

# THOSE WHO ESCAPED TELL STRANGE TALES

### Harrowing and Amusing Experiences Were the Lot of All Who Survived the Earthquake and Fire—Quarrels Seen and Heard in Frisco.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 23.—Scores of Salt Lake people were in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake and many returned yesterday bringing a mass of interesting information. One of the owners, escaped with his wife and four children. He left the Charlemagne hotel in his automobile, but the police made him give it up to carry the wounded. "The police of the city is perfect under the circumstances, and I want to give unstinted praise to the chief and his brave men. We finally got over to Oakland and in a half-hour condition of us a hearty meal and the check was only \$1.60. We were astonished, but it is the law among these people that no more than cost shall be charged anyone from San Francisco. Finding our eyes affected by the heat and ash, they treated us with more than ordinary care. When he finished I asked for the bill and said: "No, sir, we charge nothing to the people who come from that awful trial over yonder."

**Franks of the Quake.**  
Another arrival describes a number of queer freaks of the earthquake. In the midst of ruined four-story buildings stood a house of three stories which had been lifted on jackscrews and timbers to make room for another story beneath it. It stood apparently unharmed by the shock. Not a piece of the underpinning was displaced.

One of the churches on Van Ness avenue had a mosque-like dome. The building was blown down, all the walls falling away but the steel structure visible at a distance remained supporting the dull gray dome which seemed floating in air like a balloon.  
Two theatrical people were in a hotel in Santa Rosa when the shock came. The room was on the fourth floor. The roof of the building was thrown from the bed and both were caught by the descending timbers and pinned helplessly beneath the debris. They could speak to each other and the weight was so heavy that they could do nothing to liberate themselves. After three hours rescuers came, cut a hole in the roof, and both were released unharmed. The man had in his room a pocketbook containing \$100 and his card and a pair of cuff buttons. Both were restored to him before he left Santa Rosa.

**Queer Things People Did.**  
Among the queer sights witnessed by this narrator was a lone woman patiently pushing an upright piano along the pavement a few inches at a time, a man riding a bicycle and carrying a skyterror and a woman lovingly embracing a Japanese doll.

He also heard a guest berating the proprietor of the hotel five minutes after the shock because he had not been wakened at 5 o'clock, according to instructions. The guest said that instantly that he never would stop at that house again. The house was destroyed.

**In a Sorority House.**  
Miss Ina Bothwell, a student, tells of incidents at Stanford university. A girl was dressing in a room in the Sorority house when the door gave way. Her companion looked up, saw that she was gone, and shrieked, "Where are you, May?"  
"Oh, I am in the parlor," replied the girl calmly, as she wriggled out of the heap of plaster and mortar below.

One man, at least, according to Miss Bothwell, missed what would have been the experience of a lifetime. He did not wake. This man, whose name she did not know, was still sleeping when they rescued him.  
The buildings which are mostly occupied by classes are mostly destroyed.

**Many Laughable Scenes.**  
"There were ludicrous scenes even in the saddest hours, and I cannot forget them," said L. E. Byter, a Salt Lake mining man.  
"I never saw many parrots, canaries, mockingbirds and pet dogs together in my life. I saw a pet dog on the seat of an automobile, the owner of which would not stop to take in a wounded man on the sidewalk."  
"One thing will always remain in my memory. On a pile of rubbish was thrown the body of a man shot thru the heart, and on his chest was pinned a placard:  
"Take warning."  
"It was a most effective way to terrorize those who would steal or make trouble."  
"I met one poor crazy woman who stopped us to say that they had killed her husband and might as well kill her. Then she changed her cry and said she was a cow and asked us to take her away. Our hearts were convulsed with pity, but what could we do? We left her talking to the next corner and could only hope that those finally in authority would care for these men who had lost fortunes themselves in cheering up the poorer ones who had lost things of no great value. 'Why, I lost \$200,000,' said one. 'What is your baby carriage to that? Cheap, up. It will all come out in the wash.'"  
A \$50 "Fare."  
"The acts of some of the express and carriage drivers, however, were outrageous. I witnessed one case in front of the St. Francis hotel. After much parley a man got an expressman to agree to take himself and wife to the ferry for \$20. A helboy ran out and said 'What yer doin', that feller over there's got \$50 for that trip.' So the man had to pay \$50 or walk. His wife could not walk so he paid it."

**Forced to Abandon Search.**  
Dr. George V. Schramm, a young medical graduate, says:  
"As I was passing down Market street with a new-found friend in an automobile rushing along with two soldiers in it. My doctor's badge protected me, but the soldiers invited my companion, a husky six-footer to get into the automobile. He said: 'I don't want to ride and have plenty of business to attend to.' Once more they invited him and he refused. One of the soldiers dropped a gun on him and said: 'We need such an arm as you to save women and children, to help fight the fire.' The man was on his way to his sister, but he yielded to the inevitable. He worked all day with the soldiers and when released to get lunch he felt that he could conscientiously try, to go and find his own loved ones."

**What a Volunteer Saw.**  
Mr. Sternberger of the firm of New York stock brokers, Sternberger, Sion & Co., is here with his wife, son and a maid. He was on the fourth floor of the St. Francis hotel. After hurriedly dressing he and his family rushed into Union square.  
"We had hardly got seated," said Mr. Sternberger, "when firemen came along asking for volunteers to take bodies from ruins just above the hotel. I was a ready and willing responder. I was on a building which had toppled a lofty one, and all in the former were buried in the debris. We heard the stifled cries and prayers of God's sake, this way. 'Oh, lift this one, my God, my God, I'm dying,' and many others."  
"Finally, we got to some of them. Bruised, bleeding, blinded by smoke and dust, terrified past reason, the poor fellows who had been smothered in utter exhaustion. Those that were pinned away below we could not reach and their seeming far-off cries for mercy and life will ring in my ears till death."

**An Iowa Man's Story.**  
Charles C. Lanferwiler of Fort Dodge, who was at the Grand hotel, says:  
"I passed thru Chinatown just as a good shock came, and all Chinatown was in the streets, gesticulating, crying, running around and acting like a lot of monkeys. I left to myself I know not how long. I must have perished. The authorities drove them up the hill and out of range of the fire. Superstition mastered them, and all sorts of gods were produced from all sorts of packets and papers was scattered all along the way."  
Henry Herz, a New York traveling man, after a terrible experience, made his escape and constituted himself a member of the relief committee. At Sacramento he organized a shipment of bread. At Reno he set the housewives to baking bread, and in Salt Lake he has raised a potato fund of \$400.

**OSOBOLA MAN'S ESCAPE**  
F. F. Burgner Tells of His Experience in Frisco.  
Denver, Col., April 23.—Every incoming train from the west brings reports from San Francisco, who tell harrowing stories of their experiences and give graphic descriptions of the horrors that followed the earthquake and fire.  
"The first I remember of the earthquake was finding myself in the middle of the floor, where, with chairs and other bits of furniture, I had been thrown, said G. F. Burgner, a business man from Osobola, Wis. With his wife and two daughters he had registered at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco the night before the disaster.  
"With my family I rushed down stairs, and we had a difficult time making our way to the waterfront. An electric launch was moored there and on it we escaped to Oakland.  
"The groans and cries of those pinned under the timbers of the collapsing buildings were pitiful to hear and the worst of it was that nothing could be done to save them."

**OWE LIVES TO A BOY**  
Messenger Credited with Safe Departure of New York Party.  
Colorado Springs, Col., April 23.—Refugees from San Francisco continue to arrive here. A number came last night. One party was composed of S. Van Etten, city passenger agent of the New York Central at Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Van Etten, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams of Riverhead, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wyatt of Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Van Etten was a guest at the California hotel. They escaped from the building clad only in their night clothes.  
"I feel that we owe our lives in a great measure to a 16-year-old messenger boy," said Van Etten last night. "This boy, whose name I do not know, I have lost after taking it down in my notebook, succeeded, thru his friendship with the captain of a towboat, in getting him to take us over to Oakland after myself and two other couples had tried in vain for several hours to get some one to make the trip."  
Maurice M. Sternberger of the New York banking house of Sternberger, Finn & Co., was in the number that came from San Francisco last night. With him were his son George and his governess, Miss Van Gester. The party was registered at the St. Francis hotel on the morning of the earthquake, and, like the others, had a narrow escape. All their effects, including Mrs. Sternberger's valuable jewels, worth probably \$5,000, were lost.

**Odd Place for Her Stocking.**  
The experience thru which P. S. Keenan, a wealthy merchant of Terre Haute, Ind., passed thru in San Francisco, he declares turned his hair white and his nerves have not yet recovered from the shock of the earthquake. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan were guests at the Grand hotel on the night of the disaster. They arrived in Colorado Springs with all their baggage intact.  
"My wife and I escaped from our hotel with hardly a clothing on," said Mr. Keenan. "My wife had her stockings around her neck. After the excitement of the first shock had subsided I returned to the hotel and got our things and finished dressing. I succeeded in getting an expressman to take our trunks to the ferry."

**STREETS MOVED LIKE WAVES**  
Sam Wolf Tells of Escape from Frisco Perils.  
Salt Lake City, April 23.—A typical experience of the disaster of San Francisco was that of Sam Wolf, who reached this city today. He says:  
"My room was in the Grand hotel.

When I awakened, the house was shaking as a terrier would shake a rat. I dressed and made for the street, which seemed to move like waves of water.  
"On my way down Market street the whole side of a building fell out and came so near me that I was covered and blinded by the dust. Then I saw the first dead come by. They were piled up in an automobile like carcasses in a butcher's wagon, all over blood, with crushed skulls and broken limbs and bloody faces."  
**Leaps Just in Time.**  
"A man cried out to me, 'Look out for that live wire!' I just had time to sidestep certain death. On each side of me the fires were burning fiercely. I finally got into the open space before the ferry. The ground was still shaking and gaping open in places."  
**Women Pray on Streets.**  
"Women and children knelt on the cold asphalt and prayed God would be merciful to them. At last we got on the boat. Not a woman in that crowd had enough clothing to keep her warm, let alone the money for fare."  
"I took off my hat, put a little money in it, and we got enough money right there to pay all our fares."  
"I forgot to tell you, I saved one of the women from sure death just before I got out of the hotel. She was running toward an open window and I caught her as she was part way out. 'Where are you going?' I asked. 'Oh, I'm going downstairs,' she answered."  
**Would Have Fallen Fifty Feet.**  
"She would have fallen fifty feet to the stone pavement. She followed me out on the street, barefooted, and cut her feet on the broken glass, leaving a trail of blood behind her. The last I saw of her she was on her knees begging God for mercy on her sinful soul."  
Charles W. Lawson of Salt Lake said:  
**Feared "Time Had Come."**  
"But one thought seemed to possess the terror-stricken people—that their time had come. In some way the report started that Chicago had suffered worse than San Francisco, and that Chicago had been swallowed by an earthquake."  
Mr. Lawson is hysterical at times and under the care of a physician.

**Paid His Hotel Bill.**  
W. M. Sanders, consulting engineer of the United States geological survey, insisted on paying his hotel bill before he left San Francisco. He says:  
"Before leaving my room I made my toilet and packed my grip. The other guests had left the house as I hurried down the lobby. There I met the clerk, who had rushed in to get something. I told him I wanted to pay my bill. 'I guess not,' he said, 'this is no time for settlement.'"  
As he ran into the office I cornered him, paid him the money and got his receipt, hurriedly stamped."

**THE WORK AT OAKLAND**  
How Refugees Are Cared For in the Suburban Town.  
Oakland, Cal., April 23.—Oakland is caring for 75,000 refugees and is prepared for as many more. The height of the influx has been reached, and the number is decreasing slightly. More departures than arrivals are now recorded. Requests for free transportation are investigated as closely as possible and all the deserving are sent away. Women and children and married men who wish to join their families in different parts of the state are given preference. The transportation bureau is on a street corner where a man stands on a box and calls the names of those who are entitled to passes.  
At the First Presbyterian church 1,000 were fed yesterday and 1,000 people slept there last night. Pews have been turned into beds. Cots were placed in the aisles, in the gallery and in the Sunday school room. Every available inch of space was occupied by some substitute for a bed. An emergency maternity hospital has been established at Emeryville.  
John D. Rockefeller has sent money for the establishment of a new camp, which will bear his name.

**ACTORS FUND FOR FRISCO**  
Chicago, April 23.—The proceeds of the actors' fund benefit performance here next Friday afternoon are to go to the general relief fund for the California sufferers.  
E. H. Sothorn, Julia Marlowe and Robert Lorraine will take part and scenes will be introduced from "The College Widow," "Before and After," "Mexicana," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Buster Brown," "The Three Graces," "The Umpire," and Adelaide Keim's impersonation of Hamlet. The People's Stock company, the Majestic, Olympic and Haymarket theaters also will be represented.

**URGENT APPEAL FOR DRUGS**  
San Francisco, April 23.—An urgent appeal has been sent out for a supply of chloride of lime. It is absolutely necessary to insure sanitary conditions. It is wanted immediately and in large quantities.  
Other drugs badly needed are sulphur, carbolic acid, bichloride of mercury,

**MINNEAPOLIS MEN WANDERED FOR THREE DAYS AMID RUINS**  
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we gotten there than the rig was confiscated and a blue-coated soldier ordered us to get down and help unload a ship filled with potatoes and provisions. We worked there for two hours before we could go.  
"Next day we got another expressman and started for the ferry. It took us from 8:30 in the morning to 3 that afternoon and part of the time we were nearly surrounded by fire. Instead of getting better the flames seemed to get worse. On either hand they stretched a mile. When we got over into Oakland and got our train you can believe we were thankful."  
"The soldiers, especially the regulars, were a godsend to San Francisco. They kept the mobs down and did wonders to help the dead and dying. We saw scores of dead people and those terribly wounded conveyed to the Presidio."

**BUILD NEW FRISCO THO FLAMES RAGE**  
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The rain dashing in their faces and water dripping thru improvised tents. Wherever possible women and children were crowded and huddled into the regular canvass waterproof tents such as are on hand. Little, however, could be done, as the facilities are entirely inadequate to house all the homeless, and large numbers sought the protection of trees and bushes and a few boards placed over their heads to ward off the water.  
About daylight a man appeared at police headquarters with tears streaming down his cheeks, asking for some kind of conveyance to take his family from Golden Gate park to some shelter. He was told that nothing could be done until daylight.  
**Night of Stygian Darkness.**  
The rain has cooled the ruins and extinguished some of the fires which still illuminated the sky. The night was of almost Stygian darkness and the silence broken only by the measured tread of patrols and sentries and an occasional shot. Last night for the first time lights were allowed in the houses, but only from dark until 10 o'clock.

**500 BODIES RECOVERED**  
Dead in Frisco Are Buried as Fast as Found.  
San Francisco, April 23.—The total number of bodies recovered and buried up to Sunday night is 500. No complete record can be had at this time, as many bodies have been buried without permits from the coroner and the board of health. The searchers of the coroner's and board of health departments found more than twenty bodies yesterday. They were buried immediately. A few of these bodies could be identified and the graves were marked by numbers.  
It is impossible at the present time to obtain any sort of death list or even to make a reliable estimate of the number of casualties. Whenever a body is found it is buried immediately without formality and as these burials have been made at widely separated parts of the city by different searchers who do not even make a prompt report to headquarters, considerable confusion has resulted in estimating the number of casualties. Exaggerated reports have been made.

**WORSHIPED AMID RUINS**  
People of Stricken City Observed Sabbath Services.  
San Francisco, April 23.—On the steps of the shattered churches and on the green slopes of parks and cemeteries the people of San Francisco yesterday assembled at the usual hours for religious services. Grateful for the opportunity publicly to express thanks for their preservation and anxious for the words of cheer and comfort that would carry them thru future trials, the people assembled in even larger numbers than is customary. There was no distinction as to sect or denomination, the gatherings including, as a rule, a large percentage of the families coming or residing in the vicinity. Roman Catholic clergymen celebrated masses in the Jewish cemetery and members of every creed knelt while the services were in progress.

**Escaped Fire and Quake.**  
Racine, Wis., April 23.—A telegram from W. Starbuck, publisher of the Racine Daily Journal, for whose safety cars were entertained, says that he, his wife and daughters, who are still in San Francisco, were untouched either by fire or earthquake.  
**Safe but Property Gone.**  
Grand Forks, N. D., April 23.—From forty to fifty Grand Forks people are in California, many of them in San Francisco. The few reports received indicate that none of them suffered physical injury. Alex. McDonald, a former resident here, writes that he and his family are safe but have lost everything.

**Austin's Contribution.**  
Austin, Minn., April 23.—Austin sends \$1,000 for the earthquake sufferers.

**Foot-Schulze Name Contest.**  
Foot, Schulze & Co.'s name contest was the most interesting ever held in the Northwest. It is safe to say that no shoe house in this section of the country ever received as many ingenious suggestions as has the house of Foot, Schulze & Co. within the past three months. Two thousand sixty-one answers were received up to Saturday night, April 14th, and they came from all sections of the United States, a remarkable comment on the extent of the circulation of the Twin City daily and Farm papers.  
Of the seven papers used in the advertising contest, the replies came from the following:  
"Farm, Stock and Home," Minneapolis..... 450  
"Dispatch," St. Paul..... 448  
"The Farmer," St. Paul..... 257  
"Tribune," Minneapolis..... 244  
"Journal," Minneapolis..... 191  
"Daily News," St. Paul..... 186  
"Pioneer Press," St. Paul..... 178  
No paper mentioned..... 107  
Total..... 2,061

The contest was advertised in the above papers in January; the answers continued to arrive until the day of the close of contest, April 14th. So many GOOD names were received, so many complimentary things were said about the FOOT-SCHULZE shoes by the contestants, and so many very acceptable and original suggestions were made that the firm of Foot, Schulze & Co. feel that they owe hearty thanks to every contestant for the ingenuity and good will displayed and the time and thought given to the problem of naming the new FOOT-SCHULZE \$4.00 shoe for men and the new FOOT-SCHULZE \$4.00 shoe for women.  
The names selected are as follows:  
Men's shoe, the "FOOT-SCHULZE."  
Women's shoe, the "MAID WELLS."  
There were literally hundreds of equally good suggestions.  
Many of these had to be discarded because they were already in use either by Foot, Schulze & Co. or by some other manufacturer.  
Many suggested "Allice Roosevelt," "Lady Alice," "Roosevelt," "Longworth," but these suggestions it was thought inadvisable to make use of as it did not seem wise to utilize the names of the present White House family.  
Under the terms of the contest, prize money of \$50.00 in each class is awarded as follows:  
Men's shoes, the name "FOOT-SCHULZE" was first suggested by Miss Sophia Schwartz, Hastings, Minn. Her answer was received Jan. 23, 1906, and she wins first prize of \$35.00, in accordance with the terms of the contest. The remaining \$15.00 is equally divided among the first five who next suggested the same name. These are:  
E. J. Drees, Peshigo, Marinette Co., Wis., whose answer came on the same day as that of Miss Schwartz, but in a later mail.  
Miss Lettie Lindell, Harris, Minn., whose answer also arrived January 23rd but two mails later than that of Mr. Drees.  
Mrs. F. G. Levenick, Box No. 367, Mauston, Wis., whose answer was received January 24th.  
Dora Frost, Perham, Minn., whose answer was received January 30th.  
Julia Mariner, Jamestown, N. D., whose answer was received February 7th.  
L. L. Finstock, R. R. No. 1, Box No. 20, Finley, N. D., also suggested the name "Foot-Schulze," but his answer was not received until February 9th. Erick Hedenstrom, with the American Holst and Derrick Co., St. Paul, and Fred G. McNabb, No. 255 16th Av., N. Minneapolis, Minn., also suggested the name "FOOT-SCHULZE" for the men's shoe, but their suggestions were not received until February 10th and April 6th, respectively.  
For the women's shoes, the name "MAID WELLS" was first suggested by M. L. Murray, 773 Cedar street, St. Paul, who receives the first prize, \$35.00 in cash. This answer was received Jan. 22, in the first mail.  
The remaining \$15.00 in this class was divided between the following, \$7.50 to each, there being only two others who suggested this name besides Mr. Salisbury:  
Lillian B. Keller, No. 813 Mackubin St., Flat No. 5, St. Paul. (Answer received Jan. 24.)  
Roy Pieper, No. 1132 Dayton Ave., St. Paul. (Answer received Jan. 22, two mails later than that of the prize winner.)  
The contest has been successful in every way and the fact that the prizes were divided among ten people is only another proof of the fact that "Great minds run in the same channel."  
Checks for the various prizes have been mailed to the winners.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL GIVE**  
Special to The Journal.  
St. Cloud, Minn., April 23.—The following message from Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco, has been received by Bishop Trobec:  
"In the hour of great distress, I appeal to you to ask the assistance of your priests and people by means of a collection in the churches of your diocese. The work of fifty years is blotted out and to begin again."  
Bishop Trobec will issue a circular calling upon the people to respond to this appeal and will fix the date of the collection. This will be done in every diocese in the country.  
The city council voted \$250 to the earthquake and fire sufferers of San Francisco. Many citizens will aid private subscriptions. Manager E. T. Davidson offers the use of his opera house for a benefit entertainment. Sauk Center gives \$100.

**Stillwater Organizing.**  
Special to The Journal.  
Stillwater, Minn., April 23.—A special meeting of the city council will be held this evening to appropriate \$1,000 and organize for contributions for San Francisco. The banks are giving liberally.  
Keokuk, Iowa, April 23.—The city council today voted \$1,000 for the San Francisco sufferers. Six committees soliciting funds expect to raise \$4,000.  
Madison, Wis., April 23.—Governor J. O. Davidson today contributed \$100 to the Madison relief fund for San Francisco.

**TEARER'S CASE PUT OVER.**  
Special to The Journal.  
Stillwater, Minn., April 23.—James Teare was brought into the municipal court today for a hearing on a charge of arson. The matter was continued until a week from Wednesday. Emory Teare, the son, charged with starting the fire at the instigation of the father, was arrested in Minneapolis and brought here. A telegram received from Grand Rapids, Minn., announces the death of Michael Sutton, aged 65. His remains will be brought here for burial.

**GOOD SHOES CHEAP**  
We have \$10,000 worth more shoes than we ever had at one time before. We doubled our orders for spring and summer, expecting the advances in prices. We figured right—almost every pair of shoes in our possession is worth from 10c to 40c per pair more than we paid for them and we give you the benefit—see examples in our show windows, and on tables throughout our store.  
Home Trade Shoe Store  
215-221 Nicollet

**Water Supply IS BEING RESTORED**  
Half of Normal Supply Will Be Available Within a Day or Two.  
San Francisco, April 23.—Experts of the Spring Valley Water company, who have been engaged in making a good examination of the mains and reservoirs of the system, have reported that the company has in its reservoirs enough water to supply the city at the regular rate of 35,000,000 gallons a day for a period of 600 days.  
The only immediate problem is that of getting this supply into the city. Already pipes have been repaired in certain sections and a supply of 7,000,000 gallons a day is coming in thru Ocean View from Lake Merced. About 1,900,000 gallons of this is being consumed daily by Ocean View and the other towns along the pipelines, but 6,000,000 gallons daily is reaching, and will continue to reach, the city proper.  
Within a few hours another supply of 6,000,000 gallons daily will be poured into the city from College Hills. This will furnish water to the northern section of the city. Already water is being supplied to the Black Point and Pacific Heights districts, and with an additional supply of 4,000,000 gallons daily which is assured from lines that will be repaired within a day or two, the city will within four days be receiving a daily supply of between

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