EYE-WITNESSES REACH VICTORIA

A Number of Passengers From the Stricken City Arrived on the Steamer Indianapolis Yesterday.

RELATE DETAILS OF CALAMITY

Indescribable Scenes of Terror Followed the Great Earthquake and Subsequent Conflagration.

lowed the earthquake at San tenant, was fatally injured, it was said, by a premature explosion.

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"Had it not been for the fire," said one of the arrivals," there would not have been great damage. At is was, few lives of people with means have been lost; the loss of life was mostly among the more unfortunet, the poore erry has been great, and the streets were increased the stricken and the strick of the strick was completely among the more unfortunet, the poore erry has been great, and the streets were filled with debris. Sure though the strick in the strick in the strick of the strick of the strick in the strick of the strick of

in Market street and people running.

There was not a panic, as one might imagine; people seemed more or less cool and made their way from the business section. Considerable dust was flying, though there was no wind; it was the first morning for several days on which we had awakened to find no wind, and this was fortunate in view of the fires which started so soon after the shock.

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plosions of dynamite; soldiers had hur-ried in and dynamite was being used to

Blow Up Buildings.

in the path of the fire. I doubt if this did much good, for the fire either leaped across the pile of wreckage or lapped up the debris and burned its way to the buildings beyond. Many substantial buildings of brick and stone were dynamited and left a heap of debris, but the work did not seem to stop the flames. If the magnitude of the disaster had been realized then and the batteries of artillery which were next day brought to Van Ness avenue to blow down the great houses of that fine street brought the day before and a path cut to blockade the flames, the fire would have been stopped earlier. None, however, seemed to think the fire would be so far-reaching, and the heroic measures suggested were, of course, not carried out. Later, when the holocaust swept so many blocks, the gunners galloped their guns to the asphalted street which was one of the aristocratic thoroughfares of San Blow Up Buildings.

HRILLING narratives of heart- Francisco and blew down house after rending occurrences which fol-francisco and blew down nouse after house, mostly mansions of rich San Franciscans. One of the officers, a lieu-

considerably diffined and offered a poor light, they burned for about twenty minutes after the shock. We packed out small bags and a portmanteau burriedly, leaving the larger pieces of baggage containing out effects and made out way into the corridors, which were filled with people carrying bundles, and when he were seated on the steps of the honse on Van Ness avenine and with half-dressed and frightened people, running here and there.

"The elevator on our side of the building had been deserted, though the elevator man at the other side of the hotel kept his elevator running for some time. No attempt was made to see who were out of their rooms by the hotel staff, as far as we could ascertain. Some of the doors jambed; I feared for a oment or two that ours had when I had difficulty in opening it, but fortunately it had not. We made our way into the street, and in the half-light of early morning we

Saw Debris Piled.

'The Burning City.

The Make things clear, almost as bright as day. Newsboys were selling extras of an Oakland paper, which had had paper, which had baper had paper, which had baper had heed on the had

a few blocks of the ferry steamers, on which we escaped to Oakland and came north.

"The first fire we saw on reaching the street, which, as I said, was filled with stones, timbers and other debris, was the Terminus hotel, on the other side of Market street, and soon afterward fire was seen on the same side of Market street, and soon afterward fire was seen on the same side of Market street, and soon afterward fire was seen on the same side of Market street as the Palace hotel, a block further down. We tried to get an automobile to take us away, but the drivers only laughed as at when we asked them to carry us. Someone told as the ferry steamers burning, so we concluded there was no use in trying to reach the water front if it was burning. We turned on to Kearney street to get away from the fiying cinders, which were soon added to the dust we had first experienced. At Union square, which were soon added to the dust we mad first experienced. At Union square, which were soon added to the dust we mad first experienced. At Union square, which were soon added to the dust we mad first experienced. At Union square, which were soon added to the dust we mad first experienced. At Union square, which were soon added to the first provided the first provided to save people. One man who came to us, total strangers to him, asked at the dust we had a complete the some food for us, had the bath filled with strength of the dust we had first experienced. At Union square, which was reached at Union square, which was reached the was the soon added to the dust we had a complete the sound to save people. One man who came to us, total strangers to him, asked at the man and the refused to carry to the disaster was then apparent; the whole city would be come and rest in his flat, where he had a Chinese cook who prepared be a several blocks along Kearney street, we

The Celebrated English Cocoa. D) D (-An admirable food, with all its natural qualities intact. This excellent Cocoa main-

and his goods were not menaced. One man gave an expressman \$10 to carry his grips for him, and was walking behind the express, which was suddenly turned to a side street and galloped away, taking the man's effects.

"Another incident of the disaster which came under our notice was the vindication of the folding bed. Many stories have been told of how folding beds have closed and killed people. In this case the folding bed partially closed and cramped up its occupant just in time to prevent timbers and other debris from falling upon him and killing him. He was afterward extricated alive, and the rescuers say his life was saved by the folding bed.

"The scenes in the corridors of the Palace hotel soon after the earthquake were confusing. People

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running about half dressed, some shouting. There was one man who left his wife upstairs and ran out of the building, abandoning her, but he was not as bad as a man we saw at the Grand hotel, nearby. This fellow ran down from the fourth story, where he was rooming with his wife and child, five grars old. He was in his pajamas. He called to a man who ran after him and asked the man to go up and get his overcoat, giving his room number. ... eman replied in words that were unprintable. The man then tried to get a bell-boy to go up for the coat, and one went. As the bellboy was starting for the overcoat the man said:

ward from San Francisco, and the steamer Senator, when she arrives, will probably be crowded with passengers. Many were going south to Los Angeles, others were coming north to Portland and Seattle, and many hurrying eastward. But San Francisco will rise from its ashes; there is no doubt of that."

Among the refugees from San Francisco who have reached this city from San Francisco are F. Nation, his wife two children, who arrived yester ay on the Indianapolis. In conversa-ion with a Colonist representative at the Roccabella last evening he stated that it was the most awful sight he ever the conversation of the conversa

"No pen nor brush can ever commence to give any idea of the awful devastation"

As the bellboy was starting for the overcoat the man said:

"'You might also bring down my boy
Benny; and, I say, you might also bring
down him mummy.

"The bellboy asked the man to go
back and

Get His Wife.

This was all ready packed. I tried to
get a hack or automobile to take up to
the station, but could not get one, and
the best I could do was to get another
dray, and in this way we set out for the
ferry. On our way down it appeared
that southeast of Market street had suffered most from the earthquake, but I
did not see any extra large fissures in

hock, will be available when rebuilding commences.

The Scenes Which Followed. The shock were indescribate. It was about daylight, dawn just breaking in the east, when the first tremors were relt, followed at once by a heavy shock which sent down plaster, overturned bursaus and rocked the big Palace hotel, in which we were sleeping. We were on the fifth floor, my wife and I. I sprang up immediately and we dressed hurriedly. It was some light; the electric lights were some light; the electric lights were still available, and although they were considerably dimmed and offered a poor light, they burned for about twenty minutes after the shock. We packed out small bags and a portmanteau hurriedly, leaving the larger pieces of bagsage containing out effects and made out was sweet filled with people carrying bundles.

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Poor Old Lady.

Moving on with her bundle. At 2 o'clock in the morning after we had spent a couple of hours resting at a room we secured on Pacific avenue we reached the Presidio, from where we were carried in the government ferry to within a few blocks of the ferry steamers, on

All mails should be addressed to the old street numbers in San Francisc, unless the new addresses are positively known. Money orders are cashed as rapidly as funds can be secured.

Bunkers and office unharmed. Western Fuel office, Canadian bank and all whole-sale district wiped out.

WALTER A. GOMPERTZ.

to give any idea of the awful devastation that has taken place in San Francisco," was the manner in which Mr. Nation described the disaster. Mr. Nation stated that he was residing at the Plymouth hotel, at the corner of Bush and Jones streets.

"I was awakened," said he, "by the first shock, and my wife and I were out of bed in an instant. My wife went for one of the children, and I took the other, and the manner in which we did it would make one think that we had it armostly of long standing.

David Spencer Ltd. WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

The Carpet Department is now in Splendid Shape to look after your House Furnishing Wants.

Very special value in Wilton Carpets

Court Wilton Carpets, \$1.25 yard.

Axminster Squares, Oriental designs; size 9 ft. 8x6 ft. 6. Special value, \$16.50.

Axminster Squares, Oriental designs; size 12x9, extra heavy quality. Special value, \$37.00.

SPECIAL SALE MONDAY—8 only Brussels Squares. Regular value \$18.75. Monday, \$14.50. Colors: Fawn grounds, green grounds, red grounds and Oriental mixtures.

Saxony Rugs, \$4.50.

New designs in Wilton Hearth Rugs, \$6.50 to \$7.75. Mohair Mats, all colors, \$1.25.

Axminster Hearth Rugs, 27x52. Special, \$2.75.

Mohair Hearth Rugs, all colors, \$6.75. (One of the best wearing hearth rugs made.)

CURTAINS

Colored Muslins, art and nouveau pat-terns. Special price, 15c. yard. Art Linens, 35c. yard. New fancy stripe Grass Muslins; green, blue and pink colorings; 35c. yard. Extra heavy Oriental strip Rep, 65c.

yard.
A few Muslin Curtains left at \$2.50 and \$3.75. Regular values, \$3.50 and \$5.00. These curtains are very popular in the East just now, as bedroom curtains; but for some reason or other they have not sold here. They are good value at \$3.75 and \$5.00; but we are clearing them all out at \$2.50 and \$3.75.

Muslin by the yard for bedroom cur-tains; Spot Muslin with frill; 25c. and 35c. per yard. Bobinette, with insertion and frill, 20c. and 25c. per yard. Net and Point De'Sprit, 35c. per yard. Spot Muslin for window curtains, 42 inches wide; 20c. per yard. 4 inch, a good assortmen and spots; 25c. per yard. Curtain Nets for short curtains; 10c.

Swiss Nets for side curtains; 35c. pe Swiss Nets for side curtains; 35c. per yard.

Swiss Applique material for door Paneling; 75c. per yard.

Brussels Net for curtains. Special value, 35c. per yard.

300 pairs of Nottingham Curtains to sell at 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00. We never had better values at these prices. We found a new man who makes a specialty of curtains of this quality, and they are certainly the best we have ever seen. Some new patterns in fine Fish Net Curtains with spot, something entirely new; \$2.50 pair.

Special Sale of Curtain Loops on Monday at 10 Cents per Pair.

Curtain Nets, 54 inches wide; 25c. per

Silk Loops, all colors. Regular price, 35c. pair.

Cream Cotton Loops. Regular price, 50c.
Colored Cotton Loops. Regular price, 20c.
Chepille Loops. Regular price, 50c. pair.

300 pairs of various kinds of Sill Loops. Regular price, 35c. pair, About 20 dozen Colored Girdles. Reg ular price, 65c, pair,

The Entire Lot Will Be Sold on Monday for 10 cents per Pair.

Wool Fringes. Regular, 35c. yard. Monday, 10c. per yard.

Taffeta Silk Petticoats to be Sold Monday for the Price of the Flounce. 20 in all. Colors-Green, Red, Resida, Black, Etc. Slightly damaged in shipping. Values-\$5.75, \$6.50 and \$7.50. MONDAY, each.

Dress Trimmings

Odd lengths, 10c. and 25c. per yard In many cases worth times that amount.

New Designs for Stamping Shirtwaists, Etc.

Special Values in Leather Belts for Monday

Boys' Buster Brown Belts, dull finish leather, with heavy brass rimmed eyelets. Special, 35c.
Boys' White Leather Belts, 35c.
Boys' Plain Leather Belts, tan shades;
15c.
Boys' Plain Leather Belts, all shades; 15c.

Boys' Plain Leather Belts, all shades, tan leather, nickle buckle; 25c.

Boys' Seal Leather Belts, oxidized buckle; 50c.

Boys' Buster Brown, or "Teddy"

Belts, in white, black and colors; LADIES' BELTS—Belts of black enamelled cloth, shaped; 25c. Better quality, same style; 50c. Ladies' White Leather Belts; 75c.

> Girls' Shoes Sizes 11 to 2-

Girls' Chocolate Kid Lace Low Shoe, medium sole, extension edge, self toe cap, heel and spring heel; \$1.75 per pair. Girls' White Canvas Lace Low Shoes. White Canvas Lace Low Shoes, heel, medium sole, self tip; \$1.10 per pair.

Girls' Dongola Kid Lace Low Shoes, turn sole, low heel; \$1.50 per pair.

Girls' Cuocolate Kid Lace Low Shoes, turn sole, Bincher cut, low heel; \$1.75 per pair.

Girls' Chocolate Kid High Lace Shoes; \$2.00 per pair.

Cushion Tops With materials to work. 288 sale MONDAY at 25c, each.

Men's Clothing

far as supremacy goes there can be no question.

Spring buyers are entitled to the best selections at absolutely lowest pakes, and this season our Men's Section takes another step roward in that

direction.

This department is most interesting and complete, and the largest by far in the city.

LARGEST—Because it utilizes the greatest amount of floor space. MOST COMPLETE—Because everything of any character that men and boys can wear is centred here.

MOST INTERESTING—Because with talent at our command, we are able to execute so much that is entirely original and exclusive.

Fit-Rite Clothing

The best fitting clothing in Canada. made, and the qualities we sell en able us to save you money on th very best qualities obtainable. Buy a Fit-rite suit, wear it a season and after convincing yourself that it LOOKS, FITS, WEARS and IS better than any other you ever wor for a like period, you will realize why the Fit-rite label has come to considered in Canada the symbol of quality in clothes-making.

Suits for Business Dress. Suits for Afternoon Dress. Snits for Outing Dress.

Prices \$12.00 to \$20.00

Unshrinkable Wool

(2 oz. to package). 5-ply Soft Knitting Wool in black; \$1,50 lb.

Pin Cushion Forms

blong and square, 10c. to 40c. each

Boys' Lace Boots

Boys' Lace Boots, oak tanned soles, leather soles, box calf uppers, whole foxed, medium sole; \$2.75 per pair.

pair.

Boys' Buff Lace Boots, whole foxed, standard screw nailed, extra back strap; \$1.60 per pair.

Boys' Buff Lace Boots, standard screw, whole foxed, quilted sole, extension edge; \$1.75 per pair.

Boys' Tan Caif Lace Boots, Blucher cut, welted sole, medium weight, medium heel; very smart looking; \$3.00 per pair.

Boys' Box Caif Lace Boots, whole foxed upper, neat looking and wears well; \$2.00 per pair.

Stationery Section for

Monday We are showing a very good line of Touet Soaps and Toliet Waters, Tal-cum Shaving Soaps, Perfumes, all at the lowest prices known to the trade.

Tollet Paper, 5 packages for 25c. Full line of Picture Post Cards and View Books of Victoria. School Bags—A large stock. Prices 20c., 25c., 30c., 40c., 50c., 65c., 75c and 85c.

School Ink 2 bottles for 5c

SURVIVORS OF DISASTER

was a low building which had toppled under a lofty one and all in the former were buried in the debris. We heard were buried in the debris. We heard cries and prayers: "For God's sake come this way!" "Lift this off my back!" "My God, I'm dying!" and many others, nerving us to greater efforts. Finally we got to some of them. forts. Finally we got to some of them. dust, terrified past reason, the poor fellows fell in the street from utter exhaustion. Those that were penned baustion. Those that were penned so it is both soap and disinfectant.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant verely from the falling of many tons of brick from an adjoining building. The falling mass crashed through the building, killing a man and woman.

awaited below. We could not reached Their Dying, Far-Off

T. S. BURNES SAFE.

ALL FIRES ARE OUT.

San Francisco, April 22.-The an-

with the superintendent of the most office. All money orders will be paid on demand, and represent the only means of sending money into San Francisco at present agnorable without stamps or envelopes, and will reach tiffer destination without elements. The tolegament of the state right one of the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the time of the sart night one of the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco at the first direct private wires from San Francisco since its destrict the sense of the St. Francis Hotel. After there the unkers and office of the soundary were unharmed:

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over 300 persons lost their lives there.

Part of the large Cosmopolitan house, at Fifth and Mission streets, collapsed at the first tremble. Many of the sleepers were buried in the ruins; others escaped in their nightelethes.

At 755 Mission street, the Wilson house, with its four stories and 500 rooms, fell to the grounds, a mass of ruins. Few of the inmates were rescued.

To the north of Market street the rooming house people fared better. The Luxemburg, at Stockton and O'Farre streets, a three-story affair, suffered se

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ALASKA-YUKON LIN TO BE MA

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