

**CORRESPONDENT
DESCRIBES SCENE**

Victoria Lady Writes Letter Detailing Incidents of the Disaster.

DRIVEN FROM HOME BY THE FIRE

Saw Lodging House Crash Down Entombing Many Dead in the Ruins.

The following letter, describing the scenes attending to the disaster at San Francisco, was written for the *Colonist* by Miss Lizzie Taylor, a Victoria lady, whose home is on Oak Bay avenue, in this city, and who was resident at the Bay City, when the earthquake took place:

San Francisco, April 19.—(Special to the *Colonist*)—Undoubtedly the direst day which has yet dawned in the history of San Francisco was that of April 18; it struck terror into the bravest heart and rendered thousands of people homeless.

The earthquake that morning lasted just one minute and ten seconds, but it is as yet impossible to try to even guess at the amount of property ruined. The lives lost number some 1,400. The people that were not injured nor had their exit cut off, either rushed to the centre of the street or else prayed, as they thought the end of all things had surely come.

The first cry for help came from Valencia street, where a rooming house with 200 inmates collapsed, and then a similar cry came from Harrison street, where a building with 200 inmates had fallen to the ground, burying people beneath the ruins. The groans of the dying will never be forgotten by those forced to listen, but almost powerless to render aid.

Firemen and willing volunteers had hardly begun their work of rescue when at least a dozen fires broke out simultaneously in all directions. The immense area covered by the fire, and the lack of water, made it practically impossible to extinguish the fire, and they spread from one immense building to another in a manner, spectacular to the uninterested beholder, but heart-rending to those whose property was contained in the fast-falling buildings.

Toward 3 o'clock in the afternoon the fire seemed subdued, but people felt easier, though the anxiety due to fear of another shock was still very great.

But the interval of quiet was short-lived, and by 5 in the afternoon it had resumed its way with renewed fury. By this time the people had given up all thought of spending the night in the houses, and occupied themselves with packing up their few belongings, which they valued most.

At about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning the people on California street moved toward the end of the street, but they soon found it was necessary to move further west, and away from the square, which seemed entirely remote from the scene of the fire.

By 10 a. m. it was very obvious that three sides would soon be enveloped in flames, so the writer and three friends, as well as thousands of other homeless people, took what they could carry, and now have a temporary campment at Fort Mason, at the foot of Mason street, which is within easy access of the Presidio and the ferry to points across the bay.

Water is only to be had from a day, and that in very scant quantities. If any person is caught indulging in the luxury of a wash they are denied a water supply while the present siege lasts.

Provisions are at a premium, and as an illustration of the scarcity of food, only necessary to state that a relief wagon with a supply of oranges arrived a few minutes ago, and as soon as it came within sight it was mobbed by the crowds, and within half a minute every orange out of the many boxes had disappeared.

For about an hour after the earthquake market and other business streets were quite impassable.

It was a thrilling, yet awful, sight to see the ruin which had occurred within one short minute. One house had two sides utterly collapsed, which left the house quite open on those two sides; but, strange to say, the floors seemed comparatively firm. On another house noticed, the entire front had fallen into the street. This last mentioned building was new, and had only been occupied a few months.

Another noticeable feature was the difference in the action of the Chinese and Japanese. While the Japanese cheerfully and even jokingly carried their belongings up or down the hills, as the case might be, the Chinese were slow and very doubtful, and indulged in a great deal of jabbering, which was very annoying to the bystanders. The Japanese women strapped their

babies to their backs and carried as heavy bundles as the men. Most of the Chinese women had set a great many stoves too small to even fuel unaided.

The Claus Spreckels, or Call, building was one of the finest sights of the fire. The building was arched, but not the many stores and belched out of the windows, but, fortunately, subsided before the building fell so the shell is still intact.

The manner in which the pavements were cracked and broken in all directions was noticeable. The block and cobblestone pavements fared the worst. In particular having a gaping hole four feet square in one block, and in the next block pavement was cracked to a height of some three feet. Some asphalt pavements had huge cracks of about three inches in diameter.

At the present time the cinders and ashes are falling so heavily that it remains one of a miniature ferns, but it makes it almost impossible to write. One of the most pathetic incidents of the fire was the way in which the sick and wounded were taken from place to place in a vain effort to save them from the flames. They were first taken to the Mechanic's Pavilion, but the fire unexpectedly turned up the street, and since that time they have been moved from one public square to another.

Every well parrot in San Francisco seems to have been saved, but the way some of them were taken from dangerous buildings was, to say the least, ungrateful. One of the parrots of the next two days, with the same nervousness as they were during the last two days, it will look getting together his party and equipment almost be tempted to return by first boat to the security and steaming of Victoria.

GRAND TRUNK SURVEYS.

Head of Parties Now Here Awaiting Final Instructions.

In regard to the projected harbor at Kaien Island adjacent to the new township of Prince Rupert, which is to be the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, it is understood that Mr. Bacon, harbor engineer of the company will proceed for the spot at the beginning of next month for the purpose of investigating the necessary survey with Mr. George Dodge, who is now here awaiting final arrangements.

Mr. Dodge is meanwhile engaged in approaching in order to secure safety of navigation. This will be the second survey made of the locality by Mr. Bacon, the first having been completed before the place was finally selected for its present purpose and was of a general nature not sufficiently detailed for present purposes and the area of investigation is considerable. It is anticipated that the work of survey will occupy practically the whole summer.

It is understood also that Mr. Bacon's attention will be likewise directed to the selection of terminal locations upon which work will probably be commenced in the near future and it is expected that before the end of the year both harbor and township will be definitely defined and everything put in readiness for the commencement of the construction work of the line early in the coming year.

The construction of a sawmill for providing the needful ties and timber work will be commenced and the plant put in at once on Kaien Island and work in this direction will proceed immediately.

The matter of surveys from the mountains to the Pacific coast is engaging the energetic attention of the company and the parties of surveyors who have recently gone in are to be followed by others to the number of eight or more, who will eventually connect with the survey parties already working on the mountains first covering the ground in the near future and then proceeding with the work to the coast.

MAMIE BRITT DEAD.

San Francisco, April 25.—Word came from San Mateo this morning of the death of Mamie Britt, sister of Jimmy Britt, the pugilist, and Willis Britt. She had, for years, been suffering from consumption. On the morning of the earthquake when the Britt residence was destroyed with destruction, Mamie Britt was on her death bed. The priest had just administered the last sacrament. When the house finally caught fire, Jimmy Britt and his father carried the dying girl to St. Francis hospital on a litter and when the fire reached this edifice they removed her to the Sutter street barracks. The flames pursued them and the unfortunate girl was finally taken to San Mateo.

VICTORIA'S SECOND RELIEF STEAMER

Amur Follows Tellus Laden With Supplies for Relief of Sufferers.

MORE VICTORIANS ARRIVE HOME

Letters Received in Victoria From San Francisco on Scraps of Paper.

Steamer Amur of the C. P. R. fleet, the second relief steamer to leave Victoria for San Francisco, sailed for the C. P. R. docks late last night in command of Capt. Hughes, laden with additional provisions and clothing from Vancouver and Medicine Hat, Regina, Winnipeg, and supplies sought with \$300 cabled from Wellington, New Zealand. The Amur, carried Mayor Buscombe and Medical Officer Dr. F. T. Underhill, of Vancouver and two nurses. The Amur's cargo is the second that has left here, the first, on board the steamer Tellus, having arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday night. The shipments on the Amur from Victoria in addition to the large cargo shipped already, the Tellus consisted of the following:

Capt. William Grant, 50 sacks potatoes; H. E. Levy, 10 sacks potatoes; Mrs. Van Tassel, 1 box eggs, 1 sack vegetables, 1 package clothing; Mrs. G. W. Booth, 1 package clothing; Lane & Lasher, 1 box blankets, 1 box, 1 package clothing; Mrs. J. D. Helmeck, (on behalf of the Reformed Episcopal church) 5 packages clothing; Mrs. T. L. Labbe, 1 bale of clothing, 1 package clothing; and other parcels were: One hundred tons flour, 50 tons oats, 100 tons potatoes, ten tons, 150 pairs of shoes, 150 pairs of socks, 100 cases peas, 100 cases salmon, 50 cases peaches, 100 cases pears, 100 cases pork and beans, 20 tons salt, 50 barrels beef, 30 boxes yeast cakes, 50 barrels beef, 30 boxes piglet bread, 10 tons rice, 50 boxes soap, 30 cases jam, 5 tons cans milk, 150 rolled oats, 30 syrup, 24 dozen each granite iron cups and pipes, 10 dozen overalls, 100 pairs blouses, clothing, 4 gross knives, 4 gross forks, ton lard.

The shipments made from Victoria and the surplus subscribed, now totals about \$14,000. Yesterday Mayor A. J. Morley received from Chemainus \$300, subscribed by the citizens of the municipality, which was presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Chemainus hospital and a subscription of \$50 was given by Simon Leiser. The *Colonist* Victoria office has received a number of subscriptions in \$50 being the percentage given by Jean Gerardy and C. H. Gibson, manager of the proceeds at the Victoria fair, which was held in the Victoria hall, Monday night last. Mayor Morley received another telegram from Governor Parsons, dated from Sacramento, California, in which he congratulated the relief committee for their aid. The telegram reads:

"Deeply appreciate generosity of your citizens. Relief Committee notified that Chinese are not discriminated against in distribution of relief."

More Victorians Arrive. Yesterday several other Victorians who experienced the earthquake arrived home by the steamer Indanapolis, having come to Seattle by the steamer Senator. The arrivals included Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. E. M. McF. Hall, Mrs. Harris and Miss Bernice and Mr. H. R. Harrison, who were guests at the St. Nicholas hotel when the earthquake took place. They saved all their baggage, with the exception of one valise. The family were asleep on the fifth floor of the St. Nicholas hotel, which is on the north side of Market street, not far from the wrecked city hall, when they were awakened by the shock. They were cool and dressed as well as collecting all their valuables, which they could secure before leaving the hotel. It was not until they had gone a few blocks that they saw the extent of the disaster, and they started to return to the hotel. They found thousands in flight from the business portion of the city, which appeared to be in flames, and they joined the refugees, who hurried to Golden Gate park. Then they decided to return to the St. Nicholas hotel to see what had happened. They found the hotel had been taken out, the hotel collapsed. The main had broken and the elevator stopped. Water was poured down the hotel stairs. A wagon was secured and their effects and they were carried to Golden Gate park, where they remained until messages were secured on the Senator. They saw many heart-rending sights, including the summary execution of criminals by the frow.

AT McGILL UNIVERSITY.

Faculty of Arts Honors Include B. C. Names.

Montreal, April 26.—In the faculty of arts at McGill University today, D. E. McTaggart of Vancouver, heads the honors list in history and economics. The degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the department of arts, was conferred upon D. E. McTaggart, of Vancouver, in tenth; E. McLaughlin, of Langley, B. C., and H. T. Logan, of Vancouver, are in the honor list of the second year.

wiped out the business part of the city. He lived in a brick veneered house on Van Ness avenue; although the side fell out, it did not do any injury to those living in the house. After securing what he could from the office he went to where his young lady boarded and saved what could be of her belongings from the house which was afterward destroyed. A friendly soldier gave him a wheelbarrow—he says the young lady must have abandoned the military man—and the barrow was used to good effect to cart the belongings to a place of safety. The fire drove them from point to point, but finally they reached a place of safety. People greatly envied him the possession of the wheelbarrow, but the fire drove them from point to point, but finally they reached a place of safety. People greatly envied him the possession of the wheelbarrow, but the fire drove them from point to point, but finally they reached a place of safety.

Letters were also received from Mrs. G. W. Booth, of Vancouver, describing her experience in Oakland at the time of the earthquake.

An interesting incident in connection with local subscriptions for the relief of the afflicted in connection with the San Francisco disaster occurred at the Colonist office yesterday when a little tot named Hazel Cole came in and contributed the sum of five cents to the fund—preferring to give her small mite to the cause of charity rather than purchase candy.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.

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