

DETAILS OF DEVASTATION ARE FULL OF HORROR.



STRIKING BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF SAN FRANCISCO WHICH HAS BEEN WIPED OUT OF EXISTENCE BY GREATEST CALAMITY OF MODERN TIMES.

EARTHQUAKE WAS RESULT OF FAULTING

Such is Opinion of Prof. Tarr of Cornell and Other Geologists.

CALIFORNIA COAST GROWING.

Prest. Van Hise of Wisconsin Says Scientists Have Long Expected Severe Shocks.

New York, April 19.—The Times today prints a statement from Ralph Stockman Tarr, professor of dynamic geology and physical geography at Cornell university on the subject of the San Francisco earthquake. He says: "It is too early to pronounce a final opinion upon the nature and cause of the San Francisco earthquake, but from what has been said, it will be seen that it is probable this shock is the result of movement along one or more fault lines in the course of the natural growth of the coast ranges, which geologists have long known to be still in progress throughout the entire extent of California. That the coast ranges are growing is proved by numerous evidences. There are upraised shore lines at various points along the California coast, proving recent uplift. The very bay of San Francisco is the result of a geologically recent subsidence of this part of the coast which has admitted the sea into the gorge that the Sacramento river formerly cut across the coast ranges. This forms the Golden Gate and in the broader mountain valley behind the sea has spread out to form the bay.

DISASTER LONG EXPECTED.

Madison, Wis., April 19.—President Charles R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, one of the best known geologists in the country, formerly of the United States geological survey, says a disaster at San Francisco has long been expected by scientists. In a signed statement he says: "Scientists have known for many years that San Francisco is dangerously located and would probably sooner or later be subject to severe shocks. The fear has been repeatedly expressed that San Francisco would be the first to show the effect of an earthquake upon steel structures, for it has been well understood that San Francisco has the most dangerous location with reference to earthquakes of any large city in the United States.

EARTHQUAKE A SIMPLE MATTER.

Chicago, April 19.—Prof. J. Paul

Goode of the University of Chicago, says: "An earthquake is as simple as the breaking of a timber.

"I believe that the seat of the disturbance at San Francisco was about seven miles below the surface of the earth. It was quite probably a slipping of the crust of the earth. Generally one block of the crust slips up while the other slips down. The focus of the disturbance may be noted by the direction of the cracks in the wrecked buildings. The Sierra Madre mountains are young and growing slowly, and no doubt their growing was the cause of the earthquake."

PROF. BURCKHALLER'S OBSERVATION.

Oakland, Cal., April 19.—Prof. Burckhaller of the Lake Chabot observatory, this city, has made the following statement to the Associated Press: "The earthquake shock was the severest which has been experienced here since my connection with the Chabot observatory.

"It started at 5:14:48, and its duration was 28 seconds.

"As soon as possible I went to the observatory and found that the trembler was too much for the smoked glass which was on the seismograph at the time of the trouble. "The smoked glass shows where the needle left the glass because of the excessive oscillation.

"It is difficult to state the exact direction, which the trembler moved, but there are indications that it took in all the four points of the compass. "The quake stopped the mean time and the sidereal clocks of the observatory at 14 minutes and 48 seconds after 5 o'clock this morning."

FELT IN VIENNA.

Vienna, April 19.—Officials of the government observatory at Ljubach say that from 2:25 to 2:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon the seismograph recorded a distant earthquake of great force and destructiveness. The indications showed that the disturbances were much more violent than those which recently occurred in Formosa.

FATHER GAPON IS MISSING.

St. Petersburg, April 18.—Father Gapon, the labor leader, mysteriously disappeared about a week ago. His wife fears foul play on the part of his enemies, as the police insist that he has not been arrested.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED.

Calamity One of the Greatest Ever Known in the United States.

Oakland, Cal., April 18.—Earthquake and fire today have caused the greatest calamity California has ever known. In San Francisco alone it is estimated that 1,000 persons have perished, while as many more are suffering from injuries.

CITY IN RUINS.

The entire business portion of the city is in ruins, and the flames, which, owing to the lack of water, cannot be checked except by the blowing up with dynamite of buildings in their path, are still sweeping through the city. It is utterly impossible at present to estimate the property loss, for the extent of the conflagration cannot be told until the fire has burned itself out.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Thousands of people are homeless, and many are huddled in the parks and public squares, beside the household goods they were able to save.

At 9 o'clock this morning 1,000 men from the Presidio arrived down town to patrol the city streets. The Thirtieth infantry, 1,000 strong, arrived from Angel Island a little later and went on patrol duty at once. The soldiers have been ordered to shoot down thieves caught in the act of robbing the dead, and to guard with their lives the million of dollars' worth of property which has been placed in the streets that it may escape the ravages of the flames. The First California artillery, 200 strong, two companies, have been detailed to patrol duty on Ellis street. Two more companies are patrolling Broadway in the Italian section.

An early hour this morning Mayor Schmitz, who has established his office at police headquarters, named the following citizens as a committee of safety:

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

James D. Phelan, Herbert Law, Thomas Magee, Charles Fee, W. P. Herrin, Thornwell Mullaly, Garret W. McEnery, W. H. Leahy, J. Downey Harvey, Jeremiah Dignan, John K. Mahoney, Henry T. Scott, I. W. Hellman, George A. Knight, E. G. Steinhart, S. O. Murphy, Homer King, Frank An-

derson, W. J. Barnett, John Martin, Allan Pollock, Mark Gerber, H. V. Ramsdell, W. G. Harrison, R. A. Crothers, Paul Cowles, M. H. de Young, Claus Srookels, Rudolph Srookels, C. W. Fay, John McNaught, Dent Robert, Thomas Garrett, Frank Shea, Jas. Reed, Robert Blais, T. P. Woodward, Howard Holness, George Dillman, W. R. Rogers, David Rich, H. T. Crosswell, J. A. Howell, Frank Maestretti, Clem Tobin, George Toumey, E. E. Pond, George A. Newhall and William Watson.

Mayor Schmitz sent out word to the bakeries and milk stations throughout the city that their food supply must be hoarded for homeless. Provisions have already been made to place tents in every park in the city and in those those who have lost all will be given food and shelter.

Early in the morning the prisoners confined in the city prison on the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice were transferred to the basement of the structure. Later they were removed to the Broadway jail, and if necessary arise they will be taken to the branch county jail on the Mission road.

INSURANCE WILL BE PAID.

Commissioner K. Myron Wolfe announced at noon that the 89 odd fire insurance companies interested had decided to pay dollar for dollar to every one insured with them. The companies will not discriminate between fire and earthquake, and every one insured will be paid to the extent of the loss. But two of the companies affected are Pacific coast companies, the others having principal offices in the east or in Europe, and all will stand the loss without danger of failure.

The calamity is the greatest in the history of the United States—\$200,000,000 worth of property destroyed and a loss of life estimated at from 500 to 1,500.

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SAN FRANCISCO'S TRAGIC STORY.

Will be Many Days Before the Tale of Its Calamity is Told.

TEMPORARY MORGUES SET UP

Amid the Horrible Scene Human Fiends Ply Their Trade of Robbery.

San Francisco, April 18.—It will be many days before the complete story of the ruin wrought by the calamity of earthquake and fire that visited San Francisco today will be written, and then there will still remain untold countless tales of pitiful tragedy. The exact loss of life will never be known, as hundreds of unfortunates have been incinerated in the flames which made the rescue of those buried under toppling steeples and falling walls impossible.

Temporary morgues were improvised at many points, only to be razed by the flames. Tonight the city resembles on a vast shambles, the fire throwing weird shadows across the worn and pale-stricken faces of the homeless who are wandering the streets or sleeping on piles of mattresses and clothing in the parks and on the sidewalks in those districts not yet reached by the fire.

MILES OF FLAMES.

Forgetting for a moment the terrible suffering, physical and financial loss that trails in the wake of the disaster, the scene presented by the flames is one of unspeakable grandeur. Looking over the city from a high hill in the western addition, the flames can be seen rolling skyward for miles and miles, while in the midst of spouting and belching tongues of red fire can be seen the black skeletons and falling towers of the doomed buildings. At regular intervals the booming of dynamite tells of the work of the brave army of men that are attempting to save the city from complete annihilation.

A falling wall from one of the dynamited buildings on Mission street crashed out the life of fireman Max Fenner, while countless others met a like fate. Through all the streets automobiles and express wagons are hurrying, carrying the dead and injured to the morgues and the hospitals. At the morgue in the Hall of Justice 50 bodies lie on the slabs. The flames rapidly approached this building and the work of removing the bodies to Jackson square, opposite, began.

RESCUING THE DEAD.

While the soldiers and police were

carrying the dead to what appeared safe places, a shower of bricks from a building dynamited to check the progress of the sweeping flames injured many of the workmen and sent soldier after soldier hurrying to the hospitals. The work of removing the bodies was stopped, and the remainder of the dead were left to possible cremation in the morgue.

FIENDS AT WORK.

From the "Barbary Coast" the horde of vicious and criminal persons that infest that section poured forth to loot the stores and rob the dead. Fearing such a fiendish climax to this day of horrors, Mayor Schmitz and Police Chief Dignan issued orders for the soldiers to kill outright all who engaged in such work.

Before the eyes of an Associated Press representative three thieves were shot in the back and fatally wounded in the burning commercial district.

The earthquake has worked astonishing havoc in San Francisco's famous Chinatown. The Chinese theaters and joss houses are in ruins, and rookery after rookery has collapsed, covering alive hundreds of the Celestials. Panto reigns among the thousands of the Chinese, and they fill the streets, dragging whatever they could save from the wrecks.

The Japanese quarter has been partly burned, and from the part not destroyed they have fled to the interior, packing on their backs what household effects they could tie together.

When darkness began to fall thousands of men and women and children from the Latin quarter marched in endless procession toward the hills or to the water front, frantic to get away from the city, lest other earthquakes follow and the flames trap them before they could make their escape.

Artillery men from the Presidio, with their supply wagons and the army commissary wagons, are aiding in getting the fleeing inhabitants and their baggage out of the threatened quarters.

DRUNKEN VAGABONDS.

Despite the vigilance of the police and soldiers many places were pillaged in the wholesale district. Liquor stores were broken into and stripped clean. As a result scores of vagabonds were lying dead drunk in the streets. The ruin in the commission and wholesale district is complete, the flames tonight having completed the paralysis of the early morning. Under the fearful shock all the rookeries used as commission-houses, many of them relics of the days of '49, collapsed.

Dr. Loomis, dentist, over Walker's store

PRESIDENT OFFERS EVERY ASSISTANCE.

Washington, April 18.—President Roosevelt manifested profound interest throughout the day in the news of the earthquake at San Francisco. Early in the day he sent the following telegram to Gov. George C. Pardee at Sacramento and Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz at San Francisco:

"Washington, D. C., April 18.—Hear rumors of great disaster through an earthquake at San Francisco but know nothing of the real facts. Call upon me for any assistance I can send."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Later in the day he sent the following dispatch to Mayor Schmitz: "I share with all our people the hor-

ror felt at the catastrophe that has befallen San Francisco and the most earnest sympathy with our citizens. If there is anything that the federal government can do to aid you, it will be done.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

He also sent the following to Gov. Pardee: "It was difficult at first to credit the news of the calamity that has befallen San Francisco. I feel the greatest concern and sympathy for you and the people not only of San Francisco but of California in this terrible disaster. You will let me know if there is anything that the national government can do.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

GOVERNOR'S REPLY. Washington, April 18.—President Roosevelt tonight received a telegram from Gov. Pardee of California in response to the president's telegraphic inquiry sent early in the day. The governor's message follows: "Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—To the interruption of telegraphic communication the extent of the disaster in San Francisco is not well known here, but no doubt the calamity is very serious. People of California appreciate your prompt inquiry and offer of assistance. State troops are doing patrol duty and if federal assistance is needed will call on you."

"GEORGE C. PARDEE."

A private telegram from Oakland, forwarded to Secy. Metcalf tonight, says the principal damage done in Oakland was caused by falling chimneys.

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