

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, APRIL 18.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 70. Weather, fair; mountain showers.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.42c.; Per Ton, \$68.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 8s 6d; Per Ton, \$76.40.



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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1906.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

BUSINESS SECTION OF SAN FRANCISCO IS DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Following are all the authentic bulletins received by the Cable company yesterday from the operator in San Francisco:

- (1) Terrific earthquake 5:15 this morning. Enormous amount damage. Land line system demoralized.
- (2) Call building is now on fire. The fire is only one block away from us in each direction.

- (3) Expect to be ordered out any minute. City on fire all around us. Nearest approach a block away.
- (4) The Call building is wrapped up in flames. Everything burning. Palace hotel burning.
- (5) You may lose us any minute. Constant quakes. Martial law declared. Water coming up Market street.

- (6) Preparing to move. Street looks doomed. Have all small stuff loose, ready to move but unable to get a team.
- (7) Forlorn hope. We are forced to close down now. Electric light and gas have failed. Plaster falling in office. Water main destroyed at first, but supply obtained.

Later—Abandon office now. Good bye.

HONOLULU IS APPALLED BY THE DISASTER

Business Receives a Sharp Check, and the Town Waits Anxiously for Sure News From San Francisco.

Honolulu was thrilled, yesterday morning early, when the news was flashed under the sea that San Francisco had been stricken down by earthquake—was thrilled, and then the life of this little city stood still while men gathered in all public places to discuss the disaster, to go over and over its meager details, to hope against hope that cable communication would be re-established and that word might be had of loved ones known to have been in the vicinity of the disturbed region. Sure word it was that was wanted. Not at such times does idle rumor satisfy the deep anxiety that preys upon the human heart.

The news of the disaster came to Honolulu in the dispatches received at the cable office here by Superintendent Gaines and summarized as follows. The news was received between the hours of three and seven-thirty in the morning, Honolulu time, which would be between the hours of five and ten in the morning, San Francisco time:

- "The district from Montgomery street south—(this probably should read east, as Montgomery street runs north and south)—is destroyed.
- "From cable office, both sides of buildings on fire and destroyed.
- "Call building on fire and destroyed.
- "Palace and Grand Hotels both burned down.
- "Martial law declared.
- "The water coming up Market street.
- "Cable office closed at 7:30 on account of fire.
- "Water mains destroyed at first, but supply of water has been obtained."

Interpolated in this, following the paragraph stating that the cable office had closed at 7:30, are the words: "And do not expect to have any communication with the San Francisco office until 11 o'clock, Honolulu time."

That was all that came from San Francisco direct all day long. At a late hour last night, the cable to San Francisco was tested, and it was found that it was unbroken to a point close to the landing place on the beach below the Cliff House. Whether the land station had been destroyed, or whether the operators were unable to establish

TEST THE CABLE.

Tests made of the cable last night show that the line reaches the Cliff House beach but that beyond there the connection is broken. Fear is expressed that the beach station of the cable company has been washed away and that the expert who repairs broken connections has lost his life.

communication at the other end, was not known.

That was all that came, all through the day, and in the meantime the anxiety grew, and business in Honolulu was at a standstill. The people waited, hoping and fearing. At ten o'clock in the morning, there was noticed in the waters about this island a slight tidal flutter but so slight that it was deemed that the tidal disturbance at San Francisco, at least, had been merely local.

Actually what had occurred on the mainland, no man could say. But it was evident to those who know San Francisco that a cataclysm had occurred there, that the made land which is between Montgomery street and the waterfront had been dislodged by an earthquake shock or a series of them heavier than usual, and that the whole business district of the city or rather the wholesale business district, had gone down in ruin. The loss of life must have been large in any event. The loss of property will inevitably reach into the millions.

In that part of the city, at the early hour at which the disaster came, there were still hundreds of people, night workers who had not yet gone home, watchmen, commission merchants and their employes getting ready to feed the city, clerks and messengers, market men and peddlers, fishermen and gardeners, rattling in their wagons through the streets to meet death in the tumble of tall buildings down upon them.

If the disaster had occurred a few

hours later, in the rush of business hours, there would have been two hundred thousand people exposed to danger of death. Many must have been exposed, as it was, in the hotels that the fire following the earthquake and landslide destroyed.

And, in the cities about the bay, the bedrooms for the workers of San Francisco, in the ships at anchor and lying at the docks, the loss of life can not but have been appalling. It may take years, indeed, to learn the names of all those who have perished.

All this Honolulu felt, and, feeling, suffered in its anguish at the lack of

THE DESTROYED CALL BUILDING.



ONE MESSAGE COMES VIA MANILA

Mr. Phillips Receives Word From Portland Oregon.

The following cablegram from one of the leading firms of Portland, Oregon, was received in Honolulu, via New York and Manila, at 12:30 this morning:

"Manny Phillips, Honolulu: No private messages. Business district destroyed. Residences reported safe. Will wire."

The request for information as to the San Francisco disaster was sent by Mr. Phillips to his Portland correspondent at 8:30 Wednesday morning.

of the names of their loved ones. There will be material aid for San Francisco from all parts of America and the civilized world. In this work Honolulu will do its share, more than gladly. Honolulu has always been close to the great California seaport, and will be drawn closer by this awful calamity.

In the business community yesterday all work ceased, virtually, and public and private business was at a standstill. The steamer Alameda, booked to leave for the mainland early, was delayed until nine o'clock this morning, and merchants who had made orders of goods by her duplicated their orders to Seattle. That was a precautionary measure. It was not desired that there should be a shortage of provisions in Honolulu, which draws its supplies in large measure from San Francisco.

It was stated by another gentleman that the vibrations of the seismograph continued very hard for six minutes, the lines running from side to side of the tape, in swift jerks, and that after the first heavy shocks the uneasiness of the surface of the earth continued for at least one hour.

"There have been no more vibrations of the earth's surface observed after the first heavy one this morning," said Prof. W. D. Alexander last night.

That is the one bit of good news that the long day carried. It means that after the first shock of the disaster, its intensity was in lessening force. Those in Honolulu who have relatives or friends in the danger zone can but hope and pray, now, when they think

MANILA HEARD FROM AT A LATE HOUR LAST NIGHT

The Advertiser sent a message to New York last night, via Europe, asking for facts about the earthquake situation. Up to the hour of going to press, 3 a. m., no reply had been received. The message was addressed to the Associated Press. This journal did not care to depend on Manila, which is a recognized fake center, for cablegrams, and so it gives the following specials from there with reservations:

MANILA, P. I., April 18.—Earthquake shocks are continuing in San Francisco and the greatest panic prevails. Thousands are fleeing the city. Fire is completing the awful devastation.

MANILA, P. I., April 18.—The city of San Francisco is cut off from the rest of the world, utterly isolated. The loss of property amounts to over one hundred million dollars. The loss of life, so far as can be at

present be ascertained, amounts to three hundred.

Thousands have been injured. The city hall collapsed during the first shock of the earthquake.

Most of the great public buildings of the city have been destroyed. Market street, with all its buildings, is doomed.

The cable building was abandoned by the operators at 10:25 o'clock this morning.

If San Francisco is "utterly isolated" it is singular how Manila could have secured so many details of the losses from the earthquake.

The Fire Department will blow five whistles as soon as cable connection is restored with San Francisco.



THE PALACE HOTEL, NOW DESTROYED.