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GREAT EARTHQUAKE!

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION SWEEP THE BAY CITIES!

HUNDREDS DIE IN RUINS!

THIS MORNING AT 5:14:48 O'CLOCK AN EARTHQUAKE SHOCK WAS EXPERIENCED IN OAKLAND AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CALIFORNIA CITIES. THE TEMBLOR LASTED FOR 28 SECONDS. MANY CHIMNEYS IN PRIVATE HOUSES, MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS AND MANUFACTURING INSTITUTIONS WERE KNOCKED DOWN. IN SOME CASES HOLES WERE TORN IN THE WALLS OF BUSINESS PLACES, BUT NO STRUCTURES WERE ENTIRELY DEMOLISHED. WATER FOR A TIME WAS CUT OFF FROM CONSUMERS, AND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WAS INTERRUPTED. THE LOSS WILL AGGREGATE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. FIVE LIVES WERE LOST. THESE VICTIMS WERE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN A ROOMING HOUSE. IN SAN JOSE AND SAN FRANCISCO THE LOSS OF PROPERTY AND LIFE WAS EXCESSIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE LATTER PLACE, WHERE THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY, INCLUDING THE PALACE HOTEL, THE CALL BUILDING, THE CHRONICLE BUILDING AND THE CITY HALL AND A NUMBER OF OTHER STRUCTURES WERE REDUCED TO ASHES BY FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT IN THE DISMANTLED STRUCTURES. THE LOSS THERE WILL RUN INTO MANY MILLIONS.

TO THE PEOPLE: FIVE ARE KILLED

Keep cool. Keep your heads. Keep your courage. Don't exaggerate. Don't get panic stricken. An earthquake shock of great violence and long duration is an appalling calamity, but a panic is infinitely worse.

Reason, courage, and calmness dissolve in times of panic like snow in a spring thaw, and confusion, irresolution prevail at a time when judgment and action are the supreme necessity of the hour. Beware of crediting and circulating wild rumors, and avoid idle lamentation.

A great disaster has befallen San Francisco, Oakland and several other California cities, due to mysterious elemental disturbance. There has been widespread damage to property and considerable loss of life. Careless and imperfect construction responsible for nine tenths of the damage and a great majority of the casualties.

It may be a thousand years before there is such another disturbance in this locality, but the consequences of this one is an admonition not to repeat the errors of the past. The damage is so far from being irreparable that it should dishearten no one. Therefore it is wise to take counsel of reason and courage, and shun the fearful infection of timid, the superstitious and weak-minded.

Now is the time for the citizen of Oakland and San

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Five people were killed in the Empire Building on Twelfth Street, near Broadway.

The dead are:

- OTTO WISHER, forty-five years of age.
- AMELIA WISHER, thirteen years of age.
- EDWARD MARNEY, about twenty-five years of age.
- MRS EDWARD MARNEY, twenty-five years old
- Unknown man, about twenty-five years of age.
- JOHN JUDD dropped dead of heart disease.

BUNKERS IN BAY

The sheds over the Southern Pacific Wharf have completely collapsed. Many of the bunkers fell into the bay carrying thousands of tons of coal. The Long Wharf is one of the most important shipping points about the bay, and freight traffic will be interrupted considerably.

REMOVING THE DEBRIS

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners this morning set all the street employees cleaning up debris left by the earthquake. Gangs of men with wagons, picks and shovels, have been sent to the several districts of the city and are busily at work removing, as far as possible, traces of the earthquake.

STANFORD BUILDINGS DOWN

PALO ALTO, April 18.—All the university buildings here but one are a total wreck.

KILLS HEAD OF ASYLUM

Supervisor Fred Horner, who returned from San Jose in his auto this afternoon, states that the Agnew's asylum 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.

THE CALL IS BURNING

SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 18.—THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL BUILDING IS ON FIRE, AND AT THIS WRITING IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT IT WILL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

FLAMES ARE RAPIDLY EATING AWAY THE STRUCTURE DESPITE THE EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE THIS MAGNIFICENT BUILDING. STREAMS OF WATER ARE BEING TURNED INTO THE BLAZING PILE, BUT SO INTENSE IS THE HEAT THAT THE WATER BECOMES STEAM, AS SOON AS IT REACHES THE FIERY FURNACE.

GREAT DAMAGE HAS ALSO BEEN DONE TO THE EXAMINER AND CHRONICLE BUILDING.

MINISTER IN DANGER

The Brooklyn Presbyterian church on East Fifteenth street and Twelfth ave-

ue was sorely damaged at all, but the residence of its pastor, Rev. Henry K. Ranbom, at 1873 Tenth avenue, was so badly damaged that the family was compelled to move out.

It is not an accident that the

SHEDS ARE DESTROYED

The coal bunkers, which for years have been doing duty on Adams wharf, suffered destruction before the earthquake. The ironwork framework was thrown down and the heavy beams and rods of iron twisted and distorted.

MAYOR MOTT APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE

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 CO-OPERATE 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 E. MOTT, MAYOR.