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TEN CENTS A WEEK

HUNDREDS LOSE LIVES IN QUAKE AT 'FRISCO

Shock Reeled City And Fire Immediately Broke Out.

CITY AT MERCY OF THE FLAMES

Property Collapsed In the Twinkling of an Eye—Business Section of City Practically in Ruins—Dynamiting the Structures to Check the Fire.

San Francisco, April 19.—San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The shock lasted three minutes and thousands of buildings were damaged, and destroyed. The loss of life is reported great. There is no water and fires are breaking out all over the city. All wires with the exception of one are gone. The city hall, costing \$7,000,000, is in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than the brick and frame.

The confusion and excitement is indescribable. Most people were asleep, and rushed into the streets undressed. The buildings swayed and crashed, burying the occupants. There was a panic in the downtown hotels. The Lick House is badly damaged, but no loss of life there is reported.

The Palace and San Francisco hotels withstood the shock. The people flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends and were frantic because there were no wires. The greatest damage was south of Market street, where mostly frame buildings and tenement houses were located. There are fires in every block in that district.

At 8:50 o'clock Wednesday morning a disastrous fire broke 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 Telegraph company wire. The Postal Telegraph 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 electric. Neither the Palace hotel nor the St. Francis is gone; that is, as far as the outside goes, but the inside plating, etc., is greatly damaged.

Between the Postal Telegraph of fire and the water front there has been great damage by fire, which is burning fiercely, and there is little or no water. The fire is burning both on the east and the south side of the Postal Telegraph building.

The damage by the earthquake appears to have extended all over the city. The streets are blockaded with debris. They are blowing up buildings. The residence districts are safe so far as heard from.

The business section of the city from Market street to Mission street and from 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 collapsing. Hundreds of people in the cheap tenement districts are reported killed.

The offices of the Postal Telegraph company in the Kobart 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.

In the confusion, which reigns everywhere here, it is almost impossible to learn details of the disaster caused by the earthquake. 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. The hotels in the vicinity of Third and Market streets were badly shaken up, but there seems to have been no loss of life there. The department stores in this neighborhood were also ruined, but the earthquake occurred at an hour when they were empty and no loss of life is reported in that quarter.

cupied by cheap lodging houses and hotels, and here the loss of life is reported to be very great, though the extent of it could not be ascertained at this hour.

Fires are burning in a number of places along Market street, and the water mains having burst, the authorities have resorted to dynamite to check the progress of the flames.

As reports come in, the magnitude of the disaster grows. Fires are raging in all directions, and people are moving out of the downtown section.

The loss of life may reach into the hundreds, and millions of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed.

The Valencia hotel, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, on Valencia street, a five story frame building, toppled over into the street, burying 75 people in the debris. Only the top story remains intact. A house on Fourth street, near Valencia, was also wrecked, killing two persons.

Many of the fire department houses are damaged so badly that it is impossible to get the fire apparatus out.

A lodging house on Seventh street, known as the Kingsley, entirely collapsed. It is on fire, and 75 to 80 people are believed to be buried in the flaming ruins.

At Twenty-second and Mission, the dry goods store of Lipman company is on fire, threatening to sweep the entire block. At Eighteenth and Valencia streets there is a crevice in the street six feet wide and entire sidewalks are torn up. The street car tracks are badly twisted all through the southern section of the city and traffic is at a standstill.

At the Southern Pacific hospital, water is being carried into the building from outside sources for the use of the patients.

Many people suffering from injuries are seen on the streets making their way to the different hospitals.

Fire, which has been raging in the vicinity of Fourth and Stevenson has gotten beyond the 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.

The rooms in the Palace hotel were vacated early in the morning, and the guests are now returning to gather up their effects. All sorts of vehicles are being used to carry out of the danger zone everything of value.

The loss of life seems to have been confined to the poorer districts and the 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. On lower Market street, the main thoroughfare of the city, block after block of substantial buildings have been destroyed. A big fire is raging on the corner of San Some and Pine streets, one block from the Associated Press office.

It is impossible to confirm the different rumors of the loss of life.

No reports have been received outside of San Francisco, but the damage about the bay must be enormous. Oakland is said to have suffered severely. A fire which broke out in the Mack Wholesale Drug company, threatens to destroy the entire block.

Practically the entire water front is on fire.

On California and Pine streets the fire has reached to San Som street.

From Pine and Dupont streets fires can be seen raging all over the downtown district.

A brisk wind is coming up, and the destruction of the entire business district is threatened.

Several persons are thought to be plighted under the wreckage of the fish markets between Sacramento and Clay and Commercial streets.

On Fourth and Tehama streets an entire family was caught in the collapse of a building.

The hall of justice is momentarily expected to fall. The city hall is almost an entire wreck. The damage here is estimated at half a million dollars.

The Mechanics' Pavilion has been converted into an emergency hospital. The Grand Opera house has suffered some damage.

FOUR TRAGEDIES MARK DAY AT LOUISVILLE

Husband Shoots Wife And Then Suicides.

AFFAIR CAUSED BY JEALOUSY

Another Man Commits Suicide While in His Wife's Arms, and the Dead Body of Still Another Suicide Is Discovered in Lonely House.

Louisville, Ky., April 19.—An attempt by a husband to kill his wife, followed by his suicide and successful efforts at self-destruction by two other persons, were the features of Louisville's criminal record Tuesday.

Elihu S. Thomas, a decorator, shot his wife twice, and then turned the weapon on himself, dying instantly.

Mrs. Thomas, who, before her marriage, was the daughter of a well-known physician, is paralyzed from the waist down, as the result of her wound, but has a small chance for recovery. The wife's jealousy of her husband's attention to another woman is alleged to have been the cause of the tragedy.

While his wife's arms were clasped about him and she was endeavoring to prevent the deed, Fred Dierling, a dairyman, cut his own throat, dying almost instantly.

The dead body of L. E. Lindner was found in a vacant house whither he had gone to commit suicide.

chine shops at Point Richmond, across the bay, have collapsed.

The facts so far as known at this hour may be summarized as follows:

Hundreds of people killed, and probably 1,000 injured.

The entire water front is ablaze.

The postoffice is entirely collapsed.

By order of the chief of police all saloons have been closed.

The damage already inflicted is estimated roughly at forty million dollars.

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.

The Postal company is preparing to vacate, and this will shut off all telegraphic communication with the outside world.

From present indications the entire business section, both wholesale and retail, will likely fall a prey to the fire which is now increasing in intensity, and is being fanned by a stiff breeze.

At 11 Wednesday morning, San Francisco time, 2 o'clock New York time, the employees of the Postal Telegraph company had to leave their office on account of the fire. At the time they left, the Palace and Grand hotels were not yet on fire, but were in imminent danger.

The militia is now in charge of the town.

Blackburn Is Held.

Wichita, Kans., April 19.—C. Edward Blackburn, cousin of Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, charged with the embezzlement of \$23,000 from the Wichita Stock Yards company, waived examination and has been bound over to the district court. Blackburn never spoke a word from the time he entered the courtroom until he left.

A Legislator's Fate.

Evansville, Ind., April 19.—Frank Hudson, aged 67, is dead as the result of injuries received by being run over by a Louisville and Nashville train. He was formerly a member of the Kentucky state legislature.

Ask Two-Cent Fares.

New Orleans, April 19.—A numerous list of signed citizens' petition has been presented to the Louisiana Railroad commission urging the adoption of a 2-cent fare like that provided for in the new Ohio law.

One Every Month.

Richmond, Ind., April 19.—The United States army engineering station at this city has been closed because of the fact that in three months the

GREENE-GAYNOR TAKE A DRIVE.

Famous Prisoners Under Escort Sight-seeing in Central City.

Macon, Ga., April 19.—Messrs. Gaynor and Greene enjoyed the spring breeze and sunshine in this city shortly after noon on Tuesday, in a lengthy drive over the city, conducted by Deputy Marshal Dave Riley. They were occupants of a handsome landau, and enjoyed the ride, as tourists would on any ordinary trip of inspection. They asked for numerous privileges early in the morning and when Marshal George White was consulted he gave his consent for the ride, provided Deputy Marshal Riley was given authority.

Mrs. Greene, her daughter and son-in-law arrived in the morning, and spent nearly all day with the prisoners. Mrs. Gaynor is expected soon, the son of Captain Gaynor being at ready here. There was little of the strenuous imprisonment to be seen at the jail on Tuesday. The two prisoners had been given the privilege of the jail corridors, but later were allowed the freedom of the jail yards.

Marshal White assigned Deputy Dave Riley to the duty of remaining in charge of the prisoners, and such expenses as are thus incurred will be paid by them. They have also been given privilege of furnishing their cell in the hospital department of the jail at their own expense, and such other changes as they have seen fit to make have also been allowed.

LOST HIS LIFE SAVING OTHERS.

Young Man Saved Women, But Was Himself Drowned.

Tampa, Fla., April 19.—George Garry, cashier of the Tampa Electric company, was drowned in Hillsborough bay Tuesday morning a mile off Bay point, while out with a pleasure party. The boat was overturned in rough water. Young Garry started to swim ashore to secure assistance after he and Mahoney rescued the young ladies and had placed them on the overturned boat.

Being exhausted, Garry went down some distance from his companions, and his body was not recovered until some time later.

J. T. Mahoney and the ladies were in the water an hour and fifteen minutes before they drifted ashore. One of the ladies was unconscious when she reached the shore.

Garry was recently from Boston, a member of a prominent family there.

Louisiana Bank Suspends.

Shreveport, La., April 19.—The suspension of the Merchants and Farmers' bank for liquidation has been announced by its president, A. H. Leonard. Its assets exceed its liabilities in the sum of \$169,000, the assets amounting to \$687,126, and its liabilities to \$518,126. It is announced that the depositors will be paid in full as soon as liquidation can be effected. The bank was organized under state law in 1891, with a capital of \$100,000.

Buggy Factory Chartered.

Macon, Ga., April 19.—The Macon Buggy company received a charter at Tuesday's session of the superior court. This is a new organization of capital furnished by G. M. Davis and J. L. Davis, and the business promises soon to be one of Macon's most profitable. The factory begins with a small capital, but will be prepared to do a most complete and satisfactory business in the making of buggies.

Pratties Christian Found.

New York, April 19.—Prentiss Christian, the 18-year old son of Harry E. Christian, of Indianapolis, who dropped out of sight after starting for Sunday school in that city last Sunday, was, according to a morning paper, found Tuesday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Jefferson Christian, 416 East Twelfth street, Brooklyn. The boy is in good health and apparently happy.

Murray Suspended from Office.

Washington, April 19.—After a conference with the president, Secretary Shaw, who has just returned from New York, decided that he would suspend from office Frederick C. Murray, collector of the port of New York, who a few days ago was indicted in connection with a lot of bonds in the

DOWIE SHOUTS DEFI TO CITY OF ZION

Will Not Negotiate for Peace With Voliva

DOWIE WOULD HEAD CHURCH

First Apostle Declares that He Will Have Voliva Excommunicated, and Will Resume Entire Charge of Affairs in Zion City.

Chicago, April 19.—All negotiations looking toward a peaceful settlement of the question as to who shall control Zion City, and its vast resources, have been broken off.

John Alexander Dowie, through his attorneys, S. C. Wetten and P. C. Haley, threw down the gauntlet to General Overseer Wilbur Glen Voliva and his followers when a proposition advanced by the Volivites to the effect that the \$21,000,000 estate be turned over to a board of control was rejected by Dowie.

According to the provisions of this proposition the board was to consist of nine members, four of them to be selected by Dowie and a like number to be selected by Voliva. The ninth member was to be selected by the board as created. It was stipulated that both Dowie and Voliva be active members of this board, and that the action of the members thereof be final in determining whether or not the deposed "first apostle" or Voliva be the recognized head of the Christian Catholic church.

Dowie has rejected the proposal on the grounds that not only would he not acquiesce in the appointment of Voliva on the board, but that he no longer recognized the new leader as a member of the church.

In speaking of the ultimatum, Attorney Haley, representing Dr. Dowie, said:

"As soon as we can obtain the necessary information we will file a bill in chancery in the circuit court of Lake county at Waukegan. This instrument will be a petition that the transfer of the property of Zion City executed by General Overseer Voliva giving to Deacon Alexander Granger full title thereof, be declared void. We are handicapped to the extent that Voliva and his forces have in their possession all of the books and papers concerning Zion City and its property. It may be necessary for us to go into court to get possession of these. As soon as we obtain the desired information, the bill will be filed."

According to the statements of his attorneys and of his followers, who are with him at the Auditorium Annex, Dr. Dowie will go to Zion City some time this week. It is declared by the Dowieites that when the "first apostle" enters the city which he founded, he will do so as the head of the church. Voliva, they say, will be excommunicated.

Three Men Are Mangled.

Bluefield, W. Va., April 19.—A shot blew out in the Homphill mine near Welch, igniting a keg of powder. A terrific explosion followed, Antoine Tipical, an Italian miner, was killed instantly and two other men horribly burned and bruised. The injured were taken to the Miners' hospital at Welch. They are not expected to recover from the injuries received.

Was Cut a Dozen Times.

New York, April 19.—Thomas Mohor was knocked down and cut a dozen times with a razor while on his way home last night. His assailant, said to be Robert Scott, a negro, former employe, barricaded himself against a mob. Two policemen who went to arrest him, held the mob at bay with drawn revolvers until the reserves arrived. Mohor may recover.

Yancey Hotel Burned.

Livingston, Mont., April 19.—The old Yancey hotel, located in the Yellowstone National park, was destroyed Tuesday. The fire originated from a defective chimney. The hotel was founded more than twenty years ago by John Yancey, who was familiarly known as "Uncle John," and who made it a popular resort for tourists.