

FOURTH OF JULY IN CALIFORNIA.

More Generally Observed Than in Many Years.

Parades and Patriotic Exercises in Almost Every City and Town.

San Francisco's Celebration the Most Elaborate and Successful in Years—Fully Ten Thousand Men in Line, of Which Thirty-Five Hundred Were United States Troops.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—San Francisco's celebration of the national anniversary to-day was the most elaborate and successful for many years.

All of the foreign colonies in San Francisco were represented, each having a division with more or less distinctive national features.

The most striking feature of the parade was the Chinese division. Not even the troops who had seen service at Santiago and San Juan Hill received more hearty applause from the thousands of spectators along the line of march than did the gorgeously attired Orientals, who carried the banner of the yellow dragon alongside of the Stars and Stripes.

The parade was reviewed on Van Ness avenue by Major-General Shafter and Mayor Phelan.

The literary exercises were held at Metropolitan Temple. George R. Fletcher, President of the day, introduced the Mayor, who made a few remarks, after which Eustace Cullinan read a patriotic poem, and Merton C. Allen delivered an oration.

In the evening there were fireworks from various parts of the city.

The day's list of casualties is small. Though several persons were burned by firecrackers or bombs, none were seriously hurt.

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In the evening there was a band concert and a brilliant display of fireworks on Julian street, seats being provided for 4,000 people.

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people from Sacramento and El Dorado Counties. AT SONOMA. SONOMA, July 4.—The largest crowd ever seen in the valley assembled here to-day to celebrate the Fourth.

AT CHICO. CHICO, July 4.—The Fourth in Chico was celebrated in grand style. During the day a baseball tournament was held at Recreation Park.

AT WATSONVILLE. WATSONVILLE, July 4.—Watsonville celebrated the national holiday under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

AT HOLLISTER. HOLLISTER, July 4.—The celebration to-day was the most novel ever held in this town, being managed entirely and exclusively by women.

AT GRASS VALLEY. GRASS VALLEY, July 4.—To-day's celebration was a great success. The procession moved at 10 o'clock.

AT NAPA. NAPA, July 4.—Napa had the biggest celebration of Independence Day in her history. The day's exercises consisted of a monster parade in the morning.

AT SAN DIEGO. SAN DIEGO, July 4.—San Diego's celebration took the form of excursions and sports. Five thousand people went to La Jolla.

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ater. Hon. W. R. Davis, of Oakland, delivered the oration to a vast audience, while 100 voices sang in patriotic music.

This evening the program was a band concert on the plaza and pyrotechnics. The courthouse dome was beautifully illuminated with myriads of incandescent colored lights.

AT HAYWARD. HAYWARD, July 4.—Haywards celebrated to-day on the grandest scale ever known in the history of the bustling little city.

AT SAN ANDREAS. SAN ANDREAS, July 4.—Never before was the Fourth in July so enthusiastically celebrated here as it was to-day.

AT PETALUMA. PETALUMA, July 4.—Petaluma fittingly celebrated the Fourth. The day was opened with a salute of twenty-one guns at sunrise.

AT REDDING. REDDING, July 4.—The celebration here started with the morning salute, followed by the parade at 9:30 o'clock.

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block bounded by Virginia, Second, First and Center Streets. In less than an hour the entire northwest corner of the block was burned to the ground.

A Gate Tender Killed. SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—J. Tierney, aged 51, who for thirty years has been employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad lately as a gate tender at Thirty-second and Randall streets in this city, was struck and killed by an incoming San Jose train to-night.

Box Factory Destroyed by Fire. SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—There was a large number of fires to-night, the damage in nearly every case being small.

Flag Raising at Camp Wallace. SANTA CRUZ, July 4.—To-day Camp Wallace Reynolds, where the members of the Grand Army have an encampment, was formally opened with a flag raising.

FLOOD HORRORS IN TEXAS. ANOTHER DISASTER IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY.

Fears Expressed That From Three Hundred to Four Hundred People Have Perished. ST. LOUIS, July 4.—A special to the "Republic" from Dallas, Tex., says: Another flood disaster which, from the first bulletin received here to-night, appears to be worse than that at Calvert on Friday and Saturday last, occurred this afternoon in the Brazos Valley, about 100 miles down the river from Calvert.

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Now that the Fourth has passed thoughts turn to summer's outing, and we feel that the few timely suggestions of requirements for that occasion which appear in this space will not come amiss.

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