

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 18, 1906.

Extra EIGHTH EDITION Extra Latest Details From Over the Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.--Practically every building from Ninth and Market to the ferry and from Harrison on the south to Washington on the north is demolished either by fire or the effects of the shock. No estimate can be placed upon the loss to property. The loss of life is estimated variously from 300 to 1,000. The Lick House was not badly damaged. The roof fell in but no loss of life from that has been reported. The St. Francis and Fairmount Hotels stood the earthquake remarkably well. The only damage to these buildings was cracked ceilings and plaster. The immense pillars in front of the Merchants Exchange building are out of plumb about two inches. The Gall building is entirely gutted by fire. The Examiner building is also destroyed by fire.

Many wild reports are in circulation--one ro the effect that troops fired on looters in Mission street stores, killing eighty-two men. Two looters in Market street jewelry store were on by troops and killed. Two men who saw their buildings being dynamited by the officials went mad in the streets. The city is in command of the troops from the Prestidio under the personal command of General Funston.

Damage Wrought By Earthquake

The earthquake this morning was the seventh California ever experienced. At this time it is impossible, of course, to make an estimate of the damage done in Oakland, though it is known to be heavy. Several school buildings were in course of erection and these were so seriously damaged that in several instances it is feared the work will have to be done over again. Considerable injury was done to bank buildings and several of the churches were damaged, as were also quite a number of the principal business houses. There were only six fatalities, however, and little loss by fire. As the situation now stands, there is no cause for alarm in Oakland. Within a brief period the damage will be repaired and business will resume its usual course.

In San Francisco the condition is extremely grave. There, as here, some of the water mains were broken, and, fire breaking out, the Fire Department was practically helpless.

Extent of the Earthquake Area

At a late hour the greatest damage appears to have been confined to San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Rosa and San Jose, with many casualties in Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Hollister and other towns in central San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys.

Oaklander Describes Scene of Horror

R. A. Bray of Piedmont left San Francisco at 1:30 said: On arriving here he said "San Francisco is the most awful sight I ever saw. The fire had reached Tenth Street when I left. Dynamite is being used to stop the flames. How successful it will be cannot tell. It all depends upon the weather. A torpedo boat loaded with explosives was sent to the city from the Mare Island navy yard. Dynamite has been sent from other places including...

PACKING PLANT WRECKED

The plant of the Sherman Concentrated Fruit Company near Adams wharf at Oak street is a complete wreck. It consisted of a two-story frame building 80x100 feet. Twenty-five to thirty people are employed, but no one was in the building at the time, says the engineer, Harvey Beckwith, who had a narrow escape. His foot was badly sprained and his head considerably cut. He was treated at the receiving hospital. A portion of the building of the Humboldt Planting Mill, in connection with the Humboldt lumber yards, was thrown down and a number of storage sheds demolished.

CITIES ALMOST RAZED

An Oaklander returning from Benicia says that practically every building in the town has been razed to the ground and that the shock was very severe. The damage in Santa Rosa is excessive and a fire is now destroying more property. Hollister is reported to be completely wrecked. Mayor reports from Los Angeles state that the city suffered but little damage. All wires are down from Fresno.

AT FRESNO. Fresno, April 18.--Shock pronounced. Panic created. Small loss of property. AT OTHER POINTS. Napa, Port Costa, San Pablo, Shesby and other little towns in that section of the country were severely shaken.

Boy Killed by Auto

Geo. Wilson, a boy about 12 years of age, while riding a wheel on East 15th street, between 22d and 23d avenues, was run into by automobile No. 3863, and it is feared was killed. He lived on East 18th street.

THE COUNTY BUILDINGS

The dome has been wrenched away, the two smaller domes on the front suffered her children about her, and of the building are in the same condition. Books and papers were thrown down and chairs overturned. In the County Jail, even the iron framework could not withstand the shocks. When the earthquake came the prisoners in their cells thought their doom had come. They prayed chief jailer Peter...

Narrow Escape

A remarkable escape was made by Howard Smith and wife when the three-story gray stone rooming house on 12th, near Broadway, collapsed. They were sleeping on the second story front just under the bedroom of the landlady, Mrs. Daly, who was seriously injured. The couple fell with the wreckage into the R. H. Chamberlain carpet store, and crawled from the debris with difficulty. Mrs. Smith suffered injury to an arm and Mr. Smith was bruised in the face.

Superior John Mitchell was injured this morning during the earthquake while in bed at the Hotel Menlo in San Jose. He was so badly hurt about the legs as to be unable to return to Oakland today. The exact nature or extent of his injuries are not known, just it is believed he will not be permanently crippled.

Extra EIGHTH EDITION Extra

It is reported that the insane asylum at Agnews is in ruins, and that five hundred are either killed or missing.

GREAT MASS OF FLAMES IN SAN FRANCISCO Proclamation of The Damage At Mayor Mott Berkeley

TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND: The earthquake this morning visited upon our city a great calamity, yet it is a source of much satisfaction that we were spared from a conflagration and serious loss of life. The officials of the city have the situation well in hand, but I desire to appeal to the people to cooperate with the authorities in maintaining peace and order.

As many buildings are in an unsafe condition the public are admonished to keep off the streets and particularly warned against congregating in groups. It is also very essential that precaution be used in the building of fires until the chimneys have been inspected and repaired. Those who have not either gas or oil stoves are advised that danger may be avoided by moving their stoves out of doors. FRANK K. MOTT, Mayor

BERKELEY, April 18.--The damage wrought by the earthquake here was light, as compared with that in Oakland and San Francisco. The greatest loss was sustained at the high school building. The two large chimneys collapsed, and the bricks broke the roof and ceiling, making large holes and causing considerable damage. The new West Berkeley bank building was strained and cracked in a manner which will necessitate several hundreds of dollars to repair it. One of the steel girders of the new Masonic building fell, injuring the Berkeley telephone office. There were no fires in Berkeley. The University buildings stood the shock well no damage being reported there.

Exciting Rumor

Professor Burckhalter Denounces It As Foolishness. One result of the excitement was the rumors spreading, originating no one could tell where, that messages had been sent out warning the people against other shocks; that another was due within the next twenty-four hours, etc. Prof. Burckhalter of the Chabot Observatory says that no man or institution of repute on earthquake matters would send out such reports, adding: "No one can predict an earthquake. All we can say that usually after a severe shock other lighter shocks are likely to follow, but it scarcely ever happens that succeeding shocks are as severe as the leader. We have already had five other light shocks."

Coal Bunkers Fall

One of the most disastrous wrecks, tons of coal was put in the bunkers on the water front is that of the coal bunkers of the Pacific Coast Company at the foot of Oak street, of which U. C. Parkinson is manager. These bunkers containing 600 tons of coal are a complete wreck. Two thousand only a few days ago from the steamer Coosha. The bunkers belong to the Pacific Coast Company, although the property belongs to the Adams estate. The damage cannot be accurately estimated, but will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Damage to the Dam

Considerable damage was done to the dam across the estuary and west to Market street, by the breaking of the 24-inch main of the Contra Costa Water Company, which shut off the water supply from a considerable portion of the city. A large force of men were at work at once repairing the main. The south half of the dam settled several inches and made a fissure in some places from a foot to eight inches across. A considerable portion of the embankment on Fallon street slid into the lake. The boulevard on the east side was but slightly damaged. The sidewalks on the south side of the Twelfth street dam were undermined by the breaking of the water pipe and badly damaged by the sinking of the surface. The boat houses on Lake Merritt were thrown out of plumb and nearly wrecked.

Water Mains Broken--Buildings Blown Up to Check Progress of Flames

An Oakland man returned from San Francisco at 1:30 and said that everything between Fourth street and the water front was burning with no water to fight the fire except that which is pumped from the bay with a relay of engines. Troops have been sent out from the Presidio and they are patrolling the city, which is under martial law. The emergency hospitals are filled and the city is looking to Oakland to care for the homeless. It is said that in the Winchester House alone 200 persons were either injured or killed. The Hall of Justice is a ruin and it is not thought a single prisoner has escaped with his life. Tugs are towing all craft from the docks and out into the stream, where they are being anchored safe from fire and out of the way of the fire tugs. The south side of Market street from Ninth to the water front is a mass of flames. At Battery and Fish street another big fire is raging at 11 a. m., and the opinion was that that section would be destroyed. The Sunset Telephone Company's headquarters office was downed and preparations to evacuate were in progress.

AT THE HOTELS

The Crillon escaped with but little damage, confined chiefly to chimneys and corners. At the Touraine Hotel plastering in the dining room fell, smashing dishes, and chimneys toppled off the roof, but nobody was injured. At the Galindo Hotel Mrs. Allen, the proprietress, was covered by falling plastering, and her room, as were those of several guests, was completely wrecked by debris from the walls and the ceiling. The Metropolitan lost all its chimneys, which tumbled to the ground.

Immense Damage Done To Property

The loss along the water front is estimated this morning at \$1,000,000. The damage here is as great as in other sections of the city. Besides the lumber Co., the Oakland Planting Mill and Fisher's Lumber Co. were the big losers. None of these mills are running today and as a result 600 men are out of employment. The Oakland Planting Mill has suffered a loss of \$2,000. Many sheds are down, a new roof, recently built, and the manufacturers and milling people. The big Seasons coal bunkers on Fallon street upon the water front, are wrecked. They have caved into a mass of waste and the loss will go into the thousands. The big Butler grain and feed bins have collapsed, necessitating a new building. At Dekey's shipyard, the new ferryboat on the ways for the Key Stone and half on 15th way to completion, was totally destroyed. As it factory near Clinton station on the stands it will have to be rebuilt. The estuary, East Oakland, which was re-located of this is conservatively put at \$100,000. The tall chimney on the California Cotton Mills on Twelfth-third avenue, from a slight of these buildings. The collapsed to within about 25 feet of the ground, and even the portion left wreck of almost \$100,000.

Supervisor Mitchell Seriously Injured in a San Jose Hotel

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AT MISSION SAN JOSE NO ELECTRIC LIGHT

Deputy County Clerk George Pierce, who was in Mission San Jose registering voters, drove to Hayward and came in on an early train. He stated that considerable damage was done at the mission. The power station near Juan Gallegos' place was thrown down, the Catholic church at the Mission badly damaged, the portion of the wall of the old Mission, however, still remains standing. Mr. Pierce says that not a chimney between the Mission and Hayward remains standing. It is not known that any one was injured.

The Enquirer Extras

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