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AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

Earthquakes and Fire Devastate the City of San Francisco, Causing a Loss Estimated at Over \$200,000,000.

THOUSANDS OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE DEAD

The State Insane Asylum at Agnew was Demolished, Many Inmates Being Buried in the Ruins—Reports of Ruin Come from Many Other Cities and Small Towns in California.

San Francisco, Cal.—Earthquakes and fire on Wednesday put nearly half of San Francisco in ruins. At least 200 persons were killed, a thousand injured and the property loss will exceed \$200,000,000.

Following the first shock there was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Three hours later there was another slight quake. Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage.

San Jose, 50 miles south, lost many buildings and from 15 to 20 persons were killed. The annex of the Vendome hotel collapsed and fires broke out. Stanford university and Palo Alto suffered greatly.

News comes from Niles, a small town about 15 miles from San Jose, stating that the earthquake demolished the state insane asylum at Agnew, near San Jose, burying many of the inmates in the ruins.

As a result of the breaking of the mains of the Spring Valley Water Co. the town of San Mateo was flooded. It was owing to the broken mains that the fire gained such headway in San Francisco.

The fire swept down the streets so rapidly that it was practically impossible to save anything in its way. It reached the Grand opera house in Mission street and in a moment had burned through the roof.

The Metropolitan Opera Co. from New York had just opened its season there and all the scenery and costumes were soon reduced to ashes. From the opera house the fire leaped from building to building, leveling them to the ground in quick succession.

A Fatal Explosion in a Mine. Cannonsburg, Pa.—Seven men were injured, two fatally, by an explosion of powder Thursday in the Hazel coal mine of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Co.

Radium's Discoverer is Killed. Paris, France.—Prof. Curie, the discoverer of radium, was run over and killed by a wagon here Thursday.

have been taken for the care of destitute. They were fed and protected in Golden Gate park and the squares. All efforts to prevent the fire from reaching the Palace and Grand hotels were unsuccessful and both were completely destroyed.

From the Cliff house comes word that the great pleasure resort and show place of the city, which stood upon a foundation of solid rock, has been swept into the sea.

In the northern part of the downtown section of the city the fire swept around the hall of justice and communicated to Chinatown, thence proceeding westward into the heart of that colony. It then began rapidly eating its way southward.

Orders were given to concentrate every fire engine in the city at Van Ness avenue, to marshal soldiers, police and all workers and make one last stand to save the remainder of the city.

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There is only one danger, and that is that the food supply will run out. Every grocery in San Francisco has been taken by the authorities and each family is being sold only one article at a time.

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or's office that an automobile has arrived there with news that Santa Rosa is ruined and that between 200 and 300 persons are killed.

Los Angeles, Cal.—At 12:33 o'clock Thursday afternoon Los Angeles experienced a distinct earthquake shock of short duration. No damage was done, but thousands of persons were frightened.

E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, on Thursday wired Superintendent Ingram to get a railroad train, buy five car loads of canned goods and send them to San Francisco at the earliest possible moment.

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. This is the only town in southern California known to have suffered from the shock.

San Jose, Cal.—Latest reports show that ten persons were killed by the earthquake in San Jose. The hall of records is destroyed, as well as the hall of justice.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Southern Pacific hospital at Fourteenth and Mission streets has been dynamited, the patients having been removed to places of safety. The Linda Vista and the Pleasanton, two large family hotels on Jones street in the better part of the city, have been blown up to stay the progress of the conflagration.

Here the council, composed of the financial leaders of the city, met and decided to resort to the 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.

Huge cannons were drawn to the avenue to aid the dynamiters in blowing up the mansions of the millionaires on the east side of the avenue. Every available pound of dynamite was hauled to this point and the sight was one of stupendous havoc, as the cannons were trained on the palaces and the shot tore into the walls and toppled the buildings in crushing ruins.

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The Company Played Favorites. Milwaukee, Wis.—Definite charges that owners of deferred dividend policies in the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. have been made to suffer for the benefit of the annual dividend policyholders was the annual sensational matter developed at the insurance investigation Wednesday.

day that 250 would fully cover the number of dead. About 50 bodies have thus far been found. There was considerable shooting of looters on Thursday, but the offenders escaped with wounds.

San Francisco, Cal.—A wind of high velocity is blowing from the northwest over the fire stricken district along the water front and is threatening to cut off communication with Oakland and Berkeley. Gen. Caster has ordered out a squadron of men to endeavor to keep back the flames which threaten the Union ferry depot, the only means of egress from the city.

At the Presidio military reservation, where probably 50,000 persons are camped, affairs are being conducted with military precision. Water is plentiful and rations are dealt out all day long. The refugees stand patiently in line and there is not a murmur. This characteristic is observable all over the city.

In Golden Gate park are camped 200,000 persons. A huge supply station has been established there and provisions are dealt out.

Fourteen men were killed Thursday night by soldiers guarding the mint and Policeman Joseph M. Myers was bayoneted and killed by a national guardsman in a dispute as to authority. The men at the mint were killed for attempting robbery.

Eleven postal clerks, all alive, were taken from the debris of the postoffice Friday. All at first were thought to be dead, but it was found that although they were buried in the stone, every one was alive.

At a meeting of bankers Friday Mr. Lynch, of the First national bank, reported that a committee had examined all the bank and safe deposit vaults in San Francisco and found them all intact. This makes it certain that the money and papers on deposit are all safe.

From a three-story lodging house at Fifth and Minna streets which collapsed Wednesday morning, more than 75 bodies were taken out Friday. There are 50 other dead bodies in sight in the ruins.

San Jose, Cal.—Nineteen persons were killed in San Jose by the earthquake of Wednesday and the entire business quarter was wrecked. The damage is \$5,000,000. One hundred and ten persons were killed and 70 were injured, mostly patients at Agnew insane asylum, near San Jose.

The damage to the Pacific Milling Co. at Santa Clara, a suburb of San Jose, is \$150,000. The total loss in Santa Clara is \$500,000. No loss of life. At Gilroy \$500,000 damage, no one dead. The Southern Pacific tunnel at Wright's, nearly a mile long, caved in.

Oakland, Cal.—To feed and house the unfortunate people of San Francisco who have suddenly been bereft of homes and means of livelihood is calling forth the best effort of the people of this city. At least 200,000 people have come to this side of the bay and are now distributed among the homes of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley.

Washington, D. C.—Every branch of the government service from the president down is bending every effort to bring to the earthquake sufferers speedy relief. The cabinet on Friday considered the San Francisco situation and it was decided that Secretary Metcalf should proceed to that city as the representative of the national government and to consult with the authorities as to what is needed to alleviate distress.

It is realized here by one and all that independently of outside aid the federal authorities have a duty to perform, which, to make it count, must be performed with all possible dispatch. Every available vessel in the vicinity of San Francisco has been directed to carry supplies of every description to the stricken city.

May Fight the Ice Trust. Cleveland, O.—If complaint is made that the prices of ice in Cleveland are being controlled by a trust or combination, I will investigate the matter and institute necessary proceedings. Or if I learn that there is ground for such proceedings I will take the initiative myself without waiting for formal complaint.

A PRECARIOUS CONDITION.

Many Women Suffer Daily Miseries and Don't Know the Reason.

Women who are languid, suffer backache and dizzy spells, should read carefully the experience of Mrs. Laura Sullivan, Bluff and Third Sts., Marquette, Mich., who says: "I had backache and bearing-down pain, and at times my limbs would swell to twice natural size. I could hardly get up or down stairs, and often could not get my shoes on."

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SORT OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Magistrate Who Can Tell the Calling of Persons by Distinguishing Marks.

"A man's occupation," said a magistrate, "marks him so unmistakably that I can tell at a glance what he does for a living. There is, for instance, the violinist. You can tell a violinist from the fact that he carries his head to one side."

SKIN ERUPTIONS 35 YEARS. Suffered Severely with Eczema All Over Body—A Thousand Thanks to Cuticura Remedies.

"For over thirty-five years I was a severe sufferer from eczema. The eruption was not confined to any one place. It was all over my body, limbs, and even on my head. I am sixty years old and an old soldier, and have been examined by the Government Board over fifteen times, and they said there was no cure for me. I have taken all kinds of medicine and have spent large sums of money for doctors, without avail. A short time ago I decided to try the Cuticura Remedies, and after using two cakes of Cuticura Soap, two boxes of Cuticura Ointment, and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, two treatments in all, I am now well and completely cured. A thousand thanks to Cuticura. I cannot speak too highly of the Cuticura Remedies. John T. Roach, Richmondale, Ross Co., Ohio, July 17, 1905."

Total Failure. Mr. Ferguson was in a high state of indignation. "Laura," he said, "what have you been doing to my new safety razor? It's ruined." "I didn't know it was a razor, George," answered Mrs. Ferguson. "Norah tried for half an hour to slice potatoes with it, and then gave it up. She says it's of no account."—Chicago Tribune.

A New Way to Los Angeles. You can now go direct via Salt Lake City to Southern California by a new daily train, the Los Angeles Limited, equipped with all the latest innovations for travel comfort: Dining Cars, Meals a la Carte, Observation Cars with Buffet Lounging Rooms and Library, Electric Lighted throughout, via the Chicago & North Western, Union Pacific and Salt Lake Route. For sleeping car reservations and full information inquire of W. G. Neimyer, G. A., 120 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

An Accommodating Woer. Her Father—The fact is that I cannot give my daughter a dowry just at present. The Suitor—That's all right; I can live for herself alone in the meantime.—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

To Clean Cane-Seated Chairs. Cane-seated chairs may be cleaned by washing the cane on both sides with warm Ivory Soap suds, and then putting them out in the sun to dry. This treatment not only adds to the cleanliness of the cane but causes it to shrink, which improves its appearance and makes it more wear-resistant. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

Regarding Wine and Men. "Some men are like wine, they improve with age." "Yes, but the Ekeless must be perfect." "How do you mean?" "Well, no wine can improve with age that is drunk too often."—Philadelphia Press.

Shake Into Your Shoes. Allen's Foot Ease. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, sweating feet. Makes new shoes easy. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores. Don't accept any substitute. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

But it must not be forgotten that it was absolutely impossible for the man who declared that fine girls' album no parsnips to have any adequate understanding of the comprehensive scope of the modern jolly.—Puck.

As a blood-purifier Garfield Tea has no superior; it is a natural remedy, being composed wholly of herbs. It purifies the blood, cleanses the system, cures liver and kidney diseases, constipation and sick headache.

All the perfume of Arabia cannot avail to sweeten the temper of the girl who discovers in another girl's album the features of the young man who runs up her father's coal bill.—Baltimore Herald.

If you use Ball Blue, get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

When a girl speaks of her affinity she generally means a fellow with money.—N. Y. Times.

When a man begins wondering if he looks his age it is a sign that he does.

We are all apt to regret the bad taste shown by people who don't like us.

When doctors disagree, it's time to call in the coroner.

LOOKING DOWN MARKET STREET.

