

EARTHQUAKE, FOLLOWED BY FIRE, LAYS SAN FRANCISCO IN ASHES

LIVES AND PROPERTY DESTROYED Twelve Square Miles of the Finest Portion of the City Made Desolate by Catastrophe.

FINANCIAL LOSS PUT AT THREE HUNDRED MILLIONS

One Thousand Persons Believed to Have Perished—Millions of Dollars Col- lected Throughout the Country for Sufferers.

DETAILS OF LOSS IN SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

Number of dead, estimated.....	1,000
Number of injured, estimated.....	15,000
Number of homes, estimated.....	300,000
Property loss, estimated.....	\$300,000,000
Area burned, square miles.....	12
Area blocks burned.....	1,000

San Francisco, April 22.—A series of earthquakes shocks, the first occurring about 5:30 on the morning of April 18, has resulted in the practical destruction of the city.

Following the shocks, which brought to the earth the most substantial buildings of which the city could boast, fire broke out seemingly in hundreds of places at once, and the destruction of the principal water mains, ruined by seismic disturbances, left the city practically without means of defense, although many blocks of the finest business and residential buildings were destroyed by dynamite, in the effort to stay the progress of the flames. Not until 12 square miles of the richest portion of the city had been burned did the flames seem to be checked. The homeless and weary people sought refuge in the public parks and open spaces in the outskirts of the city.

Oakland, Cal., April 22.—San Francisco's heroic fire fighters have triumphed, and the flames which have devastated three-fourths of the city are finally under complete control.

The flames, following the earthquake shocks which continued all day April 18, had taken practically their own way. The first shocks destroyed the water mains and left the firemen powerless. Dynamite, gunpowder and even field guns, brought out by the city by order of Gen. Funston, in command of the regular troops, had all been used in the effort to stay the progress of the fire, which for three days defied the efforts of troops, firemen and citizens.

The long and heroic struggle to subdue the flames reached its successful conclusion Saturday morning near the ferry-house, where thousands of people were trapped on the wharves, to which they had been driven by the relentless advance of the fire. Here the final stand was made by firemen, soldiers, sailors and citizens, aided by fire ladders and a few engines. By their efforts, and the entrapped people were saved.

Cheered at Victory Over Flames.
The effect of the victory was inspiring. It gave cheer to everybody, and to none more than the homeless ones who had sought the water front as the only place of refuge and avenue of escape from the burning city.

It relieved the nervous tension of thousands who were ready to succumb to the prolonged strain. It sent a wave of optimism surging all over the city and made the skies look bright even through the mist of smoke still lingering. It was in effect like that of a powerful tonic administered to a fainting man. Three hundred thousand men, women and children joined in singing the praises of the men who stamped out the flames.

Goods Filled in the Open.
These tent cities, which are scattered all over the city where the flames failed to work their rage, are the depositories for mountains of household goods. Unfortunately, indeed, was the man or woman who failed to carry away from his blazing home some of those household treasures dear to the heart.

Stern measures have saved the desolated city from disorder and lawlessness. The orders issued by Gen. Funston to shoot anyone caught in the act of looting the deserted and wrecked buildings have been carried out by both federal troops and the militia. Vandals have been shot down without hesitation by the soldiers. Ghouls have been caught in their ghastly work, and retributions quickly followed. As near as could be estimated, for no actual count has been kept of these impromptu executions, at least 20 vandals and ghouls have been shot down.

City a Vast Ash Heap.
No better description can now be

Got Out Unique Newspaper.
Oakland, Cal., April 22.—The San Francisco newspapers, all of which were burned out, are gradually getting in shape. Thursday morning, the day after the fire, the best of the morning journals could make a small combination sheet bearing the unique heading, "Call-Chronicle-Examiner." It was set up and printed in the office of the Oakland Tribune, and took an optimistic view of the future of the stricken city.

Fire Burned Itself Out.
As to the fire it has practically burned itself out. A journey along the northern front showed fires blazing in only two places and these were hardly capable of spreading unless a severe gale springs up.

The walls of several of the ruined buildings of the downtown section of the city collapsed, but no one was injured. The tower on the Hall of Justice in Kearney street still retains its upright position, despite the fact that but one small corner of the structure bears the immense weight of steel and granite.

Several walls are in imminent danger of toppling over and must be torn down.

Damage on Water Front.
A survey of the water front from a tug showed that everything except four docks had been swept clean from Fisherman's wharf, at the foot of Powell street, to a point around westwardly, almost to the Ferry building. This means that nearly a mile of grain sheds, docks and wharves have been added to the general destruction. The fire was still blazing at the foot of Powell street, but there was no possibility of its going into the Presidio district.

Many Cities Suffer.
Further details of the havoc wrought by the earthquakes in California towns outside of San Francisco increase the magnitude of the disaster.

Santa Rosa's business district was almost entirely destroyed. Money practically has no value in the town, as there is no place to spend it. Probably 100 persons lost their lives. All the inhabitants are sleeping out of doors.

Fort Bragg, a lumber town of Mendocino county, was almost wiped out. One person was killed and many hurt. All the large stores were wrecked and many other buildings damaged at San Rafael. Two children were killed in a falling house.

Entire World Extends Help.
With spontaneity and liberality without a parallel in history the whole civilized world is answering the unvoiced appeal of ruined San Francisco.

Not only from every city, town and hamlet in this country, but from over

CITY HALL OF SAN FRANCISCO.



This Structure, Built at a Cost of \$7,000,000 Was Wrecked by the Earthquake and Flames Completed the Destruction.

every sea comes news that all human-ity in its profound sympathy is showering material aid upon the stricken city and its beggared people. No more amazing instance of world wide generosity ever has been recorded.

In actual cash given or pledged, the relief fund far exceeds \$10,000,000. Where it will and cannot be told, for every hour swells the enormous total.

In the reckoning up of the extent of the disaster conservative minds are hesitating. The nearest approach to the aggregate destruction of life and property is estimated as follows: Number of lives lost, 2,500; property destroyed, \$400,000,000.

The boundaries of the fire-wrecked district. It is claimed, include at least three-fourths of the city's area.

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Post Office Is in Operation.
San Francisco, April 22.—At a meeting of the post authorities with the military, held at the post office building, plans were completed for the resumption of mail service. All mail matter should be addressed to the old street number in San Francisco unless the new address is positively known. Nine branch offices will soon be in operation. Letters are being accepted without stamps or envelopes and will reach their destination without delay.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN MANY TOWNS.

PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET

Important Session of General Assembly of Cumberland Church in May
—Two Men Killed by Switch Engine at Chicago.

Decatur.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of the United States will be held here May 17 to 21. This is one of the first times the assembly has been held in a city so small as Decatur.

There will be in the neighborhood of 500 people present, among whom will be representatives from over 30 states of the union. The general assembly is an annual meeting, and is held for the discussion of problems of general importance to the church.

The meeting this year is of special importance because of the fact that the question of uniting with the Presbyterian church will be brought up for final discussion and decision.

Heroism of Chicago Boy.
Chicago.—After carrying his mother and grandmother from the second story of their home on a ladder through tongues of smoke, Arthur Hood, 19 years old, risked his life by going back into the house to save his little sister when the house was destroyed by fire. The house, which was situated at Walnut avenue and Quincy street, in Austin, caught fire from a lamp which was overturned by a cat while the family was asleep. Arthur was awakened by the smoke and jumped from the second story window. He placed a ladder to his mother's room to help her and his grandmother to safety. Then carrying the ladder around to the side on which his sister slept, he again mounted, and, fighting his way through the flames, succeeded in saving her, too, just before the floor caved in.

Injured in Street Car Collision.
Collinsville.—A motorcar and two coal miners were injured Saturday and 17 other miners were cut by flying glass in a head-on collision between cars No. 6 and 7 on the East St. Louis and Suburban railroad near Dr. Miller's crossing, two miles south of this place.

Car No. 9, a "miners' special," was going west when it carried 40 miners. Car No. 6, going south, was Edgemont, carrying eight men and one woman as passengers. No. 6 was in charge of Motorman Lewis Lebb, who was killed when he saw the signal. No. 9 began backing his car, which probably prevented further damage. The front vestibules were demolished.

Profitable Investment.
Alton.—The sale of Sportman's baseball field, near Alton, by A. A. Soter and P. F. Straube for \$12,500 was a real estate deal which was started by Soter and Straube 15 years ago. The two men received \$26,000 out of an investment of \$3,500. The title to the tract was considered doubtful 15 years ago, depending upon which of two persons should die first. The one whose death perfected the title passed away first, and the two Alton men had a clear title to a piece of property which yielded them 500 per cent. in 15 years.

Have a Late Charivari.
Alton.—Marriage License Clerk E. C. Paul and his wife were made the victims of a queer mistake by boys who called at their home to give the clerk a charivari. The couple were married four years ago, but the boys refused to move on until Paul showed them his son, who is past two years old. The boys then crossed the street to the home of Alderman Holm, who has been married about 35 years, and gave him an unsoftened concert.

Presiding Elders Appointed.
Kankakee.—Presiding elders were appointed as follows at a conference of the German Evangelical association in session in this city: Chicago district, the Rev. W. Schutte; Freeport district, the Rev. W. B. Billings; Peoria district, the Rev. F. F. Jordan; Naperville district, the Rev. J. G. Schwab. The conference was opened by bishop William Horn, of Cleveland.

Girl's Life Saved by Lover.
Eglin.—Believing her sweetheart had ceased to love her, Miss Marjorie Butler, a popular young woman of this city, attempted to commit suicide here by drinking laudanum. Herbert Snelgrove, the sweetheart, knocked the bottle from her hand when she raised the poison to her lips. A large crowd of persons at the railway station saw the attempt.

Victory for Illinois Wesleyan.
Bloomington.—Illinois Wesleyan, at Bloomington, won the first annual intercollegiate debate with Milliken university, of Decatur. Wesleyan took the negative end of the proposition that congress had the right to fix railroad rates.

Bodies Found in Drainage Canal.
Willow Springs.—Bodies of two men, about 25 years old, were found floating in the drainage canal here. They were tied to a supply of the bridge to await the arrival of a deputy coroner.

The bodies, which are believed to have been in the water for several weeks, were seen by E. B. Smith, a resident of the town. He notified the marshal, who got a boat and followed the bodies.

On reaching them a rope was tied about them and they were taken to the bridge, where they were fastened.

ATTACKED THE HEART

Awful Neuralgia Case Cured by St. Paul, Minn.

Neuralgia in any form is painful but when it attacks the heart is frequently fatal. Complicated with indigestion of a form that affected the vital organ is a threatened serious consequence in a stance just reported. The case is that of Mr. F. L. Graves, of Painesville, La., who tells of his trouble and cure as follows:

"I traveled considerably, was exposed to all kinds of weather, and was irregular in my sleeping and eating. I suppose this was the cause of my sickness, as my rate of pulse, 1906, I had got so bad that I was compelled to quit work and take to my bed. I had a good doctor and took his medicines faithfully but grew worse. I gave up hope of getting better and my neighbors thought I was sure going to die.

"I tried many spells that it was awful to recall. My heart fluttered and then seemed to cease beating. I could not lie on my side at all. My hands and feet swelled and so did my face. After reading about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the papers I decided to try them and they suited my case exactly. Before long I could see an improvement and after taking a few boxes I was entirely cured. I will make this statement and wish it could cause every sufferer to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure the trouble which causes the pain. They are guaranteed to cure all cases of indigestion or flatulence. Those who take them run no danger of forming any drug habit. They act directly on the blood and cleanse it through the kidneys and the bowels. They are sold by all druggists. Will send postpaid, six boxes for \$1.50, by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

FACTS ABOUT STAMPS.

An specialist who collected the stamps of France and her colonies recently sold his collection for \$11,000.

It takes a stamp collector to tell where are Ancon, Antofagasta, Aprunaka, Chappa, Diego Suarez, Bamra, Yea, Waikiki, and Ujuz, Ujuz, Faridkot, Nabba and Obok.

It requires more than 40 large albums to house the collection of United States stamps owned by the earl of Crawford. This collection of United States stamps is thought to be the most complete in existence.

The credit of originating adhesive stamps is generally given to James Chalmers, of Edinburgh, Scotland. He first advocated them in 1837, and in accordance with a legislative enactment of December 21, 1839, they were issued for public use in England May 6, 1840.

The visitor from Philadelphia, who was taken in by his Pittsburgh friends and shows the sights of the city, from the Carnegie Art Institute to the belching furnaces of Homestead together with the points of sentimental interest. The visitor was naturally impressed with the action and swiftness of the city.

"Now," said the visitor, gratefully, "I must try to repay you for your courtesy. Where can I come to my town. By the by, have you ever been in Philadelphia?"

"Yes," said the Pittsburgher, "I spent several years here. In one afternoon!"—Pittsburgh Gazette.

Religion No Excuse.
A man addicted to walking in his sleep, went to bed at eight o'clock, but when he woke he found himself on the street in the grasp of a policeman. "Hold on!" he cried, "you mustn't arrest me. I'm a somnambulist!" To which the policeman replied: "I don't care what your religion is—ye can't walk the streets in your nightgait!"—Scottish American.

A BUSY WOMAN

Can Do The Work of 3 or 4 If Well Fed.
An energetic young woman living just outside of New York, writes:

"I am at present doing all the housework of a dairy farm, caring for 2 children, a vegetable and flower garden, a large number of fowls, besides managing an extensive business. I change business through the mails and pursuing my regular avocation as a writer for several newspapers and magazines (designing fancy work for the latter) and all the energy and ability to do this I owe to Grape-Nuts food.

"It was not always so, and a year ago when the shock of my nursing baby's death utterly prostrated me and demoralized my mind and nerves so that I could not assimilate as much as a mouthful of solid food, and was in even worse condition mentally, he would have been a rash prophet who would have predicted that it ever would do so."

"Prior to this great grief I had suffered for years with impaired digestion, insomnia, agonizing cramps in the stomach, and a host of other ailments, and other bowel derangements, all these were familiar to my daily life. Medicines gave me no relief—nothing did, until a few months ago, at a friend's suggestion, I began to use Grape-Nuts food, and subsequently gave up coffee entirely and adopted Postum Food Coffee at all my meals.

"To-day I am free from all the troubles I have enumerated. My digestion is a sturdy of the best, my appetite without the least distress, enjoy sweet, restful sleep, and have a buoyant feeling of pleasure in my varied duties. In fact, I am a new woman. E. B. Smith, a resident of the town. He notified the marshal, who got a boat and followed the bodies.