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HORROR OF EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO—HUNDREDS DEAD

PRESIDENT SCORES IMMUNITY DECISION

"Miscarriage of Justice," Declares President in Message Regarding the Packers' Cases.

Washington, April 18.—In a special message delivered to congress today, President Roosevelt declares that the result of the recent trial of the beef packers in Chicago was a "miscarriage of justice" and that the interpretation placed by Judge J. Otis Humphrey on the will of congress "is such as to make that will absolutely abortive."

The message, which is most sensational in character, is based largely on a letter to the president from Attorney General Moody, in which the attorney general reviews the proceedings of the case of the government against the beef packers. The president says it is clear that no criticism attaches to Commissioner Garfield, as what he did was in pursuance of a duty imposed on him by congress.

Scores Judge Humphrey. He refers sharply, however, to the decision of Judge Humphrey, saying that congress could not have foreseen such a decision and that he can hardly believe that the ruling of Judge Humphrey will be followed by other judges. He declared that such interpretation of the law as that placed on it by Judge Humphrey "comes measurably near making the law a farce."

The president also requests congress to confer upon the government, by statute, the same right of appeal, in criminal cases which the defendant now enjoys, where the merits of the case have not been determined.

Defends Garfield. I submit herewith a letter of the attorney general, enclosing a statement of the proceedings by the United States against the individuals and corporations commonly known as the "beef packers" and commenting upon the decision of District Judge Humphrey. The result has been a miscarriage of justice.

Furthermore it is very desirable to enact a law declaring the true construction of the existing legislation so far as it affects immunity. I can hardly believe that the ruling of Judge Humphrey will be followed by other judges, but it should be followed the result would be either completely to nullify very much, and possibly the major part of the good to be obtained from the interstate commerce law and from the law creating the bureau of corporations in the department of commerce and labor, or many years to obtain an appeal to the criminal laws by the department of justice.

There seems to be no good reason why the department of justice, the department of commerce and labor and the interstate commerce commission each should not, for the common good, proceed within its own powers without undue interference with the functions of the other.

It is of course necessary, under the constitution, to amend the law, under the constitution.

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MARKET ST, PRINCIPAL THOROPARE, SCENE OF HEAVIEST LOSS

To the left in the foreground is the Palace Hotel, now intact; in the background is the Sixteen-story Building of the San Francisco Call (destroyed), and between the Palace and the Call buildings is the Examiner Building, also destroyed. Across the street from the Call Building stood the Home of the Chronicle, while in the foreground on the right are the Telegraph Offices and the Associated Press Building, which were badly racked. This view is looking up Market Street from Montgomery Street, away from the Bay.

The Buildings in San Francisco That Have Been Razed or Racked

- CITY HALL, cost \$7,000,000, in ruins. VALENCIA HOTEL, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, on Valencia, topples into street. Seventy-five buried. KINGSLEY HOTEL, Seventh street, between Howard and Mission, collapses, burying between seventy-five and eighty persons. Ruins burning. LIPMAN DRY GOODS, Twenty-second and Mission, burned. EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eleventh street, badly damaged. CALL BUILDING, Third and Market, practically ruined. EXAMINER BUILDING, Third and Market, practically ruined. WESTERN UNION BUILDING, Kearney street, badly wrecked. PALACE HOTEL—Badly shaken. Now in path of flames. ST. FRANCIS HOTEL—Badly shaken. Interior damaged. EMPIRE BUILDING, Oakland, collapses. Five dead in ruins. GORE BLOCK, Market and Pine; burned. PACIFIC STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY'S BUILDING, New Montgomery street; destroyed. RIALTO BUILDING, Mission and Market; destroyed. MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING, California and Sansome; destroyed. NATOMA BUILDING, Second and Market; destroyed. POSTAL BUILDING—Destroyed. LICK HOUSE—Badly damaged. HOBART BUILDING—Destroyed. STUDEBAKER BUILDING, Tenth and Market; badly damaged. HALL OF JUSTICE—Tottering and expected to fall. MAJESTIC THEATER—Destroyed. POSTOFFICE—Collapsed. FISH MARKET, Clay and Merchants street; burning. GRAND OPERAHOUSE—Ten-story building adjoining Third and Mission streets; a fire and doomed.

MANY FROM THIS CITY IN FRISCO

Anxious Hearts in Minneapolis, and No One Able to Get Tidings of Friends.

Great anxiety and extreme nervous apprehensiveness were evident at the Chamber of Commerce and in the local hotels and cafes, where friends of Minneapolis people now on the Pacific coast crowded around the bulletin boards and the tickers, reading with suppressed emotion the news of the earthquake.

Call after call came in on The Journal's telephones, and anxious voices begged information as to the extent of the catastrophe. The Journal bore the first news to Minneapolis people in an early extra, copies of which were eagerly bought up, and succeeding extra editions of The Journal were in insistent demand.

Minneapolis People There. Many Minneapolis people are in the west, but the tide of tourists flows to southern California rather than to San Francisco. Still, many of the travelers from this city are known to have included San Francisco in their itinerary.

T. B. Walker's sons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Walker, and their families are near San Francisco. They live in Piedmont, and hopes are entertained that there is one of the districts which has escaped the ravages of the earthquake.

Mr. Walker returned only yesterday from San Francisco. In speaking of the earthquake he said: "During my visits in San Francisco shocks and minor earthquakes have been frequent occurrences, and I remember one evening, a year ago last December, when I was giving an address before the Y. M. C. A. in San Francisco, we experienced a shock which scattered the furniture about the hall and created terrible confusion. I was obliged to discontinue my address for almost an hour. We are in hopes that the members of our families are safe, as they are in Piedmont."

one of the outlying residential districts, which was only severely shaken up. C. A. Smith, who is traveling on the coast with Hugh Bellas of New York, is supposed to have been in San Francisco, but no news has reached here from the two men.

E. P. Wells of the Wells & Dickey company, is one of the Minneapolis men who was last heard of from San Francisco. Mr. Wells is accompanied by J. H. Quail of the firm of J. H. Quail & Co., Minneapolis, San Francisco, is in that city with Mrs. Quail. Mrs. John Lind and daughter are also in Berkeley or San Francisco, and former Governor Lind has received no news from them. Mrs. Charles Elliott Thompson, a former Minneapolis girl, is visiting this month in San Francisco. Mr. Thompson is the son of B. N. Thompson of this city, and has lived on the coast the past year.

Anxiously Awaiting News. Mrs. W. K. Pennell of 3036 Clinton avenue is anxiously awaiting news from her father, M. T. Smith, who resides on Polson street, twenty minutes' ride from the Palace hotel. An aunt of Mrs. Pennell and a nephew live next door to her father.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Westbrook of the University of Minnesota have cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, who make their home in San Francisco; they were residents of Minneapolis for several years.

Miss Helen Fifield, formerly of the South Side high school, is a Minneapolis resident now in San Francisco. Miss Florence Sylvester, a cousin of Mrs. Frank N. Stacy, Mrs. George M. Eddy, and Mrs. Dr. Draper Davton and a niece of N. H. Winchell and Mrs. E. D. Brann of this city, is a student at the medical college of the state university, Berkeley, and lives on Washington street, San Francisco. Her mother, Mrs. A. H. Sylvester, has been spending the past two months in Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Davenport and Miss K. Lind, former residents of Minneapolis, also live now in San Francisco.

Miss Rachel Beard is a student at Leland Stanford university. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton are residents of San Francisco. Mrs. Hamilton was

Miss Pauline Kruger of Minneapolis. Major John Bigelow of Hennepin avenue, whose wife and daughter, Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Gardner-Hodson, are visiting their relative, Mrs. Dodge, at her home, 2015 Franklin street, San Francisco.

Dr. George H. Martin, formerly of Minneapolis, and brother of Arthur Martin at the Palace hotel, has resided at the Palace hotel in San Francisco for several years past. Nothing has been heard from him to this time. George B. Douglas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is a brother of Walter D. Douglas, the Minneapolis capitalist, came up with Mrs. Douglas from Santa Barbara to San Francisco preparatory to starting east, and they were to have left San Francisco today.

Mrs. W. H. Chambers, wife of the manager of the Peavey Elevator company, was to leave San Francisco today. With her were J. W. Chambers and wife of Des Moines, Iowa, father and mother of Mr. Chambers. They were at the Hamilton hotel, which is on Market street, just off Ellis, and near the center of destruction. W. H. Chambers left San Francisco a week ago and is in Minneapolis.

Scores of Messages. Scores of messages were filed here for Salt Lake City in hope of intercepting travelers or drawing some encouragement, but nothing was obtainable.

A number of prominent Minneapolis people were in California until recently, some in San Francisco. A week ago there were thirty Minneapolis transients on the hotel registers, but most of them left and some are already home. C. M. Harrington and wife, Dan Raymond, James S. Bell and J. S. Bell, Jr., and wife, General George E. Wilson and S. T. McKnight were there recently, but all are home now. Mrs. B. H. Morgan and daughter are at Los Angeles.

St. Paul people now in San Francisco, and not heard from to this time are Charles Northrop, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hollowell, Dr. Frank Carpenter and wife and Mrs. Pepper, mother of Mrs. Hollowell and Mrs. Sartor.

The Misses Susan and Anna Christian of Minneapolis were in San Francisco yesterday en route to Honolulu, and were to have sailed today.

SEES TIDAL WAVE PERIL

Rochester, N. Y., April 18.—"Another and even a graver disaster than the earthquake threatens San Francisco. A tidal wave would not be an unlooked-for accompaniment to the present seismic disturbances," said Professor H. L. Fairchild of the University of Rochester today. "Much of San Francisco is only twelve feet above tidewater, and this fact renders it particularly liable to destruction in such an event."

HEART OF CITY LIES IN RUINS: LOSS APPALLING

Horror Grows as Fire Continues the Awful Work of Destruction Begun by the Earthquake.

Many Dead and Dying in the Debris—Best Business District a Scene of Desolation.

1,000 MAY BE DEAD.

San Francisco, April 18.—(3 p.m.)—At this hour it is estimated that the earthquake and fire have cost 1,000 lives, with twice as many injured. The financial loss already done will foot into the scores of millions.

The dead are being carted from the destroyed buildings in dozens of the lodginghouse district. The city is full of injured. Thousands are fleeing from the city. All means of transportation are cut off.

San Francisco, April 18.—By earthquake and by fire San Francisco was today the scene of most appalling disaster. Hundreds of lives have been lost and the value of the property destroyed will mount up into the millions.

With the terror still gripping the populace, with bursted gas mains adding to the fierceness of the fire now raging in the debris and with the water supply cut off, it is as yet impossible to give an adequate estimate of the calamity. But it is one which has set at naught all organized agencies for averting or minimizing catastrophes to life and property.

Throughout the entire business district of the city there is hardly a building that is not razed or racked almost beyond repair. In the heaps of flaming debris there are known to be hundreds of human bodies.

MARKET STREET DEVASTATED.

Market street, the pride of the city and its best business thoroughfare, is the scene of the worst desolation. The sky-scraping Call building, sixteen stories high, is racked and burning; the city hall is a mass of ruins; the great retail stores are in heaps, or are tottering, while the fear of another shock impels people to keep away from that portion of the city where high buildings line the streets.

Thus has San Francisco paid the penalty for forgetting the wisdom of its founders, who lived in fear of the earthquake and who decreed that in their time the city should be one of low, light structures.

Heavy as is the loss of life, it would have been still more heartrending had not the disaster come at an early hour when the streets were deserted except by those who had lingered long at their night work or had come down town early to begin the labor of the day.

WHOLE CITY TREMBLES.

It was at 5:10 a.m. that the first sickening tremor came, speedily followed by the rolling and rocking of the ground.

This shock was felt over a large area and was equally severe throughout the city, but the damage was largely confined to that district where business buildings of stone and brick construction lined the streets in heavy masses. The lower part of Market street is on made ground reclaimed from the bay, and it was here that the worst effects of the shock were felt, tho the \$7,000,000 city hall, at Sixteenth street, which was razed, was fully a mile and a half from the bay.

As huge masses of masonry crashed down into the streets, yawning chasms opened in the ground and chaos came in the twinkling of an eye. Not more than a minute from the first hard shock the aspect of the stricken district was changed. But this was not all. The terror of fire was to be added to the horror of the earthquake. Except along the bay within range of streams from the fountains there was no protection against the fire, which was soon raging in the ruins, for the watermains had been destroyed by the heaving of the ground. Screams from the wrecked buildings told the awful story of those who had escaped death by the shock only to die prisoned by heavy timbers, while those of their fellowmen who dared to traverse the death-lined streets were powerless to help.

Hour by hour the horror grew as the fire worked its way up Market street and racked buildings toppled over or were blown up with dynamite to stay the progress of the flames.

DETAILS OF THE DISASTER

Bulletins Tell the Story of the Awful Calamity Which Has Come Upon San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 18.—The post-office has entirely collapsed. The fish market at Clay and Merchant streets has collapsed. Chief of Police Sullivan and his wife have been badly injured. The Grand opera house is now a flame and doomed.

The ten-story building at Third and Mission streets, adjoining the Grand opera house is apparently doomed, as are other big buildings between the theater and St. Patrick's church.

Gas Works Blown Up. The gas works, south of Market street, have been blown up and started another big fire in that section of the city.

A portion of the Mission, several miles from the business section of the city, is in flames. The fire began at Twenty-second street and is rapidly moving eastward. Should the wind increase, it may sweep the entire southern section of the city.

Five Killed in Oakland. In Oakland five persons were killed by the collapse of the Empire building. The Gore block, at the junction of Market and Pine streets, is in flames and probably will be a total loss. Mayor Schmitz, Chief of Police Dinan and General Funston, commander of the department of the Pacific, met this morning and General Funston called all the available troops for service if necessary in the emergency. The board of supervisors will meet

immediately to take measures for relief and protection of the sufferers by disaster. Chief of Fire Department Sullivan is lying in a very precarious condition. Morgue Overfilled. Twenty-one bodies have been taken to the morgue, which cannot accommodate any more. Mayor Schmitz established headquarters at the hall of justice and has appointed a relief committee of fifty prominent citizens. The military are patrolling the streets, guarding the banks and other establishments. They have received orders to shoot anyone on sight detected in theft.

Fire has started in the sixteen-story Call building on Third street, and is now burning fiercely in the interior of the building, but as yet has not spread beyond the fourth floor. The building is also threatened on the Market street side, only one structure separating it from the flames, which swept everything on the south side of Market street from fourth almost to Third.

The end of the eleven-story Monadnock building, now nearing completion, has fallen out, and the flames threaten to cause great fire loss. The front of the Monadnock was badly cracked by the earthquake. Palace Hotel Still Stands. Altho flames are raging on all sides

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EASTERNERS ARE SAFE

San Francisco, April 18.—For the benefit of the eastern people who have friends visiting in San Francisco, it is safe to say that they are not injured, as the loss of life was confined to the cheap lodginghouses and the wholesale districts.

All persons in the larger hotels escaped, and most of their effects have been removed and are out of the way of the fire peril.

LATE BULLETINS.

PALACE HOTEL BURNING. San Francisco, April 18.—The Palace hotel is now on fire. Other buildings on fire are the Claus Spreckels structure, seventeen stories high; the Phelan building and the O'Farrell store.

The Costly City Hall at San Francisco Which Is Now a Huge Mass of Debris



This Beautiful \$7,000,000 Building, Razed by the Earthquake.