

SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRES SLUMBER; CRISIS IS PAST

SUPPLIES POURING IN TO HOMELESS SUFFERERS

OTTAWA, April 22.—The following reply has been received to the governor general's message of sympathy with the San Francisco sufferers: "To Earl Grey, governor general Canada: "I thank you for the kind message of sympathy which I assure you I deeply appreciate. (Signed) "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Had it not been for the rude altars set up in the open air wherever San Francisco's homeless thousands were camped, one would have had some difficulty in finding any of the peaceful associations of the Sabbath in this city today. Everywhere throughout the burned areas as well as in the remaining sections of the city, there was the most active activity. Streets were being cleared of debris, laborers were repairing broken water pipes, sewers and gas mains, electricians everywhere seeking to untangle the confusion of wires. In fact San Francisco was in the first stages of regeneration. There are no hungry people tonight. The gaunt spectre of starvation has been banished by the magnificent response of the people of California and of the entire nation to the appeals that were made for assistance. Food by the carload and boatload poured into Oakland last night and today in sufficient quantities to overwhelm the committee which has in charge the distribution. So great was the volume of foodstuffs brought into the general depot at Oakland today that the general committee today made an appeal for skilled labor in the handling of these supplies. Grocers, butchers and commission men have been requested to secure men who are familiar with the handling of foodstuffs in order that the distribution at the scores of stations established might go on without confusion.

The homeless people are no longer obliged to subsist upon bread and canned stuff; instead they have been during the previous days of their trying experiences, but were today given hot coffee, meats and even cakes and oranges. Oranges have come in plentiful supply from South California, and the sight of California's famous fruit duct was everywhere hailed with delight.

WILL WANT SUPPLIES

While the supply is abundant at this time, it is well for the public to remember that the homeless thousands must be fed and cared for by the organized relief committees for an indefinite period. It is desired, therefore, that contributions be continued everywhere until the people who have been rendered helpless and destitute by the city's misfortune can care for themselves.

The water situation, while causing inconvenience to the people, is no longer such a problem. About two-thirds of the section of the city not burned is being supplied with sufficient water for the pressing domestic needs, but, of course, there is not yet enough to be had for fire fighting purposes. Because of this fact the most stringent orders have been issued by the military and civil authorities that no fires be shown at night in the burned areas. Cooking for the present must be on the sidewalks or in the streets and in daylight.

One of the noteworthy features of the situation is the remarkable promptness with which the work of systematically caring for the homeless was thoroughly organized and put into operation.

Mayor Schmitz and General Funston are working in perfect accord. The system put into force by the Mayor and General Funston today is working in order of confusion and the city is as orderly as before the fire.

Contributions continue to be made from every part of the United States. Chairman James B. Peck, of the finance committee, today reported additional subscriptions of about \$162,000, the largest of these being one of \$100,000 by the Chicago Commercial Association. The finance committee will tomorrow consider some plan for the use of the large sum of money which will soon be available for the relief of the sufferers.

500 BODIES RECOVERED

The total number of bodies recovered and buried up to Sunday night is 500. No complete record can be had at this time, as many bodies have been buried without permits from the coroner and the board of health. The researchers of the coroner and the board of health departments found not more than twenty bodies today. These were buried immediately. It is impossible at the present time to obtain any sort of death list or even to make a reliable estimate of the number of casualties. Whenever a body is found it is buried immediately without any formality.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Weddings in great number have resulted from the recent disaster. Women driven out of their homes and left destitute have appealed to the men to whom they were engaged, and immediate and stately marriages have been effected.

Since the first day of the disaster an increase in the marriage licenses issued was noticed by County Clerk Cook. This increase is getting greater. Yesterday morning seven marriage licenses were issued in an hour.

"I don't live anywhere" is the answer given in many cases when the applicant for a license is asked where his residence is. "I used to live in San Francisco."

Whatever, and the burials have been made at widely separated parts of the city by different bodies of searchers, who do not even make a prompt report to headquarters. Considerable confusion has resulted in estimating the

Sorrowing Stories of Suffering Told by Those Who Escape Death

—Believed Dead Will Number Nearly 1,000.

Chief Sullivan Succumbed to His Injuries—Awful Suffering of Little Children, Many of Whom Died on the Streets—Supply is Being Improved—Cremation of the Dead—Religious Services Yesterday.

number of casualties and exaggerated reports have resulted. The health of the scores of thousands camped in the open air is, under the circumstances, remarkably good. There have been, of course, several cases of pneumonia and colds are common, but there is nothing like an epidemic of pulmonary troubles. The board of health reports little contagious diseases. For the treatment of these cases hospitals have been provided.

An interesting item from the Golden Gate park district today was the report of the birth of eighteen babies. These cases have received prompt and efficient attention and the mothers and children removed to the various maternity hospitals.

Vigorous measures are being taken by the board of health and the board of public works to improve the sanitary conditions throughout the city. Eight temporary structures 150 feet in length by 200 feet wide and 15 feet high have been erected at Golden Gate Park and in them thousands found reasonably comfortable shelter tonight and more of these buildings will be ready tomorrow.

The Associated Press representatives today covered the entire area of the burned section. The circumference of the area of the great conflagration, as near as could be ascertained by the marking of a cyclist, is 28 miles, and comprising the entire business district and a large section of the residential district, all of which was densely populated.

THE FIRES ARE OUT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The announcement is made that the fire is not smoldering embers remaining. The condition of the homeless and shelterless people camped in various parts of the city is now remarkably good, and offers of substantial assistance are being received from cities in every part of the U. S. The grand total of all monies subscribed to date is \$4,154,000.

South of Market street the loss of life was mostly brought about by the collapsing of many cheap and crowded lodging houses. Among these was the Royal, corner of Fourth and Mission streets, in which many scores of victims were buried.

The collapsing of the Portland House on Sixth street, between Mission and Market, came about in a similar manner. Fully thirty persons were asphyxiated amidst the crash of timbers and brick. Many of these were saved before the fire reached the spot.

WHERE 300 LOST THEIR LIVES

The large five story Brunswick rooming house with three hundred rooms filled with guests, on the corner Sixth and Howard streets, collapsed entirely and fire started amid the ruins scarcely five minutes later. It is estimated that over 300 persons lost their lives.

Part of the large Cosmopolitan Hotel, corner of Fifth and Mission streets, collapsed at the first tremor. Many of the sleepers were buried in the ruins; others escaped in their night clothes. At 775 Mission street, the Wilson Hotel with its four stories and 30 rooms fell to the ground a mass of ruins. As far as known very few of the inmates were rescued.

The Denver House, on Lower Third street, failed the same end, and no will ever know how many were killed, the coroner says.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Many of the most substantial business men and property owners of San Francisco already are in consultation with architects while the work of clearing away the debris goes forward a corps of draughtsmen will be busily occupied preparing plans for the new buildings to adorn the city.

A small two story frame building occupied by a man and wife at 405 Jessie street collapsed without an instant's warning. Both were killed. To the north of Market street the rooming house people fared somewhat better. The Luxemburg, corner of Stockton and O'Farrell streets, a three story affair, suffered severely from the falling of many tons of brick from an adjoining building. The falling mass crashed through the building, killing a man and woman.

At the Sutter street Turkish baths a brick chimney tumbled over and crashing through the roof killed one of the occupants as he lay on a cot.

tion in San Francisco. A committee sent by the Japanese consular representative the Japanese Relief Society, offered its co-operation in any manner possible. The society is caring for many of the stricken Japanese who still remain in the city. They are rendering assistance to white people wherever required. They have wired to every large city on the coast asking for supplies to be sent by Japanese.

SORROWING STORIES OF SUFFERING. DENVER, Col., April 22.—Every incoming train from the west brings reports from San Francisco which tell sorrowing stories of their experiences and give graphic descriptions of the horrors that followed the earthquake and fire.

"The first that we knew of the earthquake was when we were awakened in our room at the Randolph hotel Wednesday morning by a terrible shaking which broke loose fragments of the ceiling," said Miss Stibbals. "Then came a tremendous shock which shook the building side-wise and tossed it about with something like a spiral motion."

"When we reached the street people were running hither and thither. "Someone passing advised us to get on as high ground as possible, and we started walking as fast as possible to the high park back of the city.

"We saw one man pay \$2,000 for an automobile in which to take his family to a place of safety. "Before we reached the summit of the Alta Plaza. People half clad, unfeeling, hysterical, searching for loved ones, crowded the ground. Beneath lay the burning city and as nightfall came on, it presented a scene indescribable.

"We passed the night sleepless with a panic-stricken multitude. The morning (Thursday) we started toward the harbor with the assistance of soldiers from the Presidio who had already been on duty twenty-four hours. We got to the wharf and hoped to get a passage to Oakland. We were unable to do so, but were kindly treated by an old skipper, who was himself in deep grief because his mother had been crushed to death in their little house. He gave us coffee—the only nourishment we had had—excepting a few crackers, in 24 hours.

"The skipper saw the government boat coming in the bay and said if we could reach the Presidio wharf we could escape on her.

"We therefore hurried toward the Presidio, greatly impeded by figures which stretched long distances and around which we had to make our way. At the Presidio we were taken on board with other refugees and a short time later we were safe in Oakland."

EASTERN PEOPLE ESCAPE. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 22.—Local hotels are filling with eastern people who escaped from San Francisco at the time of the earthquake.

Mr. Sternberg of New York, was on the fourth floor of the St. Francis hotel. After hurriedly dressing he and his family rushed into Union Square.

"We had hardly got seated," said Mr. Sternberg, "when fire broke out. Along asking for volunteers to take bodies from the ruins just above the hotel. There was a ready and willing response. It was a long building on which had toppled a lofty one and all in all in the former were hanging debris. We heard the stifled cries and prayers, 'For God's sake come this way.' 'Oh, lift this off my back.' 'My God, I'm dying,' and many others, serving us to greater effort. Finally we got to some of them. Bruised, bleeding, blinded by smoke and dust, terrified past reason, the poor fellows who fell into the street dropped from utter exhaustion. Those that were penned away below we could not reach and their seeming far-off cries for mercy and life will ring in my ears till death."

CREMATION OF THE DEAD. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Two hundred bodies were found in the Potrero district, south of Shannon street, in the vicinity of the Union Iron Works, and were cremated at the Six Mile House yesterday by order of Coroner Walsh. This information was obtained at the Board of Health headquarters today. So many dead were found in this limited area that cremation was deemed absolutely necessary to prevent disease. The names of some of the dead were learned, but in the majority of cases identification was impossible owing to the mutilation of the features. A systematic search for the bodies of the victims of the earthquake and fire is being made today by the coroner and the state board of health inspectors. The city has been divided into sanitary districts, and every quarter. The remains of the buried buildings in the business and the old residence section have been sufficiently cooled to make the search possible.

The body of an infant was found in the center of Union square, near Dupont, this morning. There was no doubt by which it could be identified. It was learned, however, that a number of people had camped at this place, and it is presumed that the child died and was left when the party was forced to move. Three bodies were found in the ruins of a house on Harrison street, between First and Second. They had been burned beyond all possibility of identification. They were buried on the North beach.

The body of a man was found in the middle of Silver street, between Third and Fourth. A letter burned envelope was found in the pockets of the vest bearing the name "A. Houston."

At noon today reports have been made by deputies sent out by the board of health of the finding of 23 bodies in various parts of the city. Few of them could be identified. The bodies were buried in various places and the graves numbered.

WATER SUPPLY. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Experts of the Spring Valley Water Co., who have been engaged in making a thorough examination of the mains and reservoirs of the system, have reported that the company has in its reservoirs enough water to supply the city at the regular rate of 35,000,000 gallons per day for a period of six hundred days. The only immediate problem is that of getting this supply of water into the city. Already pipes have been repaired in certain sections and a supply of 6,000,000 gallons daily is reaching and will continue to reach the city proper from Lake Merced.

"Within a few hours another supply of 6,000,000 gallons daily will be poured into the city from College Hill. This will furnish water to the northern section of the city. Already water is being supplied to the Black Points and Pacific Heights district and the city daily during four days is receiving a supply of between 15,000,000 and 17,000,000 gallons, which is practically equal to half the amount that was being furnished to the entire city prior to the earthquake. This makes it certain that the city will be habitable again almost immediately, a food supply already being assured.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—On the steps of the shattered churches and on the green slopes of parks and cemeteries the people of San Francisco assembled at the usual hours for religious services. Grateful for the opportunity to express thanks for their preservation and anxious for the words of comfort that will carry them through future trials, the people assembled today in even larger numbers than is customary.

There was no distinction as to sect or denomination, the gatherings in the city were a rule, a large percentage of the faithful attending in the vicinity. Catholic clergymen celebrated masses in the Jewish cemetery and every creed knelt with bowed heads while the services were in progress.

On the steps of St. Mary's cathedral and on the upheaved pavement of Golden Gate avenue, overlooking the blackened waste that commenced just across the street Archbishop Montgomery celebrated mass at 8 o'clock. The service was attended by thousands, covering the church steps and extending up and down the street in either direction. The archbishop's words and his reference to the death of Fire Chief Sullivan affected the entire assemblage, tears streaming down hundreds of faces upturned to the tiny altar of the crucifix. A number of former residents of this village have been living in, and in the vicinity of the devastated portions of the state for some years. Mrs. Ethelinda Stark and her two daughters, Mrs. Hodgkins and Mrs. McGinnis, formerly of this place, resided in San Francisco, also Capt. J. P. Robinson and family. Mrs. Eva Reed, daughter of the late John Starratt of this village, resides in Frinkville, a suburb of San Francisco.

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FREDERICKTON, N. B., April 22.—The San Francisco catastrophe was the subject of many of the sermons in the several churches today.

Mrs. Col. John Robinson received a telegram today from her sister, Mrs. Howard, that she was not in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake. Mrs. Howard's whereabouts was causing much anxiety to her relatives and friends in this city. She with her husband has been residing all along at Denver. A few months ago the latter was appointed a professor in San Francisco University and had gone there and it was thought by this time that Mrs. Howard had also reached there. Two days ago Mrs. Robinson telegraphed to Denver and receiving no reply, became most anxious. The telegram today bore good news. Prof. Howard had left San Francisco the day before the disaster to go to Denver to bring Mrs. Howard there and he also escaped all injury. Mrs. Howard was a sister of the late Canon Roberts.

MONCTON, April 22.—J. Walker, I. C. R. accountant, whose son Lawrence was located in San Francisco and lived on one of the streets which was destroyed by flame and earthquake, has received word that his young man is safe. No particulars in nearly all the city churches today sermons bearing on the great disaster were preached by the pastors.

MANY ALBERT CO. PEOPLE LIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Relations in This Province Are of Course Anxious to Hear From Them.

HOPEWELL HILL, N. B., April 20.—As in many other parts of the province, Albert Co. is represented quite largely in the ill-fated cities and towns of California, which recently met with such overwhelming disaster. A number of former residents of this village have been living in, and in the vicinity of the devastated portions of the state for some years.

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Every Man, Woman and Child in Terror-Stricken San Francisco is Being Cared For—Steamers Offered Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The committee having in charge the relief of the hungry, reports that every homeless man, woman and child in San Francisco is being cared for and that there is no suffering on the score of either food or drink within the city.

Within a few hours an ample supply of milk will be assured. Cars and steamers laden to their capacity with food and medical supplies are pouring into the city from every point along the coast and throughout the state.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The Pacific Mail steamer China, with a cargo including a large quantity of foodstuffs, arrived today from the Orient and was docked at Oakland in order that the supplies be distributed there. The shipping of San Francisco is at a standstill and this will be the state of affairs while the city is in the least endangered. The United States cruisers Chicago and Maribeach are ordered that the supplies be distributed there. The shipping of San Francisco is at a standstill and this will be the state of affairs while the city is in the least endangered. The United States cruisers Chicago and Maribeach are ordered that the supplies be distributed there.

The federal authorities removed all the customs restrictions from the cargo of the steamer China, as soon as possible, and the rice, tea and other foodstuffs from the Orient were taken off the vessel and sent to the aid of the stricken Chinese. Until next Monday the foreign vessels will be examined merely to pass upon the health of the vessel.

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—A great boxing tournament for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers destined to eclipse anything in this line ever attempted in this country, will be held at the pavilion of the Pacific Athletic club next Tuesday night under the auspices of the chamber of commerce relief committee.

By a coincidence practically all the champions of the fist arena are in training in and around Los Angeles at the present time, preparing for the series of fights to be brought off here in May. In addition, Jim Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion of the world, will appear in an exhibition bout during the evening. Battling Nelson, Aurelio and Mauro Herrera, Abe and Monte Atteil, Kid Herman and Tommy Burns, as well as several other prominent pugilists, will box in the cause of charity. They have been paired off so as to make the most scientific boxing possible.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—Oakland tonight is caring for 75,000 persons rendered homeless by the San Francisco disaster. The height of the influx has been reached, and the number of refugees is slightly decreasing. Although they are still coming in in large numbers, more are leaving on every train for different points. Requests for free transportation are investigated as closely as possible and all the deserving are sent away.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 22.—The Canadian Pacific R. Co. has given the steamer Amur, free of charge, for a trip to San Francisco from Victoria and a cargo of provisions for the relief of the sufferers. The Amur will leave Victoria for San Francisco tomorrow.

INSURANCE LOSSES.

The total premiums in San Francisco for the year 1905, as compiled by the Pacific Coast Review, were approximately \$3,000,000, and these may be taken as a basis from which to compute the liability of the British, Canadian and American companies interested of which there were one hundred and five doing business in San Francisco in 1905.

The entire table is to long for reproduction, but the following companies doing business in California are represented in San Francisco, and their income in that city is herewith shown.

INCOME OF THE COMPANIES. It should be said that some of the smaller companies whose names do not appear on the list are probably involved by reinsurances of other companies to an unknown extent.

Name of Company.	Location.	Premiums on San Francisco Business, 1905.	Premiums on California.	Amount written in California.
Royal, Liverpool	\$8,719	\$18,501	\$18,516.06
Firemen's Fund, San Francisco	83,601	231,198	112,212.72
N. Y. Underwriters, Hartford, Conn.	77,808	495,184	27,242.577
Hartford, Conn.	73,947	150,256	10,472,449
Phoenix, Brooklyn	73,552	188,536	11,809,843
Liverpool and London Assurance, London	62,236	295,177	18,800,434
Royal Exchange Assurance, London	63,558	234,940	18,116,405
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia	61,944	159,631	10,738,912
Phoenix Assurance, London	60,649	106,418	7,386,016
Transatlantic Fire, Hamburg	58,946	108,491	7,866,136
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.	58,096	145,659	9,394,049
London and Lancashire, London	66,878	283,133	18,518,106
Rhine and Moselle, Strasburg	66,529	150,391	9,910,244
Traders, Chicago	66,180	111,630	7,223,815
Liverpool	65,189	160,878	8,334,475
Hamburg-Bremen	63,690	181,891	8,665,894
Northern Assurance, London	63,330	148,205	11,630,249
German, Freeport, Ill.	52,802	190,534	15,455,788
Totals for 105 companies—American	\$1,648,221	\$6,383,046	\$403,547,486
Foreign	1,340,621	3,930,196	234,507,307
Grand totals	\$2,988,842	\$10,313,242	\$638,054,793

board of health reports a very encouraging health condition, considering the circumstances. Sickness is constantly on the decrease. There are very few contagious diseases and these are being attended at Deer Lodge in Golden Gate Park. Sanitary conditions in the residence districts are being improved.

A large corps of volunteers started at work yesterday removing all kinds of garbage to the curbs. Wagons were being pressed into service today and the garbage removed to the burned districts where it will be destroyed. Cess pools are being dug.

Most of the sickness is among the people who are living out of doors.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., April 21.—A mass meeting of citizens was held this evening to take action on the relief fund. The city treasurer already has \$359 in contributions and active work will be started toward reaching the amount.

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