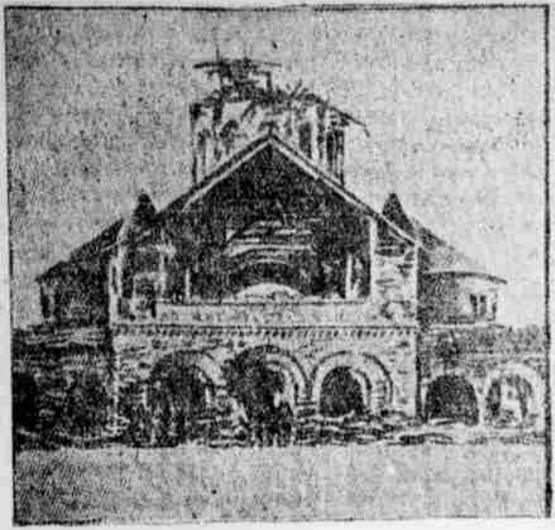


VIEWS SHOWING THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.



THE RUINS OF THE STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH.

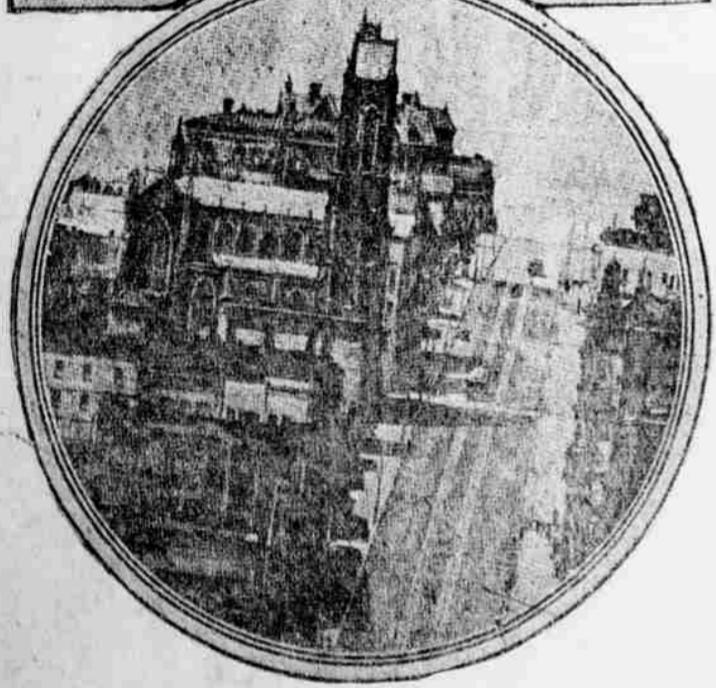
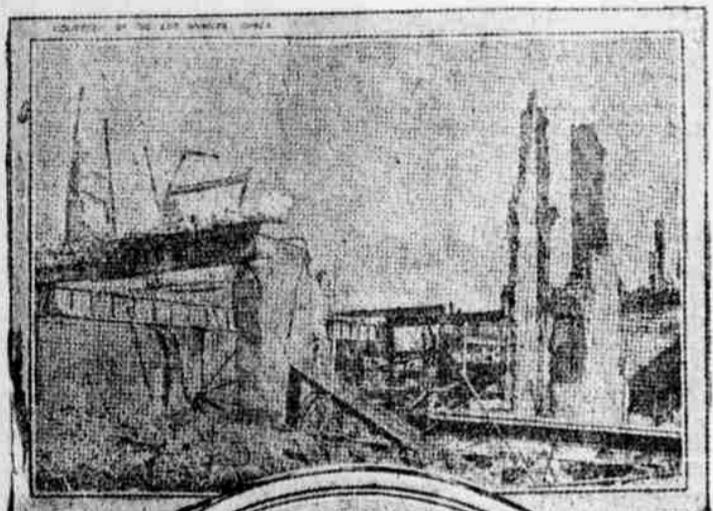


A SECTION OF THE CITY DURING THE FIRE.

The eastern section of the country is only now beginning to realize the widespread nature of the San Francisco disaster. The pictures of the wrecked and burning city now coming in tell the story as it was impossible to tell it in any other way.

The most tumbling and tangled district in the city is not the southern fringe of Market street, the area where the devastation was widest and the

ALL THAT REMAINS OF GRACE CHURCH, STOCKTON AND CALIFORNIA STREETS.



FRONT OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, SHOWING DAMAGE DONE BY EARTHQUAKE.

loss of life greatest, but on a little strip between Harrison and Valencia, Seventeenth and Nineteenth streets. It was in this area that the Valencia Hotel sank into the earth. The block between Seventeenth and Nineteenth streets and Valencia is twisted out of all appearance of houses. The car tracks at one place run in a wavy line from one side of the curb to the other. The asphalt is broken as though great bubbles had forced their way through it.

At the corner of Eighteenth and Va-

lencia there is a hole ten feet wide. The asphalt is turned up from the centre of this hole like the petals of a flower, and from it comes a stream of clear water. No one can tell whether this stream comes from a broken main or from a brook which used to run down Eighteenth street.

Valencia Hotel sank ten feet into the earth and pitched forward into the street. When the debris of the hotel

had been cleared away it was found that the asphalt pavement before it had bulged upward to make a mound four feet high. The hole into which the foundations sank is filled with water. The big fire obliterated the old Chinatown forever. Mayor Schmitz has informed Chief of Police Dinan that all of the Chinse now in the city will be collected and placed in and near Fontana's Warehouses, near Fort Mason, and that the new Chinatown would be located at Hunter's Point, the mint, the post-office and a large retail district on Fillmore and Davis Street.

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"We will have a great boulevard and terrace at Twin Peaks, and the several new parks and other beauty spots conceived by the architect now will be constructed. The changes will cost tens of millions, but the result will be that San Francisco will stand as the most beautiful of all cities. I predict that there will be nothing to compare to the new city in beauty and utility. We were too cramped in our business quarters. Now we are going to have plenty of elbow-room, and, besides, we will have a city that will delight the eye. All the old ugliness has gone forever."

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The delivery of telegraphic messages to persons in San Francisco was an impossibility. The messenger service of both the big companies was paralyzed.

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Aluminum and lead will not alloy. They mix when melted, but separate when cooling.



VIEW AMONG THE RUINS.

Bells Weaken the Tower.
Another Italian campanile, only one degree lower in fame than that of Venice, is threatened. This is the great bell tower of the Cathedral of Lecce, one of the loftiest in Italy—about 250 feet. It is also of great antiquity. Its weakness is due to the daily ringing of its enormous bells.

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It is proposed to dispense with electric light in the streets of Preston, England, and to substitute incandescent gas lamps. Advocates of the change consider that they will get a better light than now at cheaper cost.

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The Country's Orange Crop.
Last year's production of oranges in this country was 10,000,000 boxes, or probably 1,600,000,000 oranges. That is an allowance of twenty to each inhabitant.

Roers in Mexico.
The Roer colony, established in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, two years ago, is doing well. The colonists are laying up money. They have dispensed with Mexican labor and are doing their own work.

Kansas Democratic Ticket.
The Kansas Democratic State convention made the following nominations for State officers: Governor, William A. Harris; Lyndon; Lieutenant Governor, H. P. Farrelly; Chancellor, Attorney General, David Overmyer, Topeka; Secretary of State, Hugh C. Ahlborn, Smith county; Auditor, William Bowen, Atchison; Treasurer, Patrick Gorman; William A. Harris, candidate for Governor, was formerly United States Senator from Kansas.

TORNADO LEVELS VILLAGE

Several Killed and Many Hurt in Texas.

FIRE FOLLOWED THE STORM

Tornado Was a Mile Wide and Levelled Everything in Its Path.

Now, the twin disaster of earthquake and fire has made possible the accomplishment of Burnham's dream, which it had been admitted by every one would transform San Francisco into the most beautiful city in the world. Work will begin at once in pushing Burnham's ideas to complete development, and all the municipal officials are enthusiastic over the outlook. Mayor Schmitz expressed his delight with the plan for the new San Francisco.

"The whole city will be remodeled," said Mayor Schmitz. "We will start work right at the water front. Even the ferry house, which survived the fire, will be torn down and replaced

over 200 houses.

Among those known killed are: R. L. Russell, wife and four children; A. D. Carr, Tom Mount, W. W. Bell, two members of Gray family.

The seriously injured: Two daughters of N. E. Smith of Bowie, Mrs. Gault, Mr. Gray and five members of his family, Mrs. McGraw.

A. D. Carr was caught in a building, mashed to death and his body cremated.

The tornado was a mile wide and traveled eight miles, leveling everything in its path, ruining crops and destroying till farm houses and barns on the way. This section is thickly settled.

All the houses were equipped with storm cellar and the people ran to them as soon as they saw the tornado approaching. Those who could not reach them suffered.

Fire followed up the work of the cyclone and rapidly destroyed portions of the towns which escaped the work of the cyclone.

BURNED DISTRICT

Engineer Says Area Covered by Fire is 15 Square Miles.

"An engineer states that the area devastated by fire in San Francisco approximates 10,000 acres, or about 15 square miles. There are few cities in the world where so much valuable property is contained in an equal territory. Within this 15 square miles were 100 banks, some of the finest buildings in the world, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments and more than 230,000 inhabitants, besides 40,000 transients.

"Notwithstanding the enormous and widespread destruction the homes of 150,000 people are still standing and practically uninjured. There still remain the great ship yards at the Potrero, the Pacific mail docks, the stockyards at South San Francisco, the docks and manufactories along the water front from Mission creek to Hunters Point, the mint, the post-office and a large retail district on Fillmore and Davis streets."

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INSURANCE RATE INCREASED

General Advance to Replace Losses on Pacific Coast.

There will be a general advance in fire rates in all cities of the United States in the near future to enable the companies to recoup in a measure their San Francisco losses.

Rates have already been raised by more than a score of companies on property in New York, the advances ranging from 5 to 50 per cent.

A committee of fire has been appointed by the Fire Insurance Exchange to deal with the question of advancing rates.

Without awaiting the decision of the committee a large number of companies have increased rates, with the intention of recouping their San Francisco losses as speedily as possible. The example set will undoubtedly be followed by all of the other and the increase will be general, applying to property in all cities and sections of the country.

Hall & Henshaw, New York representatives of seven foreign and out-of-State companies, announced they had advanced rates from 5 to 50 per cent. on property in the congested districts of New York and Brooklyn.

The Fire Association of Philadelphia advanced its premium rates in the congested central district of that city 25 per cent. and the American Fire Insurance announced that it had reinsurance in the Commercial Union Company of England its entire outstanding risks, except the perpetual insurance. They also had ordered a 25 per cent. advance in premiums of risks in the business of New York and similar action will be taken elsewhere. With the advance in premiums the Fire Association also reduced from 15 to 10 per cent. the commission allowed insurance brokers.

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Another Shock.
San Francisco had another earth quake shock at 10:39 o'clock on the night of April 23, which lasted three seconds. The oscillations were from East to West. No damage was done so far as at present reported.

The courts of Allegheny county, in an opinion handed down by Judge S. A. McCullough, upheld the constitutionality of the Greater Pittsburgh law passed at the recent extra session of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

LIVING BURNED IN RUINS

Greatest Proportional Loss of Life Occurred at Santa Rosa.

Compared to the population it is now believed that in Santa Rosa the greatest loss of life occurred from earthquake and fire, even if this unfortunate city does not lead in the actual number of victims. In a letter received from a former Los Angeles man the writer says:

"This town is in awful shape. There is not a single brick or stone building standing and scores of fine residences are in ruins. Fires broke out in the business district right after the shock and burned dead and living alike. There were three big three-story hotels and while all of them fell but one took fire. From the St. Rose they took out nine bodies today. They found a little girl in these ruins. She was unharmed, but very hungry and thirsty, having been buried four days and nights. The timbers had lodged so that they protected her. Cases of this kind have been numerous.

"There would undoubtedly have been a great many lives saved if they could have been got out in the first 24 hours, but the task was so great it was an impossibility."

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS REPLY

Responsibility Will Be on Miners Strike Is Declared.

The anthracite mine operators through their sub-committee of seven at a meeting in New York drew up a reply to the latest proposition of the miners workers for adjustment of the differences in the anthracite field in which they refuse to modify their position heretofore announced. The operators call upon the miners to renew for a period of three years the award of the Anthracite Strike Commission or else to accept the operators' proposition that the Strike Commission arbitrate the question as to what changes, if any, shall be made in the scale of wages fixed by the commission in its original award. The miners have heretofore declined this offer.

The operators, after giving figures in detail, say to accept the sliding scale of wages proposed by the miners would mean an increase in the price of coal to the public of 36 cents a ton. The present profit to the operators, they say, is but 20 cents a ton.

TRAIN DYNAMITED

Engine Blown to Pieces and Engineer and Fireman Are Seriously Injured.

A quantity of dynamite placed on the tracks of the Lehigh Valley railroad near Yatesville, five miles from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., exploded and wrecked a fast freight train and severely injured Engineer J. R. Thomas and Fireman H. C. Brown, of this city. The dynamite had been placed on the track within 15 minutes of the time the train struck it. The engine was lifted from the track and flung to one side, the tank was torn loose and thrown high in the air and down an embankment, and three heavily loaded freight cars which were behind it were torn apart and buried down the embankment.

Sheffield Davis was hastily summoned, but as yet has made no arrests. The outrage occurred near the East Boston settlement, where, since the suspension of mining, the Italian miners have caused serious troubles.

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Harold W. Carmichael, 16 years old, son of a wealthy contractor of Wellsburg, W. Va., was killed near Franklin by the explosion of a number of percussion dynamite caps which he carried in his pocket. He and Frank McLaren, another lad, found the caps and Carmichael discharged one of them. The concussion set off those he carried in his pockets.

John Rush, 33 years old, was dead at the gateway leading into his stable yard at his home in the Eighth ward, Greensburg. He is survived by two daughters and two sons, Misses Johanna and Amanda, at home, and Charles, a member of the Westmoreland bar, and Albert Ruth of Greensburg.

John Z. Murfin was killed and J. D. Thompson had a leg and arm broken by a falling tree at Murfinville, Butler county. The men stopped to watch the lumbermen fell trees. One tree, carried out of its course by the high wind, fell on Murfin and Thompson.

George D. C. Miller and J. R. Dunham, watchmen at the Humboldt plate mill, Connellsville, detected three men in the plant stripping the engines and machinery of brass and fired at them. About a dozen shots were exchanged, but the thieves escaped.

While leaning out of an engine cab at Hickman Run, Fireman John F. Brooks' head was caught between a freight car and the cab and was mashed to a pulp. Death was instantaneous. Brooks was 28 years old. His parents live in Georgia.

Joseph Feinagle, of Pittsburg, charged with stealing diamonds and jewelry from the store of H. B. Cubison at New Castle, where he was employed, was held for trial at court being committed to jail in default of bail.

Alfred Sweeney, a former resident of Oil City, was drowned at Miniatian, Mex., on April 17. His mother, two sisters and a brother, Joseph P. Sweeney, cashier of the First National bank of Sistersville, W. Va., survive him.

Andrew Carnegie, in a letter received by Dr. J. F. Bucher offers to give \$25,000 for the erection of a science hall for Waynesburg college, providing \$50,000 additional endowment is raised. The college authorities expect to raise the required amount.

Dynamite was exploded by unknown persons in front of the grocery store of Martin Straub at Plumster. The front of the building was wrecked, but none was injured.

Clementine, 12, of Cleveland, died Saturday morning at her home in the city. She was 12 years old, and was buried in the cemetery of the church where she attended school.

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KEYSTONE STATE CALLINGS

CAPITOL DEDICATION

Date Fixed—President and Members of the Cabinet Will Be Invited to Attend.

The Capitol Dedication commission officially fixed October 4 next as the date for the dedication of the new State Capitol. President Theodore Roosevelt, and probably Mrs. Roosevelt, and the members of the President's cabinet and their wives will attend the exercises. A large grandstand will be erected at the entrance to the Capitol for the dedicatory exercises. In the evening it is probable a banquet will be served to which the President and other dignitaries will be invited. The commission consists of Gov. S. W. Pennington, Speaker Henry F. Walton, Senator John C. Fox, of Dauphin; Senator W. C. Sproul, of Delaware, and members of the board of public grounds and buildings. The Governor will communicate with President Roosevelt regarding any suggestions he desires to make relative to the dedication.

The central power house of the Venango Power & Traction Company in Oil City, controlling all the electric lighting and street car systems of Oil City, Franklin and their suburbs, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$350,000, with insurance of \$75,000. The flames originated in the boiler room. The destruction of the power house will cause a suspension of street car traffic in Venango county for at least three weeks. The officers of the company expect to have street lights in operation in Franklin and Oil City within a week. In the meantime the streets and those business houses which are not equipped with private electrical plants will be in darkness.