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CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK!

It is believed that in view of the immense amount of insurance upon the different properties that have been destroyed in San Francisco, and the generous donations of money that have been made by individuals, and voted by national and state and civic authoritles and public institutions, enough money is in sight to give our unfortunate fellow-citizens on the coast a splendid start for the rebuilding of their city and the rehabilitation of their business affairs. Cash contributions, however, are still in order for immediate aid, and will be worthily bestowed. Every dollar that can be raised in any legitimate way will be found not only acceptable, but necessary for the full relief of the distressed.

Donations will still be received by the Deseret News for this laudable purpose, and we invite our friends to send in their gifts without delay, so that they may be forwarded while the distress is still at its height. The extent of the horror and its attendant sufferings cannot be fully realized and has not appeared in print, despite the many descriptions given and the stories of individual experience which have been narrated.

The great needs of the hour are food, clothing, tents, bedding and provisions which are in daily demand. It should be remembered that many thousands of people are homeless and destitute, and that the means to supply their continual wants are not at hand in the ruined city. For some time they will have to be supplied from other points. They can be shipped by the railroads to the relief committee. There need be no doubt as to their reaching the proper destination. The organization effected may be depended upon, so that the means contributed of every kind and nature will be applied in an honest and capable manner, will not be wasted and will not be unworthily bestowed. The help that is needed in this particular respect should be exuntil those who are in charge of relief work will say, "It is enough." Too much praise cannot be accorded to the railway authorities for their generosity and promptness in the fime of great trial. It is wonderful how they supplied transportation to people fleeing from destruction and devastation. and also conveyed provisions for the destitute sent from different places. They have done their part in the great cause of aid to afflicted humanity and are among the chief helpers in the work of charity. The common saying, "Corporations have no souls." will have to be expunged from the aphorisms of the period. While touching on this subject, we once more call attention to the movement in this city in the shape of a musical effort in behalf of the afflicted in California. Wednesday evening at S a clock is the time fixed for the grand concert in the Tabernacle, in which a number of the choirs of the different churches and of the chief musical celebrities of the city, with the military band from Fort Douglas will take part and supplement the Tabernacle choir and grand organ. It will be one of the most momentous musical occasions in the history of this musical city. Every person who purchases a fifty cent ticket will be entitled to a sent in any part of the great building, and will contribute exactly that sum to the relief fund, which will be forwarded at once to the committee on the coast. Tickets ought to be distributed throughout the city and offered for sale. The Tabernacle should be filled, and everybody should feel desirous of alding in this great benefit concert. Let the good work of charity and generosity go on, and be kept up until every

loss of life through an earthquake, It is a matter of great regret that as far as the records show, was that anybody has been shot down with- which occurred at Yeddo, Japan, in 1793. when 200,000 lives were lost. In the earthout investigation and with no opporquake at Pekin, about 30 years later, tunity for explanation or defense. At 100,000 people perished. The Sam Franthe same time, the most rigorous regcisco calamity is, fortunately, not any. ulations had to be established, or the thing like these, in the loss of life, but borrors of earthquake and fire would when the destruction of property is tave been followed by pfllage, brutalconsidered, it is the most appalling in ity, assaults upon women and general

flagratica of Chicago in 1871, which the calamities which overtook the fatstartled the entire world at that time, ed city. It was a great boon to San Francisco that a military post was the property loss was less than \$200,000, near at hand, commanded by as level-The flood that swept in over Galves. headed and courageous an officer as ton in 1900 caused a loss of \$17,000,000 worth of property. The damage done The police alone would have been by the Charleston enrthquake in 1886 almost powerless. In the represaion amounted but to \$8,000.000. The Johnsof crime, in the establishment of order. town flood in 1889 devasted property to in the protection of the weak, in the the estimated value of \$10,000,000. By distribution of necessaries, the mili-

fisorder, in some respects worse than

ly to proceed rashly in carrying out

what they understood to be the orders

In the case of Mr. Tilden there will

no doubt be a thorough investigation.

Both sides of the tragedy will be

heard, and it may yet appear that

there was some apparent justification

for the course that was pursued by the

patrol. On reading the first account,

only one side of the story is made

prominent, and while there is uni-

versal regret over the lamentable af-

fair, patience ought to be exercised

There are other instances, no doubt

of hasty action on the part of the sol-

diety, but it must be remembered that

they were acting under martial law,

that there was intense excitement on

all sides, that people were likely to pay

little attention to orders to halt, and

that some errors were almost unavoid-

Reviewing the whole situation from

a distance and with but a general un-

derstanding of the action taken by the

military authorities, we are of the

opinion that great credit is due to

General Funston and his command for

the splendid work performed, during

and after the terrible experiences of

the destruction that overwheimed the

city by the bay. When normal condi-

tions are restored and the civil power

relieves the military arm of its extraor-

dinary services, it will be in order to

calmly investigate the work that was

performed, with the various incidents

that occurred during the period of

martial rule, and then a just verdict

can be rendered, with a full under-

standing of all the circumstances that

attended the awful situation. Mean-

NO RACE WAR.

A speaker in a Chleago church, the

other day, is quoted as having advised

the audience, which presumably con-

sisted of negroes, to carry arms and

while let criticism be suspended.

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until it is thoroughly inquired into.

of their commanding officers.

General Funston.

maparison the cerrible extent of the tary authority was exercised with wisdamage done to our sister city by the dom and celerity, and was perforce coast may be somewhat appreciated, stern and unwielding. That some misand also the urgent need of assistance takes occurred was to be expected. for several weeks, during which time When clothed with as little brief authe wants of the destitute people must thority, ordinary men, without much be looked after. training and less discretion, were like-

One of the most remarkable facts in connection with the devastations by fire water, or other destructive agencles, is the speed with which the damage is repaired, and business resumed. It will be so with San Francisco. The city is needed, for the immense volume of commerce that flows in and out through the famous Golden Gate of this country. For a long time to come there will be the most busy activity, comparable to that of the ants that undertake o repair their disturbed hills. There will be buildings, and reconstruction of railway lines, laying of pavements, and all sorts of work, and the city will rise as by magic to more than its former magnitude and beauty.

### TWO VIEWS.

Maxim Gorky, who has become prominent in public view in this country, has his pecullar notions about the ca. tastrophe that has visled San Francisco. In a signed article in the New York American he says, in part:

"A blind elemental power of the un-derground work of fire has devoured the lives of hundreds with one shock, put out the life light from thousands of eyes, ruined dozens of buildings, destroyed many years of people's labor. Hard is my soul pressed by such crimes where there are no criminals, but only victims. I bow before the misfortune of America."

. . . "Misfortunes must teach us brotherhood. They must show us how we de-pend on nature and its mysterious power. Misfortunes must unite us into one family, in a family of fighters with na-ture, the enemy of man, in a family of obstinate investigators of her secrets. Not for power over each other must we think, not for wealth, but how to be masters of the whole power of the earth, and with it rule for the benefit of life, for happiness of men."

. . . "There is no evil power of man in this crime, and, truly, such a thought must console Americans. To the lana is brought an awful shock, but not by the people.'

Everyone will admit, we think, that this is a most peculiar view. It re-



#### away with wild speculation as a first on another page of the "News" de- out of earthly existence. The largest step to this end.

The United States supreme court has advanced the habeas corpus case of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, This must not be taken as an advance of their case in public estimation.

"Maxim Gorky must guard against crebral tumefaction, or megalomania, while in this country," says the Boston recent history, In the memorable con. Transcript. Only a Boston paper is familiar with such big words. Wonder what they mean?

> Certainly the Chinese who suffered in this great calamity are entitled to the same treatment that other victims are. Not to give it to them would be an outrage on humanity and a disgrace to American civilization.

Already a hundred books, each independent of the other, giving the only 'true and authentic" history of the great San Francisco catastrophe are in course of preparation. This is one of the worst results of the earthquake.

Twenty-five Russian authors have published a resolution condemning Americans for their treatment of Maxim Gorky. The condemnation is well deserved. His course in the United States shows that he should have been ignored instead of having been given a reception by some of our most distinguished citizens.

# SPEAKING OF THE EARTHQUAKE

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The moral effect of this calamity, too. cannot fail to affect san Francisco in-juriously and for many years. There will never in this generation be the same buoyant confidence in the cliy's future. There will linger for years the future. There will inger for years the fear that what has now happened may happen again. Merely to rebuild the twisted and burned buildings will repair the actual damage, but there is no pres-ent means of knowing to what extent the city's future has been clouded.

pressing need is amply supplied!

DON'T JUDGE HASTILY!

Much indignation is expressed by many people on reading of the rash acts of some of the soldiers detailed for military duty in San Francisco. Several persons have been shot and killed who were not guilty, so far as has appeared, of committing any unlawful deed. The case of H. C. Tilden, a prominent member of the general relief committee, while traveling in his automobile which carried the Red Cross flag, when he had the Red Cross badge on his arm, is one that causes anger and amazement. Particulars of the shooting appeared in the Descret News on Monday evening. A number of cases in which the slain persons were worthy of death are recorded, and it is clear that they were guilty of offenses which, under the circumstances and by military orders, rendered them liable to instant execution

In our special correspondence, however, accounts are given of the summary killing of unoffending individuals, which indicate a ferocity and disregard of human rights and human life that appear entirely unjustifiable and even murderous. Such crimes ought not to be passed by or condoned. Even the soldiery in times of war are subject to law, either civil or military, and

"anticipate the white man in his deviltry.' The occasion for the speech was a meeting called to protest against the recent mob violence at Springfield. Mo.

It must be admitted that such occurrences as the Springfield murder are likely to try the patience of the colored population to the utmost, but such advice as that given on the occasion referred to is, nevertheless, the worst that could be offered. If it is followed it will mean race war.

The people to which the victims of race-hatred belong should have recourse to the courts, and fight their battles with legal means. In that they would have the sympathy of the vast majority of American eltizens. At the same meeting resolutions were adopted urging the President to take steps for the protection of the colored race from destruction. That is better. But what is needed especially is a general awakening of the American sentiment against the atrocities that have been perpetrated, and in favor of fair play. The stamping out of the crime of lynching is one of the great duties of the day. It is an obligation that cannot be shirked with impunity. Amercan soil should not be stained with the blood of innocent victims. The wilful violation of law and order is sure to result in disastrous consequences.

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

The present century has already gone on record with several disastrous cata. clysms, some even more appalling, when the loss of life is considered, than San Francisco disaster. The the total loss of life from the eruption of Mt. Pelee in 1902, was estimated at no less than 40,000. In 1905 there was an earthquake in India, in which 35,000 human beings were thought to have perished. The earthquakes in Calabria, in Italy, and in Albania, last year, also

resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives. Since the beginning of 1905, there has hardly been a month entirely free from disturbances of one kind or another. About the time of the earthquake in India there was marked activity in the volcano of Kilauca, Hawaii, and

a slight renewal of eruptions from Mt. Pelée. This year's disturbances commenced in January, when the town of Masay, Nicaragua, was wrecked by a

series of earthquakes. No lives were lost, but property was destroyed worth \$500,000. The inhabitants fled. Tremors. were felt all over the world. People in Michigan and the New England states felt distinct shocks. In South America, coincident with and following the Nicaragua earthquake, severe shocks were felt, particularly in Ecuador. The record, if complete, would be significant

in the highest degree. Such calamities are, however, not new in the history of the human race, al-

though the frequency seems to be peculiar to our time. To go no further back than the year 1531, when the first earthquake at Lisbon occurred, 30,000 lives were lost in that catastrophe. Then Lisbon was safe for 214 years, but in the year 1755 another shock was experienced. This was followed by a tithe wanton less displayed as described dal wave, and 60,000 souls were swept rates. It might be just as well to do

gards the destruction wrought as a have been then, with the commercial and industrial district thronged in of-"crime," committed by a "blind," elemental power. It regards the powers fice, shop, mill and street with men.wo-men and children at work and happy to of nature as enemies against which be working. human beings must unite in a fight, and t places the "crime" of nature against New York Mail. Americans into juxta-position with the 'crimes'' of Russian autocracy against

cious greed.

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his countrymen. Is this the philosophy of modern thinkers who claim for themselves the distinction of being "advanced?" If so, contrast that with the philosophy of Jesus. According to one we have the human family placed, accidentally we suppose, upon a globe rolling in space, and left to fight its potent enemies, the "blind" forces of nature, as best it can. According to the other there is a kind, wise, and powerful Father, whose hand is to be acknowledged in all things, because that Father always has a wise and loving end and design in view, in the trials and afflictions that befall His children, however extraordinary they may appear at the time. In the Chris. tian philosophy we are taught that though the chastening hand of the Father may appear heavy, the object in view is only dictated by pitiful and tende, mercy, and that this will some day be perfectly clear.

The other view is virtually pagan in its conception. It is certainly not comforting to those who are stricken and need comfort,and, furthermore it is not true.

It is still California the Golden.

The real tax dodgers are never those who only own realty,

Dowie seemingly knows how to wait.

Just one week ago tomorrow since the terribio earthquake occurred. What a week it has been!

"Amorican" shoes are now being made in both Germany and Italy. Simply following in American footsteps.

In appropriating three million dollars for the San Francisco sufferers Congress has done the appropriate thing.

John D. Rockefeller declares that he is always at his case. It was the public impression that he was always at his desk.

No one can kick over the rate given relief supplies for the coast. No commission could have done any better than has been done.

"The Man with the Hoe" was saved

from the general conflagration in San Francisco. This is very fortunate, as his services will be needed during the planting season.

As the little Indian maidens said to John Smith, "You're off the track, you'd better get back to old Virginia's shore," so it may be said to Maxim Gorky of Russia.

The New York brokers have undertaken to devise a plan that will do

away with the excessively high money