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SWIRL OF FIRE ENDS AND HOPE RUNS HIGH

People's Courage Grows Strong as the Flames Subside.

The fire has been stopped. Relief work is progressing favorably. The financial outlook is bright. Work of clearing the city has begun. The people are courageous and cheerful. Those who have not reached homes of relatives or friends will be succored well. The situation is one of hope.

GREAT FIRE STOPPED AT CITY FRONT

Conflagration That Has Raged Three Days Is at Last At an End.

Saving of Wharves and Ferry Building Accomplished by Fire Boats.

Fire Department Loses Houses and Apparatus, and Many of Its Hose Lines.

Shortly after dawn yesterday morning the conflagration that brought suffering and ruin to San Francisco reached its limits and concluded its work of destruction. After raging for a period of three days, fought desperately, in face of its tremendous advantage, it subsided when it had reduced hundreds of blocks of valuable property to ashes and rendered over 250-000 people homeless.

Dynamite accomplished the work of staying of the flames on Van Ness avenue and in the Mission District. The water front checked the hurricane of fire on the north and east, while Channel street served to good advantage on the south. The area of ashes and desolation runs south of Market street from the water front along Channel as far west as Twenty-second, between Bryant and Dolores streets. On the north of Market it extends beyond Van Ness avenue as far as Laguna street in Hayes Valley, but it continues along the line of Van Ness avenue north of Golden Gate avenue, except for a distance of five blocks, where it reached Franklin street. It is bounded on the north and east by the waters of the bay.

In this vast territory but few buildings remain. Several surmount the summits of Russian and Telegraph hills and scattered about in the heart of the ruins are a few more. The appraisers' building stands on Washington street, though fire was all around it, and a short distance up the building known as the Washington block, withstood the fire under the same conditions. On lower Howard street a large structure was untouched and along the water front several warehouses and factories resisted the fury of the destroyer.

LAST STAND OF FIREMEN.

The last stand taken by the firemen was on the water front and ferry building, which latter seemed doomed late Friday night. Fire and tug boats were utilized in keeping down the blaze which swept around Telegraph Hill from the wharves that extend from Lombard street. The numerous streams of salt water thrown upon the blazing structures subdued the fire and saved the sheds. Then the great blaze had exhausted itself and the fire fighters withdrew. The fire had been stopped at Van Ness avenue late Friday night.

Just east of Telegraph Hill a cluster of buildings, including the Asti Colony's wine warehouse, the plant of the American Canning Company and the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, escaped destruction. The branch freight office of the Southern Pacific Company was also spared and a number of freight cars on the Belt Railroad were moved from time to time and saved. The contents of these cars were taken by the Government and hauled to the food headquarters. About 100 cars were burned on sidetracks and adjacent freight landings at the foot of Broadway.

REMOVING THE DEBRIS.

Work of clearing away the debris from the principal thoroughfares used for transportation between the ferry and the inhabited districts was begun yesterday. The military authorities pressed men into service and heaps of brick and other wreckage were moved from the center of the streets. Trolley and other wires were taken down by the Board of Electricity, and the work of tearing down dangerous walls will begin very soon. The Government will undertake the task of removing the bulk of the wreckage. This will occupy a great deal of time and will give employment to a large number of men. The street repairs will be attended to by the Board of Public Works and the street railway companies. Many of the thoroughfares are in extremely bad condition, due to the earthquake, and in the burned district the street railways will all have to be rebuilt. Tracks are warped and twisted and cable slots closed. The rolling stock of a number of lines, including the Powell, Jackson, Sacramento, California, O'Farrell, Sutter and Union street lines, together with their power houses, were completely destroyed.

DEPARTMENT CRIPPLED.

After the fight to save the ferry building and the wharves had been won by the fire fighters Chief Shaughnessy found the department in a dilapidated condition. Twelve engine houses had been destroyed and the Central fire alarm station was out of existence. There were several engines and hose wagons lost along the two sections of the seawall when the fire swept from North Beach. The flames approached so rapidly that the firemen were obliged to abandon the machines and run for their lives to places of safety. A large number of horses were killed and some of the engines are badly scorched and put out of commission. As soon as the telephone service is restored in the city it will be utilized for the sending in of alarms until the Board of Electricity can secure a new Central station.

The department is also sadly in need of hose. Thousands of feet were destroyed during the conflagration and but little is available for use. Yesterday Chief Shaughnessy telegraphed to Los Angeles, Sacramento and Oakland for chemicals with which to charge the tanks of the chemical engines. Small fires still blaze among the ruins and the department, in the absence of a water supply, must rely on its chemical engines to extinguish them.

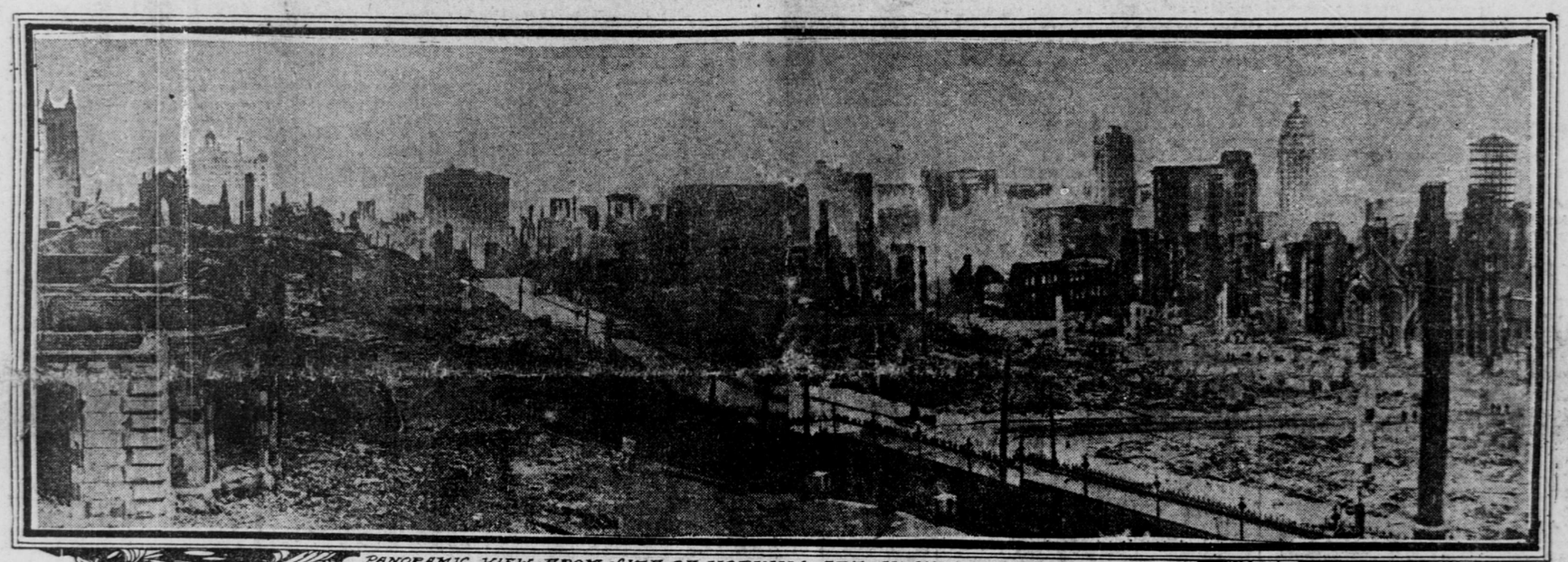
The population of the last district to be destroyed spread in many directions. Most of the poorer classes are destitute and helpless and but little of their personal effects were saved. Fishermen's wharf was not damaged and Meiggs wharf survived. Both of these are crowded with humanity. Many people have taken refuge along the water front, but the bulk of people from this district is quartered on vacant lots and at Fort Mason.

PLACE OF REFUGE.

There are two public squares in the district—Washington and Portsmouth—the latter opposite the Hall of Justice. It is in charge of Detective Sergeant Charles Taylor and contains many of the Police Department records. With the assistance of many brave policemen and citizens, who have remained with him since Wednesday afternoon, Taylor has established a model place of refuge, buried the dead, while fire raged around, and fed thousands who were victims of the disaster.

The Chinese and Japanese population, for the most part, have decamped. The few that loiter in the vicinity of their homes are fed in the square, but the majority stampeded to Oakland and huddled into the heathen quarter of that city. They are cared for by their fellow-countrymen and by the various relief committees.

A police officer, a sailor and John C. Ennis of Company E, First Artillery, prevented the fire from crossing Van Ness avenue at California street at the risk of their lives. They extinguished a small blaze on the corner of the building and would have saved the structure had not the fire come from the south.



PANORAMIC VIEW FROM SITE OF HOPKINS ART INSTITUTE

SCENE IN VICINITY OF THE NATIVE SONS' MONUMENT

Views of Areas of City Reduced to Ruins by Flames.

Thousands Homeless in Manila

Fierce Flames Sweep Over Two Towns in the Province of Rizal.

Government Officials Rush Aid to the Many Starving and Shelterless Natives.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The War Department received the following cablegram from General Wood, at Manila, dated today:

"Fires swept the town of Mariquina in Rizal Province. Many thousands are homeless and starving and houses are ruined. The Government is rushing assistance to the sufferers. Fire also destroyed Pasil near the town of Cebu."

MEN SHOOT FIENDS WHO TRY TO ROB

Three Are Killed by the Soldiers Guarding the Sub-Treasury.

Son of T. P. Riordan Is Shot to Death Near His Home.

University of California Student Receives a Bullet Wound in Thigh.

Three men were shot and killed by the guards of the Subtreasury on Commercial street last night. The men were attempting to tear away the bricks near one corner of the building. When ordered to throw up their hands and give an account of themselves they attempted to escape. The guards at once shot them down.

The troops guarding the Hibernia Bank building at Jones and McAllister streets found four men attempting to break into the building. The soldiers captured them without firing and turned the men over to their superior officers. They will be court-martialed.

Looters broke into Schoenfeld's grocery, on Octavia street, near Geary, yesterday afternoon. Women tried to get some of the provisions, but men after liquor trampled them down. Sergeant Giovanessi and a detail of ten men from Company B, Sixth Regiment, were passing the place on their way to Fontana's warehouse, and some of the women appealed to the sergeant. He immediately ordered his men to clear the place. J. B. Riordan, son of the real estate agent, who lives in the neighborhood, grabbed the gun of one of the guardsmen and called him a "tin soldier." Riordan was shot at once. He died in a carriage containing Father Yorke and a party, into which he was lifted.

An unknown workman employed at the Gerson Tanning Company on Webster street, near McAllister, was on his way home yesterday morning, and was ordered to halt by a sentry. The workman explained that his wife was dying and he wanted to see her, and tried to pass. The sentry shot at him but missed, and the workman ran back to the tannery.

JAPANESE THIEF IS SHOT.

Shanto Komata, a Japanese, was shot early yesterday morning in Laurel Hill Cemetery by one of the University of California cadets. He was holding up some of his fellow-countrymen and relieving them of their valuables.

Wong Hung Chang was killed on McAllister street, between Gough and Octavia streets, yesterday morning by a guard while he was going through a trunk. Wing Lee, a companion of the robber, stood at a distance from the scene of the crime. He was placed under arrest.

Fred Kohler, a twenty-three-year-old youth, murdered an aged man named Pringle on Meiggs wharf about 6:30 o'clock last night. Conflicting stories are told about the causes which led to the killing. Police Corporal William Ferguson captured Kohler and charged him with murder at the Park police station.

Kohler says Pringle objected to his rowing away a skiff from the wharf. The lad and his brother jumped into the boat and were rowing out into the stream when, Kohler alleges, Pringle

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