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## SAN FRANCISCO IN RUINS

### AWFUL STORY OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

San Francisco, April 18.—San Francisco was wrecked by a terrific earthquake at 5:13 this morning, after which fire swept the city. From five hundred to one thousand persons are dead, while the injured number over five thousand. Eight square miles of business and residence territory was burned over. At 7 o'clock tonight the flames were still raging fiercely, but at that hour water was again available for the firemen, after having been cut off all day long. The city is in a frenzied panic and martial law prevails. Never was there such an appalling catastrophe as this. At 8 and 8:15 o'clock other seismic disturbances occurred, but they did little damage to that already inflicted. The property loss will reach one hundred million dollars. People are going crazy from fear, thousands upon thousands of people are homeless tonight, wandering hither and thither in search of shelter and food. Dead wagons are in evidence everywhere, while ambulances are going through the streets at breakneck speed, where driving is possible, with loads of injured bound for the hospitals, established and temporary.

One hundred millions of dollars is the estimated loss tonight, one of the richest sections of San Francisco, although spared by the earthquake, has been swept by the flames. The entire wholesale and shipping district is a complete loss. There are rumors tonight that many of those who suffered will never rebuild, but will take their business to Oakland.

San Francisco city is a city of horrors tonight. From the Ferry depot to Tenth street, from the back bay district to Barbary Coast one sees but a vast street of ruin. And over all leaps high to Heaven a sheet of flames, the like of which has never been seen in the world before.

From the Presidio on the north from the Mission, on the south, from the fashionable west addition out near Golden Gate Park, from everywhere come reports of awful havoc, of fearful suffering of untold loss of life, of damage incalculable.

What was once—only yesterday—a smiling city is tonight a waste of red hot ashes, crumbled brick and smoking stone, what the earthquake spared—and that

was enough to build a huge city on—the flames have licked up, and there is hardly enough thereof to build a hovel. The human mind cannot conceive of the fearful havoc, the human hand cannot write of it.—Albuquerque Morning Journal.

The month of April will go down in history as incomparable for death and disaster. Beginning with the Vesuvius eruption, which killed hundreds and rendered thousand homeless; the earthquake and fire which shook and devastated the city of San Francisco, killing thousands and leaving 250,000 people without shelter or food; the property loss cannot be estimated but it will reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Smaller towns on the coast were almost shook to pieces by the awful trembler, and on account of condition of the telegraph wires it is impossible to make any estimate of the loss of life and property in these places.

#### PREDICTS A TIDAL WAVE

Rochester, N. Y., April 19.—Another and even greater disaster than an earthquake threatens San Francisco. A tidal wave would not be an unlooked for accompaniment of present seismic disturbances, says Prof. H. L. Fairchild, of the University of Rochester.

#### SUMMARY OF THE RUIN

Up to 9 o'clock last night 500 known dead.

Total deaths may pass ten thousand.

The property loss at 9 o'clock last night had already passed one hundred million dollars.

From eight to ten square miles of business and residence section of the city proper has been destroyed at 9 o'clock last night.

At that time the flames were still steadily eating their way into fresh territory.

Five hundred thousand helpless people in the city and suburbs, literally crazed with fear.

Tens of thousands of homeless people walk the streets in search of food and shelter.

Most of the buildings left standing are turned into temporary morgues and hospitals.

Dead wagons are rushing through the streets, wherever streets are passable.

Every important business block in the city is wrecked, burned or partially in ruins.

The entire wholesale district has been consumed by the flames.

The Call building.

The Spreckles building.

The Chronicle building.

The Examiner building.

And practically all the landmarks of the retail district are total ruins.

Many of the principal churches have been destroyed or damaged.

The St. Francis.

The Palace.

And most of the other chief hotels in the business district are in ruins.

At 9 o'clock last night the fire was bounded in the following zone:

From South street on the west to the water front on the east.

The entire section south of Market street.

Sporadic fires are raging in many parts of the city and the flames are still spreading with lightning rapidity, although water is now available and there is some hope of checking the flames.

China town is burning.

Only a west wind will save the city from total destruction.

The city is under martial law.

It will require days to form an estimate of the number of dead.

It is beyond estimate tonight to tell the number of the injured, who fill the hospitals, established and temporary, and who overflow into the streets.

In the cheap tenement districts the mortality has been awful.

And this was San Francisco the beautiful, San Francisco the gay, San Francisco the Paris of America, the future metropolis of the nation at 9 o'clock last night. A mass of shaking, smoking, blazing ruins.

Shocks of lesser force have continued throughout the day and into last night.

The insane asylum at Agnew is wrecked. Many inmates were killed and the rest turned loose to run among the already terrorized population.

The University of California buildings at Berkeley have been totally demolished.

No injured are known in these buildings.

The buildings of the Leland Stanford university at Palo Alto are in ruins. One student is dead and many injured.

San Jose is badly wrecked. The number of dead is unknown.

Los Alamos is totally wrecked. There are many known dead.

Oakland is badly wrecked and the people panic-stricken.

Point Richmond is badly wrecked.

The Santa Fe terminal buildings at Point Richmond are in total ruins.

The great China Basin fill of the Santa Fe has sunk out of sight, two million dollars at one blow.

Every suburb of San Francisco is badly wrecked or shaken.

There are many dead in the outlying districts.

Every city in the central coast section has been badly shaken.

All railroads have suffered heavily.

All have lost many miles of track. In some instances the track has dropped out of sight.

The damage in the country is not known.

This briefly, is the first complete story of what was done by the awful earthquake of yesterday morning on the Pacific coast.

The Senate has appropriated one million dollars for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## NAVAJO COUNTY,

OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS }  
NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA }  
HOLBROOK, APR. 2, 1906 }

Regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Supervisors convened this date at 1 p. m. All present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following quarterly reports of County officers submitted, audited, found correct and approved, showing as follows:

County Superintendent of Schools.

Total disbursements

1st quarter, April 1906, school funds \$ 6,964.02

County Recorder.

Fees received during January \$ 48.35

Fees received during February 36.00

Fees received during March 32.10

Total 1st quarter 1906

as per Treasurer's receipt \$ 116.45

Clerk of Board of Supervisors.

Cash orders drawn on County Treasurer 1st quarter, 1906.

No.	CASH ORDERS	AMT.
1,	Jan. 5, Alcjandro	
	Baca, Indigent	\$ 8.00
2,	Jan. 6, J. P. Nuanez	
	Indigent	8.00
3,	Jan. 6, Juan Jortez,	
	Indigent	8.00
4,	Jan. 8, A. C. M. I.,	
	supplies to county	45.40
5,	Jan. 8, A. Carlisle	
	Company, supplies to county	13.00