San Francisco, April 20.-(Special.)-San Francisco is the city desolate. It seemed that the acme of its misery was reached at dusk last night when flames burst from all sides of the beautiful Hotel Fairmont, the place that above every other structure was apparently most strongly entrenched against the attack of the all-consuming fire. And surrounding that lofty pinnacle of flame as far as the eye could see to the south, to the east and far out to the west lay in cruel fantastic heaps, charred and smoking, all that remained of a prosperous city. The metropolis of the Western Slope was in ashes.

It was another day of an uneven struggle of man against unconquerable nature. Acre after acre had been ground into dust and ashes despite the heroic perseverance of the firemen to limit the con-

There is a hope that the worst has been nearly reached, but the hope is faint indeed. If the flames can be barred in their devastation of the western addition then Finis will be written to the great dis-

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

The baking of 50,000 loaves of bread daily will begin to-day.

Major McKeever has been appointed commander of the camps of Free transportation will be provided by the Southern Pacific to

destitute persons desiring to go to interior points. It was announced that to-day there would begin a daily delivery

into the city of ten million gallons of water. Direct communication has begun with the outside by telegraph. By overcoming great obstacles the Postal Telegraph Company managed

to regain one of its shattered lines. The postal office is located in a little wooden structure erected on piles at the water front shore. Three distinct fires were burning last night. One was on that portion that extends from Nob Hill down easterly toward the waterfront.

It was travelling slowly toward the Telegraph Hill section, and may die out from lack of material or may again sweep toward the extreme water front. The centre fire was in the mission. The fire had reached Eigh-

thousands of people were camped. The third and most danger ous fire is that threatening the western section. This is really a continuation of the Nob Hill fire. It is wedged shaped with the apex pushing forward. This is the point against which the firemen are bending their greatest efforts. Dynamite was used for back fighting purposes with only fair success.

in very good shape, and the only evi-

dences of the shock are tumbled down

"President Jordan, in an address to

clear the debris. He thinks the uni-

versity will be rebuilt as soon as pos-

sible. Though he was recently offered

the presidencey of an eastern univer-

HAVE REACHED BERKELEY.

Berkeley, Cal., April 20.-This town

is caring for over a thousand refugees

who have been brought across the bay

The homeless and hungry were fed

last night at the station from long

benches provided by the city relief

The women students and professors

of the University of California are do-

ing great work for the suffering people

and the work of finding shelter is pro-

The university gymnasium has been

turned into a lodging house, where

hundreds have been installed, while

others have been provided with

blankets in the open air, under the

For the women and children rooms

Oakland, April 20 .- The Associated

Press correspondent arrived from

over the Santa Cruz mountains. He

reports that Santa Cruz was not seri-

usly damaged, and no lives lost in the

A land slide on Loma Prieta moun-

cabins at the Kinkley creek mill of the

Loma Prieta Lumber Company. The

Another fatal landslide occurred at

Watsonville sustained much damage

Chicago, April 19.-The Postal Tele-

graph Company at 6 p.m. received the

"Fire Chief Marshall of San Fran-

isco advises that more than two-

San Francisco, April 20.-At midnight

The sky presented a lurid picture.

llowing message from Oakland:

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

in private houses have been secured.

to escape the terrors of San Francisco

entirely upon its buildings."

committee.

ceeding satisfactorily.

university oaks.

Cruz is \$200,000.

school being damaged.

SANTA CRUZ NOT

HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES

fences and water tanks.

teenth street, but was making little headway to the hillside, where

To-night many blocks may be blown up,

MAY MAKE CLEAN

SWEEP TO PARK. Washington, D. C., April 20 .- The

following dispatch was received at the war department to-day: "San Francisco, April 20.—(5.19 a. m.) -The fire which heretofore has crept around the base of Telegraph Hill and left the few houses standing there has crept back from the west, and is now in full possession of the houses on the hill, and will no doubt take everything

down to the waterfront on Van Ness avenue and west of there. "The main fire has reached Octavia sity he will remain with Sandford. He street, and is going at a fast rate. said that the university did not depend There is no one in from the fire since midnight. At that time it had started afresh on the south end of the line of

fire, and was burning fast. "The ferry landing presents a fearful scene of men, women and children, and the articles they have tried to save. They will leave the city by the first boat they can get away on.

"The roads leading from the ferry north and around the shore of the bay as far as Fort Mason are strewn with all sorts of vehicles that have broken down. Baby carriages, wheel barrows. etc., that would not stand the loads

"The fire came very close to Fort Mason last night, and the big Fontana no doubt go to-day.

"I think the fire will take a clean sweep of everything as far as Golden Gate park. I would not be surprised to see it take the eucalyptus trees that line the park, and burn the shrubbery clear to the ocean beach."

ONLY SLIGHT TREMOR FELT AT SANTA MONICA.

Santa Monica, April 20.-Apprehension of a tidal wave drove many residents from the strand to the hills. The sea exhibited no unusual agitation. Santa Cruz last night, having come

---PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE. city. The damage to buildings in Santa Washington, D. C., April 20.-(Special.)-President Roosevelt, after a tain buried nine men alive in their conference with Miss Mabel Boardman, of the American National Red Cross, yesterday issued in the form of mill and cabins were buried under 100 a proclamation an appeal to the American people for aid for the people of San Francisco. He asked that all contributions be made through the offi- caught in their cabins and killed. cials of the American National Red Cross who have effected systematic ar- to buildings, the Pajaro valley bank, rangements for the distribution of the the Porter building and the high

TRIP THROUGH THE DEVASTATED DISTRICT

Sacramento, Cal., April 20.-C. M Leash, who has made a complete cirtrict around the bay including San Francisco has been destroyed, and and speculated as to the extent of the Jose, Niles and Alameda, arrived in there is no possibility of saving the territory which was doomed. Suddenly Sacramento early to-day, and gave balance of the city." out the following review of the catasmobile in which the tour was made. He

the nearby cities is cut off. Prof. Dur- and to Market. On the south side of automobile, carrying over 400 telegrams the Southern Pacific tracks to the of blankets, boxes of provisionsto be sent to friends and relatives in boundary." the East and abroad. The roads skirting the bay were slightly injured in FIRE CREEPING ON places by fissures, but no serious falling of the underlying rock was ob-

great as at first reported. Only six- moving on portions of San Francisco teen dead reported up to date. The still untouched. Vendome annex is completely ruined brick and stone structures.

From San Jose to Alviso the road conflagration was less severe than dur- criticism is lowered in places by the shock, and | ing the day.

INSANE PATIENTS BURNED IN RUINS.

Oakland, Cala., April 20.-An Associated Press correspondent, who ar-Official estimates place the number of mento street. Here the council, com-

under fallen walls and debris. The in padded cells had to be broken open and more dangerous patients were tied to trees out on the lawn in lieu of a safer

The doctors and nurses stuck hereically to their posts, and a hundred students from Santa Clara college went over in a body to assist in succoring

Very little damage was done to the buildings at Santa Clara college, and not one of the students or priests was

LOSSES BY EARTHQUAKE ARE NOT COVERED.

New York, April 20 .- (Special.) -- Officers of large fire insurance companies having their headquarters in this city announce that losses by earthquake were not included in the fire insurance policies written for California, and such losses could not be allowed even if the companies were so inclined for the reason that the laws of New York state prohibit it. Rulings on losses by fire, however, will, it is said, be broad, insurance companies apparently agreeing that to draw the lines with any severity whatsoever would be extremely unwise in face of such appalling disaster where suffering will no doubt be widespread. The total amount of liability involved now is placed at more than \$150,000,000 in San Francisco alone. This amount, which the fire insurance companies will be called upon to meet is considered conservative. Added to losses in San Francisco will be at least \$50,000,000 to be met in other cities, making a total of more than

FIRE IS SPREADING TOWARD THE WEST.

Washington, April 19 .- The war department has received the following from General Funstan: the west at 3.10 p.m. Almost certain

now that the entire city will be destroyed. Have ordered troops from has not failed completely. Monterey and everything going as well the front of the Provincial hotel at soon as practicable.' Alviso has sunk at least ten feet. Be-Another dispatch from Gen. Funston yond Alviso toward Niles the road is

-night says: "Official report at police headquarters states that the sub- the thirst of the sufferers. The heat is with the exception of the vaults, which | many instances are lying in the streets contain all the cash on hand. Guards and ruins. The authorities are doing have been ordered to protect this all in their power the students after the shock, asked them to remain at Stanford and help

Dinan have been forced from place to Eleanor Martin. \$5.000; J. T. Flood, place by the onrushing flames. Day- \$5,000, with a promise of mo break found them directing the municipal council, which is a committee of water company promised a supply of safety, from the Fairmount hotel, on water this afternoon in the Western rived here last night from Santa Cruz, the top of Nob hill. But that caught addition and in the Mission by to-morreports that up to noon Thursday 103 fire and they retreated to the curbing row. Committees were appointed to podies had been taken out of the Ag- at Largin and Sutter streets, then to take charge of the relief of the destinews state hospital near Santa Clara. the north end police station in Sacrainjured insane patients at 207, and of the financial leaders of the these several were not expected to live.

The main building of the hospital resort to the most heroic of measures posed of the financial leaders of the collapsed, pinning many of the patients | yet undertaken since the city has been

> The Path of Devastation. This decision was to bombard the entire section of the city lying along the east side of Van Ness avenue from Golden Gate avenue to Pacific avenue, 16 blocks in all, containing the homes of many millionaires and apartment

The military was notified of this ac tion and barrels of gun powder, the only remaining explosive in the city, were taken from the Presidio, Fort Mc Donell, 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 stoically responded to the demands of the law and went on their way, trudging painfully over the pavements with the little they could get together. Every available wagon was taken by the military to carry the

General Funston is co-operating with Mayor Schmitz, whose orders to all officers are to kill without warning all malefactors. When men have been needed to carry out the plans of rescue, they have been pressed into service. In only a few cases was it necessary to resort to the cocked revolver and the drawn sword, after which, there was no hesitancy.

The Presidio reservation, the vast Richmond district of thousands of acres, Golden Gate park, and the surrounding hills resemble one vast picnic ground. Tents and improvised coverings have been erected everywhere. There is

Only One Danger, and that is that the food supply will run out. Every grocery in San Francisco has been taken by the authorities, and each family being sold only one article at a time. In many places the police and military prohibit overcharging. General Funston announced this morning that rations would soon reach the city, and then the people will 'Fire crossed Van Ness avenue to be supplied from the Presidio. Bakeries have been built within the reservation, and the bread supply therefore

The government also has begun to as could be expected. On account of aid in transporting the people out of confusion, it has been impossible to the city to Oakland, Berkeley and locate individuals inquired for, but at- Alameda. Tugboats and steamers are tention will be given that matter as being pressed into service for the purpose, and there is a vast army on the way to the ferries:

There is scarcely any water to supply easury is entirely destroyed by fire a threatening danger, for the dead in in order that a pestillence may be pre-

Fearful Plight of Destitute People.

San Francisco, April 19, midnight .- (Special.) - Up to this hour all efforts to check the flames have been fruitless, and it appears that the few remaining sections of the city will be destroyed.

The last desperate effort to stay the progress of the fire was the blowing up by artillery and dynamite of a range of splendid mansions on the Van Ness avenue, but the flames leaped across and continued on

At last account the flames were advancing towards North Beach. The only hope of stopping the fire is the recovery of the water supply late to-night.

The people of San Franciso having been without food and sleep for two days are becoming desperate from hunger, thirst and exhaustion. They roam the streets, mobbing bread wagons and bakers, drinking out of mud puddles and are only restrained from entering buildings

Ten thousand are camped along the beach with their belongings, while other tens of thousands have swarmed across to Oakland and & devoured the scanty supplies in that city.

The committee, presided over by Mayor Schmitz, has begun taking measures for the relief of the people.

The federal government has appropriated \$1,000,000, and every city in the country is raising liberal funds in money and provisions. Salt Lake and Los Angeles have started a train loaded with supplies for & President Jordan, of Stanford University, announces that the prin-

cipal buildings of that institution are wrecked, many others damaged, and that the loss will aggregate \$4,000,000. Chief of Police Dinan reports that 250 would fully cover the num-

ber of deaths. He found it impossible to secure details. About 50 \$

There was much shooting of looters to-day, but the offenders were fortunate enough to escape with their wounds.

Deer creek mill, where two men were THOUSANDS FLEEING

FROM BURNING CITY. San Francisco, April 19.-Thousands ary reservations and to the suburbs. Residents of the hillside and the central portion of the city, seemingly were safe from the roaring furnace that was consuming the business section. They

there was The following is the district north Whispered Alarm trophe as he viewed it from the auto- of Market street now devastated; San- up and down the long line of watching some street to Market, to Sacramento, people and they hurried away to drag Buchanan, thence to California, to supplies, clothing, cooking utensils and "All telegraphic communication with Hyde, to Eddy, to Larkin, to Gough scant provisions through the streets. From Grant avenue, the procession and and Prof. Green, accompanied by Market street the fire extends along moved westward. Men and women myself, started for Sacramento in an Market street to Fourteenth and below dragged trunks, packed huge bundles

everything. Wagons could not be hired, except by paying the most extraordinary rate. REMAINING PORTIONS. But there is no panic. The people are citizens, met with Mayor Schmitz this calm, stunned. They seem not to realize the extent of the calamity. They "At San Jose the loss of life is not as the flames were slowly but steadily hear that the city is destroyed in so F. W. Hellman, Claus Spreckels, J. W. far as the business plants are concerned. They tell each other in the Flood, William Babcock, W. F. Hermost natural tone, that their resi- rin, M. H. De Young and Robert J. The strongest fire seemed to be in dences were destroyed by the flames, the western end of the city, while the but there is no hysteria, no outcry, no ized Claus Spreckels gave \$25,000; Ru-

Mayor Schmitz and Chief of Police \$10,000; Gordon Blanding. \$10,000:

vented. It has been necessary repeat- but little hope now of saving the are taken in each case and as soon as edly to move the injured from places choicest residence region of the city where they had sought refuge, for the lying west and north of Van Ness upon thousands of people are fleeing fire kept increasing with alarming rafrom the fire to-day. They are flocking pidity. Water is the incessant cry of have throughout the entire conflagrato the ferries, to the parks, to the mili- the firemen and the people; one wants tion done splendid work are still makit to fight fire, the others to drink. But ing strenuous efforts to check the allthere is only a scant drinking supply.

President Harriman, of the Southern Pacific Company, has wired here to cuit of the earthquake devastated dis- thirds of the area of the city of San | watched the towering columns of flame | place the company's ferryboats at the disposal of the San Francisco municipal authorities to enable them to send all those desiring from the strick-

DIRECTING OPERATIONS.

The Southern Pacific hospital, at Fourteenth and Madison streets, has been dynamited. All patient have been removed to places of safety. -0-COMMITTEE AT WORK

CASUALTIES MAY

San Francisco, April 19.-The committee of safety, consisting of fifty morning and organized a finance committee composed of James W. Phelan, Downey Harvey, Thomas Magee, J. L. ably reach 1,000. Brown. After the meeting had organdolph Spreckels, \$10,000; Harry Tevis,

Mayor Schmitz announced that the

and assumed some system. Golden Gate park will be the main refuge, and supplies will be sent there. Boats are being provided to take the people across the bay, and thousands are availing themselves of the privilege. The University of California at Berkeley has volunteered to take care of 21000.

Mayor Schmitz has appointed his mmittee of fifty citizens special offi cers, with full power to represent him and with power to requisition men supplies, vehicles and boats for publi

Unless supplies are rushed in and arrangements made for their distribution, trouble is feared within a few days. Even men of wealth cannot obtain food with all their money.

Generals Funston and Summer, in command of the federal troops, are rendering great service. Refugees who go to the Presidio are being taken care of, but the number that can be accomodated is limited. Except for an occasional accident

have had time to leave the burning districts, though most of them have lost all their belongings. PROCLAMATION TO

there has been no additional loss of

PEOPLE OF 'FRISCO. San Francisco, April 19.-Mayor

lowing proclamation to the people of "The federal troops, the members of

the regular police force and all special Everything quiet. Troops co-operating olice officers have been authorized to kill any and all persons found engaged in looting or in the commission of any

"I have directed all the gas and electrie lighting companies not to turn on gas or electricty until I order them to thing possible be done in the way do so. You may therefore expect the city to remain in darkness for an indefinite time. I request all citizens to remain at home from darkness until daylight every night until order is re-

"I want to warn all citizens of th danger of fire from damaged or destroyed, broken or leaking gas pipes or fixtures, or any like cause.

TEN PERSONS WERE KILLED AT SAN JOSE.

San Jose, April 19 .- The latest reports here to-day show that ten people were killed in the earthquake. The Hall of Records is wrecked, as well as the Hall of Justice. All the main buildings are badly damaged. R. H. Tucker, in charge of the Lick

bservatory, says: "No damage was done to the instruments or the building of the observatory by the earthquake. The original heavy shock was followed at intervals of two or three hours by very slight shocks. The tremor of the earth could be detremined by observations with the meridian itself for a period of six

THREE HUNDRED

ASYLUM INMATES DEAD. Los Angeles, April 19 .- A long distance telephone message from Salinas, 115 miles south of San Francisco, said: One hundred and twenty bodies have been taken out of St. Agnews insane asylum, near Santa Clara, and there are possibly 150 more corpses in the ruins. The magnificent structure was demolished. Eight dead Italians were taken out of the Italian hotel at San Jose. At that place the Presbyterian church, St. Patrick's cathedral and the high school were destroyed. The new Hall of Justice at San Jose, just completed at a cost of \$300,000, was denolished. All but two of the university buildings at Stanford are in ruins. At Cruz, a mine house has slipped down the side of a mountain, burying ten men in the ruins.

PEOPLE APPALLED BUT UNDAUNTED.

San Francisco, April 20 .- The people of San Francisco, homeless and starving, are facing the calamity which has overtaken them and practically swept out of existence the great city of which all were so proud. There are no evidences of weakenss to be seen among the crowds of stricken people moving back reluctantly upon each advance of the destroying flames which continue to sweep toward the ocean.

Appalled for the moment, but un daunted, the bravery exhibited by men, women and children, in face of overwhelming disaster, is that of a race destined to arise stronger than ever out of the ruins which now sur-

There is little left to-day of the gay city by the Golden Gate. There seems avenue.

The men of the fire department who devoring flames, but without avail. Water is in better supply, but of little carload of hams, butter and eggs on its use apparently against the headway way to the city from the people of now gained by the fire.

Owing to the intense heat the buildings for some distance from the fire are as dry as tinder, and seem to dis- be sufficient for the needs. At present fire companies probably will be forced appear like a flash the minute the flames reach them.

threatened to reach Portsmouth square, where 20 or 30 corpses were lying on the trodden grass in the absence of more suitable accommodation, the bodies mostly unknown, were removed to Columbia square, where they were Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley re- must be met in other cities.

REACH ONE THOUSAND.

Ferry Building, San Francisco, April 20.—(Special.)—It is impossible to estimate the fatalities, but they will prob- of loaves can be furnished daily. Money for the victims is pouring in

Owners of destroyed property say they will rebuild. The earthquake at Los Angeles last have charge of various branches of the southern California affected on Wednight caused no material damage. | work. There is a registration bureau | nesday.

FUNSTON SAYS FAMINE SEEMS INEVITABLE

Only Energetic Efforts From Outside Cities Can Prevent Frightful Suffering--Relief Committees Take Charge of Supplies

Washington. April 20 .- The following | where all are asked to register their telegram was received by the war de- name for the use of those wishing to partment shortly after 11 o'clock this morning from General Funston:

as follows: From the waterfront up arated and are at a loss to know in Broadway to Mason street, thence what direction to look for each other south to California street, thence west There is a provision committee which to Jones, thence diagonally to Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues. All are stored as fast as they are received this line is now actively burning.

"The fire on the following line is avenue west, on Golden Gate avenue to Fillmore, thence south to Market, thence on an irregular line to Valencia and Twenty-Sixth, and thence in irregular line east to the bay. Indications are that the active fire line will Schmitz this afternoon issued the fol- advance west to Van Ness avenue and north to Union and Montgomery avenue.

"About 300,000 people homeless. with police. Famine seems inevitable. All large supply stroes burned.

"Most energetic efforts from outside only can prevent frightful suffering, Weather now fine and it is expected to remain so. I request that everyfood supplies, tentage and blankets. "No more troops needed at present.

RELIEF STATIONS IN GOLDEN GATE PARK.

San Francisco, April 20.-Mayor Schmitz issued the following proclamation to-day: "To the Citizens of San Francisco

"The fire is now under control and all danger is passed. The only fear is that other fires may start should the people build fires in their stoves, and I therefore warn all citizens not to build fires in their homes until the chimneys have been inspected and repaired properly. Citizens are urged to discountenance the building of fires.

"I congratulate the citizens of San Francisco on the fortitude they have displayed, and I urge upon them the necessity of aiding the authorities in the work of relief. For the relief of those persons who are encamped in examined all the bank and safe de the various sections of the city every posit vertes in San Francisco a thing possible is being done. In Golden found them all intact. This makes Gate park, where there are approximately 200,000 homeless people, relief stations have been established.

"The Spring Valley Water Company has informed me that the Mission district will be supplied with water this afternoon, between ten and twelve million gallons daily being available. Lake Merced will be taken over by the federal troops and that supply protected." The supply of food in the city may last out the week, and then unless it is received in large quantities the city | dee will be in a state of want and the rich what extent the outside can supply the | House of Representatives: Thanks of needs is a question that only actual trial will demonstrate. If the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress and other amounts subscribed is made immedi- Kahn that Mrs. Kahn is safe and ately available and can be sent here in the form of provisions, the time of trial

May Be Tided

over until the changed order of affairs can be readjusted. Immense amounts of supplies were consumed in the fire at San Francisco, which was the distributing point for the cities about the bay and interior towns. This supply has been swept out of existence, and what the resources of the state are is a matter that is now the chief concern of those engaged in the relief work. The seizure of supplies coming in on the trains by the relief committee has been authorized by Mayor Schmitz.

Following out this order, and with the authorization given the committee by the civil authorities, Edwin Stearns, as follows: chairman of the executive committee. secured a carload of flour this morning ternoon. containing 810 sacks. Of this amount wrecked building this morning. Vaults twenty-five sacks were immediately sent out to Idora park, where the peo- ally communicated with General Funple are encamped under the trees. A ston and secured detail of one compan carload of ice was also seized for the of soldiers. Unable to locate assistan hospitals. A carload of potatoes was treasurer and therefore acted on m also taken. It is not the puropes of own responsibility. Chaotic condition the committee to confiscate these Mint ouilding and vaults safe. Please goods, and the names of the consignees arrange with secretary of war for mil there are any funds available they will be paid for. The emergency, however, intendent of the mint and also Genera is such that prompt and firm action in Funston for information as to what the matter is deemed necessary.

Besides these seizures Livermore sent a position to do business, and to sugin a wagon load of butter to the com- gest measures of relief. mittee this morning. Winters has also notified the committee that there is a MAY BE FORCED TO

that locality. Other cities are sending supplies, last night by Chicago insurance mel and it is hoped that the amount will that many of the smaller accident and the supply station at Thirteenth and to suspend business because of their Franklin streets is emptied as fast as enormous liabilities in San Francisco It is said that when the flames goods are received. The demands can- Even some of the big companies will not begin to be supplied, and what will be hard pressed to fulfill their obligaresult when the stores of the city are tions. The total amount of liabilities empty is a matter past conjecture. involved is now placed at more than Mayor Mott this morning addressed a \$150,000,000 in San Francisco a circular to the bakers of the cities of Added to this at least \$50,000,000 lost questing them to continue work regard-

less of holidays. The bakers have agreed to work their plants to their utmost capacity and to send all of their surplus output to the relief committee. By working night and day it is believed that thousands California, suffered less by Wednes-At the request of the relief commit-

Details of the Work is being handled by committees who

find families of friends. Hundreds of inquiries have been received for information in regard to the people. In the "Burned district now approximately hurried flight many families were septakes charge of the provisions which in a grain warehouse at the corner of Thirteenth and Franklin streets. From here the provisions are sent out to the various depots where people are being

The churches of the city are taking charge of the work of ministering to the wants of the needy and hungry. REFUGEES WERE

MENACED BY FLAMES

Oakland, April 20.-Michael Williams city editor of the San Francisco Examer, arrived from the city at 10.30 this morning and made the following state ment:

"Shortly before 10 o'clock I boarded the government steamer Governor Sternberg, having on board members of the San Francisco relief committee under orders from Col. Reynolds, com mander of the 22nd Infantry, to commandeer all available tugs along the waterfront to go to the rescue. "About 10,000 men, women and child

en are congregated in the neighbor ood of the wharves, who are menaced by the march of the flames toward Telegraph Hill and Russian Hill and the valley between. Around Meiggs wharf there are several huge oil tanks some of them containing at least 15,000 gallons of oil each. If the flames reach these tanks, fearful explosions will re

"When the Governor Sternberg left Meiggs' wharf the whole of that portion of North Beach seemed doomed. The people were flocking to the wharves and crowding into all avail-

able craft." At a meeting of bankers this morning, Mr. Lynch of the First National bank reported that a committee had certain that the money and papers on deposit are all safe.

It was also reported that the books and records in the San Francisco banks also escaped serious injury.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Washington, April 20 .- The California delegation is in receipt of the following telegram from Governor Par-

"Oakland, April 20 .- California dele-

gation, care Hon. people of California for nation's gen erosity. Give my personal thanks to each member of delegation and tell

Senator Perkins received the follow ing telegram from Governor Pardee: "All of California applauds nation's generosity. Three hundred thousand

nomeless. PROTECTING THE

TREASURY VAULTS. Washington, D. C., April 20 .- The treasury department has so far failed to locate the assistant treasurer deputy of San Francisco, and grave fears are entertained for their safety. The enly person connected with the sub-treasury who has been heard from is J. D. McLure, an assistant book keeper. He has wired Secretary Shave from Oakland, under yesterday's date

"San Francisco burned yesterday af Under difficulty reached appear intact. Found no guards. Fintary protection to the treasury vaults.'

Secretary Shaw has wired the superif any, national or private banks are in

Chicago, April 20 .- It was declared

BRAWLEY ESCAPED WITH SEVERE SHAKING.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 20.-Later, reports last night show that Brawley, day's earthquake than originally stated. About 100 buildings in Brawley and the surrounding valley were damaged, but none destroyed. There were no fatalities.

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as those sent from The local shipm largely of provisio for use. These wil by shipments which wish to make. The money contributed used in putting u over a carload. Th \$1,600 worth of goo