PRICE TWO CENTS.

# 10.00 Perish as San Francisco Reels Under Earthquake Awful Fire Now Sweeping Through Wrecked City

## WHOLE BLUCKS OF BUILDINGS COLLAPSE; THOUSANDS ARE BURIED IN THE RUINS; WATER MAINS BURST, FIREMEN HELPLESS

HEART OF THE BUSINESS SECTION COMPLETELY

4 Terrible Catastrophe Falls Upon San Francisco and Sacramento at Early Hour Today, by Which Many Lives Are Lost and Millions of Dollars Damage Done.

San Francisco, April 18.—San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 this morning. The shock lasted three minutes. Thousands of buildings were damaged or destroyed. The loss of life is reported great. There is no water, and fires are breaking out all over the city. All the wires with the exception of one are gone. The city hall, costing seven millions, is in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than those of brick and frame.

The terror and excitement are indescribable. Most of the people were asleep and rushed into the streets undressed. The buildings swayed and crashed, burying many occupants. Panic reigns in the downtown hotels. The Lick House is badly damaged, but no loss of life there is reported.

The Palace and the St. Francis hotels stood the shock. People flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends, and were frantic because there were no wires. The greatest damage was done to buildings south of Market street, where mostly they are frame and tenement houses. Fires occurred in every block in that

A telegram from Sacramento to the Western Union Telegraph Company reports that three miles of railroad sank out of sight as a result of the earthquake between Suisuan and Benelea, and all wires were taken with it. At Pleasanton there were several cars burned on the main line, blocking the trains.

#### Fire Raging and No Water.

San Francisco, April 18.-6:50 a.m.-A disastrous fire has broken out on the south side of Market street, and is now within one block of the Palace Hotel. The water mains have burst and the fire department is practically helpless. The utmost confusion exists. All business is suspended. At this moment there is only one wire out of San Francisco, a Postal wire. The Postal building is badly damaged. The operating room is a wreck. The power of every kind is gone, and there are no lights, either gas or electric. Neither the Palace Hotel nor the St. Francis is gone, that is, as far as the outside goes, but the inside plastering, etc., is greatly damaged. Between the postoffice and the water front there has been great damage by fire, which is burning fiercely, and there is little or

The fire is burning both on the east and south side of the Postal Telegraph building. The damage by the earthquake apparently extends all over the city. The shock occurred at 5:15 this morning, and lasted three minutes. The streets are blockaded with debris and buildings are being blown up. The residence districts are safe so far as heard from.

### Many Blocks Destroyed.

New York, April 18. - At about 9:40 the Postal Telegraph Company had communication with their San Francisco office, but lost the connection again almost immediately, In the brief period that the wire was working the San Francisco office reported that a number of buildings had collapsed, and that the dead and injured were being taken from the rulns as rapidly as possible. At the time

this message came through the principal danger was from the fires, a number of which had started and were

making great headway owing to the lack of water. At 10:40 o'clock this morning the Posts / Hegraph Company received the following telegram: "At 5:13 this morning a terrific earthquake shook San France, co, doing particular damage in the district east and south of Market street, practically destroying six or eight blocks in the manufacturing and wholesale districts. The banking district was not seriously damaged, although small damage has been done over the whole town. Many persons have been killed and wounded, and a portion of the town is on fire, the water supply being shut off. At this moment they are dynamiting several of the buildings."

#### The Associated Press office was also badly damaged. , One Thousand Lives Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.-At 9:15 p.m. the Postal Telegraph Company here had received the following in-

It is reported that 1,000 lives have been lost in the earthquake at San Francisco. Both the Postal and Western Union telegraph buildings in that city have been destroyed.

A disastrous fire is eating its way up the south side of Market street, and at last accounts was within three blocks of the Palace Hotel.

Water mains were bursting and the fire department was absolutely helpless.

### Many Buildings Collapsed.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—At 8:35 this morning the Postal Telegraph Company here states that the only information obtainable from the west was that the operators at San Francisco had left their building in that city and reported that many buildings were collapsing and many fires breaking out, with no water available to fight the flames. People were deeing from the affected districts.

The Union Pacific Railway Company reports that all of their wires have gone down west of Ogden. The area covered by the earthquake seems to have covered several hundred miles.

### Shock Bursts Water Mains.

New York, April 18.-The Postal Telegraph Company learns that the fire is eating its way along Market street. The water mains were burst by the earthquake so that there are no means at hand for fighting the conflagration. The electric lighting plant of the city has failed and gas mains are disrupted. The damage extends through the entire city. The Postal building was badly damaged and the operating room is inacapable of use.

Sacramento Also Suffers. Sacramento, Cal., April 18.-A severe earthquake shock occurred here at an early hour this morning, There is great confusion, and it is impossible to learn full extent of damage. No loss of life is yet reported.

### University in Peril.

New York, April 18.-At 11:65 the Western Union received a report that a serious fire is burning at Berkeley, where the state university is located. The report came from Pinole, a station ten miles out of San Francisco, and the nearest point to the latter city which the company had been able to reach up to the time of this dispatch. Berkeley is between Pinole and San Francisco.

### The Business Section Wrecked.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.-The business section of the city from Market street to Mission street and from the bay back has been almost completely wrecked. The Call and Examiner buildings are destroyed. Many buildings along Market and Mission streets, including the department stores, collapsed. Hundreds of people in the cheap tenement district are reported killed. Fires are raging and owing to the scarcity of water are practieally beyond control. Business is practically suspended. The office of the Postal Telegraph Company in the Ho-(Continued on Page Eight.)

### GIGANTIC CAVE AND BIG LAKE FOUND BENEATH CHARLESTON CITY Cossack Officer Who Tortured Ciri Port Arthur...

Chicago, April 18 .- A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Charleston, W. Va., says: The city of Charleston was thrown into excitement yesterday by the discovery of a gigantic cave directly beneath the town. The cave con-

Men blasting rock made the discovery of the lake and cavern when the discharge caused the earth to crumble and fall in, leaving a great hole. Workmen ventured into the cavern, exploring it for a considerable distance. They discovered the lake, and returning to the surface, procured a small boat, in which they rowed about for several hundred yards. There are limestone formations in the cavern similar to those in the noted Luray caves. The waterof the lake is remarkably pure, and is cold and sweet to the taste. A systematic exploration of the cavers will be begun today.

## BRUTAL AMBRAMOFF DEAD

Revolutionist Assassinated.

the Cossack officer, who treated Maria! Spiridonovo, the revolutionist, in an outrageous manner, while she was in prison, has been assassinated at Boris- rose above 80° yesterday in parts of Manisogliebsk, Province of Tamboff. He was shot three times with a revolver April

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the "4 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thousand

#### Sentenced to Drink Himself to Death

Herald today says: Condemned by a court of justice to get drunk and remain so until drink killed him. Selby T. Jones, son of a City, Mo., came to Chicago to obey the sentence of the court. Without means last Sunday to continue the debauch judicially imposed upon him, sufficiently intoxicated to resort to any expedient to carry into effect the remarkable penalty, he stole a traveling salesman's valise and sample case and was arrested. Jones' efforts to satisfy his parole by drinking himself to death, have continued since March 6, when Judge Wofford, of the criminal court in Kansas City pronounced this sentence: "If you'll get drunk and stay drunk I'll let you out of jail. You must leave the city. Only remember you must get drunk and stay drunk. You're a bad man, and whisky will take you to the devil faster than anything else. The sooner the devil gets you, the better. If you don't live up to these conditions I'll put you in jail and keep you

Next day Jones, furnished by influential friends with transportation to Chicago and sufficient money to tide him over two months, left the city that had been his home for 20 years, saying farewell to his aged mother, whose prayers, as he peered through the bars of the cell yesterday, still rang in his

#### FATAL RACE WAR

Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—One man porters of St. Barnabas'. was fatally and another seriously shot by three negroes, who waylaid them ACTION AGAINST A. J. SMALL on Enterprise street last night. Faro Amato and Luke Sebailo, both Italians, Manufacturer Claims \$21,180 for were the victims. Amato is badly wounded and will die. Seballo was shot through the right arm. After firing six shots, the negroes took to their that neighborhood.

## DISMISSED, BUT HE WON'T QUIT

keep on Preaching at St. prominent wholesale Barnabas' Church. merchant of Kansas statement in the controversy this mornthe congregation, dismissing him. Mr. Nevitt is in the city at present, vister at St. Luke's. He is just 27 years uating at Trinity in 1900 he went to for the board of education

church ordinance." He denies that he cause they flirted, but because he want-

Goods Sold and Delivered.

Toronto, Ont., April 18. - John Wanheels and disappeared in the darkness. namaker, of Broadway and Fourth ave-The shooting is believed to be the re- nue, New York, has entered an action sult of a recei race war between against A. J. Small, the well-known negroes and Ita ns in the colony in theatrical man, for \$21,180, the amount

### claimed for goods sold and delivered. COAL DEALERS IN SESSION DO

Are Concerned About the Con- deal with the coal-strike question or duct of Jobbers, Who Sell Over Their Heads,

An important meeting of the Western Ontario Coal Association is being legitimate dealers. We do not think held in this city today. Members are present from all parts of Western stop to it. At certain times it is the Ontario and also quite a few from the ast. Nearly all local dealers are also at the meeting.

This morning, President J. C. Hay, f Listowel, presided, and gave an address on the aims and objects of the ready to dump over here." association, and of what has been accomplished since it was formed.

Addresses were also given by Mr. Robert Lake, of Jackson, Mich., vicepresident of the International Association, and president of the Michigan of the company some time in June. and Indiana Coal Associations, and Mr. Delos Hull, of the Retail Coalmen's railroad in Buffalo, is in the city to-Association of Chicago.

A local dealer informed The Advertiser that the meeting will not likely morrow.

the fixing of prices. "We do not take the strike question very seriously," he said. "What we really want to get at is the grievance caused by the jobbers of Buffalo and to consumers over the heads of the this is fair, and we are trying to put a liobbers cheaper than the coal men can l

It is understood that the Delaware. Lackawanna and Western Railroad has invited the members of the association to take a trip through the coal fields of Pennsylvania at the expense Mr. D. E. Russell, the agent of the

day. The meeting will be continued to-

FELT AT OTTAWA

at the Capital.

The preliminary tremors began at

minutes, 30 seconds, and the maximum disturbance at 8:35. When the sheet

being recorded, but not so violently.

the Social Democrats.

subjected to torture,

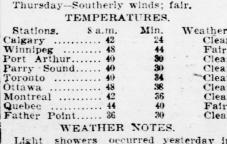
### THE WEATHER.

.Tomorrow-Fair.

London, Wednesday, April 18. London, Wednesday, April 18.
Sun rises. 5:31 a.m. Moon rises. 3:26 a.m.
Sun sets. . 7:03 p.m. Moon sets. . 2:09 p.m.
Toronto, April 17—8 p.m.
Light showers have occurred today in
Alberta and in Cape Breton Island. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been In Alberta and Saskatchewan there has been a change to cooler, but from at the Central Experimental Farm. Manitoba eastward it has been warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 14-46; Atlin, 28-44; Port Simpson 28-52; Victoria, 40-60; Vancouver, 38-60; Kamloops, 36-62; Calgary, 38-52; Edmonton, 42-56; Qu'Appelle, 48-74; Winnipeg, 46-76; Port Arthur, 34-54; Parry Sound, 34-56; Toronto, 38-66; Ottawa, 34-64; Monton, 38-56; Ottawa, 34-64; Monton, 34-56; Ottawa, 34-64; Monton, 38-66; Ottawa, 38-66; Ot treal, 34-60; Quebec, 28-52; St. John, 36- was taken at 9:50 quakes were still 56; Halifax, 40-54.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, April 18-8 a.m. Today-Moderate winds; fine and modertely warm. Thursday-Southerly winds; fair.



Light showers occurred yesterday in Alberta, and rain fell in Care Breton, while in other parts of Canada the weather has continued fine. The temperature toba.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 65°; lowest, 23° above.

## NOT TAKE STRIKE SERIOUSLY Bowlers' Gathering Will Extend Members of Building Trades Over an Entire Week

This Year. At a meeting of the executive of the other points selling steam coal direct Western Ontario Bowling Association yesterday afternoon, it was decided to

hold the annual bowling tournament in this city, commencing Monday, July 23 case that consumers can buy from the at 2 p.m. In the past, the play did not begin until Tuesday, but owing to the fact that the tournament has reached buy, but it is to the coal man that the such large proportions, it was decided consumer must look when the jobber to begin it a day earlier, in order to has no coal on his hands that he is finish it within the week.

The competitors will be the same as heretofore-rinks, doubles and singles, The committee of arrangements was chosen as follows: Ed Weld (chairman). James S. McDougall, Dr. J. N. Wood, J. Harley Brown, and James D. Tytler. A better or more enthusiastic committee could not be chosen.

The umpires elected were Dr. Bray Chatham; Mr. E. Elliott, Mitchell; Mr. A. McDermand, Petrolea, and Dr. Hawke, Toronto. The Waterloo and Berlin Clubs affil-

lated with the Western Ontario Bowling Association. The honorary president, Mr. T. G. Seismic Shock at Frisco Registered Hay, Owen Sound, was in the chair The following delegates were present: W. C. Newman and W. H. McMacken,

Ottawa, April 18.-The vibrations re-Ridgetown; R. G. Moore, Aylmer; A. sulting from the big earthquake at San Thamesville; T. S. Ford, Mitchell; Dr. arrangement will be reached." Francisco were recorded by the seis-Robertson and C. E. Nasmyth, Stratmograph at the Dominion Observatory (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Council Aims to Put Curb on the Board of Education

Rev. Mr. Nevitt Intends to Wants Power to Review Its not been purchased, and the owner Financial Demands-Trustees Not Alarmed.

> "Moved by Ald. Forristal, seconded by Ald. Greenlees, that this council recommends that the Ontario Government pass legislation giving power to municipal councils to review the financial demands of the board of education, or the alternative that the board would levy and collect its own taxes."

This was the notice of motion presented at the meeting of the council last night, which aims to "get even" with the school board for what some iting his parents, and will this after- of the aldermen are pleased to term the noon assist at the wedding of his sis- board's extravagance.

Ald. Forristal, who presented the resolution, stated to The Advertiser toold today, and St. Barnabas', St. Cath- day that as an alderman he is pretty arines, is his first charge. After grad- nearly tired of having to provide funds

England, and was for a time assistant | "Last year we beseeched the trus at St. Saviour's Church in Leeds, built tees to pare their estimates," he said. 45 years ago by Dr. Pusey, Mr. Nevitt "but they were obdurate. They stood says he has taken legal advice and will out for the sum they asked for in the board of of education eturn on Thursday and resume his first place, and the result was the MacRobert grew duties the same as if nothing had hap- board came out with a surplus, while cause a member of the board had the council had an overdraft. I believe given out information before it came "Neither the vestry nor the congrega- the board should levy its own rates. The to the board. The question now is who tion has the power to dismiss its min-trustees may be a little more careful gave out the information relative to ister in such a manner," said Mr. Nev- if they have to state on the platform the purchasing of the site for the St. "They must either prefer a charge the amount of money they are going George's addition?

of immorality or a serious breach of into the people's pockets for." dismissed the ladies from the choir be- the resolution seriously. "I see nothing wrong about it," said

ed a male choir. He admits that the Chairman Strong. "We practically bishop has sent him his license to for public schools, so much for the one takes any stock in it. preach. He says he is backed up by collegiate institute, so much for the the better part of the congregation, the debenture debt, and so on. The truschurch-goers, who are the chief sup- tees have nothing to fear from the been called for Friday afternoon

ment was made yesterday that the the tuition of the scholars.

Mrs. McNeil, stated to Trustee Gammage last night that she will not sell. Of course, the board has the power, to expropriate the property, but in view of the fact that the trustees are seriously divided as to the need for the addition, it is scarcely likely the citizens would feel warranted in expropriating the land.

Chairman Strong and mage are authority for the statement that if the attendance of the schools is rearranged, there will be no need to spend the people's money on new schools. There is ample accommodation for all now if things are worked

The statement was also made the property would be paid for out of the money received for the Queen's avenue kindgergarten, which was sold some time ago, but as the board has already paid Ald. Matthews for angarten, it is seen that there is not uch left to buy the McNeil lot.

At & recent

It may be a case of who killed cock The trustees spoken to do not regard robin, but at all events, who did the talking?

The childish story of Chairman bishop advised him to resign, but says levy our own rate now, because each Strong being deposed from the chairhe was not in possession of all the tax notice sent out tells the people how manship of the special committee is facts, and since that interview the the total city rate is made up-so much laughed at around the city hall. No

> amendment, if the Government should 4:30 to consider the application of Col. Gartshore, who desires to have the children of Chelsea Green attend the A somewhat premature announce- public schools, the colonel to pay for

special committee of the board had It is said that not less than \$300 care purchased the McNeil property next to be collected from the parents of Chel-St. George's school for kindergarten sea Green alone, and that if all other purposes, and will erect an addition to outsiders are taxed, about \$1,000 annually can be added to the revenue of

#### **BIG TOURNAMENT** INCREASED WAGES BEGINS JULY 23 TO BE DEMANDED

# Want an Advance on

May 1.

Despite the statements made by seve eral contractors and architects a couple of weeks ago that the carpenters, painters, bricklayers, etc., would ot likely ask for an increase in wages this year, it turns out that in several istances the members of the building rades will look for more money. At a meeting of the local carpenters' union held last night, it is understood that the men decided to ask the bosses for an all round increase of 10 per

The carpenters now work on a graded scale of from 25 to 30 cents an

The bricklayers also want more money. They have asked the bosses for 45 instead of 40 cents an hour. Following suit, the builders' laborers have asked for 25 cents an hora, instead of 221/2 cents as formerly. What the painters will do has not as yet been learned, but a builder Mated today that he would not be surprised to hear that painters, plumbers

crease of pay. "Will the bosses fight the demands?" the reporter asked. "It's hardly likely there will be

and all the rest will look for an in-

trouble of any kind," the contractor McDermand, Petrolea; N. K. Cornwall, replied. "I feel that some sort of an The 1st of May is the time set for all increases to go into effect.

#### Bold Filipino Brigands hours, 9 minutes, 30 seconds in the morning. The principal part of the disturbance occurred at 8 hours, 30 Raid a U. S. Arsenal

Manila, April 17 .- One of the boldest | In addition to the offices of the con-FATHER GAPON DISAPPEARS Wife Thinks He Was Kidnapped by of Luzon, only twenty miles from the location of this arsenal and had St. Petersburg, April 18. - Father Manila, today.

Forty ladrones raided the headquar-Gapon, the labor leader, mysteriously disappeared about a week ago, and his ters of the Philippine constabulary in fended the quarters, but they were wife is greatly alarmed, fearing foul the center of the city, captured twen- outnumbered and were at a disadplay on the part of his enemies, as the ty rifles and escaped, after killing three vantage in the hand-to-hand fighting men and losing one of their own num- which followed the robbers' rush into police insist that he has not been arrested, and add that they knew nothing ber.

of his whereabouts. It is considered The brigands entered the city early were killed. possible that Gapon has been kidnap- in the morning, and were not discov- The robbers then proceeded to help ped by his enemies, as was the case ered until they had reached the con- themselves to rifles, and had taken a fortnight ago with Urusoff, one of stabulary headquarters. This is in a twenty before the uproar caused by the workmen's delegates, who, being building in the very heart of the town, the fight frightened them away. stairs of the building.

exploits in American experience of stabulary administration the building "ladronism" in the Philippines was contains an arsenal, where reserves of carried out in Malolos, the capital of rifles and ammunition are kept. It is the Province of Bulacan, in the Island believed that the ladrones had learned planned the raid to obtain arms. A few men of the constabulary de-

the building. Two of the defenders

suspected of being in alliance with fronting on the residence of Governor | They fled out of town, leaving one the Government, was captured by the Sandico. Here they were challenged of their number dead in the head-Social Democrats, and conveyed to by a sentry. They promptly killed quarters building. A detachment of Helsingfors, Finland, where he was the sentry and then swarmed up the police and constabulary has gone in