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SAN FRANCISCO PRACTICALLY DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE THIS MORNING

Fearful Calamity Visits the Golden Gate City at 5:10 O'clock While the People Slumbered--Buildings Demolished and Thousands of Human Lives Are Crushed Under the Ruins--Scenes of Horror Are Heartrending and Fire Fiend Adds to Death's Awful Harvest.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18:--San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 this morning. The shock lasted three minutes, during which thousands of buildings were damaged and destroyed. Loss of life is reported to be great. There is no water and fires are breaking out all over city. All wires with exception of one are gone. The City Hall, costing seven million dollars is in ruins. The modern buildings suffered less than brick and frame ones. The terror and excitement are indescribable. Most people were asleep and rushed into the streets undressed. Buildings swayed and crashed, burrying their occupants under the ruins. There is a panic in the down town hotels. The Lick House is badly damaged but no loss of life there is reported. The Western Union Telegraph office at Fresno says that it is the most severe shock ever known. They have no further details. The Postal Telegraph Co. learned that the fire is eating its way along Market Street and that the water mains were burst by the earthquake so that there is no means at hand for fighting the conflagration. The electric lighting plant of the city has failed and gas mains are disrupted. The damage extends through the entire city. The postal building was badly wrecked and the operating room is incapable of use.

San Francisco, April 18.—The business section of the city from Market street to Mission street and from the bay back has been almost completely wrecked. The Call and Examiner buildings are destroyed. Many buildings along Market and Mission streets, including the department stores are collapsed. Hundreds of people in the cheap tenement districts are reported killed. The fire is raging fiercely and owing to the scarcity of water is practically beyond control. Business is practically suspended.

The offices of the Postal Telegraph company in the Hobart building are wrecked as is the Associated Press building at 302 Montgomery street. The residence portion is but slightly damaged, although nearly every house has been more or less injured. The Palace and St. Francis hotels stood the shock but the inside of these hotels are badly damaged as to plastering, etc. A disastrous fire has broken out on the south side of Market street and is

now within one block of the Palace hotel. The water mains have burst and the fire department is practically helpless. The utmost confusion exists. All business is suspended. At this moment there is only one wire out of San Francisco, a Postal wire. The Postal building is badly damaged. The operating room is a total wreck. The power of every kind is gone and there are no lights, either gas or electricity.

Fleeing for Their Lives.
Kansas City, Mo., April 18.

—At 8:35 this morning the Postal Telegraph Co. here states the only information obtainable from the west was that their operators at San Francisco had left their building in that city and reported that many buildings were collapsing and many fires breaking out with no water available to fight the flames. The people were fleeing from the affected district.

Sacramento Feels Shock.
New York, April 18.—The report reaches here that a

severe earthquake has wrecked many buildings and caused a big loss of life in San Francisco this morning. The shock was felt at 5:13 San Francisco time. Following the wrecking of the buildings numerous fires broke out. The Postal Telegraph office was wrecked and communication was lost at 8:30 New York time. Considerable damage from the earthquake is reported as having occurred in the city of Sacramento as well as in San Francisco.

Chicago-New York Cut Off.
Chicago, April 18.—The

telegraph companies here are entirely without wires to San Francisco. The Sacramento office of the Western Union reports a very heavy earthquake in the west. Los Angeles reports having lost all wires at 5:13 a. m.

New York, April 18.—There has been no telegraphic communication with San Francisco for more than half an hour.

One Thousand Lives Lost.
Kansas City, April 18.—At 9:15 a. m. the Postal Telegraph company here had received the

following information from Los Angeles. It is reported that 1,000 lives have been lost in the earthquake at San Francisco. Both the Postal and Western Union telegraph buildings have been destroyed.

A disastrous fire is eating its way up the south side of Market street and at the last accounts was within three blocks of the Palace hotel. The water mains are bursting and the firemen are absolutely helpless. All business has been fairly suspended.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AFTERNOON REPORT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO HORROR

EASTERN PEOPLE ARE REPORTED SAFE
San Francisco, April 18.—In the confusion which reigns everywhere here, it is almost impossible to learn the details of the disaster caused by the earthquake this morning. In general it may be said that the district lying between Market and Howard streets from the bay as far west as the city hall, has been badly wrecked. Fire which has been raging in the vicinity of Fourth and Stevenson streets has gotten beyond control of the firemen and the flames have leaped to the Winchester rooming house on the west side of Third street. Unless the flames can be checked here the Palace hotel, one block distant will be endangered. Powder is being used to check the flames. The loss of life seems to have been confined to the poorer districts and manufacturing territory. For the benefit of eastern

people who have friends visiting in San Francisco it is safe to say that they have not been injured.

As the hours go by the excitement grows more intense. Every few minutes explosions are heard as buildings are blown up to stop the progress of the flames.

10:15 a. m. Coast Time.
The fire extends from Ferry to Front street on one side and pretty much all south of Market street to about Seventh street with sporadic fires in the park section and western division. There is no way of estimating the number of dead. It may be hundreds; it may be thousands. There is hardly any water and it is impossible to say when the fire will stop.

People are moving out of the Palace hotel.

The Postal Telegraph operators who are at their posts are taking their lives in their hands, as the building is col-

lapsing, and the fire is within half a block.

The Call and Examiner buildings are liable to be destroyed at any moment.

San Francisco, April 18.—9 a. m.—As the reports come in the magnitude of the disaster grows. Fires are raging in all directions and people are moving out of the down-town sections. The loss of life may reach into the hundreds, and millions of dollars in property. A great amount of property has been destroyed.

KILLED AND INJURED NUMBER THOUSANDS
San Francisco, April 18.—2:30 p. m.—The facts so far as known at this hour may be summarized as follows: Hundreds of people are killed and probably 1,000 injured. The mechanics pavilion has been converted into a temporary hospital and already several hundred victims of the disaster are being

treated there by a corps of volunteer surgeons.

The entire water front is ablaze.

The postoffice has entirely collapsed.

The fish market at the corner of Clay and Merchant street collapsed killing six people.

Fire Chief Sullivan and his wife badly injured.

The Grand opera house burning fiercely.

A ten story building at Third and Mission streets, adjoining the Grand opera house is apparently doomed and other, big buildings between the theatre and St. Patrick's church.

Many people are fleeing from the Palace hotel taking their personal effects.

Twenty-one bodies have been taken to the morgue which cannot accommodate any more.

Mayor Schmitz, who has established headquarters at hall of justice, 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.

The damage already inflicted is estimated roughly at \$40,000,000.

The fires are spreading rapidly and unless the wind comes up from the west and blows the flames toward the bay, nothing can stop the destruction of the city.

The whole north end of the city is wrecked, and the flames are spreading in all directions.

TELEGRAPH MEN ARE DRIVEN FROM POSTS
San Francisco, April 18.—At 11 o'clock in the morning, San Francisco time, 2 o'clock New York time, the employees of the Postal Telegraph company had to leave the offices on account of the fire.

10:45 a. m.—The Palace hotel is now on fire. The other

buildings on fire are the Claus Spreckels structure, seventeen stories high, the Phelan building and Offarrell's store.

Mayor Schmitz, Chief of Police Dinan and General Funston, commander of the department of the Pacific, met this morning and General Funston called all available troops for service if necessary in an emergency.

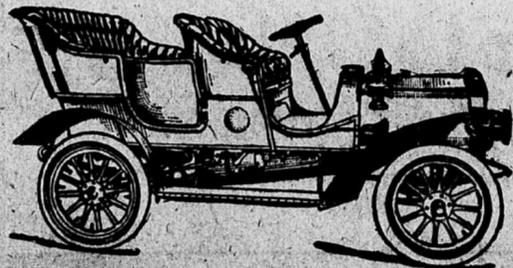
The boards of supervisors will immediately take measures for the relief and protection of the sufferers.

WESTERN UNION MEN WIRE LATEST NEWS
New York, April 18.—3:40 p. m.—The following message from San Francisco was received by the Western Union Telegraph company at 3:30 New York Time: We are having a succession of slight shocks. A heavy southwest wind has sprung up within the last half hour. The section of city south of Market street

bounded by this street Third and Sansome and Ninth streets is a mass of flames. The Call building at the corner of Third and Market streets has just burned and the Anglo-California bank has also been destroyed. Every building in the city has been more or less damaged by the earthquake. The Southern Pacific Railway company has brought a ton of dynamite into the vicinity of the burning section on Market street to be used if possible in blowing up property to prevent the spread of the fire.

The above message was received from the main office of the Western Union in San Francisco which the company was able to get into communication with after it had established a temporary office in the Ferry building. After sending the dispatch the operator announced that the building adjoining the Western Union headquarters had just

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