

## ODD INCIDENTS OF A DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

### FOUGHT FLAMES WITH RED WINE

San Francisco Italians Used Wine When Water in Well Gave Out.

San Francisco, April 23.—An incident of the fire in the Latin quarter on the slope of Telegraph Hill is worthy of note. The only available water supply was found in a well dug in early days. At a critical moment the pump suddenly sucked dry and the water in the well was exhausted.

One who was not on that hill in the circle of flame cannot even imagine the situation. "There is a last chance, boys," was shouted, and Italian residents crashed in their cellar doors with axes, and calling for assistance, began rolling out barrels of red wine.

The cellar gave forth barrel after barrel until there was fully 500 gallons ready for use. Then barrel heads were smashed in and the bucket brigade turned from water to wine. Sacks were dipped in the wine and used for beating out the fire. Beds were stripped of their blankets and these were soaked in the wine and hung over the exposed portions of the cottages and men on the roofs drenched the shingles and sides of the house with wine. And the wine won. All Friday afternoon and until 4 o'clock this morning those lids of the hill carried on the fight, much of the time using wine instead of water. They saved their homes.

#### FIRE AIDS HYMEN

Weddings Are Hastened by Exigencies of Situation in Frisco.

San Francisco, April 23.—Weddings in great number have resulted from the recent disaster. Women driven out of their homes and left destitute have appealed to the men to whom they were engaged and immediate marriages have been effected.

After the first day of the disaster an increase in the number of marriage licenses issued was noticed by County Clerk Cook. This increase is getting greater. Saturday morning seven marriage licenses were issued in an hour.

"I don't live anywhere," is the answer given in many cases when the applicant for a license is asked where his residence is. "I used to live in San Francisco."

#### DISEASE DIMINISHING

Health Officers Report that Sanitary Conditions Are Improving.

San Francisco, April 23.—The board of health reports a very encouraging health condition, considering the circumstances. Sickness is constantly on the decrease. There are very few contagious diseases and these are being attended at Deer Lodge in Golden Gate park. Sanitary conditions in the residence districts are being improved.

Most of the sickness is among the people who are living out of doors, and it is on these cases that the board of health is concentrating most of its attention. Hundreds of volunteers, doctors, dentists, nurses and helpers are at work alleviating suffering. Ever since the fire broke out there has been no lack of volunteers for every kind of work.

#### FIRE CHIEF DIES

Was Caught by Chimney Thrown Down by Earthquake.

San Francisco, April 23.—Chief D. J. Sullivan of San Francisco's fire department died yesterday from the effects of injuries received on the morning of the earthquake. Chief Sullivan and his wife were sleeping in the firehouse adjoining the California hotel on Bush street. The earthquake shook down the chimney of the hotel and sent it crashing thru the firehouse. Chief Sullivan and his wife were carried with the debris two stories to the ground floor, where they were extricated after great difficulty.

It was found that Mr. Sullivan was suffering from a fractured skull, four broken ribs and other injuries. Eddie Graney, who was with Chief Sullivan from the time he was removed from the firehouse until his death, Mr. Graney today stated that Chief Sullivan never knew there was a fire. Mrs. Sullivan, who suffered serious injury, has progressed satisfactorily and it is believed that she will recover.

#### CLIFF HOUSE SAFE

Slight Damage Done Famous Resort by the Sea.

San Francisco, April 23.—A thorough inspection made by a representative of the Associated Press shows that comparatively little damage was done in the vicinity of the Cliff. The Cliff house not only stands, but the damage sustained from the earthquake to this historic building will not exceed, according to the statement of Manager Wilkins, \$500. In fact, the escape of the Cliff house is one of the curious features of the disaster which has befallen San Francisco. The famous Cliff house, located near the Cliff, with its hundreds of thousands of square feet of glass roofing, also was practically unharmed. Only a few of the windows in the Suito baths and in the Cliff house were broken and in the Cliff house the pumping plant of the former establishment was cracked only slightly.

Wilkins of the Cliff house notified the general relief committee that he would turn over his establishment as well as the immense stables of his resort, which are unharmed, to the housing of the homeless.

#### MILLET'S PICTURE SAFE

"Man with the Hoe" Saved by Mr. Crocker's Butler.

Journal Special Service.

New York, April 23.—Millet's famous picture, "The Man with the Hoe," was saved after all, with the other paintings in the collection of William H. Crocker. Mr. Crocker received a telegram from Wellington Gregg, Jr., secretary, as follows: "California street houses entirely destroyed. Head saved paintings, tapestries and chairs."

Head is Mr. Crocker's butler. Mr. Crocker said:

"I am much gratified at the devotion Head displayed in saving my pictures and tapestries at such a time. Besides, the 'Man with the Hoe,' I have pictures by Raphael, Titian, Corot, Monet, Pissarro and Constable. The tapestries consisted of six Flemish pieces dating from the sixteenth century, of which the finest is a 'Resurrection.' It is a splendid example of tapestry work and was once the property of the duc d'Albe."

## HUNGER BANISHED; DISEASES CHECKED

Abundant Supply of Good Food Relieves Suffering in San Francisco.

#### Journal Special Service.

San Francisco, April 23.—The relief work is being accomplished magnificently. The great problem of sanitation is being met with energy and foresight. No case of serious illness has been reported from the chief refugee camps.

There are no hungry people. The gaunt specter of starvation has been banished by the magnificent response of the people of California in particular and by the entire nation in general to the appeals that went out for assistance.

So great was the volume of foodstuffs brought into the general depot at Oakland that the general committee has made an appeal for skilled labor in the handling of these supplies. Grocers, butchers and commission merchants have been requested to secure men who are familiar with the handling of foodstuffs in order that the distribution at the scores of stations established might go on without confusion.

#### Oranges Are Welcomed.

The homeless people are no longer obliged to subsist upon bread and canned stuff entirely, as they had been during the previous days of their trying experience.

Hot coffee, canned meats and even cakes are given with every meal now. Oranges have come in in plentiful supply from southern California, and the sight of California's famous product everywhere hailed with words of delight.

It must not be understood by the charitable people of the country that there is a surfeit of food for the sufferers. While the supply is abundant at this writing, it is well for the public to remember that the homeless thousands must be fed or cared for by the organized relief committees for an indefinite period.

It is desired therefore that contributions be continued everywhere until the people who have been rendered helpless and destitute by this misfortune can care for themselves.

#### Water Situation Mastered.

The water situation, which caused inconvenience to the people, is no longer such a problem. About two-thirds of the remaining section of the city is being supplied with sufficient water for the pressing domestic needs, but, of course, there is not yet enough to be had for fire-fighting purposes.

Because of this fact the most stringent orders have been issued that no fires shall be built within any house and no lights, not even a candle light, can be shown at night indoors. All cooking for the present must be done on the sidewalks or the open streets and in daylight.

#### Eighteen Babies Born.

The health of the scores of thousands camped in the open air is, under the circumstances, remarkably good. There have been several cases of pneumonia reported, and colds are quite common, but there is nothing like an epidemic of pulmonary troubles. The board of health reports that there is no contagious disease. For the treatment of such cases hospitals have been provided.

The Golden Gate park district yesterday reported the birth of eighteen babies. The mothers and children were removed to the various maternity hospitals.

Vigorous measures are being taken by the board of health and the board of public works to improve sanitary conditions, which, while not entirely satisfactory, in general are not as yet a serious menace to health.

#### ONE SKY SCRAPER ORDERED

Contractor Told to Rush 18-Story Structure.

Fresno, Cal., April 23.—C. C. Lindgren of the San Francisco-Fresno contracting firm of Lindgren-Hicks company, has returned from San Francisco with definite news that the disaster is to have no deterrent effect upon contemplated sky scrapers for San Francisco. He said that many of the great buildings reported destroyed can be rehabilitated, some at no great expense.

The Lindgren-Hicks company has the contract for building the Humboldt bank building on Market street, between Third and Fourth streets. The plans call for an eighteen-story structure, to overlook the Call building. Lindgren Saturday called upon the president and cashier and asked what they proposed to do in view of the crushing disaster.

"Build the structure according to the original plans without a single change," said the president, "only rush it as fast as it is possible. In the meantime, put us up temporarily a structure on Third street."

Herbert Low is going ahead with the repair of the Fairmont hotel. Lindgren-Hicks company also has a contract for building a \$500,000 annex to the Fairmont, containing the largest theater in San Francisco.

Lindgren says the Haywards building at the corner of Montgomery and California streets is only slightly damaged and can be repaired at small cost, from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The Merchants exchange, while badly gutted, can be repaired at an expenditure of \$200,000 or \$300,000. The building cost \$600,000. The front of the Rialto mill will stand, but the rear was dynamited.

#### WILL BLOCK BUILDING

Scarcity of Structural Steel Will Retard Reconstruction.

Journal Special Service.

Pittsburg, April 23.—Pittsburg steel men fear that the rebuilding of San Francisco will be seriously retarded by the inability of the mills of the Pittsburg district to meet the enormous demand for structural material. The mills of the district are now so crowded with previous orders that it is not impossible for them to take on additional work. Owing to this crowded condition it is feared that San Francisco will be forced to turn to the steel mills of Great Britain and Germany for their structural iron.

#### Red Wing Families Safe.

Journal Special Service.

Red Wing, Minn., April 23.—County Attorney Albert Johnson and family, who were thought to have been in San Francisco or vicinity, have been heard from at Seattle. They delayed their visit to California. A telegram was received today from E. E. Peck and family that they were safe. News is anxiously awaited from several others believed to have been in San Francisco at the time of the disaster.

The Marquis de Castellane, Count Boni's father, has written a drama, entitled "For the Fatherland," which tells of Napoleon's love for the Polish Countess Walewska, whom he met at Warsaw. It will shortly be produced.

## HEROIC BATTLE SAVED THE MINT

Efforts of Little Band of Employees Save Building Holding \$200,000,000.

San Francisco, April 23.—A landmark of San Francisco that escaped destruction, the every building surrounding it was destroyed, is the United States mint, at the corner of Fifth and Mission streets. Harold French, an employee of the mint, gave a graphic account of how the flames were successfully fought. He said:

"Nearly two hundred million dollars in coin and bullion are stored in the vaults of the mint, and for the preservation of this prize a devoted band of employees labored by regular soldiers' fought until the last flames fled to the conquest of stately blocks of so-called fireproof buildings."

"For seven hours a sea of fire surged around this grand old federal edifice, attacking it on all sides with waves of fire hate. Its little garrison was cut off from retreat for hours at a time, had such a course been thought of by those on guard. The United States mint was constructed in 1874 of granite and sandstone blocks, massive monoliths well calculated to resist fire from without.

Within, however, were enough inflammable materials to feed a lively conflagration. Iron shutters shielded the lower floors, but the windows of the upper story, on which are located the refinery and assay office, were exposed. Also, a tarred roof over the refinery constituted a weak spot in the defense. Tanks of scattered about the roof and upper story were a serious menace.

#### Tore Off the Roof.

"After the fire had swept past the Mission street side, and the possibility of its returning from the north became apparent, Captain of the Watch Laws ordered everything on the roof that could be thrown into the yard. Soldiers and mint employees worked with utmost haste throwing great timbers and tank staves into the court. Here are located some thirty tanks of blue vitriol, the surfaces of which soon were covered with debris. Fortunately, the mint possesses a good well, and Engineer Brady, at his post, pumped water to the fire fighters assembled on the roof. Of these, forty were mint employees and the rest aided by a company of coast artillery."

"As the fire swept up Fifth street the heat increased to a dangerous degree, and, on one side, the Metropolitan hall and the historic Lincoln school burst into flame, reinforced by the intervening furnace of the Emporium. On the west side the block bounded by Sixth and Market streets, on the north, gave the fire a new concern. For this quarter the fire was certain to rage in its fury. Fanned by a roaring northerly breeze stretching from the Windsor hotel to Emma Spreckels' building, sheets of fire 200 feet high licked up the intervening houses on Mint avenue. Augmented by these tinderboxes the blaze of fire burst on the northwest corner of the mint like the breath of a second Pelee.

#### Flames Broke Thru Windows.

"A few desperate fighters under Chief Kennedy of Oakland were driven from between tottering chimneys, under whose twin terrors they had struggled to the last, throwing buckets of water upon the blazing roof over the refinery. It is largely due to the experience of former Chief Kennedy that this tar-covered roof, the weakest spot of all, was saturated with sufficient water to stay the flames."

"When the fire leaped Mint avenue in solid masses of flame, the refinery men stuck to their windows as long as the glass remained in the frames. Seventy-five feet of an inch hose played a slender stream upon the blazing window sill, while the floor was awash with diluted sulphuric acid. Employees stuck to the floor until the windows shattered. With a roar, the tongues of fire licked greedily the inner walls. Blinding and suffocating smoke poured from the openings of the floor below. The thunder of bursting blocks of stone, the crash of crashing glass, swelled shells of falling walls, the deafening roar of their impact would scarcely have exceeded the fury of the attack. Down in the depths, where untold wealth is so well safeguarded, artillerymen, ringed with blankets, rolled and leaning on their rifles, coughed in the strangling smoke."

#### The Battle Won.

"Then came a lull; the walls of brick buildings across the street had all fallen. There was yet a fighting chance, so back to the upper story the fire fighters returned, led by Superintendent Leach, by example and words, encouraged his men to extinguish the blazing inner woodwork of the refinery."

"The roof was next swept by a hose, cooling the copious surface until it became passable for wet acids soaked feet. An army officer, as in hand, tore up sections of a blazing tar roof, beneath which a stream of water was directed. At length, as 4 o'clock drew near, the mint was pronounced out of danger and a handful of exhausted but exultant employees stumbled out on the hot cobblestones to learn the fate of their homes."

"The mint presents a scorched and glassless front on the north and west, and the towering smokestacks are to be torn down, but the building is intact and the plant is unharmed and ready for the resumption of work."

"There were sensational rumors of an attack of thieves upon the mint, in which fourteen were killed in the attempt, but it is needless to say that the garrison of the mint is equal to any emergency that may arise."

#### RELIEF FROM CHINA

Foodstuffs Arrive at San Francisco Just in Time.

San Francisco, April 23.—The Pacific mail steamer, China, with a cargo including a large quantity of foodstuffs, arrived from the orient and was docked at Oakland in order that the supplies might be distributed there. The shipping of San Francisco is at a standstill and such will be the state of affairs while the city is the least on danger. The United States cruisers Chicago and Marblehead are stationed off Meigs' wharf and prevent every vessel, whether foreign or domestic, from leaving the harbor. The vessels are being held here to be ready for any emergency that may arise.

The federal authorities removed all the customs restrictions from the cargo of the steamer China, and as soon as possible the rice, tea and other foodstuffs from the orient were taken off the vessel and sent to the aid of the stricken Chinese.

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8x12 5.00  
9x12 6.00  
10x12 7.00  
11x12 8.00  
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8-3x10-6 \$25.00  
9-3x12 28.50  
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