

MARK TWAIN TELLS OF ANOTHER QUAKE

Humorist in San Francisco when the City Was Shaken in 1868.

New York Herald Special Service.

New York, April 21.—The earthquake of 1868 was the most serious San Francisco had known until the recent one. Several buildings on the Battery and Sansone streets were thrown down and a number of others were damaged. Mark Twain who was working on a newspaper in Frisco at that time tells about the earthquake as follows:

"It was in the afternoon of a bright street. I was coming down Third. The only object in motion anywhere in sight in that thickly built and populous quarter, was a man in a buggy behind me, and a streetcar well-wise all was solitude and Sabbath stillness. As I turned a corner around a frame house there was a great rattle and jar and it occurred to me that there was an item, no doubt a fight in that house.

Earth Seemed to Roll.

"Before I could turn and seek the door, there came a really terrific shock; the ground seemed to roll under me at intervals, interrupted by a violent joggling up and down. There was a heavy grinding noise of brick houses rubbing together. I fell up against the frame house and hurt my elbow.

"I knew what it was then, and from more reportorial instinct—noting else to do but to get out of there as fast as I could. At that moment a third and still more severe shock came, and as I reeled about on the pavement trying to keep my footing I saw a sight.

Sees Huge Wall Fall.

"The entire front of a tall, four-story brick building, on Third street, sprung outward like a door and fell sprawling across the street, raising a dust like a great volume of smoke. And here came the buggy, overhead went the man and in less than time I can tell it, the vehicle is distributed in small fragments along 300 yards of street.

"One could have fancied that some one had fired a charge of chair rounds and rags down the thoroughfare. The streetcar had stopped. The horses were rearing and plunging, the passengers plunging out at both ends.

Panic Breaks Solitude.

"One got wedged fast and was squirming about like a mad man. Every door as far as the eye could reach was vomiting a stream of human beings and almost before one could execute a wink and begin another there was a massed multitude of people stretching in endless procession down every street my position on the street.

"Never was solemn solitude turned into teeming life quicker. The wonders wrought by the great earthquake; these were all that came under my eye; but the tricks it played on me and fire and light over the town, made toothsome gossip for nine days. The destruction of property was trifling—the injury to it was widespread and somewhat serious.

All Rush to Streets.

"Gentlemen and ladies who were sick or who were taking a siesta, or who had retreated to a late hour and making up lost sleep, thronged into the public streets in all sorts of queer apparel and some without any at all. One woman, who had been washing a naked child, ran down the street

holding it by the ankles as if it were a dressed turkey.

"Prominent citizens who were supposed to keep the Sabbath strictly, rushed out of saloons in their shirt sleeves with billiard cues in their hands. Dozens of men with their necks swathed in napkins rushed from barber shops, lathered to the eyes, or with one cheek clean shaved and the other still being a hairy stubble.

"Dozens of men fled about a frightened dog rushed up a short attic ladder and out to a roof, and when his scare was over had not the nerve to go down again the same way he had gone up.

Buildings Rocked.

"The plastering that fell from ceilings in San Francisco that day would have covered several acres of ground. For some days afterward groups of evening and pointing men stood about many a building looking at long, zig-zag cracks that extended from the eaves to the ground.

"Four feet of the tops of the three chimneys on one house were broken square off and turned around in such a way as to completely stop the draft. A crack a hundred feet long gaped open six inches wide in the middle of one street and the shut together again as if to strike her with its uplifted foot.

Saw Wall Open Twice.

"A lady sitting in her rocking and quaking parlor saw the wall part at the ceiling, open and shut twice like a mouth, and then drop the end of a brick on the floor like a tooth. She was a woman easily disgusted with foolishness and she arose and went out of there.

"One lady who was coming downstairs was astonished to see a bronze hercules lean forward on its pedestal as if to strike her with its club. They both reached the bottom of the flight at the same time, the woman insensible from fright.

Omits the Benediction.

"The first shock brought down two or three huge organ pipes in the middle of the churches. The minister, who had just begun, was just closing the service. He glanced up and hesitated, and said:

"However, we will omit the benediction." In the next instant there was a vacancy in the atmosphere where he had stood.

"After the first shock an Oakland minister said: 'Keep your seats. There is no better place to die than this' and added, after a third. 'But outside is good enough.' He then skipped out of the back door.

Thousands Made Seesick.

"Such another destruction of mantel ornaments and toilet bottles as the earthquake created, San Francisco never saw before. There was hardly a girl or matron in the city but suffered losses of this kind. Suspended pictures were thrown down, but oftener still, by a curious freak of the earthquake's humor, they were whirled completely around, with their faces to the wall.

"Thousands of people were made so seesick by this rolling and pitching of floors and streets that they were weak and bedridden for hours, and some for days. For eyes of this kind, hardly an individual escaped entirely."

able the observer to calculate the extent of the earthquake and the distance away from the recording instrument.

Instrument Recorded Shock.

Professor Milne was out golfing at the time, but on returning home, a glance at the instrument told him that a tremendous upheaval of the earth's crust had taken place and it was the work of a few moments to calculate where it had taken place.

Having developed his photographic records, he was able to discuss with The Journal representative the origin of the earthquake, which he said was evidently upon land, for if it had been sub-oceanic, it is probable a sheet would have been great sea waves. Its origin therefore is presumably in the range of hills running parallel to the coast at the foot of which lies San Francisco. This range of hills may be regarded as an addition to the western coast of North America, when the Sierra Nevada had been raised, which occurred after the formation of chalk in England.

The site of San Francisco was beneath the ocean and sediments had accumulated, until they had attained an enormous thickness, and horizontal pressure. These were buckled up to form the coast range, and the great disturbance which has just taken place indicates that this kind of activity is still in operation.

Cause of Disaster.

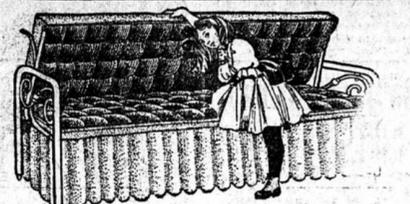
The probabilities are that these strata have been overbent and have suddenly yielded with a crash and a great fault or fracture in the earth's crust has been formed. On one side the ground has suddenly fallen and it was the impact of what was beneath which gave rise to the great shaking felt all over the world and ended so disastrously for San Francisco.

It goes without saying that the British insurance companies are greatly concerned, for it is estimated that the gross amount of insurance written by them in San Francisco is about, if not over, \$250,000,000. Several companies have clauses in their policies excluding liabilities for losses caused by earthquakes, but it is recalled that at the time of the Baltimore fire the commercial union paid out \$800,000 and the Sun office \$300,000, much of it within a week of the conflagration, while in the 1870 Pacific disaster, the Liverpool, London & Globe company was involved in \$3,750,000 obligations, which were readily met; so it is assumed that the British companies on this occasion will display the same commendable readiness to discharge their liability even tho sheltered behind technicalities.

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SHAW LIFTS 'LIMIT' TO BENEFIT FRISCO

Secretary of Treasury Endeavors to Avert Possible Financial Crisis.

New York, April 21.—Secretary Shaw has lifted the \$10,000,000 limit on telegraphic transfers to San Francisco. The treasury department, he wished it known, stands ready to offer any relief consistent with safety to the national banks of San Francisco and the stricken district generally.

Any institution offering recognized collateral will be given equivalent value in government deposits.

Secretary Shaw also announced that he would recommend to congress without delay appropriations for a new treasury, postoffice and other federal buildings in San Francisco.

Advices received by the secretary today report that the government moneys in the treasury at San Francisco is undisturbed despite the almost practical wreckage of the building. The secretary proposes to authorize one of the banks in Oakland to act for the treasury department pending other definite arrangements.

'FRISCO DISASTER IS A SHOCK TO ENGLAND

British Experts See Danger to Edinburgh in Recent Disturbances.

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London, April 21.—Naturally the chief topic of discussion here as elsewhere, this week, has been the appalling disaster at San Francisco and seismographers are propounding various theories as to its cause, opinion being divided as to its connection with the Mount Vesuvius eruption. One question asked is will the disturbance come toward Great Britain and it is suggested that Edinburgh is in the "dangerous zone, just as San Francisco is, for the Scottish capital is built on extinct volcanoes.

Eminent British seismographers give the opinion that it was the contraction of the earth's surface by the release of overheated steam in the interior of the earth, and the failure of the earth to swing true on its axis owing to the action of the sun spots and a landslip of the geological strata.

The most interesting of all is the statement by Professor Milne, who is considered the most eminent of the English seismograph experts, and who at his home in the Isle of Wight, has an instrument which not only tells him whenever an earthquake occurs, but also the exact spot on the earth. The instrument consists of an object-lens, a common street lamp post set upon a pedestal of concrete which is sunk down through the earth to a chalk strata. This lamp post is sensitive to every vibration of the earth and is connected with a needle which passes across a cylinder of paper blackened by being held over an ordinary lamp. When a disturbance of the earth's surface takes place, the lamp post is shaken and a connecting wire at once transfers the vibrations to the smoked paper, while the length of the scratches en-

INSURANCE LOSSES HARD TO DETERMINE

ATTITUDE OF THE COMPANIES CHANGES FROM DAY TO DAY.

Question of Liability in Cases Where Buildings Collapsed Before Burning May Be Left to Committee of High Officials—Undisputed Claims to Be Paid at Once.

The Record-Herald says:

"The officers of the insurance companies hold under their own control only the capital stock in the company. The reserves, which make up the bulk of the assets of the companies, are held as trust funds, for which the officers are strictly accountable under the policy contract to the policyholders. The courts have held recently that an officer of an insurance company who pays out the money of the policyholders for things that are not a liability of the company is guilty of embezzlement, and can be held liable.

"The situation has never before been so complicated, from a fire-insurance standpoint, in a conflagration. The question of how much liability the companies have under their policies for buildings which were shattered by the earthquake is still to be determined.

"The Fireman's Fund, as the leading San Francisco company, is naturally the center of interest. It has been generally supposed that it had by far the largest liability, but in fact several outside companies are more at risk. The attitude of the other companies toward the Fireman's Fund is notably sympathetic. Officers of several of the smaller companies that suffered no loss said that they stood ready to contribute from their funds to carry it thru safely.

"Insurance men held that in view of the peculiar situation, with liability undetermined and information hard to obtain, insurance departments should not follow the course pursued after the Baltimore fire of requiring sworn statements from the companies as to the conditions of their funds; that if forced to make statements at this time they might do so. The Act of the Attorney General of the Chicago fire was bankrupt, also, given time, it became one of the strongest companies in the country. According to experience this fire should create a great increase in the net income of companies. Premiums always increase after a great conflagration.

"The large companies are sending their adjusters to San Francisco and claims as to which there is no dispute will be paid as soon as proofs can be completed. It is said that the settlement of the question of liability for buildings which fell and broke out will be turned over to a committee of the highest officers of the companies with the belief that their decision will be regarded as binding upon all.

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