

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES TERRIBLE HAVOC AT SAN FRANCISCO; SHOCK LASTING THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

City Facing Destruction by Flames, Water Mains Burst and It is Impossible to Check Their Spread.

SINGLE WIRE WORKING BRINGS FEW DETAILS

Sacramento and Other Places Suffer--Area Affected Said to Have Been Several Hundred Miles in Extent-- Loss of Life Probably Great.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.--Bulletin---San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 this morning.

The shock lasted three minutes. Thousands of buildings were damaged or destroyed. The loss of life is reported great. There is no water and fires are all over the city. All wires with the exception of one are gone.

New York, April 18.--(Bulletin.)---The Western Union Telegraph office at Fresno says it is the most severe shock ever known.

NEW YORK, APRIL 18.--(BULLETIN.)---AT 9:04 THE POSTAL HAD COMMUNICATION WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, BUT LOST CONNECTION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. IN A BRIEF PERIOD THE WIRE WORKING AT THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE REPORTED A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS HAD COLLAPSED, THE DEAD AND INJURED BEING TAKEN FROM THE RUINS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THE PRINCIPLE DANGER WAS FROM FIRES, A NUMBER OF WHICH ARE MAKING GREAT HEADWAY OWING TO LACK OF WATER.

CITY HALL IN FLAMES.

San Francisco, April 18.--The city hall, costing seven millions, is in flames. Wooden buildings suffered less than brick and frame. The terror and excitement are indescribable.

Buildings swayed and crashed, burying the occupants. Lick house was badly damaged, but no loss of life occurred there.

The Palace and St. Francis stood the shock.

The greatest damage was to buildings south of Market street, mostly frame buildings and tenement houses. Fire is raging in every block in the district.

BUSINESS SECTION WRECKED.

San Francisco, April 18.--The business section from Market street to Mission street and from the bay back has been almost completely wrecked. The Call and Examiner buildings and many structures along Market and Mission streets, including the department stores are destroyed.

HUNDREDS KILLED.

Hundreds of people in the cheap tenement district are reported killed. Fires are raging, and owing to the scarcity of water are practically beyond control. The Associated Press building is wrecked. The residence portion is but slightly damaged, although nearly every house is more or less injured.

DAMAGE AT SACRAMENTO.

Chicago, April 18.--The telegraph companies here are entirely without wires to San Francisco. The Sacramento office reports a heavy earthquake west, and considerable damage is reported in that city.

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.--A severe earthquake shock occurred here at at early hour this morning.

COMMUNICATION WAS LOST.

New York, April 18.--A report reaches here a severe earthquake wrecked many buildings and caused loss of life in San Francisco at 5:13 this morning. Fire broke out in the Worker buildings. The Postal telegraph office was wrecked and communication lost.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM DISTRICT.

Kansas City, April 18.--The Postal Telegraph company here states the only information obtainable from the west was that the operators at San Francisco had left the Postal building, and report many buildings were collapsing and fires breaking out, with no water available to fight the flames. The people are fleeing from the affected district.

WATER MAIN BURSTS.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.--A disastrous fire broke out at 8:50 on the south side of Market street and is within one block of the Palace hotel. A water main 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 and the operating room a total wreck. Power of every kind is gone, and there are no lights, either gas or electric.

HOTELS ARE SAFE.

Neither the Palace hotel or St. Francis is gone, that is as far as the outside goes, but inside the plastering, etc., is greatly damaged. Be-

and readily explain the success it has achieved. Mr. Howe has compassed heights and depths of difficulties hardly realized by other exhibitors.

Making Record Run.—"The Empire" the snappy, musical comedy now at the La Salle theater, Chicago, is making a new record for a run by a play in that city. The longest run previously made was by "The Tenderfoot," 200 nights. "The Empire" equaled that mark April 6, and is now in a class by itself as the best drawing attraction ever offered the Chicago public.

Taken from an Actual Occurrence.—Harry Gordon, in introducing "A Royal Slave" to the patrons of the Illinois theater, not only promises, but assures, that this production is a distinct departure from all others that have been presented here. "A Royal Slave" was taken from an actual occurrence, the scenes being reproduced from photographs of old Mexico around which the play was written. The characters of Agulla, El Capitan, a noted bandit, and Juan Alvarez, figure in many parts of Mexican history. The cast has been carefully selected, the members being especially engaged for their respective roles. At the Illinois theater Sunday, April 22, matinee and night.

EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., April 18.--Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

SENATE.—In the senate Mr. Tillman called up his resolution directing the senate committee on finance to enter upon an investigation of the question of campaign contributions by the national banks. Mr. Tillman said he wished the inquiry to extend to the democratic as well as the republican campaign committees, and engaged in a sharp controversy with Mr. Hopkins concerning the Walsh banks in Chicago. Mr. Foster spoke for almost three hours in support of the house railroad rate bill. The house bill providing for the collection of interest was passed. At 4:30 p. m. the senate went into executive session, adjourning at 5:25 p. m. until today.

HOUSE.—The house cleared the decks by passing under suspension of the rules a number of bills of general interest. Among them were the following: Establishing a national quarantine against epidemics; regulating appeals in criminal cases by permitting the government to have a decision reviewed when a demurrer to an indictment is sustained; creating a bureau of the reclamation service in the interior department; providing for the entry of agricultural lands within forest reserves. In addition 572 private pension bills were passed. The measure extending the national irrigation act to the state of Texas was taken up by unfinished business, and at 5 p. m. the house adjourned until today.

Knocks Out "Immunity Bills."

Washington, April 18.--"Immunity bills" were given a blow yesterday when the house passed the bill permitting the government to appeal to the supreme court when a lower court sustains a demurrer to an indictment. The Chicago "beef trust cases" would have been appealed from Judge Humphrey's decision had such a law been in existence a month ago. The new law, however, is not retroactive and will not affect the Chicago packers. The house also passed the national quarantine bill. Some of the southern democrats opposed it, fearing it invaded the police powers of the states.

Deep Waterway Plan Scores.

Washington, April 18.--Congress will have a thorough investigation made of the feasibility of a canal to connect the great lakes and the gulf. Representatives Ramsdell, Lorimer, and Ellis will conduct hearings at Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, the last place on May 16. Other cities will be visited. This investigation, ordered by the house, is preliminary. It is not intended to press the deep waterways project until next session.

Grand Master Hannahan Weds.

St. Paul, Minn., April 18.--John Hannahan, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and Miss Margaret Sullivan of St. Paul were married at noon yesterday in St. Mark's Roman Catholic church. There were about eight hundred guests present. The couple left for a bridal tour to the Pacific coast.

Message Traveled 2,080 Miles.

New York, April 18.--A wireless telegraph message which traveled a distance of 2,080 miles was received at sea by the steamer Moltke. The message was sent last Friday from a station on the English coast and contained \$3 words.

Iowa Convention August 1.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 18.--The republican state central committee has issued a call for the republican state convention at Des Moines August 1.

Devil's Island Torture

Is no worse than the terrible case of piles that afflicted me 10 years. Then I was advised to apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and less than a box permanently cured me, writes L. S. Napier of Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds, burns and sores like magic. 25 cents, at Hartz & Ullemeyer's, druggists.

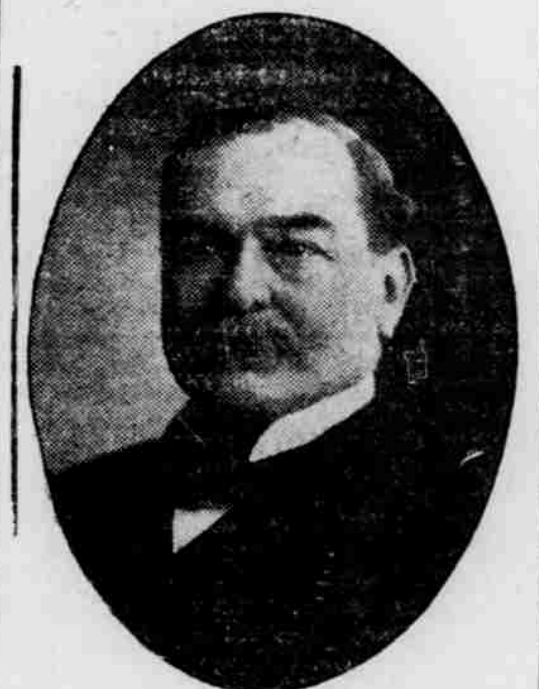
ARE WELL BEGUN

Revival Services in Three Districts Are Now Under Way.

PREPARE FOR BIG MEETING

Rev. D. S. Toy Talks on What Shall Be Done to Be Saved--Attendance Increases.

Well attended meetings were held last evening in the three revival districts. The evangelists now working in the city are not making any special effort to secure conversions, but instead are aiming at preparing a foundation for the later meetings and the central services to be held by Dr. Biederwolf at



REV. DAVID S. TOY.

the conclusion of the two weeks of district meetings. The attendance at the afternoon sermons yesterday was larger than on Monday, and these promises to be of unusual benefit. The meetings in the western and the eastern district are held at 3 o'clock each afternoon, but hereafter the services in the central district, which are this week being held at the First Methodist church, will be held at 2:30, this being a more convenient hour.

Toy at Christian Church.

The distinction between the law and the gospel was discussed in the sermon of Rev. D. S. Toy, at the Memorial Christian church last evening, his subject being "The Conversion of the Philistine Jailor."

He told the story of how the jailor, aroused to the sense of his condition, through the earthquake, asked of Paul "What Must I Do to Be Saved." The apostle explained that salvation was not doing, but done, and pointed the difference between the law and the gospel: "The law says live and do. The law says duty or damnation; the gospel says salvation, and duty afterwards. The law condemns; the gospel justifies the condemned. The law curses; the gospel redeems from the curse. Under the law the sheep were offered for the shepherd, but under the gospel, the shepherd was offered for the sheep."

Wheeler at Spencer Memorial.

"Channels of Power," was the subject of the evening address by Dr. C. T. Wheeler at the Spencer Memorial church last evening, where the service for the eastern district were held. Dr. Wheeler, in his sermon, took the stand that prayer is the main channel of power for man, and that without prayer, life is useless.

Dr. Wheeler brought out in his sermon that the greatest power to be obtained must be secured through the agency of prayer. In speaking of prayer, he declared that the idea of fatherhood provides the answer to the intellectual objections to the idea of answered prayers. He spoke of the contention of some, that if God is the ruler of the universe, his power is such that the answering of a prayer of a human being, an infinite part of that universe, becomes incomprehensible, and in reply he argued that the idea of God as the spiritual and direct father of all people does away with the objection. The evangelist quoted the scriptural verse, "Ye receive not, because ye ask not." He defined the five powers of man as the power of life, the power of speech, the power of action, the power of money, and the power of prayer, and held that the greatest is the power of prayer. He declared life to be useless without prayer, and quoted in support of his statements that prayer will unquestionably be answered if made with faith.

Hobson's Subject, "Power."

"Power," was the subject of the address by Rev. Tilman Hobson at the Broadway Presbyterian church last evening, in the central district. His

theme was that power is promised with the coming of the Holy Ghost.

"I can not understand how any one in Rock Island can be anything but a Christian," said Mr. Hobson, in referring to a visit he made to Rock Island arsenal. He spoke of the beauties of nature to be seen here, and pictured each as an illustration of the possibility of the power of the Almighty. He drew many happy illustrations of his sermon from the operation of the arsenal.

"Athletes, business men, and politicians, endure almost everything in order to attain the power they desire, and why, when spiritual power is promised, with the only condition that we become filled with the Holy Spirit, should we not take advantage of the promise?" With reference to the Bible, the speaker said that to his knowledge not one of them had ever failed of fulfillment, when the conditions had been fulfilled, and he expressed absolute confidence that no one could doubt that the promise of power should be fulfilled when the conditions were met.

FEES BELONG TO STATE, SAYS COURT

Former Treasurer Henry Wulf's Case Decided--Affects \$631,000 in All.

Springfield, Ill., April 18.--Illinois won an important victory yesterday in the case instituted by Governor Deen against former State Treasurer Henry Wulf of Chicago, to recover fees alleged to be due the state for commissions retained by the state treasurers and auditors of public accounts on interest on county and municipal bonds which they have collected from holders of the bonds. The suit against Wulf was a test case. The amount claimed by the governor, including interest, is \$621,000. According to today's decision the money must be returned or the case taken to the supreme court.

WILLIE HOPPE IS BEATEN

By George Sutton Who Established a New World's Record.

New York, April 18.--The shortest and most exciting game of the world's championship 18-2 billiard tournament was played last night and a new world's record established. George Sutton, in defeating Willie Hoppe, the world's champion at 18-1 balk line billiards, in the 15th game of the tournament made 500 points in five innings, an average of 100, which constitutes a new world's record. The former record was 50, held by Maurice Vignaux of Paris, who made it in competition four years ago.

The highest run of the tournament previous to last night was 168, and Sutton made it, but he outclassed this with 224 unfinished last night. This was the final inning and there is no telling how far he could have gone if opportunity had presented itself, for he had the balls under perfect control. The biggest run of record in 18-2 balk line billiards is 265, made by Louis Cure of France, in a match with Jacob Schaefer of Chicago 18 months ago in Paris. Hoppe's score when the game was finished was 118.

ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

Real Estate Transfers.

Frank Ohaver to Paul Ohaver, e½ sw sec 5, 16, 5w, \$1,200.
R. I. M. B. L. & S. association to Robert F. Cowley, part lot 3, block 11, C. T. Edward's sub-div., sec. 23, 18, 1w, \$1,300.

J. B. Oakleaf to Elmer E. Morgan, part assessor's lots 9 and 10, w½ nw sec. 33, 18, 1w, \$3,500.
E. H. Stafford to Emil Johnson, lot 17, block 11, \$225.

Georgiana M. Fowler to Cornelia E. Hubbard, undivided 10-27 lot 2, assessor's plat, sec. 22, 18, 1w, \$1,100.
B. H. H. B. L. & S. association to Albert C. Woodruff, part lot 4, block 4, Wood's First add., Moline, \$3,200.

Frank H. Miser to Victorine Styvart, lot 3, block 2, Second Fairmount add., Moline, \$900.
John Larson to Anthony Larson, part lots 2 and 3, block 3, McCain's add., Moline, \$2,000.

Ben Peter Larson to Allen H. Ziegler, part outlot 2, Ryder & Read's add., Moline, \$2,900.
Jackson and Babcock to Drury A. Babcock, lot 6, 7, block 4, Wheelock's Fifteenth street add.; lot 5, block 2, Third Wheelock Fifteenth street add., Moline, \$1.

Mary A. Wallick to Louis Leverich, lot 12, block 4, College Heights add., Rock Island, \$300.
William E. Ballew to Harry L. Hudson, part lot 8, block 1, W. E. Bailey's Twelfth street add., Rock Island, \$350.

The little folks love Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Pleasant to take; perfectly harmless; positive cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma.

NOTHING TO ARBITRATE

Is Reply of Anthracite Operators to Miners.

PRINCIPLES SETTLED

However, Way is Left Open for Unions to Make New Offer.

New York, April 18.--Subcommittees of the anthracite coal carrying railroads and mine operators drew up a letter to President Mitchell in which the operators again declare there is nothing to arbitrate except the question whether there shall be any arbitration. This reply is made in response to Mitchell's recent amended proposition for arbitration.

Not Point Blank.

The operators do not, however, refuse point blank to accept Mitchell's latest plan. They assert all the differences between the miners and employers were decided by the strike commission, and there is no reason why another attempt should be made to arbitrate them. After describing the previous steps of the two sides and commenting upon the plans suggested by the miners, the operators aver that the miners have rejected all their propositions and that they have nothing further to offer.

Principles Settled.

"The fundamental principles regarding the conduct of this business have all been established by the strike commission," the operators declare. "No reason is suggested why they should be retried. We have no further suggestions to make than those contained in our former propositions and we regret that you have declined both of them. We have nothing further to offer." The operators assert the miners' offer to waive the formal recognition of the miners' union is not material and declare the miners' program would increase the cost of domestic sizes of coal by \$1.20 a ton.

WITTE REMAINS PREMIER

Durnovo Will Be Dismissed Before the New Congress Meets.

St. Petersburg, April 18.--The Associated Press is in a position to confirm the report that Witte now has definitely got the upper hand of Minister of the Interior Durnovo. The downfall of the latter is a matter only of days, or weeks at most, as Emperor Nicholas has promised to dismiss him before the national parliament meets.

STATE REGENT REELECTED

Illinois Daughters of the Revolution Choose Officers.

Washington, April 18.--Mrs. B. A. Fessenden of Highland Park, Ill., was reelected state regent at a meeting of the Illinois delegation to the Daughters of the American Revolution congress, Mrs. Ireton of Ottawa was elected vice regent to succeed Mrs. Edwin Sawyer Walker.

George W. Perkins Arrested.

New York, April 18.--George W. Perkins, banker and member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., was a prisoner in a west side court yesterday morning, charged with a violation of the rules of the road by driving on the wrong side of the street. After exacting a promise that he would not again repeat the violation, Magistrate Barlow discharged Mr. Perkins from custody.

Is the Moon Inhabited?

Science has proven that the moon has an atmosphere, which makes life in some form possible on that satellite; but not for human beings, who have a hard enough time on this earth of ours; especially those who don't know that Electric Bitters cure headache, biliousness, malaria, chills and fever, jaundice, dyspepsia, dizziness, torpid liver, kidney complaints, general debility and female weaknesses. Unequaled as a general tonic and appetizer for weak persons and especially for the aged. It induces sound sleep. Fully guaranteed by Hartz & Ullemeyer, druggists. Price, only 50 cents.