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ALL FRISCO GONE
Chief City of Pacific Coast Destroyed by Fire.

APPALLING RUIN IN OTHER CITIES
San Jose, Santa Cruz and Monterey Devastated.

FIVE THOUSAND REPORTED DEAD

General Commanding Troops and Fire Chief Report That Beautiful City on Pacific Shore Cannot Be Saved—All Human Means of No Avail—Water, Dynamite, Gunpowder and Artillery Were Tried in Vain.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 20.—With the almost total destruction of San Francisco, the partial ruins of more than fourteen smaller cities and towns, the Pacific slope is now face to face with the most appalling series of disasters that have ever happened in the United States.

The following is the district north of Market street now devastated: Sanson to Market street, to Sacramento, to Buchanan, thence to California, to Hyde, to Edy, to Larkin, to Gough and to Market.

All of San Francisco has been burned or is burning. The information was brought in by Sergeant Binkley, U. S. A., who said: "Everything out Market street to about Twenty-third street is burning fiercely. Everything is gone except the mint. The postoffice was injured only by the earthquake."

The fire has worked up Nob hill to Pine and Mason streets, and the annex to Hopkins Art Institute took fire. One engine was working at this place, with a limited water supply.

Every man who ventured near the scene of the fire was impressed by Lieutenant McMillan of the Bear. This young officer had a cool eye and a wicked looking pistol, and the way the men jumped when his gun was pointed was interesting.

From Market street to Washington and from Sanson to the water front was another mass of flame to the northward. The sweep of the winds carried burning brands into the outlying district, and soon a block on Mission street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, was ablaze.

ing without any effort being made to check the fire.

The number of dead cannot be roughly estimated. Four hundred bodies have been recovered, but hundreds perished miserably in the broken down wooden houses along the water front in the Mission and along Market street.

It is believed that from 2,000 to 3,000 lives have been lost. The number cannot fall far short of that and may prove to be much greater. Fire and flames have added to the destruction, the ruin and despair.

The earthquake worked astonishing havoc in San Francisco's famous Chinatown. The Chinese theaters and joss houses are in ruins, and rookery after rookery collapsed, covering alive hundreds of the Celestials.

The Japanese quarter has been partly burned, and from the part not destroyed the people have fled in terror, packing on their backs what household effects they could tie together.

When darkness fell thousands of men, women and children from the Latin quarter marched in endless procession toward the hills or to the water front, frantic to get away from the city lest other earthquakes follow and the flames trap them before they could make their escape.

Artillerymen from the Presidio with their supply wagons and the army commissary sided in getting the fleeing inhabitants and their baggage out of threatened quarters.

Despite the vigilance of police and soldiers, many places were pillaged in the wholesale district. Liquor stores were broken into and stripped clean. As a result scores of vagabonds were lying drunk in the streets.

Palms Alto—Leland Stanford, Jr., university is practically destroyed. One report says only one building is left standing; loss, many millions; several lives lost.

Santa Rosa—Many buildings wrecked; sixty-five killed. St. Agnes' insane asylum wrecked and subsequently burned; 275 inmates killed; others roaming around country.

Saltinas—Spreckels Sugar factory destroyed; loss, \$1,500,000; High school building, Elias' hall, Masonic temple, intact.

Main street is piled many feet deep with the debris of fallen buildings. Identification of many of the bodies thus far recovered is impossible.

The destruction includes all of the county buildings. The four-story courtroom, with its magnificent dome, is an unshakable pile of broken masonry and gnarled and twisted steel.

are calm, situated. 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 outcry, no criticism.

Mayor Schmitz and Chief of Police Dinan have been forced from place to place by the flames.

Daybreak found them directing the municipal council, which is a committee of safety, from the Fairmount hotel.

At Los Angeles shortly after midday an earthquake disturbance was felt, and in the vicinity two distinct shocks were felt, beginning at 12:35, and the office from which this message was sent rocked like a boat.

About the same time news came over the wire from Santa Barbara that another earthquake shock had been felt there. While efforts were being made to obtain more details communication was suddenly broken off.

Like a toy puzzle railroad, the tracks from Monterey, Castroville and Pajaro are twisted and distorted. The country is literally torn wide open. Great depressions from which mud geyser spots shales colored slime are frequent. For half mile stretches the roadbed has dropped four to six feet.

One hundred and twenty bodies have been taken out of St. Agnes' insane asylum near Santa Clara, and there are probably 180 more corpses in the ruins. The magnificent structure was demolished.

Eight dead Italians were taken out of the Italian hotel at San Jose. At that place the Presbyterian church, St. Patrick's cathedral and the High school were destroyed.

The new Hall of Justice at San Jose, just completed at a cost of \$300,000, was demolished.

On the Pacific coast shore the Cliff House, at the western end of Golden Gate park, the famous San Francisco resort, has been swept into the sea. It is understood that the hotel has been completely demolished and that not a stick or a stone has been left standing.

There is no knowledge to be had here of the number of guests in the hotel at the time, but the loss of life must necessarily have been heavy.

The Cliff House was one of the show places of San Francisco. It was a long, four-story building, built of redwood, and stood upon a high cliff overlooking the Pacific ocean.

Because of its unique location it was invariably visited by the tourists who came to San Francisco. Within a short distance of the cliff on which the hotel stood are the famous Seal rocks, where at certain seasons of the year hundreds of seals can be seen lazily sunning themselves.

On the beach near by were the Sutro baths, which are reported also to have been destroyed. These baths were the largest in the world. They were owned by the Sutro estate and were patterned on the old Roman style of architecture.

J. E. Le Compte, the Western Union telegraph operator who was forced to abandon his post at Pine and Montgomery streets, sent a message here saying:

"The Western Union and Southern Pacific are all gone. Fire is burning rapidly in a diagonal line up the hill, commencing at McAllister street and ending at Battery street, and in the Mission as far as Sixteenth. The water supply has given out, the dynamite is exhausted. The wind is rising. Panic reigns. The military authorities have forbidden any one entering the city. The military have all they can handle without admitting any more people. There is great suffering and want of food and water. Thousands of people lined one of the parks waiting for the soldiers to distribute food and water."

The Western Union got this message from Oakland Friday: "Seven fire engines from the east going past on flat cars over Southern Pacific to San Francisco."

Later this message was received from the same source: "Fire engines returning from Frisco. City practically doomed. No water."

The entire city of San Francisco is likely to be consumed by the flames which have followed the earthquake. The blaze raged unchecked all night. Nob hill, the finest residential section of the Pacific coast, and the Mission quarter, the middle class residential section, are in ruins.

Nob hill is north of Market street, on the other side of Chinatown, from where the flames started. The Mission quarter is south of Market street, some three miles from the water front.

To the horror of the earthquake and fire is now added the fear of famine. The homeless, are numbered by the scores of thousands. Oakland and other towns on this side of the bay are full of refugees.

Thousands upon thousands of people are fleeing from San Francisco, the fire stricken. They are seeking to the ferries, to the parks, to the military reservations 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 alarm up and down the long line of watchers, and they hurried away to drag 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.

had sought refuge, for the fire kept increasing with alarming rapidity. Water is the incessant cry of the firemen and the people; one wants it to fight, the others to drink, but there is only a scant drinking supply.

The ruin in the commission and the wholesale district is complete. Under the fearful shock of the rookeries used as commission houses, many of them relics of the days of 1849, collapsed.

The burgesses of the city are so overcrowded that the navy department in Washington was appealed to to send the Pacific squadron from the harbor of San Diego to assist the city authorities in burying the dead at sea, thus striving to prevent plague, which is deemed inevitable unless outside help is obtained.

The tower of the Hall of Justice was badly damaged. In the basement of the building Mayor Schmitz established his headquarters. There was neither gas nor electric light in San Francisco, and the people used candles.

The plant of one of the gas companies blew up, and as a measure of precaution all the other gas in the city was turned off.

The exact loss of life will never be known, as scores of unfortunates have been incinerated in the flames, which made the rescue of those buried under toppling steeples and falling walls impossible. Temporary morgues were improvised at many points, only to be razed by the flames.

The fire has reached the western addition, four miles westward from the bay front, where Golden Gate park, known as the most beautiful park in the world, lies. In the western addition are the cottages of the well to do business men, long rows of three and four story redwood buildings. On a hilltop near the park stand the clustered buildings of the affiliated colleges of the University of California.

The Park Emergency hospital, which was burned, was located at the eastern entrance to the park, and in the western addition there were also many large asylums and institutions. They were crowded with hundreds of inmates. There were the French hospital, the largest hospital in San Francisco; the Hebrew Orphan asylum, the Old People's home and many others.

A Washington dispatch says that President Roosevelt has issued an official appeal for aid for the earthquake sufferers, the distribution to be made through the American Red Cross.

The president signed the joint resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake sufferers, the money to be available at once.

Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company, has telegraphed to President Wheeler of the University of California at Berkeley saying he will contribute \$100,000 toward the erection of a new building for the university.

Portland, Ore., has sent \$125,000 for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. The calamity has called forth universal offers of aid from all cities and states of the middle west. Money was offered from all directions, and railroads agreed to carry all supplies free to the coast.

disaster. My heart is torn with sorrow. Deepest and tenderest sympathy with all sufferers. Will do all possible to help. God will not fail."

All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the east side of Van Ness avenue have proved fruitless. The fire has spread across that broad thoroughfare, and from present indications the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's wealthier class, is now doomed.

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