# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1906.

200,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REN-DERED HOMELESS.

FOOD SCARCITY IS ALARMING

CITY ARE GONE.

WATER SUPPLY IS AGAIN LOST

FIRE ENGINES COME IN VAIN FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES.

THE ENTIRE CITY IS DESTROYED ceea

FIREMEN, POWERLESS, REPORT 'FRISCO DOOMED.

FIRE EATS TO NOB HILL'S TOP

TROOPS ARE HELPING POLICE IN MAINTAINING ORDER.

BUT THERE IS NO MARTIAL LAW

GOVERNMENT SENDS TEN MIL LION DOLLARS TO 'FRISCO.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw Today Authorized the Telegraphic Transfer of \$10,000,000 From the Sub-Treasury at New York to the Ruined City on the Pacific-General Funston Wires War Department That it is Impossible to Inform Government as Yet of the Disaster's Extent.

Washington, April 19.-The war de partment received the following from General Funston:

"It is impossible to inform you of the full extent of the disaster.

"The city has been already practic-

ally destroyed. "Troops are aiding the police in

maintaining order. Martial law has not been declared.

"Two hundred thousand people are

"Food is scarce.

"All government buildings in the city are gone."

Water Supply Gone Again.

Washington, April 19,-The war de partment has just received the following bulletin from the Western Union telegraph company:

"Outside cities have been sending fire engines to San Francisco, but it is useless on account of the fact that there is no water. Firemen report that the city is doomed."

Another Western Union bulletin says:

"The entire district, as far as the top of Nob Hill and California street, between Powell and Mission streets. is all gone.

"One hundred thousand people have been rendered homeless.

"The fire is not under control.

"The water supply has again been shut off."

Fire Still Raging.

Oakland, Cal., April 19 .- The fire in San Francisco is still unabated. Government Sends Money.

Washington, April 19 .- Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today authorized the telegraphic transfer of \$10,000,000 from the sub-treasury at New York to San Francisco.

The cash will be deposited at New York and immediately paid out on order of the San Francisco banks.

Chicago Has no Wire.

Chicago, April 19.-There is no wire communication between Chicago and San Francisco today whatever.

### Soldiers Distribute Water.

San Francisco, April 19.—The fire continues burning up the hill in a diagonal line, commencing at McAllister, running up Battery stret, and on Mission street as far as Sixteenth. There is a rising wind and scarcity of water.

No one is allowed to enter the city, and soldiers are distributing water. New York, April 19.-The Western

Union Telegraph company received received reports early this morning to

This is the section in which are located many fine residences, including he Crocker and Huntington homes.

Lieutenant Blown to Bits. Lieutenant Charles Pulis. Twenty fourth light artillery, was blown up

by dynamite. There is death and suffering on ev-

ry side. The city is now under martial law. 10 a. m .- Fire raging still. City partially destroyed. Too early to ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN learn definitely the water front altuation. Boats and suburban trains running on schedule time, except Almeda. Military doing police duty, and the

> 9:30 a. m.-Fire burning into residence districts. Number of deaths un-

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quake and fire have put over half of lic squares. San Francisco in ruins. At least 500 and destitute and all mittee.

of people have been spirit s day long & fleeing from the stricken districts to spirit and willingness shown by San places of safety.

flimsy structures all over the city, telegraphed offering assistance. The water supply was cut off and the buildings burn. Telegraph and twisted out of line, sewers and water telephone communication was shut off pipes were burst and it is feared that for a time. The Western Union was there will be an epidemic of disease. put completely out of business and the Postal company was the only one testimonial to the modern steel buildthat managed to get a wire out of the ing. A score of these structures were city. About 10 o'clock even the Post in course of erection and not one of tal was forced to suspend in San Fran- them suffered. The completed modcisco. Electric power was stopped ern buildings were also immune from and street cars did not run. Railroads harm by earthquake. The buildings and ferryboats also ceased operations. that collapsed were all filmsy wooden the fire department has been power- The damage by earthquake does not TO BE DRAWN BY CITY'S BANKS less to do anything except to dynam- begin to compare with the loss by fire. ite the buildings threatened. All day long explosions have shaken the city prices and even water is being vended and added to the terror of the inhab- by the glass. It is impossible to give itants. Following the first shock there a list of the dead and wounded. was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Another sharp shock was felt at 6:30 p. m.

> complete story of the ruin wrought by sought shelter in Oakland and other the double calamity of earthquake suburban towns. The suffering and and fire that visited San Francisco hardship beggars description. Countwill be written and then there will less numbers of residents of the city, still remain untold countless tales of including the Chinese, Japanese and pitiful tragedy. The exact loss of life Italian quarters, have been rendered unfortunates have been incinerated in reach the city within twenty-four the flames, which made the rescue of hours, starvation will add to the awful those buried under tippling steeples calamity. Nearly ever famous landand walls impossible. Temporary mark that has made San Francisco famorgues were improvised at many mous over the world has been laid in points, only to be razed by the flames. ruins or burned to the ground in the

ing and belching tongues of red fire and shelter. can be seen the black skeletons and falling towers of the doomed buildings. At regular intervals the boomtempting to save the city from complete annihilation.

A falling wall from one of the dynamited buildings on Mission street Presidio arrived down town to patrol crushed out the life of Fireman Max the city streets. The Thirteenth in-Fenner, while countless others met a fantry, 1,000 strong, arrived from Anlike 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 fifty bodies lie on the slabs. The flames rapidly approached this building and the work of removing the bodies to Jackson square, opposite, began. 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 stopped and the remainder of the dead were left to possible cremation in the morgue.

Under the flerce heat of the noonday sun nineteen bodies lay in Washington square, where they were taken at the order of the mayor when the morgues and Hall of Justice basement held all that could be cared for.

Partial List of Dead. Following is a partial list of the dead: Professor George Davidson Frank Burge, Mrs. McCann, Willie Carr, Patrick Broderick, Mrs. Lena C. Powder, W. A. Husetel, William Knowe, Peter Lind, Annie Wheelan, Myrtle Minze, W. Koonfeldt, William Vail, Anna Webster, William Guelliman, John Thrapy, Geronimo Stagman Philip Busalachi, Max Fenner, Steve Bunner, Mrs. Ida Hestep, Dr.

The scene at the Mechanic's pavilien during the early hours of the morning and up to noon, when the in jured and dead were removed, because of threatened destruction of the building by fire, was one of indescribable sadness. Sisters, brothers and wives and sweethearts eagerly searched for some missing dear one. Thousands of

dren's hospital, where they renewed their search for missing relatives.

More than 750 persons who were seriously injured by the earthquake and the fire have been treated at the various hospitals throughout the city. The front of the Bailey and the La-

coste buildings, on Clay street, near Montgomery, fell in, killing three men. Caring for the Destitute.

At a meeting of fifty citizens, called by the mayor, it was announced that 1,400 tents would be pitched in Golden Gate park and arrangements had been San Francisco, April 19.-Earth made to feed the destitute in the pub-

A finance committee, with James people ave been killed, 1,000 others D. Phelan at the head, was appointed I the property loss will ex- and Mayor Schmitz was instructed to `000. Thousands of peo- issue drafts for all needs on this com-

It is probable that even with the Francisco people, outside aid will be The first earthquake shock appar- necessary, A message from President ently lasted two minutes and there Roosevelt was received and it had a was almost immediate collapse of cheering effect. George Gould also

The freaks of the earthquake were when fires broke out in various secomany. Wide fissures were made in tions there was nothing to do but let the streets, street railways were

The day's experience has been a The various fires are still raging and and old-fashioned brick structures.

Provisions are being sold at fancy

Ferryboats Resume Running. In the afternoon the ferryboats resumed running from Oakland and Loss of Life May Never Be Known, thousands of homeless and panic It will be many days before the stricken people left the city and will never be known, as hundreds of homeless and unless supplies and aid The city resembles one vast shambles dire catastrophe. Never has the fate

Forgetting for a moment the terrible of a city been more disastrous. suffering, physical and financial loss Mayor Schmitz sent out word to that trails in the wake of the disaster, the bakeries and milk stations the scene presented by the flames is throughout the city that their food one of unspeakable grandeur. Look- supply must be harbored for the ing over the city from a high hill in homeless. Provisions have already the Western addition, the flames can been made to place tents in every be seen rolling skyward for miles and park in the city, and in these those miles, while in the midst of the spout- who have lost all will be given food

Early in the morning the prisoners confined in the city prison, on the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice, were ing of the dynamite tells of the work transferred to the basement of the of the brave army of men that are at- structure. Later they were removed to the branch county jail.

Troops Patrol the Streets.

At 9 o'clock 1,000 men from the gel 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 millions of dollars' worth of property which has been placed in the streets, that it may escape the ravages of the flames.

From the "Barbary coast" the horde of vicious and criminats that infest that section poured forth and started early in the evening to loot the stores and rob the dead. Fearing such a fiendish climax to this day of horror, Mayor Schmitz and Police Chief Dineen 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

The dreadful earthquake shock came without warning at precisely 5:13 a. m., its motion apparently being from east to west. At first the

Shock Comes Without Warning.

upheaval of the earth was gradual, but in a few seconds it increased in intensity. Chimneys began to fall and buildings to crack, tottering on their foundations. People became panicstricken and rushed into the streets, most of them in their night attire. They were met by showers of falling buildings, bricks, cornices and walls. Many were instantly crushed to death, while others were dreadfully mangled. Those who remained indoors generally escaped with their lives, though scores were hit by detached plaster. pictures and articles thrown to the floor by the shock. It is believed

by nearly every family in the city. The tall steel frame structures stood the strain better than brick buildings. persons hu riedly went through the few of them being badly damaged. building inspecting the cots on which The big eleven-story Monadnock office

to the Nob Hill section of San Fran- would find some loved one may was justing the Palace hotel, was an ex- Occasionally, as some drug house or missing. The dead were placed in ception, however, its rear wall col place stored with chemicals wa one portion of the building and the lapsing and many cracks being made remainder was devoted to hospital across its front. Some of the docks purposes. After the fire forced the and freight sheds along the water nurses and physicians to desert the front slid into the bay. Deep fissures darkened background. building the eager crowds followed opened in the filled in ground near the them to the Presidio and the chil- shore and the Union ferry depot was damaged. Its high tower still stands, but will have to be torn down.

A portion of the new city hall, which cost more than \$7,000, 00, collapsed, the roof sliding into the courtyard and the smaller towers tumbling down, the great dome being moved, bia, Orpheum, and Grand opera house, but not falling. The new postoffice, one of the finest in the United States, was badly shattered.

The Valencia hotel, a four-story wooden building, sank into the base ment, a pile of splintered timbers, under which were pinned many dead and dying occupants of the house. The basemene was full of water and some of the helpless victims were drowned.

shake when fires broke out simultaneously in many places. The fire department promptly responded to the first that colony. It then began rapidly calls for aid, but it was found that the water mains had been rendered sides of Kearney street. useless by the underground movement. Fanned by a light breeze, the the destruction of St. Ignatius church flames quickly spread, and soon many and college, at Van Ness avenue and blocks were seen to be doomed. Then sound of frequent explosions added to the terror of the people.

Progress of the Flames.

breeze, swept down the main whole ket street into the district called the sale business streets to within 100 feet of the Union terry depot, the high tower of which stood at a dan- Octavia. This result was reached aft gerous angle. The big wholesale er almost the southern district, from grocery establishment of Wellman, Peck & Co. was on fire from cellar to roof and the heat was so oppressive blackened waste. In the section were that passengers from the ferry boats hundreds of factories, wholesale were obliged to keep close to the water's edge in order to get past the burning structure. It was impossible to reach the center of the city from con hill, St. Mary's hospital, a landthe bay without skirting the shore for a long distance so as to get entirely around the burning district. At about 8 o'clock the Southern Pacific officials refused to allow any more passengers from trans-bay points to land, and sent back those already on the boats. The ferry and train service of the Key route was entirely abandoned, owing to damage done to the power house by the earthquake at Emery-

Grand Opera House Destroyed. The fire swept down the streets so

rapidly that it was practically impossible to save anything in its way. It reached the Grand opera house on Mission street, and in a moment had burned through the root. The Matropolitan Opera company from New York had just opened its season there and all the expensive scenery and costumes were soon reduced to ashes. From the opera house the fire leaped from building to building, quickly ger of the immense stone structure levelling them. The Call ed torial falling. and mechanical departments were tothe flames leaped across Sevenson street toward the fine fifteen story stone and fron Claus Spreckels building, which, with its lofty dome, is the most notable edifice in San Francisco. Two small wooden buildings furnished fuel to ignite the splendid pile. Thousands of people watched the hungry tongues of flame licking the stone walls. At first no impression was made, but suddenly there was a crackling of glass, and an entrance was ef fected. The interior furnishings of the fourth floor were the first to go. Then, as if by magic, smoke issued from the top of the dome. This was followed by a most spectacular illumination. The round windows of the dome shone like so many full moons; they burst and gave vent to long, wa ing streamers of flame. The great structure, which had withstood the forces of the earthquake, appeared doomed to fall a prey to fire. After a while the light grew less intense. and the flames having nothing more to

ing standing, but completely gutted Buildings Burn Like Tinder. The Parrott building, in which were located the chambers of the state supreme court, the lower floors being de voted to an immense department store, was ruined, but its massive walls were not all destroyed. A little farther down Market street the Acad emy of Sciences and the Jennie Flood burned like so much tinder. Sparks carried across the wide street, ignited the Phelan building and the army headquarters of the Department of face, like the breaking up of ice on a California were burned.

Still nearing the bay, the waters of which did the firemen good service, along the docks, the fire took the Rialto building, a handsome sky scraper, and converted scores of solid business blocks into smouldering piles

Banks and commercial houses, supposed to be fireproof, though not of modern build burned quickly and the roar of the flames could be heard even on the hills which were out of the danger zone. Here many thousands of people congregated and witnessed the awful scene. Great masses of flame rose high in the heavens or rushed down some narrow street, joining midthat more or less loss was sustained way between the sidewalks and making a horizontal chimney of the form-

The dense smoke that arose from like an immense funnel and could the four chiefs mentioned, and losing the effect that the fire is spreading the sufferers lay in the hope that they building, in course of construction, ad have been seen for miles out at sea. four men killed and three wounded

reached, most fantastic effects were produced by the colored flames and smoke which rolled out against the

Palace and Grand Hotels Gone, All efforts to prevent the fire from reaching the Palace and Grand hotels were unsuccessful, and both were completely destroyed, together with

all their contents. All of San Francisco's best play houses, including the Majestic, Columare a mass of ruins. The earthquake demolished them for all practical purposes and the fire completed the work of destruction. The handsome Rialto and Casserly buildings were burned to the ground, as was everything in that district.

Chinatown Destroyed.

In the northern section of the down town business section the fire swept Scarcely had the earth ceased to around the Hall of Justice and communicated to Chinatown, thence pro ceeding westward into the heart of eating its way southward on both

One of the big lesses of the day was Hayes street. This was the greatest dynamite was resorted to and the Jesuitical institution in the west and was built at a cost of a couple of million dotlars.

At 7 p. m. the fire had swept from The flames, fanned by the rising the south side of the town across Mar-Western addition, and was burning houses at Golden Gate avenue and Ninth street to the eastern water front, had been converted into a houses and many business firms, in addition to thousands of homes.

In the south side district on Rinmark, constructed by the Sisters of Mercy, was reduced to ashes,

The Merchants' Exchange building, one of the handsomest and most substantial edifices in the city, is in flames, as is also the Crocker-Woolworth bank building. The former building is a fourteen-story structure. Cliff House Wiped Out.

From the Cliff house comes word that the great pleasure resort and show place of the city, which stood upon a foundation of solid rock, has been awept into the sea. Not a thing stands to tell where the monster stone building once stood. It has been levelled to the foundation, and only th rock lining the sea coast is intact. in Union Square park, where is number of home as ar being given temporary sheller. The mighty Dewey monument has been shifted from its base. It new stands leaning at an angle of ten degrees and there is dan-

### NO CONNECTION WITH VESUVIUS

Scientists Discuss Probable Cause of California Disaster.

Washington, April 19.—The possible relation of the earthquake in San Francisco to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius formed the subject of much discussion among scientists in this city. None of them was willing to advance any argument which would tend to connect one with the other In fact, the officials of the geological survey declared that there was no relationship whatever, both being local Professor G. W. Hayes, director of geology of the geological survey, said: The San Francisco disturbances are due to the slipping of the surface rocks to adjust themselves to changed conditions inside the earth. They have no relationship whatever to the eruption of Vesuvius. The interior of the earth is in a molten state, except in the region of the volcanoes, but if you go down a distance of sixty or sev enty miles the rocks are practically in consume, went out, leaving the build- a fluid state from the immense pres sure on top of them. They act like a liquid and they flow to adjust themselves to changed conditions. But when you come nearer the surface where the strata are hard and brittle the slipping of a part of the earth's crest along the line of a fault will give you just the conditions that attended the attack in San Francisco. The old earth, take it as a whole, is a buildings and the History building very uneasy body, and is in a state of constantly changing equilibrium. When the foundations dip down there has to be an adjustment of the surriver, and a readjustment of the blocks to each other. This is evidently what has just happened on the coast."

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

Strikers exploded a bomb in the town hall at Calimera, Italy, injuring several persons.

Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago, in a decision, declared that the strike is a form of boycott and that the boy cott is illegal.

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

In the Melenik district Turkish troops destroyed the united Bulgarian bands under Bakaltchoff, Coona, Volvthe entire business district spread out uda, and Rizo, killing forty, including

## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours.

Forecast for Nebraska. Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today: Maximum..... 73

Average ........... Chicago, April 19.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the

morning gives the forecast for No braska as follows: Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler southeast portion tonight. Warmer

United States weather bureau this

SANTA ROSA, SAN JOSE AND SAN-TA CRUZ SUFFER SEVERELY.

DEATH LIST REPORTED LARGE

Buildings of Leland Stanford University Demolished-Agnews Insane Asylum a Total Wreck and Over Two Hundred Inmates Killed

Los\* Angeles, April 19.-Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage by the earthquake.

At San Jose, the Vendome hotel annex was badly wrecked and ten or fifteen people killed. The Doherty block was completely burned and one woman killed. Dr. DeGrow was killed and his wife badly injured. Every business building was demolished. Martial law has been declared and the militia and 500 deputies are guarding the streets. It is estimated that fifty people have been killed. The postoffice was partly wrecked, the Presbyterian church totally demolished and the court house wrecked.

Passengers arriving from other cities in California bring tales of death and disaster from Santa Cruz, Monterey, Gilroy and Hollister. The death list at Santa Cruz is reported large. Santa Rosa is a total wreck, and 10,-000 people are homeless. The loss of life will probably reach hundreds. Main street is piled many feet deep with fallen buildings. Not one business building as left intact. The four-story court bouse is lie of broken masonry, destroyed Citizens fled to the fields and hins to watch the destruction of the city. The water system was destroyed by the earth-

Supervisor Fred Horner of Oakland, who returned from San Jose in his automobile, states that the Agnews insane asylum near that city, is a total wreck; that many of the inmates were killed and that the remainder are running around loose, terrorizing the community. The superintendent of the institution and his wife were

both killed. Dr. Stone, superintendent of the Napa state hospital, telephones that an automobile arrived there with news that Santa Rosa is in ruins, and that between 200 and 300 people are

Stanford university and Palo Alto suffered. At Stanford many of the handsome buildings were demolished and two people were killed. One of them was Junius Robert Hanna of Bradford, Pa., and the other was Otto Gurts, a fireman. Six other students are lying in the Palo Alto hospital with bruises, cuts and internal in-

A dispatch from Milpitas says that the state hospital is damaged and useless and that Dr. Kelly is killed. The number of injured is unknown. It is asked that physicians and nurses

A long distance telephone message from Salinas, 114 miles south of San Francisco, gave the following informa-

"One hundred and twenty bodies have been taken out of the Agnews insane asylum and there are probably 150 more corpses in the ruins. The magnificent structure was demolished. Eight dead Italians were taken out of the Italian hotel at San Jose. At that place the Presbyterian church, St. Patrick's cathedral and the high school were destroyed. The new Hall of Justice at San Jose, just completed at a cost of \$300,000, was demolished. All but two of the university buildings at Stanford are in ruins. At Loma Prieta, eighteen miles from Santa Cruz, a mine house slipped down the side of a mountain, burying ten men in the ruins.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

American League-St. Louis, 9; Cleveland, 4. Boston, 3; New York, 3 (darkness). Detroit, 3; Chicago, 2. Philadelphia, 4; Washington, 2. National League-Chicago, 11; St. Louis, 1. Brooklyn, 1; New York, 4.

Pittsburg, 4: Cincinnati, 7. Pall Hangs Over House.

Washington, April 19 .- A pall hung over the house by reason of the great calamity which has come to San Francisco and nearby towns of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. Legislation went on, but in a most perfunctory way. There was no heart or interest in the bills under consideration.