

# The Latest News

## A TRADE WIND SPRINGS UP CARRYING DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE

### Firemen Give up all Hope of Saving the City

#### Ferris Running and People Taken to Outlying Districts

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**The Insurance Companies All Sound**  
It was good news to thousands today when Commissioner of Insurance Myron Wolfe stated that he was authorized to say that of the eighty insurance companies represented in San Francisco that they were ready to meet their losses dollar for dollar and that earthquake losses would be treated as fire losses and paid in full.

**A Committee of Safety**  
The Committee of Safety appointed by Mayor Schmitt comprises fifty of the most influential citizens of San Francisco. Ex Mayor Phelan is Chairman of the Committee. The Committee has begun its work and doing well providing for the protection of human life and property and the caring for the injured. Contributions are pouring in and the work of the Committee is being systematically prosecuted.

The Mayor has issued a proclamation to bakers and those having food supplies to carefully guard the distribution of the supplies and also cautioning all dealers against extortion.

The city being under martial law it is impossible for any one to go from the adjacent towns to San Francisco.

The Western Union Company have telegraphed Gen. Funston to allow permits to additional telegraphers to go into the city to assist the work of handling news.

**Extent of the Shock**  
The full extent of the territory covered by the seismic disturbance may be realized when it is said that reports of the recording of the instruments indicate that the shock extended from Washington D. C. to Mexico. In fact the tremor was felt all over the American continent.

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.**—The fire that swept down Market street made such rapid headway that no attempt was made to stay its onward march. It carried every thing before it and a pillar of smoke rose just ahead like an immense serpent that reared its head high in the air.

It reached the Grand Opera House on Mission and licked it up in a few minutes it spread from there to the Call editorial rooms and then crossing Stevenson street with a roar attacked the fifteen story Call building which is the most imposing structure in San Francisco. Two small wooden buildings which couched under its walls caught and helped ignite this splendid pile.

The stone walls seemed to stand the fierce heat while thousands watched the flames concentrate upon it. The walls seemed to resist the crucial test but there suddenly came the sound of crashing glass and in a moment the flames had gained an entrance and in a few seconds they were leaping out of the big windows of the dome. It did not require long to gut the entire building. The stone walls which withstood the earthquake shock also were able to resist the fire but the building is gutted completely.

**The Hotel Victims**  
Those who were compelled to leave the hotels were obliged in many instances to take nothing but the clothes they wore. The hotels were filled with screaming women trying to save their wardrobes and hundreds packed their trunks on top of the flames for the force of porters were insufficient to handle the baggage. Exorbitant prices were asked and paid for draymen and porters to move goods and valuables and thousands of dollars were taken in under the pressure of these excitements.

**Other Noted Buildings**  
The Emporium building with its immense stock of goods was ruined. The Academy of Sciences, the Phelan Building, the Army Headquarters the Flood building and the Historian building went up like tinder.

Banks and commercial houses supposed to be fire proof burned with the rest and the roar of the conflagration could be heard by people standing on the hills and watching the work of destruction.

**The Deaths**  
At least five hundred recorded but it is feared the list will

the dead:  
Annie Wheelman, killed in bed.  
Unknown father and son, killed by falling wall.  
Myrtle Minze, killed under wall.  
John Baker, killed at work.  
W. Kornfield, Pilsomé Street.  
William Vell and child.  
Annie Webster, aged fourteen.  
William Guellman.  
John Tharpy.  
Gerome Stagman.  
Mrs. Hartrumm.  
reach a thousand it not more.

The following is a partial list of Max Fenner.  
Surgon of Police, Steve Brunner, killed at City Hall.  
Dr. King.  
Sadie Ishider.  
T. Laekamander  
Mrs. Ida Heslep.  
Dr. Stenson, well known physician killed in his room.

Ottoe Settner, a fifteen year old boy died of fright in his fathers arms. Many unknown bodies are at the morgues and Mechanics pavilion.

**Sympathy From the President**  
President Roosevelt has sent message of sympathy to Mayor Schmitt and messages of condolence are coming in from all over the country. Aid is also tendered from all over the United States.

**The City Doomed**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, (eight o'clock)**—The rising wind is driving the flames over the city with increasing violence and spreading in all directions. It looks as if the entire business and residence sections were doomed to destruction.

**Other Casualties**  
While dynamiting a building a premature explosion killed fifteen people and twenty were buried beneath the falling ruins.

The U. S. Mint is reported as being on fire and likely to be totally destroyed. The whole district South of Market will be swept clean.

**A Noble Charity**  
The firm of Goldgerg and Bowen has thrown open all their grocery stores to the Committee of Safety for the use of the starving people.

**Outside Reports**  
The news from outside towns comes in very slowly. Santa Rosa is now reported as being totally destroyed. The story of the fearful calamity to San Francisco cannot be completed or half told for many days yet. The scientific theory of the earthquake finds its origin in the eruptions of Mt. Vesuvius. It is held that severe volcanic eruptions in Europe are always followed by seismic disturbances on the Pacific coast.

**Fire Still Raging**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, (Midnight)**—At midnight the fire is still spreading and the authorities have no hope of saving the city. It is impossible to stay the progress of the flames and the city is enveloped in a reign of terror. The horror of the situation grows hourly. Many people have gone in-

sane from fright and losses. No one thinks of retiring to sleep in this dreadful calamity. The panic that has overtaken the people amounts to a settled paralysis. No one knows what the morning will bring, but the doom of the metropolis of the West is now accepted as inevitable.

**Morning News**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, April 19, 2 a. m.**  
—Conditions at this hour are worse than any time since the fire broke out. A heavy trade wind sprung up near midnight and in spite of every effort of the overtaxed firemen and assistance from the citizens the fire spread to the western section of the city and it is conceded that the city is doomed to destruction. The fire has swept everything before it as far as 19th street on Mission and is gaining headway. St. Ignacius church has gone and is a smouldering ruin. The fire is now up to Lincoln Hill and as far west as Broadway.

**Helping the People**  
Mayor Schmitt, has issued a proclamation to the firemen and the police to help move the people to places of safety. Tents have been erected in all the parks and Golden Gate Park is a tented city, with thousands of homeless people occupying the scant lodgings. People are being moved to places beyond the chance of fire, and no one has gone to bed in the outlying districts. Among the buildings that have been destroyed since midnight is St. Mary's Home. This was supposed to be beyond the reach of fire.

**Ferris Running**  
At 10 o'clock the ferry system was in operation and the boats are crowded to their capacity with people going to Oakland and other towns where they can take refuge. Oakland is lending all the assistance possible toward the homeless people. Several trains have been started from the mol and one for Nevada. Trains will go by the way of Stockton owing to the bad conditions of the road across the swamps.

**Last Report**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, April 19, 4 a. m.**  
—The condition is unchanged. The fire continues to sweep toward the Park district, being now as far out as Nineteenth and Twentieth street, with apparently nothing to hinder the complete destruction. It is believed that portions of the residential sections can be saved as there are intervening blocks that will hinder the spread of the flames, this is the only hope to save the residential portion. The water supply is practically exhausted, as the drain on it since daylight yesterday has gone on with out intermission. The loss of life in the outside town is very small, but in nearly every case there is a property destruction that will reach into the millions. The shock was general throughout the State and as reports come in from the North they show that the earthquake reached its hand of destruction in every hamlet and village. The extreme South seems to

have been more fortunate, as while the disturbance was felt it was not damaging. As far as can be learned there has been little loss to the shipping in the bay.

The coming of the morning reveals nothing but a tangled mass of ruin and twisted iron, the hospitals are crowded to their capacity and hundreds of dead are to be found with the new day. The city passed a night of terror. Men who were classed among the wealthy a day before are now broken financially. It is the greatest loss in Americas history, while the list of dead will never be known, owing to the destruction of the bodies in the fiery furnaces that have been raging since yesterday at daylight.

**Trains Wrecked**  
Two Southern Pacific trains were thrown off the track near Tracy. In the vicinity of Benicia the S. P. tracks have sunk several feet and are impassable for trains. No loss of life is reported in that direction.

The Santa Fee terminals are destroyed at Port Richmond and the town is reported sunk.

**Searching For Relatives**  
On every side are frantic people searching for lost relatives. In the utter confusion which prevails landmarks are wiped out and people whose homes have been destroyed are wandering aimlessly about the streets searching for scattered members of the family. Half the people one meets belong to this class.

**A Relief Train**  
Tonopah Nevada was among the first to offer assistance to the unfortunate city. A special train was dispatched to the scene of destruction and a number of cars were added to Reno. The object of the train was to carry influential people to the scene and make reports of what is needed and this will be sent as far as the purses of Nevada will stand.

**The News in Carson**  
Carson experienced the earthquake shock a few minutes after five yesterday morning. But little attention was paid to it for several hours after when the news began to come in from San Francisco telling of the terrible destruction of property and loss of life.

Nearly every one in Carson has friends or relatives in San Francisco but communication by wire was impossible and many here are spending anxious hours of suspense waiting to hear from loved ones at the Bay. The official record of the sismograph located at Friend's observatory was on exhibition at his jewelry store yesterday. It is by far the largest record ever seen here and looks like a tangled skein of silk thrown onto the paper.

**Carson People**  
A great deal of worry was expressed in this city, as in nearly every family there is some one near and dear in the fire stricken city. It is believed that they are all safe and away from harm, as they are nearly all in a position to help themselves among those who have lately gone to the City are the following:

Mrs. T. R. Hofer Sr. and children. Mr. Hofer and Theo departed for the scene last night in order to learn of them. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Watson, are in the city. Mrs. Watson being in one of the hospitals having lately undergone an operation. Frank Evans was operated upon at Lanes hospital a few days ago and this causes considerable anxiety. Mrs. W. U. Mackey and child are in San Francisco. Miss Stella Colcord, is in the city. Earnest Esser was in the Grand Hotel but as that building did not go down until late in the day he should be safe. George Cowing, Wm. Friend, W. Bray, Chas. Cutts and several others left for the City last night in order to hunt up their relatives or hear personally of them. In fact this city is crowded with people who are waiting news from relatives, but owing to the crowded condition of the telegraph office no communication could be had.

**Killing at Mina**  
MINA, April 18th.—At 7 o'clock this morning Master Mechanic Malone who has charge of the car shops was shot through the head by a drunken man from Keeler. He died at 11 o'clock. He was just arranging for a trip east. He leaves a wife and family. His assailant is under arrest. There was no provocation for the act.

**Dance Postponed**  
The Eagles have postponed their dance on account of the terrible catastrophe in San Francisco.  
Ralph Harcourt and Laurence Ezell, came down from the Valley last night.

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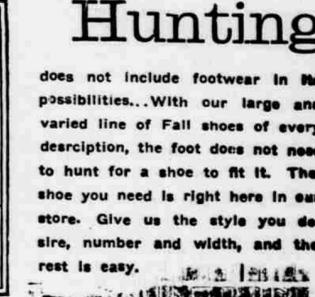
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