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DEATH AND SUFFERING ON EVERY SIDE; AWFUL FIRES STILL RAGING

1,000 PEOPLE IN PARK WAIT FOR SOLDIERS TO BRING THEM WATER

Western Union Telegraph Building Destroyed, And Merchants Exchange Bank and St. Francis Hotel—Authorities Dynamiting Buildings to Check the Fearful Holocaust—But Supply of Explosives is Giving Out—City of San Francisco Put Under Martial Law at 9 O'Clock by Special Message from President Roosevelt.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 19.—A message to the Postal Telegraph Company announces that two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Los Angeles at 4:35 p. m., eastern time. No details were given.

New York, April 19.—A private telegram, received over the wires of the Postal Telegraph Company shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon said that the fire at San Francisco is now under control.

San Francisco, April 19.—8 a. m. (11 a. m. Eastern time).—The fire is working up to California Street Hill, known as Nob Hill. It is already up to Pine and Mason streets and the annex to Hopkins Art Institute is on fire. One engine is working at this place with a limited water supply. Across the street is the Fairmont Hotel, recently erected by Mrs. Oetrich. This building will probably stand, as it is entirely fire proof. Adjoining the Hopkins Institute is the Stanford mansion. To the west the flames have spread to Fillmore and Golden Gate avenue and north to Sutter and Leavenworth. The art treasures are being removed from the Hopkins Institute.

A detachment of sailors from one of the warships is assisting the firemen at this point. Officers with drawn pistols are forcing citizens to work. People are leaving their homes and fleeing to Golden Gate park and the Presidio. All night long a constant stream of humanity walked the streets to the west. One hundred thousand people slept out of doors last night, and by tonight the number of homeless will reach three hundred thousand. Already there is suffering from lack of food and water. San Francisco needs help and needs it quick. One train got in over the Valley route from Los Angeles last night with the supreme court on board. No trains are running on the coast route.

The Fairmont is surrounded on three sides by the fire. Every man who ventures near the scene is impressed by Lieutenant McMillan of the Bear. This young officer has a cool eye and a wicked looking pistol and the way the men jumped when his gun was pointed was interesting. McMillan was everywhere directing operations and his energy earned the admiration of even those whom he forced to work.

The new postoffice building at Seventh and Mission is gutted and there are no mail deliveries. Telegraph and telephone lines are still out of commission. Fully three-fourths of all the buildings in the city will be destroyed.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the number of people killed or the property loss.

Noticeable feature of the past few days is the calmness of the people—a calmness that, under the circumstances, is remarkable.

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 attested to the awful havoc wrought by earthquake and flame. Where once rose noble buildings now stand nothing but rail walls, tottering chimneys, heaps of twisted iron and huge piles of brick and mortar. Adding to the horror of the situation was the fact that the work of destruction had not reached its conclusion. In several sections the fire was still raging with unabated vigor converting into smoke and ashes everything in the shape of combustible material, and turning into ruin structures that had cost millions of dollars.

It was with saddened hearts that the community viewed the ruins 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.

Possibility of famine is already presenting 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 already a shortage of food. Prices today were in most instances more than trebled.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—9 a. m. The fire is still raging throughout San Francisco, and there is no possibility of stopping it until it exhausts itself for want of material. The city is doomed. The authorities are still dynamiting buildings in the vain hope of checking the progress of the flames, but a new misfortune has befallen the place. The explosives for blowing up buildings are becoming exhausted; even the powder of the government arsenal is all gone. Every business building and half of the residence portion of the city is destroyed.

The fire is unabated. The St. Francis hotel and Merchants Exchange are gone. The Fairmont hotel is threatened. A portion of the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art is destroyed. The entire structure will probably go. The Chronicle building is a skeleton. The James Flood building, Market and Powell, is leaning.

Washington, April 19.—A Western Union bulletin to the war department dated San Francisco says:

The Western Union and Southern Pacific buildings have been totally destroyed. The fire is burning rapidly in a diagonal line up the hill commencing at McAllister and ending at Battery street and on Main street as far as Sixteenth street. The water supply has given out, the wind is rising and the military authorities have just forbidden any one to enter the city. They have all they can handle without attempting any more. The situation has not improved and already there is great suffering for food and water. I saw a line of thousands of people lined up in a park

awaiting soldiers to distribute water.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.—Reports from Brawley, a small town on the Southern Pacific, 120 miles south of Los Angeles, state that the town was practically wiped out by the earthquake of yesterday. This is the only town in southern California known to have suffered from the shock. Southern Pacific officials here today say the following buildings there all brick structures, were destroyed:

Brawley bank building, Paulin building and the principal merchandise buildings of the town, in addition to dozens of adobe houses were destroyed. So far as known there were no fatalities. Brawley is about two years old, and had a population of about 500.

San Francisco, April 19.—Day dawned on a zone of death and destruction. During the night the flames had consumed many of the city's finest structures and skipped in a dozen directions to the residence portions. They had made their way over into the north beach section and springing anew to the south, they reached out along the shipping section down the bay shore, over hills and across toward Third and Townsend streets. Warehouses, houses and manufacturers' concerns fell in their path. This completed the destruction of the entire district known as the "South of Market Street." How far they are reaching to the south across the channel cannot be told as this part of the city is shut out.

After darkness thousands of the homeless were making their way with their blankets and scant provisions to Golden Gate park and the beach to find shelter. Those in the homes on the north of the Hayes Valley wrecked section, piled their belongings in the streets and express wagons and automobiles were hauling the things away to the sparsely settled regions.

Down town everything is ruin. Not a business house stands. Theaters are crumbled into heaps. Factories and commission houses lie smoldering on their former sites. All of the newspaper plants have been rendered useless.

It is estimated that the loss in San Francisco will reach from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

These figures are in the rough and nothing can be told until partial accounting is taken.

On every side there was death and suffering. Hundreds were injured, other burned, crushed or struck by falling pieces from the buildings. The number of dead is not known, but it is estimated that at least five hundred met their death in the horror.

At 9 o'clock under a special message from President Roosevelt, the city was placed under martial law. Hundreds of troops patrolled the streets and drove the crowds back, while hundreds more were set to work assisting the fire and police departments. The strictest orders were issued and in true military spirit the soldiers obeyed. During the afternoon three thieves met their deaths by rifle bullets while at work in the ruins. The curious were driven back at the breasts of the horses that the cavalrymen rode and all the crowds were forced from the level district to the hilly section beyond to the north.

The water supply was entirely cut off, and may be it was just as well, for the lines of fire department would have been absolutely useless at any stage. Assistant Chief Dougherty supervised the work of his men and early in the morning it was seen that in an effort to check the flames by the use of dynamite. During the day a blast could be heard in any section at intervals of only a few minutes, and buildings not destroyed by fire were blown to atoms. But through the smoke the flames jumped and although the fallacies of the heroic efforts of the police, firemen and soldiers were at times sickening, the work was continued with a desperation that will live as one of the features of the terrible disaster. Passengers on trains from other cities in California bring details of destruction and death from nearly all of them.

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TERROR REIGNS OVER THE CITY

Complete Story of Disaster Will Never be Known

DEATH LIST A MYSTERY

Scores of Bodies Being Picked Up Everywhere and Thousands Lie in the Wrecks of Many Buildings—Thieves Shot By Police for Robbing the Dead and Dying.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—It will be many days before the complete story of the ruin wrought by the double calamity of earthquake and fire that visited San Francisco will be written, and then there will still remain untold countless tales of woe. The exact loss of life will never be known as hundreds of unfortunates have been indicated in the flames which made the rescue of those buried under the toppling steeples and falling walls impossible. Temporary morgues were improvised at many points only to be raised by the flames. The city resembles one vast ambulance with the red glare fire throwing weird shadows across the worn and panic stricken faces of the homeless who are wandering the streets or sleeping on piles of mattresses and clothing in the parks and on the sidewalks in those districts not yet reached by the fire. Thousands have fled the city. Forgetting for a moment the terrible sufferings, physical and financial that trails in the wake of the disaster, the scene presented by the flames is one of unspeakable grandeur.

A falling wall from one of the dynamited buildings on Mission street crashed out the life of Flouman Max Pennes, while many other fire fighters met a like fate. Through all the streets automobiles and express wagons are hurrying, carrying dead and injured to morgues and hospitals.

At the Morgue in the Hall of Justice fifty bodies lie. The flames rapidly approached this building and the work of removing the bodies to Jackson police were carrying the dead to what appeared like a shower of bricks from a building dynamited to check the flames. Injured many of the workmen, and sent soldiers in procession, hurrying to hospitals. The work of removing the bodies stopped and the remainder of the dead were left to possible cremation in the morgue.

From the Barbary Coast, the horde of vicious and criminal that infest that quarter poured forth and started early in the evening looting stores, and robbing the dead. Fearing such a fiendish climax to this day of horrors, Mayor Schmitz and Police Chief Linn issued orders for the soldiers to kill all who engaged in such work. Before the eyes of an Associated Press representative three thieves were shot in the back and fatally wounded in the burning commercial district. The earthquake has worked astonishing havoc in San Francisco's famous Chinatown. Chinese theatres and Jew houses are in ruins and Rookery after Rookery has collapsed, covering alive hundreds of Chinese. Panic reigns among the thousands of Chinese and they fill the streets, dragging in whatever they can save.

The Japanese quarter has been burned, the people led in terror, packing on their backs what household effects they could tie together.

OTHER SHOCKS ARE REPORTED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 19.—Two small after shocks of the San Francisco earthquake were recorded on the seismograph at the United States weather bureau here last night and this morning.

PLAY HOUSES WERE WRECKED

Crumbled Under Fierce Power of Earthquake

FIRE COMPLETED RUIN

Heartrending Scenes in Mechanics' Pavilion When Crowds Surged In Hunting for Loved Ones.—Men and Women Kneel in Street Praying To God For Protection.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—All of San Francisco's best play houses, including the Majestic, Columbia, Orpheum and Grand Opera House, are a mass of ruins. The earthquake demolished them for all practical purposes and the fire completed the work of demolition. The handsome Rialto and Cassery Buildings were burned to the ground, as well as everything in that district.

The scene at the Mechanics' Pavilion during the early hours when the injured and dead were removed because of threatened destruction of the building by fire, was one of indescribable sadness. Sisters, brothers, wives and sweethearts searched eagerly for some missing dear one. Thousands of persons hurriedly went through the building inspecting the spots on which the sufferers lay, in the hope that they would find 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 and physicians to desert the building, the eager crowds followed them to the presidio and the children's hospitals, where they renewed their search for missing relatives.

The front of the Bailey and LaCoste building on Clay street, near Montgomery, fell in and three men and seven horses were killed.

The stenographers and the pressmen of the Examiner and the Call as soon as the shock was felt rushed out of their building and found that the coffee house at Stephenson and Third streets had collapsed. They immediately set to work with axes and other implements to rescue those inside.

The pastor of St. Francis church on the top of Telegraph Hill, a few blocks from the raging furnace below, gathered his flock about him on the sidewalk, where all knelt in prayer.

The Chinese were greatly alarmed and though not in apparent danger, many of them flocked to the public squares with their families.

The tower of the Hall of Justice was greatly damaged. In the basement of the building, Mayor Schmitz established his headquarters, using candles for light.

DYNAMITE CHARGE INJURES LIEUTENANT

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 19 (Via Oakland).—Lieutenant Charles C. Pulis, commanding the Twenty-fourth company of light artillery, was blown up by a charge of dynamite at Sixth and Jesse streets and was probably fatally injured. He was taken to the military hospital at the Presidio. He had a fractured skull and several bones broken and internal injuries.

CITY OF SANTA ROSA TOTALLY WRECKED; THOUSANDS KILLED

MORE DISASTERS MAY BE COMING

Great Structures Crumbled and Raging Fires Make Ruin Complete

ENTIRE POPULATION DRIVEN TO STREETS

Ten Thousand Men, Women and Children Are Homeless and Beautiful Town in the Valley Is Devastated.—County Buildings Crushed By Earthquake and Flames Sweep Over the Residence Section.—Messengers Bring Tidings of Great Loss of Life in Other Towns.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 19 Via Oakland.—Reports from the interior are most alarming. Santa Rosa, one of the prettiest cities of the state in the prosperous county Sonoma, is a total wreck. There are 10,000 homeless men, women and children huddled together. The loss of life is not to be estimated. It will probably reach the thousands.

As the last great seismic tremor spent its force in the earth the whole business portion tumbled into ruin. The main street is piled many feet deep with the fallen buildings. Not one business building is left intact.

The destruction includes all the county buildings. The four story court house, with its high dome, is merely a pile of broken masonry. Nothing is left. Identification is impossible.

What was not destroyed by the earthquake has been swept by fire. Until the flames started there was hope of saving the residence district. It was soon apparent that any such idea that might have been entertained was to be abandoned.

This was appreciated by the citizens and they prepared to desert their homes. Not even their household goods were taken. They made for the fields and hills to watch the destruction or one of the most beautiful cities of the west.

Messengers bring the saddest tidings of the destruction of Healdsburg, Gracerville, Cloverdale, Holbrook and Ukiah. This report takes in the country as far north as Mendocino and Lake Counties and as far west as the Pacific Ocean. These are frontier counties and have not as large towns as farther south.

WAR DEPARTMENT HELPS THE VICTIMS

THOUSANDS FLEE TO OAKLAND FOR SAFETY

(By the Associated Press.)
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 really syndicate at once offered Iroka Park for the use of these left without shelter by the earthquake. The offer has been gratefully accepted by the police and fire departments and 200 cots have been placed in the theatre for the use of the refugees. Relief stations have also been established at the city hall, and at the various public parks throughout the city.

Other relief stations have also been established in such of the churches throughout the city as are considered safe for use as such.

A report comes from Martinez that the Martinez Bank building, one of the finest structures in the town, has been completely destroyed.

It is at present impossible to estimate the amount of damage to property in this city owing to the fact that practically no inspection has been made of the buildings except by Fire Warden George McDonald, and this only for the purpose of condemning those which are unsafe and must be torn down. Many of the structures show little apparent damage on the outside, but on closer examination prove to have been badly twisted and racked by the shock.

Sympathy From France.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, April 19.—President Fallieres has telegraphed to President Roosevelt an expression of France's most profound sympathy with the United States in the distress resulting from the earthquake in California.

Gold for San Francisco.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 18.—The National Park Bank today transferred to San Francisco through the sub-treasury between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in gold. M. Ouggenheim Sons today notified General Funston that they had contributed \$50,000 for the relief of San Francisco sufferers.