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## THE FIERY BLASTS ARE STILL BLAZING AWFUL PATH OF RUIN

### HEAT OF FLAMES CUT OFF AVENUE AFTER AVENUE OF ESCAPE

#### Some 200,000 Refugees Are Struggling to Get Out of San Francisco

#### CROWDS BEG FOOD AND FERRY FARE

Suffering From Hunger and Thirst  
Pitiable—Women Rushing for the  
Hills Carrying Only a Cat or Bird  
Cage—Householders Burying Property  
Throughout the North Beach.  
Mob Robbed Bread Wagon—Ex-  
pressmen Charge \$10 to \$50 to  
Haul a Load—Cadets From Uni-  
versity of California Aid in En-  
forcing Martial Law.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Ferry Building, San Francisco,  
Calif., April 20.—The fire is under  
control, it having been checked at  
Van Ness avenue and in the Mission.  
The fire is still raging north of  
Russian Hill toward the bay, but will  
not spread west. Probably a fourth  
of the city is safe.

Measures are being taken for the  
relief of the destitute. Last night  
was a horrible one for the refugees.  
Most of them were without food or  
water and their sufferings were ter-  
rible. Bakeries are starting today  
and bread is being sent over from  
Oakland. Supplies of bread and milk  
are needed immediately. Swift &  
Co. have 500,000 pounds of canned  
beef at South San Francisco.

New York, April 20.—The West-  
ern Union received the following dis-  
patch from San Francisco shortly  
before 9 o'clock, Pacific coast time  
(noon, eastern time):

"The fire in the residence section  
has been stopped at Octavia street  
and is now confined to Telegraph  
Hill. Inasmuch as there is a large  
burned area between that part of  
Telegraph Hill now on fire and the  
section of the city further west, and  
since the fire is practically out in  
this burned area, the flames prob-  
ably will not spread much further in  
this section. One great danger, which  
may lead to fresh fires about the  
city, is likely to be the kindling of  
fires in stoves by ignorant persons.  
There is scarcely a chimney in town  
that is safe to trust to a stove fire."

San Francisco, April 20.—10 a. m.  
The fire this morning is burning in  
the western addition and moving to-  
wards Golden Gate Park and the  
Presidio on the west and Telegraph  
Hill on the north.

San Francisco, Calif., April 20.—  
Probably 200,000 refugees are strug-  
gling to get out of the city, and  
hourly the task is becoming more  
difficult, as the fire and heat cut off  
avenue after avenue of escape. The  
streets are filled with struggling  
people, some crying and weeping and  
calling for missing loved ones.  
Crowding all sidewalks in the threat-  
ened area are hundreds upon hun-  
dreds of householders attempting to  
drag some of their effects to places  
of safety. In some instances men  
with ropes are dragging trunks tan-  
dem style, others having sewing ma-  
chines strapped to the trunks. Again  
women are rushing for the hills, car-  
rying on their arms only the family  
cat or a bird cage.

There is no aid for any one from  
outside sources. In the awful scur-  
rle for safety the half crazed survi-  
vors disregard everything but the  
thought of themselves and their  
property. In every excavation and  
hole throughout the North Beach  
householders are burying household  
effects, throwing them into ditches

and covering the holes. Attempts  
are made to mark the graves of the  
property so that it can be recovered  
after flames are appeased. Sufferers  
are invading the few buildings that  
remain in the hope of finding some-  
thing to eat. They only desist when  
warned or shot by the soldiers.

**Beg Food and Transportation.**  
At the ferry building a crowd of  
a thousand people were gathered  
begging for food and transportation  
across the bay. Hundreds had not  
even ten cents car fare to Oakland.  
Most of the refugees at this point  
were Chinamen and Italians, who  
fled from their burned tenements  
with little or no personal property.  
The suffering of many from hun-  
ger is pitiful.

A mob of a hundred or more rob-  
bed a bread wagon and took the con-  
tents. The police made an attempt  
to interfere, but were powerless.  
Bread is arriving from Berkeley and  
Oakland, and is being distributed in  
the north end of town by the relief  
parties organized by Mayor Schmitz.

**Thousands Sleep in Hills.**  
Thousands of people slept in the  
hills last night or stood gazing with  
grim faces on the lurid scene below.  
Women and children and little babies  
in arms were huddled together with  
the injured. In Golden Gate Park  
the people are camping with gnaw-  
ing hunger the companion of all. The  
wail of the injured and the call of  
frantic survivors for friends and  
relatives who are missing are pitiful.  
These crowds are constantly increas-  
ing, and the relief committees are  
doing all in their power to get bed-  
ding and food for the homeless.

Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda  
are short of food, and in a few days  
will themselves be facing a serious  
shortage unless relief comes from  
the outside.  
Expressmen are charging from  
\$10 to \$50 to haul a load of baggage  
or give any aid to refugees.  
Liquor stores in the north end  
were broken into by thieves and hun-  
dreds of men were carrying away  
bottled liquors when soldiers arrived.  
The men had to be clubbed by the  
military before they would drop the  
bottles.

Soldiers smashed the bottles on  
the stones and drove the mob at the  
point of the bayonet.

**Works of Art Destroyed.**  
When the mansions on Nob Hill,  
the Fairmont Hotel and Mark Hop-  
kins Institute were approached by  
the flames yesterday many attempts  
were made to remove some of the  
priceless works of art from the  
buildings. A crowd of soldiers was  
sent to the Flood and the Hunting-  
ton mansions and the Hopkins Insti-  
tute to rescue the paintings. From  
the Huntington home and the Flood  
mansion canvases were cut from the  
frame-work with knives. The col-  
lections in the three buildings are  
valued in the hundreds of thousands.  
Few were saved from the ravages of  
the fire.

Yesterday afternoon 500 cadets  
of the University of California en-  
tered the city to aid in the enforce-  
ment of martial law. The young col-  
legians have orders to shoot without  
warning those caught looting. In  
many parts of the town where the  
crowds of survivors are the wildest  
it is almost impossible to get around  
save at the point of a pistol. The  
soldiers are disarming every person  
seen with a weapon.

**Suffering From Thirst.**  
The greatest suffering among the  
thousands of homeless people is from  
thirst. Although the earthquake  
shocks had broken water mains in  
probably hundreds of places, strange  
to say no water, or very little at  
least, appeared on the surface of the  
ground. Public fountains on Market  
street gave out no relief to the  
thirsty thousands.

At Powell and Market streets a  
small stream of water spurted up  
through the cobble stones and form-  
ed a muddy pool. At this pool hun-  
dreds of people knelt and drank,  
women as well as men.

The work of the regular soldiers  
in suppressing order is worthy of  
the greatest praise. Everywhere

they showed the highest degree of  
courage.

**Shot for Looting.**  
They did not hesitate to shoot  
whenever they found any one loot-  
ing, and probably twenty victims fell  
before them today.

While firemen were blowing up a  
cable power house at Sutter and  
Polk streets and the McNutt Hospi-  
tal and the St. Dunstan apartments  
nearby in a vain effort to check the  
flames, the steeple of St. Mary's Ca-  
thedral, a Roman Catholic edifice  
which had withstood the earthquake  
shock, caught fire. A fireman with  
a hose tied to his belt scaled the high  
steeple and played a stream on the  
burning section, and the blaze was  
extinguished. Thousands of people  
cheered the heroic deed and the  
handsome building was saved.

Last night, when the fire on the  
eastern slope of Nob Hill was eat-  
ing its way toward Telegraph Hill,  
the firemen finally managed to get  
a stream of salt water from the bay,  
pumped through a hose a mile long.  
This delayed the progress of the fire,  
but it seemed that North Beach, like  
the greater portion of the city, was  
doomed to destruction.

The report that the famous Cliff  
House had toppled into the sea can-  
not be verified and is probably un-  
true. In the confusion it is impos-  
ible to get to it.

The care of 300,000 homeless,  
hungry refugees now gathered in the  
city's public squares and parks is now  
the main problem the local authori-  
ties have to solve. They must be fed  
and bread, meat and drink in suffi-  
cient quantities are lacking. All the  
leading cities and towns throughout  
the country are now exerting them-  
selves to lend assistance and provi-  
sions are now headed for them from  
many points.

**Bread At \$1 a Loaf.**  
Bread has already sold as high as  
one dollar a loaf and two loaves and  
a can of sardines brought in one in-  
stance \$3.50. But this condition of  
affairs will not be permitted to last  
long. In towns across the bay the  
master bakers have met and fixed the  
price of bread at 5 cents a loaf, with  
the understanding that they will re-  
fuse to sell to retailers who attempt  
to charge famine prices. The com-  
mittee of citizens now in charge of  
the situation in the stricken city will  
also use every effort to keep the price  
of food down to the ordinary price.

Three relief stations for the home-  
less have already been established  
by the general committee. These  
stations are the temporary homes of  
the homeless. The stations are at  
Golden Gate park, Presidio and San  
Bruno road.

By order of the general committee  
all remaining stores were entered by  
the police last night and their goods  
confiscated. Caravans of provisions  
are now on their way to the three re-  
lief stations.

In the meantime the hills and  
beaches of San Francisco look like an  
immense tented city.

For miles through the park and  
along the beaches from Ingleside to  
the sea wall at north beach the home-  
less are camped in tents, makeshifts  
rigged up from a few sticks of wood  
and a blanket or sheet. Some few  
of the more fortunate secured vehi-  
cles on which they loaded regulation  
tents and are therefore more comfort-  
ably housed than the great majority.

**Vast Camping Ground.**  
Golden Gate Park and the Pan-  
handle looks like one vast camping  
ground. It is said that fully one  
hundred thousand persons, rich and  
poor alike, sought refuge in Golden  
Gate Park alone, and two hundred  
thousand more homeless ones located  
at other places of refuge.

Portsmouth Square yesterday be-  
came for a time a public morgue.  
Between twenty and thirty corpses  
were laid side by side upon the trod-  
den grass in the absence of more  
suitable accommodations.  
It is said when the flames threat-  
ened to reach the square the dead,  
mostly unknown, were removed to  
Columbia Square, where they were  
buried when danger threatened that  
quarter.

**Crowds Bury the Dead.**  
Out at the Presidio soldiers pressed  
into service all men who came near  
the Presidio and forced them to labor  
at burying the dead. So thick were  
the corpses piled up that they were  
becoming a menace and early in the  
day the order was issued to bury  
them at any cost. The soldiers were  
needed for their work so, at the  
point of rifle, the citizens were com-  
pelled to take to the work of burying.  
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## THE FIRE HAS CREPT BACK WRECK STREETS

#### Will Make Clean Sweep to Golden Gate Park

#### GOING AT FAST RATE

Dispatch from Francisco to War De-  
partment This Morning Gives  
Gloomy Outlook—Flames in Full  
Possession of Houses Left on Tele-  
graph Hill.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 20.—The fol-  
lowing Western Union dispatch was  
received at the war department to-  
day:

"San Francisco, April 20.—5.19  
a. m.—The fire, which heretofore  
had crept around the base of Tele-  
graph Hill and left the few houses  
standing there, has crept back from  
the west, and is now in full posses-  
sion of the houses on the hill, and  
will no doubt take everything down  
to the water front on Van Ness ave-  
nue and west of there. The main  
fire has reached Octavia street and is  
going at a fast rate. There is no one  
in from the fire since midnight. At  
that time it had started afresh on  
the south end of the line of fire, and  
was burning fast.

The fire buildings present a  
fearful scene of men, women and  
children, and the few articles they  
have tried to save. They are all  
here about to leave the city by the  
first boat they can get away on.

The road leading from the ferry  
north and around the shore of the  
bay as far as Fort Mason is strewn  
with all sorts of vehicles that have  
broken down. Baby carriages, wheel  
barrows, etc., that would not stand  
the loads over the rough way have  
been abandoned, and in some cases  
with their loads.

The fire came very close to Fort  
Mason last night, and the big Fon-  
tana warehouse and nearby canneries  
will no doubt go today. I think the  
fire will make a clean sweep of  
everything as far as Golden Gate  
park. Would not be surprised to  
see it take the Eucalyptus trees that  
line the park and burn the shrubbery  
clear to the ocean beach."

## FAIRLY COMFORTABLE NIGHT FOR HOMELESS

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, April 20.—A Western  
Union Telegraph operator who made  
a tour of the city of San Francisco  
with a military escort last night sent  
the following dispatch to New York  
today:

"The thousands who spent last  
night out of doors were fairly com-  
fortable, most of them being sheltered  
by tents. Considerable distress,  
however, was caused by a heavy fog  
which came up during the night and  
also by dew. Chinamen are in evi-  
dence about the ferry house by the  
thousands, all of them waiting  
anxiously to get out of the city and  
all of them carrying big bundles.  
The principal food for those who re-  
main in the city is composed of  
canned goods and crackers. The re-  
fugees who succeeded in getting out  
of San Francisco are met as soon as  
they enter the neighboring towns by  
representatives of bakers, who have  
made large supplies of bread, and  
who immediately deal them out to  
the hungry people."

## PLANS FOR A BIG LUMBER MERGER

(By the Associated Press.)  
Norfolk, Va., April 20.—The Wiley  
Harker & Camp Company, a large lum-  
ber corporation of New York, several  
of whose members were formerly in  
the lumber business here, have acquired  
the interest of the failed Tunis Lum-  
ber Company in large lumber plants  
and railroads in and about Mount Airy,  
N. C. Plans have been completed for  
the uniting of these varied interests  
into one concern, which will be con-  
trolled by the Wiley Harker & Camp  
Corporation. The properties to be  
merged will include the Mount Airy and  
Eastern Railway Company, Mount Airy  
Manufacturing Company, Mount Airy  
Manufacturing and Lumber Corpora-  
tion and the Dan Valley Lumber Com-  
pany. The merger will be completed at  
a meeting in New York on April 25.

## 103 BODIES TAKEN FROM INSANE ASYLUM

(By the Associated Press.)  
Oakland, Cal., April 20.—An Associ-  
ated Press correspondent who arrived  
here last night from Santa Cruz, re-  
ports that up to noon Thursday, 103  
bodies had been taken out of Agnew's State  
Hospital, near Santa Clara. Official es-  
timates place the number of injured in-  
sane patients at 267 and of these thirty  
were not expected to live. The main  
building of the hospital collapsed, pin-  
ning many of the patients under fallen  
walls and debris. The padded cells had  
to be broken open and more dangerous  
patients were tied to trees out on the  
lawn. Very little damage was done to  
the buildings at Santa Clara college and  
not one of the students or priests was  
injured.

## GAS EXPLOSIONS WRECK STREETS

#### A Dozen Killed by 300 Cat- tle Amuck

#### BANK GIVES \$3,000,000

Immediate Prospect of Large Supply  
of Water.—Dr. J. C. Stinson  
Killed in His Room at California  
Hotel.—Work of Clearing Up De-  
bris Already Begun.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, April 20.—Explo-  
sions of sewer gas have wrecked  
many streets and caused needless  
alarm among people who mistook the  
upheavals for further earthquakes.  
Yesterday afternoon a Vesuvius in  
miniature was created by such an up-  
heaval at Bryant and Eighth streets.  
Cobble stones were hurled twenty  
feet upward and a cloud of sand  
filled the air.

There is an immediate prospect for  
a large supply of water. Officers of  
the Spring Valley Water Company  
stated last night that they expect to  
be able to furnish the city with ten  
million gallons of water today or to-  
morrow. There is water now west of  
Van Ness avenue, and the engines  
there are fighting the fire with fresh  
water. In the Mission district there  
is water, but there are no engines and  
the fire is burning unimpeded.

Another series of fatalities oc-  
curred yesterday, caused by the stamp-  
ing of a herd of cattle at Sixth  
and Folsom streets. Three hundred  
of the panic stricken animals ran  
amuck when they saw and felt the  
flames, and charged wildly down the  
street, trampling under foot all who  
were in the way. One man was  
gored through and through by a mad-  
dened bull. At least a dozen per-  
sons, it is said, were killed.

The death is reported of Dr. J. C.  
Stinson, a well known physician and  
former member of the city board of  
health, who was killed in his room  
at the California hotel Wednesday  
morning.

The call says this morning that a  
prominent president of one of the  
San Francisco banks has wired dis-  
rections to his manager to place \$3,-  
000,000 in the hands of the citizens  
relief and restoration committee, to  
be used at its discretion in the im-  
mediate work of attending the im-  
mediate wants of the stricken peo-  
ple of San Francisco. Subsequent sub-  
scriptions have added \$191,599 to  
the fund.

The residents of Oakland, Alameda,  
and other cities across the bay  
are extending hospitality to refugees  
who are coming in from the city by  
the thousands. In addition, churches  
and large halls have been thrown  
open for their accommodation, a  
privilege of which many of the home-  
less and worn out gladly took ad-  
vantage.

The work of clearing up the debris  
has already begun at the water-  
front in the business section. One  
hundred men were employed this  
morning under the direction of the  
street department.

## WINDER'S PROPOSITION REJECTED BY MINERS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 20.—The  
international executive board of the  
United Mine-Workers of America to-  
day rejected the proposition of the  
operators of western Pennsylvania,  
Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, who are  
opposing the payment of the 1905  
wage scale to coal miners, and who,  
through J. H. Winder, their chair-  
man, offered to submit the differ-  
ences to arbitration.

## WORKING HOURS IN READING REDUCED

(By the Associated Press.)  
Reading, Pa., April 20.—Notices have  
been posted in the Reading Railway  
shops announcing a reduction of the  
working hours from fifty-five hours to  
thirty-six hours a week. The order in-  
cludes all the repair shops in Reading,  
as well as those at Schuylkill Haven,  
Wayne Junction and other points. The  
reduction of working hours is attributed  
to the shut down in the anthracite re-  
gions. The order will affect about thirty-  
five hundred men in Reading alone.

## LAUDANUM KILLED HIM.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wilmington, N. C., April 20.—  
John S. Piver, aged 55 years, died at  
the city hospital last night from the  
effects of laudanum. Piver drank  
three ounces of the drug at his home  
at 9 o'clock. He died soon after  
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dead man was an employe on the  
city streets and wharves department.  
He leaves a wife and one child.

## JUDGE GOFF TOOK CASE FROM JURY'S HANDS

#### WASHINGTON, N. C. GETS PUBLIC BUILDING

#### Ordered Verdict of Not Guilty in the Blackburn Case

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 20.—(Senate.)  
A resolution presented in the senate  
today by Mr. Morgan at the request  
of the secretary of war making the  
money appropriated by the resolution  
passed yesterday for the relief of  
San Francisco sufferers available for  
the purchase of medical supplies as  
well as for substance and quarter-  
masters supplies was passed.

The following bills were passed:  
Authorizing a public building at  
Washington, N. C., at a cost of \$60,-  
000.

Relating to the movement of ves-  
sels in Hampton Roads, Va., and ad-  
jacent waters.  
The railroad rate bill was laid be-  
fore the senate and Mr. La Follette  
resumed his speech on that measure.

## THE RAPID PROGRESS OF FARM WORK

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, April 20.—Dispatches to  
Dun's Review indicate that the gen-  
eral situation continues satisfactory in  
most sections of the country, by far  
the most encouraging result of the  
week being the rapid progress of farm  
work. Work exchanges show some in-  
regularity, but this is due mainly to  
the loss at New York, total exchanges  
for this week at all leading cities in  
the United States being \$2,789,678,458,  
a decrease of 44 percent, compared  
with the corresponding week last year.  
San Francisco, which has been report-  
ing such heavy rains this year, is an-  
ticipated from the total, no fur-  
nishes from that city being available  
for any part of the week this year.

The court room which was crowd-  
ed, resounded with cheers when  
Judge Goff's decision was announced  
and there was no attempt made to  
quiet the demonstration.

Congressman Blackburn who sat  
with his lawyers within the rail was  
immediately surrounded by an eager  
crowd of friends of both political  
parties who warmly congratulated  
him.

## A. C. L. & CONDUCTORS AGREE ON WAGE SCALE

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wilmington, N. C., April 20.—  
After repeated meetings extending  
over several weeks, the Atlantic  
Coast Line Railroad officials and the  
general committee of adjustment of  
the Order of Railway Conductors,  
embracing the entire Coast Line sys-  
tem, have reached an agreement on  
all points. A new scale of wages  
has been arranged to go into effect  
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#### Ordered Verdict of Not Guilty in the Blackburn Case

#### OUTBURST OF CHEERS WAS NOT CHECKED

A Sudden Ending During the Charge  
to the Jury—Judge Told the  
Twelve Men If They Should Re-  
turn a Verdict of Guilty He Would  
Set It Aside—Many Ladies Crowd-  
ed Up and Shook Judge Goff's  
Hand.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Greensboro, N. C., April 20.—Judge  
Goff today took the case against  
Representative Blackburn from the  
jury and ordered a verdict of not  
guilty.

Gentlemen, if you should bring in  
a verdict of guilty I would promptly  
set it aside. I therefore order you to  
write upon each and every one of the  
eight indictments the words 'Not  
guilty.'

With the above words which, ut-  
tered at the close of a long judicial  
opinion rendered from the bench,  
United States Circuit Judge Nathan  
Goff took the case of the United  
States against Congressman E. Spen-  
cer Blackburn out of the hands of the  
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Blackburn was charged by the govern-  
ment with having violated as a  
congressman section 1782 of the re-  
vised statutes in practicing and re-  
ceiving a fee therefor before the gov-  
ernment departments at Washington.

He was brought to trial on eight in-  
dictments, five of which were secured  
at Asheville, N. C., and three at the  
federal court of the western district  
of North Carolina, sitting at Greens-  
boro.

The following is another account re-  
ceived this afternoon from the cor-  
respondent of The Evening Times in  
Greensboro:

The Blackburn case came to a sud-  
den end this morning, practically in  
the midst of Judge Goff's charge to  
the jury.

His honor was proceeding as if to  
deliver quite a lengthy charge, but  
after going over and explaining the  
case fully, giving the contentions of  
both sides, he stopped and looking  
the jury full in the face said:

"I do not should you return a verdict  
of guilty under these conditions I  
would set it aside. It is there-  
fore needless to have you go through  
the formality of considering the case  
or returning a verdict."

At this sudden announcement there  
was an outburst of applause from all  
over the packed court room, which the  
court made no effort to check, and  
numbers of ladies who attended the  
trial indignantly crowded up to the bench  
and shook Judge Goff's hand.

There being no further charges  
against the defendant, he was order-  
ed discharged and was the recipient  
of numerous congratulations.

The opinion has prevailed through-  
out the trial that the government  
failed to make out its case and that  
the jury would acquit the defendant.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Philadelphia, Pa., April 20.—William  
Perry, a negro, who, according to the  
police, says he shot and killed Lewis  
Williams and Alice Merritt, also col-  
ored, at the 110 street elevated railroad  
station in New York yesterday, gave  
himself up to the police of Philadel-  
phia early today. Perry, who is about  
thirty-five years old, said he objected to  
the woman, and for that reason killed  
him. He had not intended killing the  
woman.

**Died at Hamlet.**  
Hamlet, N. C., April 20.—Mr. Lee  
Atkinson died Wednesday morning at  
his father's residence here. His re-  
mains were taken to Cheraw for bur-  
ial.