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Federal Court Room at Greensboro a Scene of Wild Applause When the Congressman From the Eighth is Cleared of Charges of Practicing Before Departments.

Charlotte Observer.

Greensboro, April 20.—As was predicted in The Observer of to-day the Blackburn trial closed this morning just before the clock struck 12. The case did not go to the jury for, as Judge Goff closed his charge, he said, "And, gentlemen of the jury, if you were to bring in a verdict of guilty I should set it aside; therefore, why go through the formality of rendering one." As the words fell from the lips of the learned man of law an outburst of applause burst from the large crowd which had assembled to hear the court deliver its instructions. The cheering was liberal and prolonged. Forgetting that court was still in session a number of ladies rose up from their seats, walked across the bar and congratulated Judge Goff. The scene that followed the noted utterance was very animated and interesting. Men rushed out and filed telegrams to friends and newspaper reporters sent off bulletins. There was tumult and applause, and, through it all, the defendant sat where he had been all the morning and received congratulations from those who were close at hand. He showed considerable feeling, but said very little.

Raising Fine Horses.

Yorkville Enquirer.

Mr. J. Bolivar Scott, of the Delphos neighborhood, recently sold a pair of horses of his raising for $500, one for $200 and the other for $300. "But I do not know that I have done very well," said Mr. Scott, in referring to the matter, "for I am told that the man to whom I sold the horse for $300 almost immediately afterward sold him for $400, and then I had to go and buy a pair of mules, for which I paid nearly as much as I got for the horses." The point, however, is the practical demonstration of the fact that $200 and $300 horses can be raised in this section.

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Resolutions of Respect.

It is the desire of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias to express the high degree of esteem in which our deceased brother, Robert C. Adams, was held by every member of the lodge, therefore, be it resolved:

First, That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, we mourn the loss of a brother whom to know was to love, and whose life and fellowship sweetened and brightened all our lives.

Second, That he was ever true to his brother knights, faithful to every Pythian obligation and always brought to the council hall or to the fraternal circle the sunshine and bouyancy of his manly spirit. He was frank, manly and brave, and in his life exemplified those gentle and chivalrous traits that can spring only from a generous heart and a noble spirit.

Third, That he was a young man of much usefulness and promise; a good citizen, a consistent Christian and all life was made better for his having lived.

Fourth, That to his devoted family, and especially to her upon whom this bereavement falls so heavily, we extend our heart felt sympathy.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a special page of our minute book, a copy be sent to the widow and family of our deceased brother and that copies be sent to our city papers and to the Carolina Pythian.

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More Votes Than Voters.

Charlotte Observer.

Newbern, April 20.—An election was held in the city of Beaufort yesterday for the purpose of making an assessment for the support of a graded school. The preceding campaign was warm and the election one of the most exciting ever held there. On counting the votes it was found that more had been deposited than there were legal voters in the city and, although those who were in favor of the assessment won, they decided to throw the election out on account of fraud and issue a call for a new election, which will be done Monday. The majority in favor of the tax was 40.

The Gazette office for neat job printing.

SAN FRANCISCO BUT A MEMORY.

Flame-Swept City a Vast Waste of Ashes and Ruins—Its People Homeless and Hungry. Tents and Supplies Needed—Some Incidents of the Terrible Catastrophe.

Oakland, April 20.—San Francisco is but a memory. Not a home remains, and the peninsula, yesterday the home of nearly half a million people, is now a mass of ruins. Besides the great San Francisco conflagration the fires of Boston, Chicago, and Baltimore, seem insignificant. More people died in Galveston flood perhaps, but the destruction of property was far less.

Mayor Schmitz's residence fell before the onslaught of the fire fiend and the Executive and and General Funston, working in perfect harmony from the same offices, were forced gradually backward until to-day it is expected they will have to move into the military reservation itself. A few stark steel ruins thrust mighty beams into the smoke-clouded sky as if in defi of the elements that strove to wreck their destruction. The steel frames are twisted and bent but remain faithful to hopes of inventors who conceived them.

The United States mint stands desolate amid ruins. The quakes of angry nature did little more than make the mammoth pile tremble and its stone defies the fire and remained.

NUMBER OF DEAD UNCERTAIN.

It is now impossible to estimate the number of dead. Five hundred may be as near right as five thousands. Estimates of ten thousand are common.

Two thousand refugees arrived last night at Sacramento and 20,000 more will be sent there today. Thorough outcasts of the earth, hyeneas in image of man, plied their thieving ghoulish calling in the darkness. Soldiers shot many of them.

Toiling up steep hill sides, drawing trunks and household goods over piles of debris, their faces blackened by smoke, lined by suffering, and resembling imps from another world, men followed by dazed families sought all night to find relief from scenes of horror. It is a cosmopolitan crowd and a motley crew. The mournful procession of poor whites, Orient peoples of all nations, wended tragically from the rookeries they called home.

The soldiers are administering affairs with all justice of judges and all devotion of heroes. It was the soldiers who prevented people from robbing the fire-fighters of their last drop of water. It is the soldiers who keep up the courage of the refugees, feed the hungry and serve the injured. Doctors and nurses, and policemen working without food and all work with patience.

The great story of the San Francisco disaster is yet to come. It will never be all told. There will be as many versions of the thousands of tragedies as there were people in the stricken city.

61 KILLED IN ASYLUM.

Oakland, Cal., April 20—Dr. Clark, superintendent of the San Francisco County Hospital, telephoned Press headquarters in Oakland last night concerning the situation at the Agnews Insane Asylum near San Jose. Dr. Clark said that 11 employes and officers of the institution, including Drs. Kelly and Bell, were killed and 20 injured. Among the patients 55 were killed and 120 injured. All the buildings were demolished. Dr. Clark said that there was absolutely no confusion, and that he believed all the patients had been accounted for.

MANY CRAZED BY FLAMES.

San Francisco, April 20.—While the heroic fire-fighters were making the last stand at Van Ness avenue, panic reigned among the survivors in other parts of the city. Soldiers were obliged to prevent men and women, made insane, from rushing into deserted buildings to save valuables from the ruins. At Larkin and Sutter streets, two men and a woman broke from the police and rushed into a burning apartment house, never to reappear.

Probably 200,000 refugees are struggling 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. In every excavation and hole throughout the north beach householders are burying household effects, throwing them into ditches and covering the hole. Attempts are made to mark the graves of the property.

DEAD AT SANTA ROSA 500.

Oakland, Cal., April 20.—O. W. Duffy, of Owensboro, Ky, was the only one out of several score to escape from his floor of the St. Rose Hotel at Santa Rosa. Mr. Duffy says when the shock started he rushed for the stairway, but the building was swaying so that he turned back. He threw himself in front of a dresser to protect himself from falling timbers. The dresser held up the beams which tumbled over him. He was imprisoned 5 hours before being rescued. According to Duffy there were about 300 persons killed in the destruction of the three hotels in Santa Rosa and not fewer than 500 in the whole town of Santa Rosa.

SHOCK FELT 7,000 MILES.

Rome, April 20.—The seismographs in the observatories throughout Italy have recorded distant earth shocks. Those of the observatory at Florence, which has the most perfect instruments, indicated that an earthquake had been felt at a distance of 7,000 miles. The shocks were so severe that they injured the instruments.

The director of the Florence observatory is of the opinion that the earthquake in California, viewed in connection with the outbreak of Mount Vesuvius and the earthquake in Calabria in September last, indicates the approach of further territorial convulsions.

FACING THE FUTURE.

San Francisco, April 20.—San Francisco's darkest hour has dawned into a day of hope. Its time of overwhelming disaster and peril has ended and its future is now a subject of general consideration.

The fire is practically under control. A clear sky over the mission district shows that the fire there has been extinguished. The spread of the flames toward the western addition, the best part of the city remaining, has been stayed, and the only portion of the conflagration that demands the attention of the firemen is that extending from the Nob Hill section down to the northwestern part of the waterfront. The western addition danger was averted at 2:30 o'clock this morning by the use of guncotton, dynamite and two streams of water. The explosives were handled by the chief gunner of the Mare Island navy yard and his accomplishments proved him to be a master of his profession.

50,000 GET LOAF APIECE.

The work of relief was started early to-day. A big bakery in the saved district started its ovens and arranged to bake 50,000 loaves of bread before night. Thousands of people were in line this morning before the California street bakery. The police and military were present in force and each person was allowed only one loaf.

The homeless people in the parks and vacant lots were provided for to-day as speedily as possible.

SUFFERING INDESCRIBABLE.

The destitution and suffering is indescribable. Women and children who had comfortable homes a few days ago slept last night—if sleep came at all—on hay on the wharves, on the sand lots near North Beach, some of them under the little tents made of sheeting which poorly protected them from the chilling ocean winds. The people in the parks are possibly better off in the matter of shelter, for they left their homes better prepared. Instructions were issued by Mayor Schmitz to-day to break open every store containing provisions and to distribute them to the thousands under police supervision The Young Men's Hebrew Association hall near Golden Gate Park has been stocked with provisions for the use of needy victims in the adjacent fields.

ORDER ASTONISHINGLY GOOD.

Both the mayor and Chief of Police Dinan, when asked for statements by the Associated Press, expressed themselves as thankful that the fire was virtually controlled. Captain Dinan said that the order maintained fairly astonished him. He thought it due to early severe measures taken by the soldiers and police in shooting down offenders.

Two men were shot and killed this morning. Policeman Flood on entering his home encountered a stranger who attacked him. Flood shot him dead. Special Policeman Snyder killed a man but the details are not known.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP THE RULE.

Good order and fellowship seem to prevail in these impromptu settlements and the common ruin and poverty has made all of the unfortunates akin.

In buildings close to the camps the police are storing available food stuffs and bed clothing for convenient delivery. That there will be a just and equal distribution of supplies, is evident from the temper of the city administration. No distinctions are drawn and only few favors shown.

RELY ON THE BIG CITIES.

The grave question is: How soon, will an adequate supply of food arrive from outside points, avert famine and destitution? There is little food in San Francisco outside of what little each person possesses and this cannot last more than a few days. San Francisco is, geographically, an isolated city. Its nearest large neighbor south is Los Angeles, 500 miles away. To the north is Portland, nearly 800 miles distant, and its nearest neighbor in the east is Salt Lake City, 1,000 miles away. These cities and all of the less populated nearer towns are making sacrifices for the destitute here, but it is to the big cities of the nation that San Francisco looks with anxious eyes for relief.

BODIES FOUND BY HUNDREDS.

From a three-story lodging house at Fifth and Minna streets which collapsed Wednesday morning, more than 75 bodies were taken out to-day. There are 50 other dead bodies in sight of the ruins. This building was one of the first to take fire on Fifth street. At least 100 persons were killed in the Cosmopolitan, on Fourt street.

FAMILIES SCATTERED.

Thousands of members of families are separated and with no means of learning one another's whereabouts. The police to-day opened up a bureau of registration to bring relatives together.

It is impossible to secure a vehicle except at exorbitant prices. One merchant engaged a teamster and horses and wagon, agreeing to pay $50 an hour. Charges of $20 for ferrying trunks a few blocks was common. The police and military seize teams wherever they require them, their wishes being enforced at revolver point if the owner proved indisposed to comply with the demands.

Mayor Schmitz looked weary to-day, but was energetically at work at his desk, though he had had little or no sleep. The policemen reported that two grocery stores in the neighborhood were closed, although the clerks were present. "Smash the stores open" ordered the mayor, "and guard them".

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ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS!

County Executive Committee to Meet in Dallas May 7th.

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

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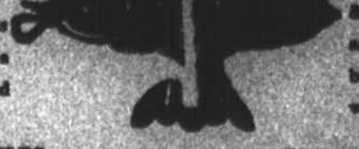

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