

THE BAY CITY HORROR

THE ENTIRE CITY MAY BE LAID WASTE

All Efforts to Check the Spread of the Flames Prove Fruitless. Explosives for Blowing up Buildings Almost Exhausted, and Fire Must Burn Itself Out. Seven Towns are in Ruins. Fearful Loss of Life is Reported

FIVE HUNDRED MET THEIR DEATH.

San Francisco, April 19.—Down town everything is in ruins. Not a business house stands. Theaters are crumbled into heaps. Factories and commission houses lie smoldering on their former sites. All of the newspaper plants have been rendered useless.

It is estimated that the loss in San Francisco will reach from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. These figures are in the rough, and nothing can be told until partial account is taken.

DEATH AND SUFFERING.

On every side there is death and suffering. Hundreds were injured, either burned, crushed or struck by falling pieces from buildings.

The number of dead is not known, but it is estimated that at least 500 met death in the horror.

At 9 o'clock, under a special message from President Roosevelt, the city was placed under martial law. Hundreds of troops patrolling the streets drove the crowds back, while hundreds more were set at work assisting the fire and police departments.

THIEVES MET THEIR DEATHS

The thieves were driven at the breasts of the horses that cavalcaded, and all the crowds were forced from the level district to the other section beyond to the north.

The water supply was entirely cut off, and may be it was just as well, for the lines of the fire department would have been absolutely useless at any rate.

Assistant Chief Dougherty supervised the work of his men, and early in the morning it was seen that the only possible chance to save the city lay in an effort to check the flames by the use of dynamite.

During the day a blast could be heard in any section at intervals of only a few minutes, and buildings not destroyed by fire were

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

but through the gaps made the flames jumped, and although the failures of the heroic efforts of the police, firemen and soldiers were at times sickening the work was continued with a desperation that will live as one of the features of the terrible disaster.

Passengers on trains from other cities in California bring details of destruction and death from nearly all of them.

A NEW DANGER

POWDER ALMOST GONE.

Oakland, April 19.—9 a. m.—The fire is still raging throughout San Francisco, and there is no possibility of stopping it until it has exhausted itself for want of fuel.

The city is doomed.

The authorities are still dynamiting buildings in the vain hope of checking the progress of the flames, but a new misfortune has befallen the place. The explosives for blowing up buildings are becoming exhausted, even the powder of the government arsenal is all gone.

Every business building and half of

the residences are destroyed.

FIRE STILL RAGING

20,000 FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Oakland, April 19.—Present indications are that the conflagration will burn itself out.

The entire city, business and residence districts, will probably be laid waste.

General Funston has telegraphed the war department from San Francisco that they cannot send too many tents. Fully 20,000 families are homeless.

All government buildings have been destroyed.

The fire is still raging.

MANY PEOPLE BEING BURNED ALIVE

Oakland, April 19, 10 a. m.—At this writing there seems to be practically no hope of saving any part of San Francisco.

Those who were most sanguine of the ultimate success of the firemen in controlling the flames have now given up hope and are fleeing from the flames in despair.

Many people are being burned alive or imprisoned in doomed buildings where the rescuers could not reach them.

The last big structure to burst into flames was Grace Church, at the corner of California and Stockton streets.

The entire district from Channel to Broadway and from the water front to Oclavia and Golden Gate avenue was a mass of flames.

The flames seem to be entirely beyond control.

The workers have destroyed block after block of residences with dynamite in the hope of hemming in the flames, but after each effort the blaze would leap across a seeming impassable gulf.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the number of people killed or property loss. Three hundred thousand are homeless.

Many are suffering from lack of food and water.

San Francisco needs help. Seattle will subscribe \$50,000, Tacoma \$10,000, Sacramento \$50,000, United States Government \$1,000,000.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

Oakland, April 19.—The San Francisco fire has completely destroyed the St. Francis hotel and the Merchants' exchange.

Part of the Mark Hopkins' institute is destroyed. The entire structure will probably go.

The Chronicle building is a skeleton. The James Flood building is leaning. Fire now threatens the Fairmount hotel.

THE FLAMES HAVE

SPREAD TO NOB HILL.

New York, April 19.—The Western Union received a report that early this morning the fire spread into the Nob Hill section of San Francisco.

This is the section in which are located many fine residences, including the Crocker and Huntington homes.

REFUGEES ARE NOW

FLOCKING TO OAKLAND.

Oakland, April 19.—Thousands of refugees, rendered homeless by the terrible calamity which has overtaken San Francisco, have come to this city. On learning of this the realty syndicate at once offered Idora park for the use of those left without shelter by the earthquake. The offer has been grate-

fully accepted by the police and fire departments, and 200 cots have been placed in the theatre for the use of the refugees.

Relief stations have also been established at the city hall and the various public parks throughout the city. Other relief stations have also been established in such of the churches throughout the city as are considered safe for use.

A report comes from Martinez that the Martinez bank building, one of the finest structures in the town, has been completely destroyed.

It is at present impossible to estimate the amount of damage to property in

"Impossible now to inform you as to the full extent of the disaster.

"The city is practically destroyed.

"Troops have been aiding the police in patrolling and maintaining order.

"Martial law has not been declared.

"I am working in conjunction with civil authorities. Have not interfered with the sending of any dispatches.

"You cannot send too many tents or rations.

"About 200,000 people homeless.

"Food very scarce. Provision houses all destroyed.

"All government buildings in the city gone."

San Francisco, April 19.—The water supply has absolutely failed, and nothing can now save the city.

The fire is spreading west, north and south through the residence district.

this city owing to the fact that practically no inspection has been made of the buildings except for the purpose of condemning those which are unsafe. Many of the structures show little apparent damage on the outside, but on closer examination prove to have been badly twisted and racked by the shock.

BRAWLEY HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT.

Los Angeles, April 19.—Reports this morning from Brawley, a small town on the Southern Pacific, 120 miles south of Los Angeles, state that the town was practically wiped out by the earthquake of yesterday.

This is the only town in Southern California known to have suffered from the shock.

Southern Pacific officials here to-day say the following buildings there, all brick structures, were destroyed: Brawley Bank building, Paulin building and the principal merchandise buildings of the town. In addition several abode houses were razed.

So far as known there were no fatalities.

Brawley is about two years old and had a population of about 500.

FOOD SCARCE IN THE STRICKEN CITY.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—The war department received the following telegram from Gen. Funston, dated San Francisco, April 19th: "Your four dispatches received. Have already filed several for you.

SIX TOWNS ARE IN RUINS

San Francisco, April 19, 9 o'clock, via Oakland.—Reports from the interior give most alarming reports.

Santa Rosa, one of the prettiest cities of the state, is a total wreck, and there are 10,000 homeless men, women and children huddled together.

The loss of life is not to be estimated. It will probably reach the thousands.

As the last great seismic tremor spent its force in the earth, the whole business portion toppled into ruins. Main street is piled many feet deep with the falling buildings. Only one business building is left intact.

This destruction includes all of the county buildings. The four story court house is mostly a pile of broken masonry.

Nothing is left. Identification is impossible.

What was not destroyed by the earthquake has been swept by fire.

Until the flames started there was hope of saving the residence district.

It was soon apparent that any such idea that might have been entertained was to be abandoned.

This was appreciated by the citizens and they prepared to desert their homes. Not even their household goods were taken. They made for the fields and hills to watch the destruction of one of the most beautiful cities of the west.

Messengers bring the sad tidings of the destruction of Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale, Hopland and Ukiah.

This report takes in the country as far north as Mendocino and Lake counties and as far west as the Pacific ocean. These are frontier cities and have not as large towns as farther south.

In every case the loss of life and property is as shocking as here.

STATE UNIVERSITY WAS NOT DAMAGED.

Berkeley, Cal., April 19.—The buildings of the university of California escaped harm in the earthquake yesterday.

The town of Berkeley was not so fortunate.

No lives were lost, but the aggregate damage from minor injuries to buildings is many thousands of dollars.

THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AT ALAMEDA.

Alameda, Cal., April 19.—Yesterday's

earthquake caused a loss of \$200,000 in Alameda.

No lives were lost, but a few persons were injured, one seriously. Railroads are inactive and all wires are out of commission.

RUSHING RELIEF TO SUFFERERS IN SOUTH.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Prompt action has been taken by the war department in extending to the earthquake sufferers of San Francisco all the available resources at its command to

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THE NEWSPAPER BUILDINGS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE TALL BUILDING TO RIGHT IS THE CALL NEWSPAPER, THE CENTRE THE EXAMINER AND THE LEFT THE CHRONICLE. THE TWO FIRST MENTIONED ARE DESTROYED. THE CHRONICLE BUILDING IS, ACCORDING TO LATEST DISPATCHES, MERELY A SKELETON.



UNION SQUARE, SAN FRANCISCO.

SHOWING THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.