisco, Calif., April 20.—The fire is under control, it having been checked at Van Ness avenue and in the Mission.

Age of the Thoroughbred.

The Raleigh Evening Times calls attention to the interesting circumstances that the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon is an older man than the Hon. Grover Cleveland. It adds: Cannon believes in tariff for protection, Cleveland for revenue only. Of course Mr. Cleveland will not go actively into politics again. He is out of it for all times, yet he is our sole hope, at the present moment, at least. Still we can hold him in reserve and send him to the front only in the event that Mr. Cannon makes the race. The question of age would be in Grover Cleveland's favor, but that would not be all. The speaker is not so very much the senior of the ex-president. The difference in Mr. Cleveland's favor is only eleven months and a few days.—New York Sun.

The Fiancee—Yes, Percy placed it on my finger last night. Isn't it a beauty? Her Dearest Friend—Yes, but in about a fortnight you'll find it will make a funny black mark on your finger. It did on mine.—Minneapolis Tribune.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of *Chas. H. Littlejohn*

No Rural Routes to be Discontinued.

Washington Letter in Charlotte Observer.

Representative Pou recently had a talk with Mr. Degraw, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, concerning the reputed purpose of the Department to discontinue free rural delivery routes wherever it was shown the carrier handled less than 2,000 packages in a single month. Mr. Pou, as well as other members from the State, has received a large number of anxious inquiries regarding this matter. Mr. DeGraw said that it was not the purpose of the Department to discontinue a single rural free delivery route in the State. "Of course," said he, "it may be necessary to discontinue certain routes in the future if it shall appear that they are not appreciated by the people. The Department has made no ruling that routes which handled less than 2,000 pieces per month shall be discontinued. This is a mistake. There has been no change whatever in the policy of the Department respecting the rural free delivery service."

It appears that since January 1, 27 routes only in the United States have been discontinued, and Mr. Pou was assured that no route in North Carolina would be cut off without giving its patrons ample notice, and without giving them an opportunity to show a proper appreciation of its benefits. At the beginning of the year 1900 routes were in operation in North Carolina, with 187 petitions pending.

Nothing will relieve indigestion that is not a thorough digester. Kodol Peppia Cure digests what you eat, and allows the stomach to rest—recuperates—grows strong again. A few doses of Kodol after meals will soon restore the stomach and digestive organs to a full performance of their functions naturally. Sold by T. R. Abernethy and R. P. Freeze, Druggists.

A Change Coming.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Explaining the presence in Washington at the same time, of Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican national committee, The Post says that Mr. Taggart "is having conference with the minority leaders as to the best methods of making the next House Democratic." And it adds: "Curiously enough, many Republicans of prominence believe that this will be the result of the coming November election." Further, a stalwart Republican, of Illinois, tells the Post that while his State has but one Democratic Representative, he expects to see it gain eight and perhaps ten, in the next election. That seems to be the feeling all over the country.

The Republican majority in Congress is unwieldy. It is top heavy and must go over, just as did the Democratic House a few years ago when all the Republican members could have been accommodated on the front row. Too big majorities can never stand long. The hopes of those who expect to see a change in the next House, may be said to be reasonably well founded. It is in the air.

Living indoors so much during the winter months creates a sort of a stuffy, want-of-air condition in the blood and system generally. Clean up and get ready for spring. Take a few Early Rivers. These famous little pills cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels and give the blood a chance to purify itself. They relieve headache, allow complexion, etc. Sold by T. R. Abernethy and R. P. Freeze, Druggists.

"I'll bet that couple are married. What'll you bet?" "I'll bet so, too. When he left the car just then he said good-by to her and she kept right on looking out of the window."—Detroit Free Press.

Don't tie a cough or a cold up in you system by taking a remedy that binds the bowels. Take Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. It is different from all other cough syrups. It is better. It opens the bowels—expels all cold from the system, relieves coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. An ideal remedy for young and old. Children like it. Sold by T. R. Abernethy and R. P. Freeze, Druggists.

He—I didn't get a very good look at her hair, but it's a decided blonde, isn't it? She—Well—er—yes, but a little undecided about the roots.—Philadelphia Press.

Nell—He's charming fellow. Bell—What did he talk about? Nell—Why, come to think of it, he never said a word the whole evening. He just sat and listened to me.—Philadelphia Record.

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Osborne on Newspapers.

New York Times.

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Letter to L. M. Setzer.

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Dear Sir; A painter complained that our cans are too full; unhandy; spill. It's a way we have; 'tis handy not to be full; but we have a weakness for full-measure. Our gallon contains eight pints; the usual "gallon" is seven. We'll think it over again; but we like a full can. How much short would you like a barrel? Seven gallons would be the proportion. Short-measure suggests that the shortage is probably not in the cheapest ingredient. Guess we'll stick to four quarts to a gallon, and fifty gallons a barrel. The name to go by is Devoe lead-and-zinc. Yours truly F. W. DEVOE & Co. P. S. Smyre Hdw. Co. sell our paint.

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From 1ft up to 5ft high.

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Mr. A. C. SHUFORD, Newton, N. C.

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R. L. SHUFORD.

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Dear Sir:—The Reed Pivot Axle Cultivator I bought of you in the spring of 1895, gives me entire satisfaction. It does all that is claimed for it—in fact runs light, is easily managed and does perfect work.

D. F. MCGILL.

Mr. A. C. SHUFORD, Newton, N. C.

Dear Sir:—We are much pleased with the Reed Cultivator we bought of you last spring, 1905. It runs light, is easily managed even in crooked rows, destroys grass and weeds thoroughly and leaves the ground in fine shape. We like it so well that we want another one and have already contracted for it.