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FLAMES NOW UNDER CONTROL; A FOURTH OF 'FRISCO SAVED

Desperate Battling of Firemen and Soldiers Succeeds in Halting the Great Conflagration.

PESTILENCE MENACES THE HOMELESS POPULACE

Three Hundred Thousand Camping in the Parks and Being Fed by the Authorities—Social Distinction Cast Aside—Rich and Poor Living Side by Side in the Open.

Summary of Situation

The San Francisco fire is probably checked. A turn of the wind, which came late Thursday night, blew it back from the residence district, after it had leaped the gap which the soldiers had made with dynamite to save that part of the town. There is every hope that the ruins will be cooling in a day or two.

Reports about the actual area of damage are conflicting. It is probable, however, that about three-quarters of the improvements on real estate is destroyed. The fringes of the city, scattered suburban residences, stand. Outside of that no considerable area is saved, except the better residence district of the western addition and Pacific Heights. Except for a few mansions of the rich, some churches, and probably some suburban hospitals, every building in San Francisco is gone.

More than 200,000 people slept Thursday night in the concentration camps of the Presidio, Golden Gate Park and Fort Mason. There was a shortage of water, food was scarce and poorly distributed, and many went hungry and thirsty. While some supplies must have reached the city yesterday, and the United States Government is doing everything to rush rations. Gen. Funston has told the war department that there is imminent danger of famine. This stands to reason, for San Francisco has never kept more than three days ahead with its provision supply, and much of that must have been destroyed in the fire.

Oakland is choked with refugees, who are sleeping in the parks or public buildings, or being accommodated by private citizens.

Mayor Schmitz has repeated his proclamation, ordering citizens not to build fires in houses, and cooking is still done in the public squares. Chimneys are so unsafe that house fires would certainly make trouble.

The troops, tired and irritated, have had many conflicts with looters. There is an unconfirmed report that several men were killed while trying to rob the vaults of the mint, which holds $300,000,000 in treasure. There were several other instances of shooting for robbery.

Mayor Schmitz, Gen. Funston and the operators of the telegraph companies all agree in saying that the fire, while still burning, will probably spread no farther, but will burn itself out.

New York, April 21.—The Western Union received the following from its office in the ferry building at the foot of Market street, San Francisco, arly today: "It is still difficult to estimate the number of dead, as bodies are scattered all over the city. They are burying them in trenches, and putting fifteen bodies in a ditch."

A later dispatch reads: "The ferry boats are running on schedule time. There is an immense crowd around the depot here, and committees from all towns across the bay are urging people to leave San Francisco and go with them to their homes. But the authorities won't let them take any baggage with them. It looks like an immense second-hand store here. The people have dragegd everything down here, from pianos to birdcages, and their goods are all piled up around the depot for a long distance. The fire is still burning fiercely up north, but the wind has gone down, making it less dangerous."

According to latest reports the ferry building is safe from destruction, which a long time threatened it, from the flames, which spread along the seawall. A force of men under Gen. Caster, aided by the fire tugs and steamers, will succeed in checking the fire near the Lombard street freight slips.

In other directions the fire is now completely under control.

Mayor Schmitz and Gen. Funston have established headquarters at Fort Mason, which was saved by some desperate work on the part of the soldiers, aided by a body of sailors from the warship Chicago.

The records in the hall of records have been unharmed, which will prevent any tangles in titles.

The following is a partial list of the identified dead who have been buried by the authorities: Harry Chesbro, N. Rosenfield, 937½ Folsom street; E. Nourmmann, 489 Pacific street; Antone Webster, 14 Williams street; John Day, 235 Geary street; J. M. Vase, 260 Sherman street; H. Myrake, 423 Stevens street; a mother and 2-year-old baby, at 163 Turk street; —. Ming (male), 928 Mission street.

Besides these sixteen unidentified persons were buried under the supervision of Dr. Gamble, two of them being Italians found in the building of the Western Fish Company.

A number of others have been buried whose names cannot at present be learned.

San Francisco, April 21. — For the first time in its history, San Francisco has had its taste of martial law. When darkness fell upon the desolated city, every inhabitant of the houses that were left standing groped about their homes in darkness early in the evening, cooking their suppers on fires built in front of their houses. The wind fanned many of the firest into nasty blazes, and for a time it looked as if many new fires would be started. But police orders were issued that all fires must be put out, and with a score of assistants and soldiers, the building of fires in front of houses was summarily suppressed.

In all of the homes left standing no [illegible] were allowed. In places where [illegible] of the police and the militia [illegible]garded, the occupants were [illegible]xtinguish them. The only [illegible]as in the case of hospitals. Soldiers patrolled the streets and no citizen was allowed to pass from one block to the other, except by the written permission of the chief of police.

Oakland, Cal., April 21. — The Oakland relief committee reports that more than 50,000 destitute persons were cared for in and around Oakland last night.

San Francisco, Cal., April 20.—Mayor Schmitz issued the following proclamation today:

"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. All citizens are urged to discountenance the building of fires.

"I congratulate the citizens of San Francisco upon the fortitude they have displayed, and I urge upon them the necessity of aiding the authorities in the work of relieving the destitute and suffering. For the relief of those persons who are encamped in the various sections of the city everything possible is being done.

"In Golden Gate Park, where there are approximately 200,000 homeless persons, 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 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 gallons daily being available. Lake Merceed will be taken by the federal troops, and that supply protected."

In the Refugee Camps.

Next to viewing the many square miles of ruins that once made San Francisco a city, no better realization of the ruin that has been wrought can be gained than by visiting the refugee camps located in the districts which were untouched by the flames.

Golden Gate Park was the mecca of the destitute. This immense playground of the municipality has been converted into a vast mushroom city that bears striking resemblance to the fleeting towns located on the border of a government reservation about to be opened to public settlement.

The common destitution and suffering have wiped out all social, financial and racial distinctions. The man who last Tuesday was a prosperous merchant is occupying, with his family, a little plot of ground that adjoins the open-air home of a laborer.

The white man of California has forgotten his antipathy to the Asiatic

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SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW POSTOFFICE WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

WILL PHILLIPS STAND TRIAL?

Crown Prosecutor Curry Says He Believes That He Will—Letter to Attorney-General.

Toronto, April 21.—That Joseph Phillips will come up for trial at the September sessions was the emphatic opinion expressed by Crown Attorney Curry yesterday. "I believe," said Mr. Curry, "the case will be pressed for trial if possible."

"Then all these rumors that there will be no further prosecution are untrue?"

"I believe them to be absolutely without foundation, and I believe that that is the stand taken by the Attorney-General," Mr. Curry replied.

Mr. Curry was asked as to the letter which it was agreed he was to send to the Attorney-General and the gist of which was published yesterday. He stated that he did consent to a clause going into the letter to the Attorney-General to this effect: "I ask you to consider whether or not the ends of justice would not be sufficiently served by what has already been accomplished."

But in view of the controversy which has arisen over the matter it may be well to publish the full text of the letter which the crown attorney was to send to the Attorney-General. The letter, it is understood, was settled between Mr. Hume Smith, Mr. J. E. Jones and Crown Attorney Curry at a conference held last Monday, and Mr. Curry not only approved of it, but signed it. The full text is as follows:

"April 16, 1906.

"Dear Sir, re Phillips:

"I beg to inform you that the police court proceedings have enabled the liquidator to make a most satisfactory settlement with the accused whereby he and his associates transfer the assets in dispute to the liquidator. He should be able and has promised to render every assistance in his power to the liquidator in settling the complicated affairs of the York Loan and allied companies.

"I, therefore, take the liberty of asking you to consider whether the ends of justice and the interests of the shareholders have not already been sufficiently served by what has been accomplished, and would recommend that the prisoner's conduct in handing over the assets be taken into account when the matter comes up again.

"In handing over the assets the prisoner claims that he always regarded himself as a trustee and had always hoped and believed that by means of the allied companies he would eventually enable all the shareholders of the York Loan to withdraw without loss, and he claims further that the unavoidable delay in disposing of unproductive real estate, which is said by the liquidator to be worth over $1,000,000, defeated his plans.

"I am of opinion that the great bulk of the money alleged to have been wrongfully taken by the above settlement found its way back to the liquidator of the York Loan Company, and this has been accomplished without litigation in the civil courts and without the delay and expense incident thereto. Indeed, the delay might have destroyed the value of the assets secured by this timely settlement which the prisoner himself has facilitated and rendered possible."

SULTAN IS DYING

London Journal Says He May Pass Away at Any Moment.

London, April 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette today states that it learns that the Sultan of Turkey is in such a serious condition now that his death may be expected at any moment.

These for Autocracy.

St. Petersburg, April 21. — Emperor Nicholas has received a dispatch from the congress of monarchists in session at Moscow, laying at the feet of his majesty the unanimous conviction of the delegates that the "unlimited" autocracy should be continued, and at the same time humbly protesting against the exploitation of Russia by foreign capital.

C. P. R Lends Ship.

Montreal, Que., April 21.—The management of the Canadian Pacific Railway have forwarded to the American Red Cross Society $10,000 for the sufferers by the San Francisco disaster, and also have placed at the disposal of the relief committee their Skagway steamer Armour free of charge for the transportation of supplies from British Columbia ports to San Francisco.

THE EARTHQUAKES ARE WORLD-WIDE

Thirteen Shocks in Tuscany and a Tremor at Cleveland, Ohio.

Rome, April 21, 1:45 p.m.—Thirteen earth shocks were felt in succession this morning in the province of Siena, Tuscany. Several buildings were damaged, including the city hall at Poggibonsi, 19 miles south of Florence. The inhabitants of Poggibonsi were panic-stricken.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 21. — A shock felt in many parts of the city yesterday, and supposed to have been an explosion, was a slight earthquake shock, according to the micro-seismograph register at St. Ignatius College.

ELVIDGE SECURES IT

Delaware Man Appointed Bailiff of Middlesex.

Toronto, April 21.—Henry Elvidge, of Delaware, has been appointed bailiff of the fourth division court of Middlesex County, vice Arthur Waters, resigned.

FREIGHT HANDLERS QUIT

Number at G. T. R. Refuse to Work for Old Scale of Wages.

There has been some difficulty at the Grand Trunk freight sheds this last week with the freight handlers. Some time ago they demanded a raise in wages, but no action was taken in the matter. The men have been somewhat restive, and about fifteen have stopped work this week alone. Yesterday afternoon it looked rather serious, as the whole staff quit work and marched in a body to the agent, and demanded the increase in pay. The question was debated, and all returned to work—except nine men, who refused to work any longer for the wages—13 1-2 cents an hour.

It is said the company will yield to the demands of the men, as they are very scarce.

The men have been receiving 13 1-2 cents an hour, about $8 10 a week. Now that the winter is over, a large number of those who were willing to work for that money, will do so no longer, as work is very easy to obtain.

Freight handlers have gone out on strike in several other places.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 20.	Reported at.	From.
Welmar	New York	Naples
La Savoie	New York	Havre
Sicilian	Boston	Glasgow
La Lorraine	Havre	New York
Baltic	Liverpool	New York
Sylvania	Liverpool	Boston
Italia	Naples	New York
Canopic	Naples	Boston
Lucania	Queenstown	New York
Montrose	London	St. John
Prinzess Irene	Naples	New York

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cooler.

London, Saturday, April 21.

Sun rises...5:26 a.m. Moon rises...4:53 a.m.
Sun sets...7:07 p.m. Moon sets...5:12 p.m.

Toronto, April 20—8 p.m.

The weather has been fine today throughout the Dominion, with temperatures between 60° and 70° in Ontario and the Northwest Provinces, and between 50° and 60° over most of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—70; Vancouver, 42—54; New Westminster, 42—72; Kamloops, 45—72; Calgary, 38—64; Edmonton, 42—60; Qu'Appelle, 32—64; Port Arthur, 28—60; Parry Sound, 24—56; Toronto, 42—64; Ottawa, 48—70; Montreal, 44—66; Quebec, 34—56; St. John, 30—46; Halifax, 28—56.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, April 21—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds; fair.

Sunday—Northwesterly winds, with a little lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	38	36	Fair
Winnipeg	42	36	Fair
Port Arthur	50	28	Cloudy
Parry Sound	40	28	Clear
Toronto	42	38	Fair
Ottawa	50	42	Cloudy
Montreal	52	42	Fair
Quebec	52	34	Fair
Father Point	34	46	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

A small disturbance is passing eastward across the great lakes. Temperatures were between 60° and 65° over the larger portion of the Northwest Provinces and Ontario, and between 50° and 60° in the Maritime Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 65°; lowest, 37.5° above.

MEAN THIEF, THIS

Stole Collection of Pennies in a Newly-Laid Walk.

Mr. George Hiscox, the well-known real estate owner, has come to the conclusion that London can boast of being the abiding place of one of the meanest of thieves.

Yesterday, Mr. Hiscox had an artificial stone walk laid in front of his mother's residence on the south side of Queen's avenue, between Richmond and Clarence streets. To add to the appearance of the walk, Mr. Hiscox had a large collection of pennies (which he had been gathering for several years), neatly arranged in it.

Such a thing as having a man on duty to watch the walk and prevent the removal of the pennies during the night, was not considered by Mr. Hiscox.

This morning, however, it was found that some person had stolen all the coins. Rather than be outdone by the thief, Mr. Hiscox went to one of the banks and secured another lot of pennies, which will be placed in the walk in the design originally decided upon.

MAROONED ON SUPERIOR

Two Men Unintentionally Left on an Island All Winter.

Port Arthur, April 21. — When the Bradshaw made the rounds of Isle Royale last week, they found two men at Chippewa Harbor, who had been unintentionally left on the island all winter. They were overlooked when the last trip to the island were made last fall.

The men are D. E. Bailey and C. B. Hallaner, of Anento, N. Y., students, who meant only to spend their holidays on the island. Their disappearance was mysterious and their friends have been prosecuting inquiries all winter along Lake Superior, but without avail. The young men put in a good winter, hunting and trapping, and came out with hair hanging on their shoulders and beards, falling to their breasts.

A man named Leveaus, who had been employed in the Lake Superior Lumber Company lumber camps on Simpson Island, arrived at Rossport, and evidently filled up with liquor, for when the express came along he was lying on the track and was run over. An inquest will be held.

A MEETING ARRANGED

Finance Chairman to Wait on Water Commissioners Monday.

Ald. Forristal, chairman of No. 1 committee, arranged for a meeting with the water commissioners on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when the city fathers will try to persuade the commissioners to issue debentures for $11,000, which it is proposed to spend on capital account, instead of taking the money out of current revenue.

Mayor Judd stated today that the council can issue the debentures over the heads of the commissioners of the Legislature will agree, but, of course, the council does not want to create any friction with the commissioners.

The members of the city council were jubilant today when they heard that the new license bill would be passed by the Legislature. The passage of the bill will mean an additional $9,000 of revenu to the city of London from licenses.

Montrealers Safe.

Montreal, Que., April 21. — Montrealers who were in the doomed city of San Francisco continue to be heard from as the rush of the business in the telegraph offices is being overtaken. Councilor Hooper, of St. Lambert, whose son Charles was there, wires that he and other eastern friends from that locality, including Eddie Horsfall, are safe. Mrs. Mortimer B. Davis, once a resident of California, has wired that she is safe.

G. T. R. Pays Taxes.

Detroit, April 21.—The Grand Trunk Railway is the second large company to pay its taxes and penalties in full to the auditor-general. The company has paid the state the sum of $777,734, which includes the balance of the taxes due for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904, with the penalties. Several other large railway companies are expected to pay taxes within a day or two.

End of a Bad Gang.

Toronto, April 21.—The safe-blower, Robert Bennett, sentenced to 10 years, and James Hunter and John Crosbie sentenced to 8 years, were taken to Kingston Penitentiary this morning in charge of Deputy Sheriff Levers. Several special constables accompanied the prisoners to prevent any attempt at escape.

EUGENE E. SCHMITZ, San Francisco's Labor Mayor.

Financiers Do Some Paring 20 1-2-Mill Rate Possible

Largely Depends on Increase of License Fees and an Issue of Debentures.

The finance committee of the city council sat last night until nearly 12 o'clock considering the estimates. When the committee adjourned, Auditor Jewell was able to make the statement that after the paring done, it would require a 20 1-2-mill tax rate to carry the city along this year, against a 23-mill rate last year.

The 20 1-2-mill rate is not fixed by any means, however. In considering the receipts, the committee figured on issuing debentures for $11,000 capital expenditure which the water commissioners proposed to take out of current revenue this year.

The sum of $9,000 additional from liquor licenses was also figured on, on the assumption that the new license law will go into effect this year.

In regard to these two important matters, it was stated at the committee meeting that it may be taken for granted that the new license act will go into effect before the 1st of May, 1906.

Matters are not so certain, however, as regards the water commission, and a committee was appointed, composed of the mayor, Chairman Forristal of No. 1, Chairman Gerry of No. 2, Chairman Matthews of No. 8, and Auditor Jewell, to wait on the commissioners, and impress upon them the necessity of issuing debentures for the $11,000 of capital expenditure proposed this year. Should the commissioners refuse to listen to the committee, it will mean that another half mill will be added to the rate.

Commissioners Criticised.

The water commissioners came in for some warm criticism when Mr. Jewell informed the committee that the reducing of the water rates this year, and also the proposed expenditures on capital account, make a difference to the city's receipts of about $27,000, or close on to 1 1-2 mills on the assessment of the city.

The different committees got on easily.

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CAPITAL CHEERS FOR THE PRINCE

Enthusiastic Send-Off Given Arthur of Connaught This Morning.

Ottawa, April 21.—The enthusiastic send-off given H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught at the Central Station this morning, left no doubt as to the regard felt for the prince here. His royal highness was escorted to the station from Rideau Hall by the Mounted Dragoons, who served in that capacity a week ago. At the station there was considerable decoration, the platform being carpeted from carriage to the train, which bore the inscription in letter of gold: "God-speed to H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught." As he boarded the palatial G. T. R. train, the prince was given a hearty cheer. The prince goes to Niagara, Hamilton and Toronto.

IRISH AND OUR CATTLE

All Ireland Opposed to the Lifting of the Embargo.

Dublin, April 21.—The question of permitting the importation of live store cattle from Canada is still agitating Ireland. An influential delegation has just returned from London, where an emphatic protest against the admission of cattle is being made.

The members of the deputation in their speeches to the Prime Minister urged that the present embargo against the importation of live store cattle should be maintained in order to guard against the serious danger of the introduction of cattle disease into Ireland to the great detriment of cattle trade and dairy industry.

Examples were quoted of the disastrous consequences of imported cattle disease in times before the existing restrictions. The Prime Minister is understood to have stated in reply that he had been impressed by the strong case which the deputation had so clearly put forward. The subject was one of interest, not only to Cork, but to all who were engaged in agriculture in Ireland. There was, of course, some objection to a continuance of restrictions upon the free movement of agricultural produce, but he was not aware of the danger they apprehended.

A good deal of comment had been excited by a speech he made on the subject some months ago to his own electors in a grazing district who, whilst fully appreciating the supplies obtained from Ireland, were naturally disposed to welcome any safe extension of their sources of supply. He had no hesitation in promising the deputation that their views would be laid before his colleagues, and all due attention would be paid to the importance of the subject.

OWNERS MISLED ON PAVEMENT FIGURES

Estimate of Cost Sent Out from City Hall Was Incorrect—Will Be Rectified.

City Engineer Graydon stated to The Advertiser today that through a clerical error in computing the cost of the proposed pavements on York street west and on King street, between Wellington and Maitland, the interested ratepayers have been seriously misled. He is now sending out notices to rectify the error.

The people were notified that the vitrified brick pavement on York street would cost 75 cents a foot. The correct price is 45 cents, a difference of 30 cents. Under the circumstances it doesn't appear strange that the people objected to the pavement being laid.

On King street a similar error led the assessment department to notify the ratepayers that the cost of the Kentucky rock asphalt pavement would be 40 cents a foot instead of 30 cents, which is a very considerable difference.

It is thought that when the people are acquainted with the true figures, they will not object to the pavements being laid. Of course, the figures sent out would not have affected what the people will in reality be called upon to pay. They would have been assessed only for the actual cost of the pavement, plus the interest and sinking fund.

The finance committee having knocked out the item of $5,000 to reconstruct the Dundas street sewer, the city engineer does not now propose to call for tenders for a pavement for the street east of Wellington, as no pavement can be laid until the sewer is fixed. The engineer points out that if the city were to call for tenders simply to secure prices, knowing very well that a contract could be let to no one under the circumstances, the contractors would simply refuse to send in a bona fide tender.

Ald. Matthews stated last night that when the repairs to the asphalt pavement were being made last fall, he marked a patch to see how it would wear.

"It's all gone now," he said. "The city might as well mend the pavement with shoe blacking."

City Engineer Graydon is not quite so sure of this matter as is Ald. Matthews, however. Today he had one of his assistants go over the pavement with a reporter and the patches put down in the repairs from time to time could be frequently traced. Nevertheless, the engineer is investigating the whole matter thoroughly and is taking nothing for granted.

Recently a deputation from St. Catharines waited on Mr. Graydon and questioned him as to the best classes

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One Cent Damages Given In Suit at Spring Assizes

Thorndale Grain Buyer Sued for Two Thousand Dollars for Slander.

The princely sum of one cent was the amount of damages awarded by a jury at the Middlesex spring assizes in the case of Evans vs. Tolton.

The plaintiff was J. W. Evans, and the defendant A. Tolton, both of whom are grain buyers at Thorndale.

Evans claimed $2,000 damages for slander. The action was based on the charge that Tolton had accused Evans of being unfair in his business dealings with the farmers of the section, the result being that Evans' business suffered.

The jury was out an hour before it reached a decision, fixing the damages at one cent.

In the matter of costs, Chancellor Boyd ordered that each party should pay his own.

NEEDS MODERN LADDER

Inspector Says Present Truck Is Not the Proper Caper.

Inspector Howe, of the Underwriters' Association, this morning inspected the central fire station again, and saw the men give a demonstration with the aerial truck.

It is understood that Mr. Howe will notify the city that it must have a different class of truck or else more men to man the present one.

"The city wants a modern ladder," he is reported to have said; "one that is doesn't require all the men in the department to hoist."

Mr. Howe is continuing his inspection of the city this afternoon.