

EXTRA! 12.30 P.M. EXTRA!

Hundreds of Dead Bodies Are Upon the Grass Plots in San Francisco

A Terrible Scene Is Depicted Across the Bay

A late report says that the broken water mains across the bay have been repaired and now it is believed that the fire will be gotten under control.

Buildings Burned During the Night

Merchants' Exchange Mills Building Howards' Block Chronicle Building First National Bank Union Trust Company Crocker Building Alcazar Theater Orpheum Theater

Glad to Escape With Only Two Suit Cases

San Francisco Tells of the Scenes of Horror Across The Bay

The scenes in San Francisco are indescribable. One prominent resident of Van Ness avenue boarded a boat for Oakland this morning.

Local Events Chance to Succor the Homeless and Injured

At Dorgan's bakery, Eleventh and Clay streets, a boy had just driven a delivery wagon and hitched the horse when the earthquake occurred.

Cabs are going up and down the city informing the homeless of San Francisco, of which it is estimated that 21,000 arrived in Oakland to-day.

From the burning metropolis the homeless people are flocking with their blankets seeking for a refuge in the cities on this side of the bay from the horrors of San Francisco.

CANNOT ESTIMATE THE DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOLS

School Director Says the New Market Street Edifice Is Complete Loss

C. F. Ingler, a member of the Board of Education, viewed the schoolhouses today but would give no estimate as to the total loss sustained by the city.

All Social Activities Suspended

In view of the terrible calamity which has visited San Francisco and other cities of the coast all social festivities and entertainments of public character have been cancelled.

One woman grabbed her dog and made for the street when the earthquake broke. When her husband found her she was hysterically weeping.

The coping on the post office building is badly cracked. This is over the main entrance. The building as a whole suffered but little damage.

The effect of the quake upon the earth's surface is noticeable in various parts of the city.

A NIGHT OF TERROR

Oakland passed a night of terror despite the efforts to calm the apprehensions of the people.

There were no disturbances or depredations of any kind reported. There were several tremors during the night which added to the terror of the people and many rushed out of their homes.

CROWDS EAGER FOR NEWS

The Oakland Enquirer owing to the fact that it had a flat-bed job press that was available for newspaper work with a gas engine in reserve and an independent water supply from a well was able despite serious disaster to its plant, was the first paper on the coast to put out an extra yesterday morning with an account of the disaster.

The Oakland Bank of Savings at Twelfth and Broadway, is damaged to the amount of probably \$25,000 as estimated by Contractor Jones, who with a force of men is engaged in strengthening the walls in the endeavor to save the second and third stories of the building should further disturbance of the earth occur.

The brick columns on the Twelfth street side are cracked and much of the brick work fell out. Some of the plate glass panels were broken. The brick columns at the corner entrance were cracked as were the columns on the Broadway side.

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Latest on the Terrible Situation Across the Bay

Enquirer Staff Reporter Describes the Heart-Rending Scenes Depicted.

Relief Agencies Actively at Work

ORGANIZE FOR RELIEF OF HOMELESS AND NEEDY Oakland Committee Has Been Formed to Assist Sufferers From Earthquake

Relief to the sufferers in San Francisco has been organized in the form of the Oakland Relief Committee of One Hundred, which stands ready at a moment's notice to go to San Francisco or to meet and provide for those who come to Oakland.

TERRIBLE NIGHT FOR HOMELESS The Devouring Element Still Eating at the Heart of the City--The Flames Working Westward BY ENQUIRER STAFF REPORTER

San Francisco, April 18.—The fearful, hurrying, threatening horror of the night just ended will never be known to anyone but the poor, homeless people of this stricken city.

Salvation Army Will Help the Destitute Ones Will Furnish Clothing To Any Who May Be in Need

Staff Captain William Day, Superintendent of the Salvation Army Relief Department in Oakland will render all the assistance possible to those in distress through the earthquake.

The brick front at top of the St. Paul house fell to the sidewalk. The Smith building at 326-328-340 has fallen against the Barnum restaurant, just north of it.

DYNAMITE TO FIGHT FIRE

F. W. Bilger of the Blake-Bilger Packing Company of this city, crossed the bay with a ton of dynamite for use in blowing up buildings to stop the march of the fire.

CLEANING AWAY DEBRIS

Gradually the work of repairing and cleaning up the havoc wrought by the earthquake yesterday morning, is being undertaken here.

THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross Society which a year ago was organized in San Francisco is able to get together in committee.

Soldiers Patrol

Not for fifty years with the exception of a few days during the so-called Sherman's fire in San Francisco have there been made to destroy the mills and other buildings in Oakland.

This state of affairs exemplified the good citizenship of the people of Oakland and it redounded to the credit of our citizens that they recognize the enormity of the situation and venture of their families.

Governor Pardee Camps at Mayor's Office

Chief Executive of State Hereto to Render All Assistance in Power

Governor George C. Pardee came down Sacramento last night, and until after 3 o'clock morning was in consultation with Mayor Mott.

The Governor repaired to the private residence of a friend for a few hours' much-needed repose.

Later Governor Pardee repaired to Mayor's office where he has temporarily established headquarters.

Graphic Description of Situation

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The Sherman special which left Los Angeles at noon Wednesday with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and General M. H. Sherman, who with his wife and daughters live on Vallejo street, arrived shortly after midnight at the Oakland hotel after one of the fastest runs ever made.

When the party boarded the ferry-boat the grand sight spread before them was that of the immense hotel-plant on the opposite side of the bay.

The fire was as yet uncontrolled at the foot of its old, ancient record at the foot. Only the wrecked roofs of the piers and docks, the great beams and cracks in the streets, the billows of cobble and intense silence, a silence that could be felt, belated that anything unusual had happened.