

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1906.

REFUGEES TELL OF EXPERIENCES IN HOLOCAUST ALL AVENUES OF ESCAPE BLOCKED

Terror-Stricken People Fight Each Other to Reach Ferry—Husbands Desert Wives and Mothers Leave Babes to Perish in the Flames in Their Frenzy

The birds of the air have their nests and the beasts have their holes in the rock, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. Los Angeles has its arms spread wide open; let them come. Here in the peaceful valley where the sun is shining and the birds are singing as if there were no such thing as suffering in all the world are those who wait with open arms to receive the shock-racked refugees from San Francisco and help and comfort them.

followed by another much more violent. I was thrown from my bed on the sixth floor of the Palace hotel by the force of the shock. "I immediately got up and hastily dressed myself. When I reached the lobby of the Palace the wildest excitement existed. The members of the Conried grand opera company were distracted and the women were running about clad only in blankets. "Soon after I was so fortunate as to get out of the hotel the roof caved in and soon after the entire structure collapsed. The streets were full of half-dressed men and women who were absolutely insane with fear. "Many of the men were clothed in their pajamas and some were stark naked. At 5:45 when I quitted the hotel and as I walked up Market street I counted nine fires on Market street between Spear street and the Palace hotel.

MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE DESTROYED BY THE EARTHQUAKE



SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL

in the towers of the city stopped at the hour of 5:14, and since the terrible catastrophe none of them have been running. "The Southern Pacific would not sell tickets on any of its lines and the only way of egress from the city was by way of the ferry. The order was that after one went over to the Oakland side one could not return, for San Francisco is under martial law. "The streets of the dead city are filled with the corpses of horses. The parks are thronged with Japanese and Chinese, who are p-nic strikers. Tiny Japanese women with their children on their backs wander aimlessly about the streets. They cannot understand the nature of the terrible calamity. "The provisions are exhausted and there is no water to be had. What San Francisco needs is not doctors and nurses but food and water. When the wholesale district was entirely destroyed by the fires and earthquakes all the provisions practically in the city were destroyed. "The United States custom house, which was reported to have been destroyed, was not harmed at all. When I left they were dynamiting around the Hall of Justice in an endeavor to save that. "All the parks are filled with people seeking shelter. Blankets and tents are needed to shelter the thousands of homeless. "The residential section of the city

was burning fiercely when I left, and it did not seem possible that it could be saved. The horrible part of it is the awful effect it has had upon the people of San Francisco. They have gone mad and do not seem to reason at all. "A bulletin was posted yesterday in front of the Call which was signed by Fire Commissioner Wolfe. It stated that the underwriters declared that not only the fire losses shall be paid but the losses by earthquake shall also be made good by the fire insurance companies. "I think that the loss of life has been greatly exaggerated and that when the final results are known the disaster will not be so great as is now believed. "The report that Market street, from the ferry to Montgomery street, had sunk into the sea is utterly without foundation. The water mains have burst on that street and that has resulted in a small inundation, but the sea had not encroached on the land, and I do not believe that it will."

was in session from early morning to midnight in the directors' room of the chamber of commerce, while the purchasing and supply committee had their headquarters in the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association. Long before noon it was assumed that the \$100,000 which the committee has pledged Los Angeles to raise for the benefit of the stricken cities of the north would be subscribed and the members of the committee pulled off their coats and went to work with a determination to make the cash donations practically without limit. Committees representing every description of business in Los Angeles were appointed and told to hustle among their fellow business men. That they hustled sufficiently was shown by the subscription lists submitted last evening. Rush Cooked Food When Governor Pardee's telegram, "For God's sake rush cooked food to San Francisco," was received, the committee realized that while a million dollars might be raised, the starving San Franciscans could not eat gold and at once appointed a purchasing committee to secure provisions in addition to the cash donations made, and soon had enough for several train loads. Merchants threw open their stores to the committee, offering everything in stock, some absolutely free, others asking merely first cost price. Tons of food stuffs were soon at the disposal

of the committee and arrangements were made for transporting it to San Francisco. The Southern Pacific donated two trains and the steamship Roanoke, ready to sail from San Pedro, was placed at the disposal of the relief committee, while husky men on the San Pedro breakwater offered their services to load the ship. The Supplies Train A committee composed of W. A. Hammel, ex-chief of police, George W. Parsons and W. S. Voorsanger was appointed to accompany the train which takes the supplies overland, while George G. McKay, T. N. Canfield, W. W. Pedder and A. B. McKenny were the committee named to go with the Roanoke. Late yesterday afternoon the committee issued a notice calling on every owner of rented property in Los Angeles to contribute to the relief fund. This subscription list was started with O. T. Johnson, one of the largest property owners in Los Angeles, at the head of it. The Committees Meanwhile the committees will continue their solicitations. These committees are as follows: To go on steamer Roanoke—Messrs. George G. McKay, T. N. Canfield, W. W. Pedder and A. B. McKenny. To go on the train—Messrs. William Hammel, George W. Parsons, W. S. Voorsanger. To solicit funds: Iron foundries—Fred W. Baker and Rees Liewellyn. Architects—A. M. Edelman and John Parkinson. Automobiles—J. J. Jenkins and Herbert L. Cornish. Bakeries—William Meek, Mr. Barnes, Barber—J. W. Cooksey. Brokers—Ferd K. Rule, J. B. Bushnell and J. H. Adams. Contractors—Carl Leonardt, S. E. Engstrom and Paul Haupt. Carriage manufacturers—George Arnot and Newell Mathews. Cigars—Fred Barman, George W. Walker and Benjamin Kingsbaker. Confectioners—L. J. Christophers. Dentists—Drs. L. E. Ford, W. H. Spinks and Shelly Tolhurst. Druggists—Dr. Owens, J. J. Freeman, Frank N. Boswell and E. W. Kirkland. Electrical supplies—H. H. Woodfill. Transfer companies—California Truck company, C. H. Fuller and C. H. Barmore. Florists—F. Edward Gray and J. W. Wolfskill. Produce—Frank Simpson, Mathews Bros. and Chester Thompson. Grocers—H. Jevne and Howard Rivers. Hay and Grain—Joe Desmond. Hotels—John Mitchell. Ice companies—J. McKinney, Mr. Bullfinch. Insurance—John T. Griffith, Louis Vetter and Edward Silent. Jewelers—Mr. Luckenbach. Livery stables—Lusk Cab company. Lumber—James Cuzner, Eugene Galt and Charles G. Lynch. Butchers—M. W. Everhardy and Simon Maier. Tailors—A. K. Brauer, O. C. Sens and B. Gordon. Painters—H. Schroeder, Mr. Quinn. Stationers—Messrs. Oliver, Gardner and Weedon. Planos—John J. Birkel and Frank Hart. Planing mills—Thomas Hughes, J.

H. Waddingham and A. Beyerle. Plumbers—Mr. Lohman. Restaurants—John Brink, Mr. Schneider. Wall paper—F. J. Bauer and A. H. Engstrom. EYEWITNESS TELLS OF THE HORRORS HE EXPERIENCED "Mortal mind will never grasp the horror of destruction wrought in San Francisco," says Richard H. Cole, the prominent St. Louis horseman, who returned yesterday from San Francisco. "Words of the most graphic writer can tell in a feeble way only the scene of that hell. "San Francisco was wrecked by an earthquake. San Francisco was destroyed by fire. "As the blast of the forerunner of a storm on a forest of pine, came the shock of the earthquake and it stayed and fro those tall masterpieces of architecture. Then came the storm—a storm of fire that wiped out the city. "Before my gaze, I saw the Chronicle building destroyed. One block of flame, and the princely skyscraper was wiped from the face of the earth, to be left a few minutes later a mound of smoldering brick and stone. "My heaven! There goes the Examiner building! One puff—a puff as is made by a train of powder, and the structure fell. I saw the Terminal hotel swept from its foundation by the ocean of flame. "When I awakened in my room at the Palace hotel shortly after 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning my bed was rocking from side to side. I knew what was occurring. I dressed and rushed to the street. The halls were filled with men, women and children, some dressed and some in their night clothes. "The hotel was in no particular danger. Only ornaments and bits of plastering were falling. Once into the street I found myself in a frenzied mass of human beings, a dull hoarse roar pervaded. It was like a horde of wild animals in a tropic forest, before the storm breaks. "Suddenly there came the clang of fire engines. At 6:30 o'clock there were six fires in the city. The firemen were unable to cope with the flames, as the whole water system had been destroyed by the earthquake. People roamed through the city like groups of cattle lost from the herd. "By 10 o'clock the whole city was a seething mass of flame. From the Emporium to the water front, the wave of fire ran. Beneath the burning buildings were people, penned in. Here and there along Market street little groups of men, and occasionally a woman or a child, worked frantically to reach their imprisoned loved ones. "The shock of the earthquake had upheaved the south side of Market street so that it was raised five feet above the north side. Before the sea of flame swept the city the buildings or parts of buildings toppled down on the helpless mass of humanity. "I went to the St. Francis hotel, where my trunks were stored, about 8:30 o'clock, but could not get within the hotel. People were being hastened from the building and were not allowed to return. Then I made my way down Market street. "Over piles of brick and stone that had fallen from the buildings I slowly climbed. The mass of humanity was

"BEDLAM REIGNS IN SAN FRANCISCO," SAYS REFUGEE "Bedlam reigns in San Francisco," said L. N. Brunswig, vice president of the F. W. Brun Drug company. Mr. Brunswig returned yesterday from the stricken city of the north. "I was awakened yesterday morning at the Palace hotel at 6:14 o'clock by a violent shock which was almost immediately

\$2.25 Patent Leather Sandals \$1.28 On Sale 2 Hours Only—8 to 10 Women's fine patent kid two-strap sandals with hand-turned soles; low military heels; medium round toes; a splendid example of footwear refinement and cannot be duplicated under \$2.25. Specially priced for two hours Friday morning only; no exchanges, at \$1.28

Free Delivery To Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Long Beach, San Pedro, Hollywood, Pasadena, Prospect Park and Colegrove. Order by phone if you wish. Mail orders receive prompt attention. \$5.00 Silk Petticoats at \$2.95 On Sale 2 Hours Only—8 to 10 Taffeta silk petticoats; black and all the wanted colors; made with tailor strap flounce and mercerized under ruffle; amply proportioned and positively worth \$5.00. On special sale for two hours Friday morning only at \$2.95

Stylish Summer Undermuslins Well Made Garments Much Undervalued WOMEN'S 75c UNDERMUSLINS 50c Including corset covers, gowns, skirts and drawers; some of them elaborately trimmed with laces and embroideries in a number of new patterns, and not a garment in the lot worth less than 75c. A special leader Friday. \$1.50 UNDERMUSLINS AT 98c Muslin under-garments, consisting of gowns in all styles, including high or low necks; also corset covers and drawers with umbrella flounces elaborately trimmed with laces and embroideries. Every garment amply proportioned, well made and positively worth \$1.50. Special for the one day, at, choice \$98c \$2.50 UNDERMUSLINS AT \$1.48 An assortment of some of the finest undermuslins, consisting of Nain-sook gowns, drawers, corset covers, short skirt and chemise; both knee and skirt length; all of them finished with dainty trimmings and every garment the best in its class and cannot be duplicated elsewhere under \$2.50. A special leader for Friday at, choice \$1.48 Second Floor.

FRIDAY'S SURPRISES Half Price Wash Fabrics 30c BENGALINE AT 15 CENTS One case of Bengal suiting, 30 inches wide; all colors; suitable for women's, misses' or children's wear; a 30c value at half price Friday. 12 1/2c FLANNEL AT 6-14 CENTS 40 pieces of heavy German fleeced flannels; 27 inches wide; white, pink or blue striped patterns. On sale for one-half its value Friday only. 30c MOMMIE SUITING, 15c Cream luster momme suiting, 30 inches wide; a dainty fabric for evening and summer costumes; positively a 30c grade; on sale Friday at one-half its value. 30c MADRAS AT 15 CENTS White mercerized madras waisting in basket weaves; 30 inches wide; a most popular material, worth regularly 30c. Special Friday at half price. 20c REPP SUITING 10c Dublin repp suiting, 30 inches wide; one-quarter inch white and green checked pattern; a splendid material for beach costumes; a regular 20c value. 25c MADRAS AT 12 1/2 CENTS Woven Madras suiting 32 inches wide; a choice line of new, desirable patterns; a regular 25c grade. On special sale Friday.

Tailored Suits: Silk Waists Friday Surprises of Extraordinary Merit \$15.00 FOR \$25 TAILORED SUITS Women's tailored suits of all wool Panama cloth or serge; made fancy Elton style; silk or satin lined. This is an assortment of garments received too late for Easter; priced at \$15.00 instead of \$25.00. \$15.00 TOURIST COATS AT \$8.95 The popular three-quarter length tourist coat in all wool plaid materials; the yokes nicely lined and coats slashed at side and prettily button trimmed; very swagger garments for automobile driving or traveling, and positively worth \$15.00. Priced as a Friday leader, choice \$8.95. \$7.50 SILK WAISTS AT \$3.95 Taffeta silk or crepe de chine silk waists in all the wanted shades; elegantly made and of exceptionally good quality. Just 30 waists in the lot and all of them regular \$7.50 value. Priced Friday, while they last \$3.95. Second Floor.

ON SALE ONLY FROM 8 TO 10 \$1.00 VEILS, 25c A choice lot of veils and hat drapes of silk tissue, chiffon or chantilly lace; black, white and colors. 10c India Linon, 5c 50 pieces of 40-inch white India linon; a regular 10c grade. No phone or mail orders filled and none to dealers or peddlers. ON SALE ONLY FROM 8 TO 10 35c TO 65c SILKS, 15c 800 short lengths, three to fifteen yards, of China silks, wash silks, Jap silks and fancy shirt waist suit silks in neat figures; widths nineteen to twenty-seven inches; values 35c, 50c and 65c. 75c YARD WIDE CHINA SILK AT 29c Just 1600 yards in all the best shades of gray, brown, red and reseda; heavy, firm quality; Lyons finished; the same as sold in other stores, 27 inches wide, at 60c. Every yard perfect and guaranteed; all silk; light weight; for summer dresses, waists and kimonos. On sale Friday only. \$1.00, 20-INCH MOIRE VELOURS, YARD, 39c 2000 yards of strictly new moire velours in plain colors or fancy black stripes in small and large wavy antique patterns; cord weave effects; plain colors in red, brown, navy, purple, green, Alice and black; a firm durable quality; 20 inches wide and positively worth \$1.00. On sale Friday only.

Stylish Summer Footwear Special Leaders for Friday Only \$1.95 FOR \$3 AND \$3.50 OXFORDS Sample lines of women's black and tan vicl kid and Russia calf oxfords with turned soles or welled extension soles. They are the best selections from a manufacturer's stock, but in sizes 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 and B width only. Girls' \$2.50 Oxfords, \$1.55 Vicl kid and patent leather Oxfords in sizes 2 1/2 to 6; made with low heels and pretty toe shapes. Just the thing for school girls and very nice for semi-dress wear. Women's \$1.50 Slippers, 95c Vicl kid toe slippers with low heels and in comfortable shapes; the most serviceable footwear to be worn around home; all sizes. Women's \$4.00 Oxfords, \$2.55 Chocolate vicl kid button Oxfords with turned soles and military heels, the very finest workmanship and all of them on comfortable shapely lasts; all sizes. \$1.00 UNTRIMMED HATS, 50c A special for Friday only—100 dozen; the newest style untrimmed hats of plain satin or Jap braids in natural and assorted colors; also some black and white hats; every one of them \$1.00 values. On bargain table, main floor. 75c Flowers, 25c 500 dozen bunches of best French flowers, including large American Beauty roses with foliage and every kind of field flower; all colors; 50c to 75c values. On bargain table, main floor Friday. \$1.00 UNTRIMMED HATS, 50c A special for Friday only—100 dozen; the newest style untrimmed hats of plain satin or Jap braids in natural and assorted colors; also some black and white hats; every one of them \$1.00 values. On bargain table, main floor. 75c, 45-INCH ENGLISH MOHAIRS, 39c 3000 yards of the best 75c Sicilian made and priced Friday at much less than cost to manufacture; the assortment includes two shades of brown, two shades of gray, two shades of green, also red, navy and black; bright lustrous weaves; 45 inches wide; every yard guaranteed. No phone or mail orders filled.

Millinery Surprises Pretty New Street Hats \$10.00 SUIT HATS AT \$5.00 A clearance of all the fine hats that were slightly soiled during last week's rush; some of them sold only in the lining; are some of the most becoming shapes and styles and of best materials; about 100 hats in the lot, including Panama hats with velvet folds, ribbons and wings; hand-made suit hats of satin or hair braids and pressed hats of Milan or chips. \$7.00 to \$10.00 values. Choice Friday, \$5.00. 75c WAISTS, 25c ON SALE ONLY FROM 8 TO 10 White lawn shirt waists, trimmed with embroidery and insertion; just ten dozen in the lot. Limit two to a customer. 50c GIRDLES, 15c ON SALE ONLY FROM 8 TO 10 White, pink or blue tape girde corsets; good assortment of sizes; regular 50c quality. On sale for two hours only. No exchanges. 85c RUGS, 19c ON SALE ONLY FROM 8 TO 10 5000 salesmen sample ingrain rugs, full yard square, or heavy wool; the piece used by traveling men to take orders from. Worth 85c a yard when cut from the piece. 75c TO \$1.25 PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS, 29c Thousands of short lengths ranging from 3 to 18 yards; including plain and changeable Taffetas and Louisenens, satins, foulards, pongees, China silks, fancy silks of all kinds; silk serges and wash silks ranging in widths 19 to 36 inches; worth regularly 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Special sale Friday only.