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## 300,000 People Homeless Last Night; Dead Will Number Less Than 250 City Still at Mercy of Flames, Will Be an Ash Heap To-Morrow

### THREE FIRES BURNING ON SWEEPING AWAY PALATIAL RESIDENCES DYNAMITE FAILS TO STOP

Another Day Closes With Ravages of Flames Unchecked Altho Every Available Means Has Been Employed—Mile of Fashionable Residences Blown Up in Vain Effort—Thousands Leave City But There is No Disorder.

San Francisco, April 19.—Thousands upon thousands of persons are fleeing from the fire today, which, after burning steadily all day, is still unchecked. They are flocking to the ferries, to the parks, to the military reservation, and to the suburbs. Residents of the hillsides in the central portion of the city, seemingly safe from the roaring furnace that is consuming the business section, watched the towering mounds of flames and speculated as to the extent of the territory that was doomed. Suddenly there was whispered alarm up and down the long line of watchers, and they hurried away to drag clothing, cooking utensils and scant provisions thru the streets. Wagons could not be hired except by paying the most extortionate rates.

But there was no panic. The people are calm, stunned. They do not seem to realize the extent of the calamity. They hear that the city is destroyed, and in so far as business plants are concerned, they tell each other in the most casual tone that their residences were destroyed by the flames, but there is no hysteria, no outcry, no criticism.

San Francisco is not discouraged. Its best and highest class already has begun to plan for restoration and to care for the stricken poor. The relief will be immediate and effective. Total subscriptions of \$180,000 were announced to-night. Arrangements were made for the immediate relief of the needy.

### THREE DISTINCT FIRES.

To-night three distinct fires were burning. One was in the territory that extends from Nob Hill easterly towards the waterfront, and it was traveling slowly northerly towards the telegraph hill section and making out from lack of material, or may sweep towards the extreme waterfront.

The second centre was in the Mission district. Here the fire had reached Eighteenth-street, but was making little headway towards the hillsides to the west, where thousands of people are camped.

The third and most dangerous fire is that threatening the western part of the city. This really is a continuation of the Nob Hill fire. It is wedge-shaped, with the apex pointing forward. This is the point against which the firemen are bending their greatest efforts.

### DEVASTATION COMPLETE.

All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness-avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the east side of Van Ness-avenue proved fruitless. The fire has spread across the broad thoroughfare, and from present indications the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's wealthiest class, is now doomed. The destruction of the western addition of the city completes the work of the ravaging flames and marks the devastation of the entire city.

### FEARS OF FAMINE.

The possibility of famine is presenting itself. At best the city never carried more than three days' supplies of provisions and food, and now with the wholesale districts and warehouses wiped out, there is a shortage of food.

Prices to-day were in most instances more than trebled.

This morning policemen were stationed at some of the retail shops and permitted only a small portion of goods to be delivered to each purchaser. Reports were received that numerous men caught in the act of looting had been shot. The military is unusually strict in the enforcement of the order to shoot all looters. One man on Market-street, who was found digging in the ruins of a jewelry shop, was discovered by a naval reserve man and fired upon three times. The fellow sought to run, but the reserve man brought him down by running a bayonet thru him. The bodies of three thieves were found lying in the streets on the south side this forenoon. It is impossible to verify the many reports of shooting that are coming to the press.

### REPORTS OF DISASTER.

Yesterday some sort of telecommunication could be had by means of automobiles, but to-day every line is piled high with ruins, and, to add to this trouble, there is constant danger from falling walls.

On miles of streets the front walls of ruined buildings stand swaying with the concussions of distant dynamite explosions and rising winds. Frequently a crash of stone and brick, followed by a cloud of dust, gives warnings to pedestrians of the unsafety of travel. All manner of reports of death and disaster are coming to the temporary headquarters of the authorities, but these reports are received guardedly, allowances being made for the likelihood of exaggeration due to the confusion that prevails in the stricken city.

### RESIDENTS FLEE FROM CITY.

The flight of residents from the city continued to-day in the nature of a panic. A slight earthquake at 5 a.m. accentuated their terrors. The ferriboats to adjacent counties were crowded to the utmost, and in the westward portion of the peninsula a constant throng of homeless persons, carrying portable belongings, are adding to the columns of the late Mrs. Jane Stanford and the Hopkins Art Institute, built by Mark Hopkins of Central Pacific fame.

From the upward slope the fire also took a direction northwesterly, to the district that had been left untouched last night. This portion of the town embraces the Latin quarter, populated by persons of various nationalities, and the houses are all of flimsy construction. Once getting a foothold there, the fire will cut its way thru as the going thru a forest in the driest time of summer.

### CHECKED BY DYNAMITE.

In the Mission district, to the south of Market-street, the zone of ruin was extended farther westward toward the extreme southern portion, but was checked at Fourteenth and Mission-streets by the wholesale use of dynamite. At this point are located the Southern Pacific Hospital, the San Francisco Hospital, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Buildings were blown up all around them.

Chinatown, at noon to-day, was a furnace, and the denizens of that quarter earlier in the day had their simple possessions-bundled for departure. On the farther western side, the flames cut a wide path to Van Ness-avenue, but here, owing to the width of that thoroughfare, and to the additional fact that there was a weak water supply in the mains, it was hoped to check the ruin at this line.

### BOMBARDMENT OF SIXTEEN BLOCKS.

Here the council, composed of the financial traders of the city, this morning, decided to resort to the bombardment of the entire section of the city lying along the east side of Van Ness-avenue, from Golden Gate-avenue to Pacific-avenue, sixteen blocks in all, containing the homes of many millionaires, together with many apartment houses.

The military was notified of this action, and barrels of gunpowder, the only remaining explosive in the city, were taken from the presidio, Fort McDowell, Alcatraz and other nearby posts.

Hundreds of police, regiments of soldiers and scores of volunteers were sent into the doomed district to warn the people to flee. These heroically responded to the demand of the law. Every available wagon was taken by the military to carry the powder. General Funston is co-operating with Mayor Schmitz. When men have been

### No Earthly Power Can Save the City.

New York, April 19.—William H. Baker, vice-president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, at 10.30 o'clock to-night received the following from the deputy-chief of the San Francisco fire department:

"Seven thirty to-night fire still under headway, gathering force and spreading. Two-thirds of business section of city devastated. Fire heading for residential district. Efforts to fight flames futile.

"Three hundred thousand will be homeless to-night. By Saturday San Francisco will be an ash heap.

"The following is the district north of Market-street now devastated:

"Sansome to Market-street, to Sacramento, thence to California to Hyde, to Eddy to Larkin, to Gough and to Market. On the south side of Market-street the fire extends along Market-street to Fourteenth and below the Southern Pacific Railway tracks to the boundary."

"Chief of Police Dinan to-night said 250 would fully cover the number of dead. About 50 bodies have thus far been found. There was considerable shooting of looters to-day, but the offenders escaped with wounds."

### ANXIETY AMONG HOTELMEN LICENSE HOLDERS ON TRIAL

Commissioners Have Commenced Their Spring House Cleaning—Two Petitions Heard.

The way of the transgressor and the thirty requirements of localities are being seriously considered by the new board of license commissioners. Severe comment is made upon the manner in which Mrs. Kate Cluny's liquor store at 923 West Blue-street has been conducted, in a petition which was digested by the commissioners at a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Wilson presided and two cases took up four hours. That of Mrs. Cluny was a protest against the renewal of her shop license. The petitioner alleged that disgraceful scenes had been witnessed in the rear of the premises, and that minors had been allowed to buy liquor, and that others had been served after legal hours. S. W. Burns, on behalf of Mrs. Cluny, denied the allegations.

An important legal decision. There was a strong opposition to the application for a new hotel license at Bloor and Dufferin-streets, and the licensing legal point was pretty thoroughly exploited, it being the question of the right of a person who had signed a petition to withdraw it.

Angus Kerr, the applicant for the license, was represented by J. Haverston, K.C., and there was a sufficiently signed petition for the license. The commissioners listened to an able argument in which there figured a judgment of Chief Justice Meredith, which had been sustained by the court of appeal and the supreme court, and a party once having signed a certificate for a petition and such document be presented, the applicant is not to be heard for a few days.

This judgment was questioned by A. E. Essard, representing the petitioner, and he argued that a man had a right at any time to appear in his own behalf or thru a legal representative to have his name withdrawn from a petition before the petition had been acted upon by the commissioners. Then Mr. Haverston urged that there was absolutely no necessity for this course in the locality, which he maintained was a residential district, where no public want for an hotel could be served. His argument for this score was backed up by Rev. Mr. Agar, Rev. Mr. Hart, Rev. Mr. Wilson and others. Decision by the commissioners was deferred for a few days.

Few Petitions Against. The commissioners will meet again this afternoon, when the petition against the application of Mrs. Margaret Courtenay for a license at 641 East King-street will be heard. It looks as if there were only the three petitions "against." The application for a license in Toronto has to be in by April 1. Then the commissioners can fix any meeting day one week before May 1 and there is not a petition in sight four days before the date set by the commission for the meeting there simply can't be any petition. The applications for new licenses, which are not opposed, but which the board will consider from a standpoint of necessity in the localities mentioned, are those of Deborah J. Cryderman, 122 East Adelaide-street; Thomas Jones for the same address; William Tomlin, Queen and Riverview-streets; Fred Hynes, 54 Yonge-street, and L. Soliman for a sort of a summer and soft drink license on the island.

The F. W. Matthews Co., Phone M. 2571. Private Ambulance Service.

How to Avoid Illness. When the tightly-frozen debris and filth of winter lozen up and is carried by creeks and surface streams into the lake, the drinking water is dangerous. Spring, for that reason, is a time for sickness. Avoid typhoid fever. May 1 and there is not a petition in sight four days before the date set by the commission for the meeting there simply can't be any petition. The applications for new licenses, which are not opposed, but which the board will consider from a standpoint of necessity in the localities mentioned, are those of Deborah J. Cryderman, 122 East Adelaide-street; Thomas Jones for the same address; William Tomlin, Queen and Riverview-streets; Fred Hynes, 54 Yonge-street, and L. Soliman for a sort of a summer and soft drink license on the island.

### ONTARIO'S SYMPATHY.

Legislature Sends Resolution of Sympathy to San Francisco.

Moved by Hon. Premier Whitney, seconded by Hon. G. W. Ross, that the warm and earnest sympathy of this house be tendered to the people of San Francisco, and other localities in California in the terrible visitation which they have suffered, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the clerk of the house to the mayor of San Francisco.—Resolution adopted by Ontario legislature on Thursday.

From the City. The following telegram was despatched at the instance of His Worship the Mayor: Coatsworth—yesterday afternoon: Toronto, April 19, 1906. His Honor Mayor Schmitz, San Francisco, Cal.: The citizens of Toronto extend to the people of San Francisco their sincerest sympathy in the terrible calamity which has befallen them. (Signed) E. Coatsworth, Mayor.

Sydney, N.S.W., April 19.—The premiers of New South Wales and Victoria have jointly cabled to President Roosevelt their sympathy with the United States in the disaster at San Francisco.

### AT LEAST 500 LIVES LOST IN RUINS OF SANTA ROSA

Survivor Tells Ghastly Story of Horror There—Imprisoned Victims Incinerated.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—C. A. Duffy of Owensboro, Ky., was the only one of several scores to escape from the floor of the St. Rose Hotel at Santa Rosa.

Mr. Duffy says when the shock came, he rushed for the stairway, but the building was swaying and shaking so that he turned back. He threw himself in front of a dresser to protect himself from falling timbers. The dresser held up the beams, which tumbled over him. He was imprisoned five hours before being rescued.

According to Duffy there were about 300 persons killed in the destruction of three hotels of Santa Rosa, and no fewer than 500 in the whole town of Santa Rosa. The business section of the town collapsed inside of five minutes. Then the fire broke out, and from end to end, starting at each end and meeting in the middle, thus sweeping over the ruins and burning the imprisoned people.

### PAY \$20,200 FOR SYNAGOG LONGER PURSE WINS FIGHT

Chestnut Street Edifice Was Keenly Auctioned for Ere End Came.

The Chestnut-street Synagogue was bought over last night by the Henry Gleisman faction, for \$20,200, at a spirited auction lasting for two hours.

F. Levi, who presided over the meeting, had to dispose of the synagogue, tried to act as mediator between the two factions, and urged that an amicable settlement be made.

Gleisman declared his willingness to concede all that was asked, if that would check the split in the congregation.

The spirit of amity abided not with Fralick. He calculated to make the Gleisman adherents sit up and take notice. The leader offered to accept any other member than Fralick as chairman, but the latter wouldn't waive the point.

Bids closed each other until the \$20,000 mark was reached, when the Fralick faction quieted down. It is said the losing crowd will be asked for their resignations.

The defeated faction will receive over \$13,000 as their share of the proceeds, divided pro rata, according to their seat holdings, which they own, in the synagogue, said. This money will be used to build a new synagogue.

### STATE BALL AT OTTAWA.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur at the Capital.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special)—The state ball at government house to-night in honor of the prince culminated in a series of entertainments at the capital. Six hundred ladies and gentlemen were present. Ministers of the crown and deputy ministers in full regalia, and the military in brilliant uniforms contributed to the brilliancy of the occasion. The state lanciers were paraded in by H.R.H. Prince Arthur and Lady Grey. His Excellency Earl Grey and Lady Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and Lady Sybil Grey, Hon. Mr. Hyman and Lady Alice Beauclerc, Mr. Speaker Dandurand and Mrs. Oliver, Capt. Wynndham and Mrs. Fielding, Hon. Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Acheson, Hon. Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

G.T.R. Can. Express. Ottawa, April 19.—The railway commission has issued an order authorizing the Grand Trunk Railway to export the Nicollet Hotel property, which adjoins the central depot.

### GROCCERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Government to Be Asked to Appoint Commission to Investigate.

Montreal, April 19.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the wholesale grocers guild to-day it was decided to go in a body to Ottawa to-morrow and ask the government to appoint a royal commission to investigate and tell them just where they are at according to law.

The following officers were elected: President, Albert Hebert, Montreal; vice-president, Ontario, H. C. Beckett, Hamilton; Quebec, Archibald Miller, Quebec; New Brunswick, George A. Barbour, St. John; Nova Scotia, M. Dwyer, Halifax; P.E.I., Mr. Rattenberg, Charlottetown; Manitoba, K. Mackenzie, Winnipeg; British Columbia, C. H. Todd, Victoria.

The Nicholls motor boat, with ordinary crew, will last ten years. See one at "Motor Bros., Limited, foot York Street bridge.

### DROWNED IN SEWER HOLE.

Petrol, April 19.—(Special)—The two-year-old son of John Hollingshead Jr. was drowned by falling into an open sewer-hole to-day.

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### NATION IS APPEALED TO FOR ASSISTANCE TO SUFFERERS. \$100,000 FROM OIL KING

Specially Appointed Agent of Red Cross Will Look After Distribution of National Relief Fund—New York Financiers Give Quickly and Generously, As Do People the Whole Country Over.

Washington, April 19.—President Roosevelt to-day issued the following proclamation:

"In the face of so terrible and appalling a national calamity as that which has befallen San Francisco, the outpouring of the nation's aid should, as far as possible, be entrusted to the American Red Cross, the national organization best fitted to undertake such relief work."

"A specially appointed Red Cross agent, Dr. Edward Divine, starts to-day from New York for California, to cooperate there with the Red Cross branch in the work of relief.

"In order that this work may be well systematized, and in order that the contributions which I am sure will flow in with lavish generosity, may be wisely administered.

"I appeal to the people of the United States, to all cities, all chambers of commerce, boards of trade, relief committees, and individuals, to express their sympathy and tender their aid by contributions to the American National Red Cross. They can be sent to Hon. Charles Hallam Keep, Red Cross treasurer, Washington; Jacob H. Schiff, New York; or to the Red Cross office in California.

"(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt."

New York, April 19.—The New York City spontaneously responded to the request sent out on behalf of the sufferers by the disaster at San Francisco. Roughly estimated, more than half a million dollars are subscribed here to-day.

It was also announced that Clarence H. MacKay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, has offered \$100,000 to the University of California, if needed toward the erection of new buildings. Mayor McClellan has also issued a proclamation appointing a representative committee of relief, which will organize to-morrow.

The Pennsylvania and Erie Railways and Wells, Fargo & Co. have offered to ship supplies free of charge. The Western Union Telegraph Co. will handle all relief messages free. To-day's big subscription list was headed by John D. Rockefeller with a contribution of \$100,000. The United Railways Investment Co. subscribed \$75,000; M. Guggenheim Sons contributed \$50,000; the Carnegie Hero Fund and J. P. Morgan Co., \$25,000.

The New York Stock Exchange brokers contributed \$85,000, in addition to large individual subscriptions.

The relief committee appointed by Mayor McClellan is headed by Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber of commerce, as temporary chairman.

Actors, Too. The proceeds of many theatrical performances in the various playhouses this week and next week will be turned over to the relief committee.

Mrs. Hermann Taylor, one Fair, who lost much property at San Francisco, is chairman of a committee of women, who are arranging for a benefit Saturday afternoon and evening at the Hippodrome.

The New York Society of the Red Cross is receiving contributions and is effecting measures of relief.

### GENEROSITY ASSISTANCE.

San Francisco, April 19.—The following appeal of money has been sent out by Mayor Schmitz to Gov. Pardee, and shows the destitute condition of the people and their dire need of food and shelter.

"Telegrams announcing generous contributions of money and supplies are reaching this city as fast as the telegraph companies can handle them. Hundreds of cities in the United States have apprised Mayor Schmitz that they are securing subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake and fire. Many cities are now rushing tons of supplies by train and boat to this city. Railroads generally have announced that they will carry relief supplies free.

"The committee of safety, consisting of 50 prominent citizens, met with Mayor Schmitz to-day and organized a finance committee. The members contributed \$65,000 at once.

"Mayor Schmitz has announced that the water company has promised a supply of water in the Mission section to-morrow.

"Send all supplies and tents possible to Golden Gate Park. Have bakers in small towns bake all the bread they can. We want bedding, food and tents."

\$1,000,000 From Nation. Washington, April 19.—The senate resolution appropriating \$500,000 for the relief of the San Francisco earthquake sufferers was amended by the house committee on appropriations, the amount being increased to \$1,000,000.

Gives \$50,000. New York, April 19.—M. Guggenheim's Sons to-day notified Gen. Funston that they had contributed \$50,000 for the relief fund.

Beakers Give \$75,000. New York, April 19.—Ladenburg, Thalmann & Company, bankers, tele-

### ARMY TENTS SHIPPED.

Philadelphia, April 19.—Pursuant to the order issued this morning by Secretary of War Taft, the quartermaster's department in San Francisco today shipped to San Francisco 3500 canvas tents, all that were available in the Philadelphia depot.

Oakland—Thousands come to the city. Two hundred tents have been placed in the theatre for the use of the refugees. Relief stations have been established at the city hall and at the various public parks throughout the city. Other relief stations have also been established, and the churches throughout the city as were safe for such use.

Many structures here show little appearance of damage. Our hearts are closer examination prove to have been badly twisted and racked by the shock.

### CARRY GOODS FREE.

Chicago, April 19.—The Export Shipping Company announces that it will take supplies to the suffering municipalities established. The water supplies will be transported as fast as received.

New York, Wells, Fargo & Company announce that they will transport free of charge supplies for the sufferers.

Workmen to Help. New York, April 19.—The New York Building Trades Union voted last night to send an army of their unemployed members to San Francisco to aid the work of clearing the city and to help in its rebuilding.

Salvation Army Active. New York, April 19.—Officials of the Salvation Army in this city to-day received the following telegram from George Frenkel, the chief of the Army's work on the Pacific coast: "Oakland, Cal.—Deeply regret to inform you provincial headquarters building and entire equipment, including all records, destroyed by fire following earthquake. Thousands homeless. Army has tendered services city authorities for relief of suffering. Compelled open temporary provincial headquarters Oakland Citadel. No casualties reported among our people, although hundreds died. Our hearts are pained over intense suffering of victims. Both cities overwhelmed with grief. Pray for us."

### WATER SUPPLIES FREE.

Washington, April 19.—A Western Union bulletin to the war department received from San Francisco, dated 7 a.m. on this date, says: "The water supply has given out, the wind is rising and the military authorities have just forbidden any one to enter the city. They have all our hands full, and are admitting any more, already there is great suffering for food and water. Thousands of persons are lined up in

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### FURNITURE STORAGE.

Forster Storage & Carriage Company, 643 Yonge St., Phone North 923.

Look to Your Furs. It is now the season to store furs and next winter you will have them repaired and stored furs at a small cost and guarantee their safe keeping. W. & D. Dinsen Company, furriers, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

### PROBABILITIES.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay moderate winds, mostly fair, with the same temperature.

The West—Fine and warm.

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