

SAN FRANCISCO WRECKED

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 Collected 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 destroyed	100,000
Property loss, estimated	\$300,000,000
Area burned, square miles	12
Cities burned	12

San Francisco, April 23.—A series given to the once beautiful city that of a vast ash heap. Desolation, covering 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 boasted, a fire broke out seemingly in hundreds of places at once, and the destruction of the principal water mains, ruined by the seismic vibrations, rendered practically without means of defense, although many blocks of the finest business and residence buildings were destroyed by dynamite in an 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 destruction cease. The homeless and weary people sought refuge in the public parks and open spaces in the outskirts of the city.

Oakland, Cal., April 23.—San Francisco's heroic fire fighters have at last 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 things practically under their own way. The first shocks destroyed the water mains and left the firemen powerless. Dynamite, gunpowder and other means were brought in from San Francisco by orders of Gen. Funston, in command of the regular troops, had been used in the effort to stay this progress of the fire, which, during the five days defied the efforts of troops, firemen and citizens.

The long and heroic struggle to subdue the flames reached its climax on Saturday morning near the ferry-house, where thousands were trapped on the wharves, to which they had been driven by the violence of the fire. Here the first stand was made by firemen, soldiers and citizens, aided by the regular troops and a few engineers. Victory rewarded their efforts, and the entrapped people were saved.

News came from 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 their 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. A wave of optimism surged all over the city and made the smiles look brighter even through the gloom of the still lingering. It was in its effect like that of a powerful tonic administered to a fainting man. Three hundred and twenty men were ordered to be joined in singing the praises of a man who stamped out the blaze.

Goods Piled 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. Uniformly, indeed, was the man or woman who had carried away from his blazing home a few of those household treasures to the heart.

Some measures have saved the desolated city from disorder and lawlessness. The orders issued by Gen. Funston that anyone caught in the act of looting the desolated and abandoned buildings have been carried out by both federal troops and the militia. Victims have been also down with hesitation by the soldiers. Those who have been caught in their shabby work, and restitution quickly followed. As near as could be estimated, for no actual count has been kept of these impromptu executions, at least a hundred and fifty have been shot down.

City's Vast Ash Heap.

No better description can now be

Fire Burned Itself Out.

As to the fire it has practically burned itself out. A journey along the northern water front showed fires blazing in only two places and these were highly capable of spreading unless a severe spring up.

The walls of several of the ruined buildings in 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 one of its small towers at the top 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 pier 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 Perry building. This means that nearly a mile of grain sheds, docks and wharves have been added to the general destruction.

The fire was still burning at the foot of Powell street, but there was no possibility of its going into the Presidio district.

Trains Bring in Relief.

Horror of expected starvation and sufferings from thirst are being relieved speedily by arrival of innumerable relief trains, and arrangements by city authorities whereby drinking water is being dispensed by means of fire trucks.

Fifty carloads of provisions have been shipped from Los Angeles, while relief trains are being hurried to San Francisco from every point of the compass. All western cities have nobly responded to appeals for help and the east is sending money and provisions, which will aid in restoring order and rationalism among those who remain in the stricken city.

Will Rebuild at Once.

It is announced that immediate steps for rebuilding the city are being taken, and that with the fire under control is believed order will be restored within a few hours, and that the work of cleaning up the ruins will commence at once.

Legislature May Be Called.

Gov. H. H. Howell and the legislature are licensing a special session of the state legislature, and it is generally believed that this action will be taken. State aid will be forthcoming.

With the wires under control, fear subsiding, and reason returning, the process of cleaning up the ruins and restoring order and establishing business will be rapid, although it is expected that it will require an entire week, in many instances, for the

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.

Santa Rosa's business district was almost entirely destroyed. Money practically has no value in the town, as there is no person to live it. Probably 100 persons lost their lives. 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.

Not Only in Every City, Town and Hamlet in This Country, but from Overseas.

CITY HALL OF SAN FRANCISCO.



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

every one comes near all humanity in its profound sympathy is shown by the material aid upon the streets 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 \$100,000,000. Where it fell and cannot be told, for it is too vast to estimate.

In the routine up of the city in the disaster conservative minds are hating. The nearest approach to the aggregate condition 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.

Lowerdown, wholesale and retail districts in the city were destroyed. In these districts standing, although merchants are announcing that business will be resumed at once, plans being to open in tents or temporary structures.

The greater part of the residence

Post Office Is in Operation.

San Francisco, April 23.—At a meeting of the city board of directors 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 post office building, and the new address of the post office building is being accepted without stamps or envelopes and will reach their destination without delay.

Taste of Martial Law.

San Francisco, April 23.—For the first time in its history San Francisco has had its first taste of martial law. Early in the evening of the first day of the disaster the survivors were ordered to evacuate their homes, and many of the first to flee to the city hall were those who had been ordered to do so.

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Saved City of Oakland.

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Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As prices are constantly changing, we request that parties who wish to see what they want in this list:

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