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# SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE AN APPALLING CATASTROPHE 

Hundreds of Lives Lost and Principal Buildings in Business District Destroyed Early Wednesday Morning by Most Destructive Seismic Disturbance of Pacific Coast

## PROPERTY LOSS $\$ 30,000,000$

GIVES LIFE
FOR SEAMAN
Kearsarge Turret Officer Saves
One of His Men
NOT AN EXPLOSION Disaster Aboard Slip Caused by Accider* I Short-circuit-

Greatest Damage Confined to Wholesale and Tenement Dis tricts $=$ Residence Sections Comparatively Safe=Principal Loss Falls on the Big Downtown Office Buildings

## FLAMES RAGE OVER CITY

## BLACK EYE TO

DIVORCE MILL
cond Shock Felt at 8:45 O'clock, But Duration Is Siort. Effect of Tremor Felt All Way Across Continent - Ex tent of Disaster Still Uncertain

| U. S. Supreme Court Decision Annuls Thousands |  |  |
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|  | SAN FRANCISCO, Cal, April 18.-As the reports come in the magnttude of the disaster grows. Fires are raging in all directions and people are moving out of the downtown sections. The loss of life may reach into the hundreds and millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed. |  |
| No Decree Valid Except Defendant or Defense Was in Court's Jurisdiction $\qquad$ <br> decision in brief |  |  |
|  | The Valencia hotel, between iseventeenth and Eighteenth streets, in Valencia street, a five-story frame building, toppled over into the street, burying seventy-five people in the debris, Only the top story remains intact. A house in Fourth street, near Valencia, was wrecke, ,enty two people. Many fire department houses were damaged so tadiy that it ismpossible to get the fire apparatus out. A lodging house in Seventh street, between Howard and Mission, known as the Kingsley, entirely col- |  |
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|  | lapsed. It is on fire and seventy-five to elghty persons are believed to be buried in the flaming ruins. At Twenty-second and mission streets the dry goods store of Lipmian is on fire, threatening destruction of the entire |  |
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|  | block. At Eighteenth and Valencia streets there is a crevice in the street six feet wide and entire sidewalks are torn up. Street car tracks are badly twisted all through the southern section of the city and tramp is at a standstIII. At the Southern Pacific hospital water is being carried into the bullaing from outside sources for the use of the patients. Many people suffering from injuries are seen on the streets, making their way to the cifferent hospitals. <br> The Episcopal church at Eleventh street is badly damaged and at the |  |
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| By Associated Press. <br> CHICAGO, April 18.-A dispatch to <br> the Tribune from Washington says: <br> There is no doubt that the decision | he tonstory caved <br> in, badly wrecking the entire bullding. <br> There was another shock at 8.45 a . m., which intensified the panic. |  |
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|  | There is no doubt that the decision and the alarm soon subsided. |  |  |
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| handed down Monday, will rip open |  |  |
| housands of aivorces which were supposed to be binding by all parties to | 11:45. a. m., says: The fire Is beyond control and is now destroying Mar-ket street and has reached the Paiace hotel. Roth the Western Union and the Postal builidings were completely destroyed. The loss of life is now |  |
| made by parties to such divorces aft- |  |  |
|  | the Postal buildings were completely destroyed. The loss of life is now estimated at 2,000 . <br> The last shock was felt at $8: 170^{\circ}$ clock. Ferries are all engaged in car- |  |
|  | rying people to points of safety. Peop. are fleeing by the thousenss. wrecked. The Call building was almost demolished. On Third street not a |  |
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| The decision of the United Sta | cked. The Call building was almost demolished. On Third street not a ding is undamaged. Many office buildings have toppled over, burying |  |
| supreme court, revolutionary though it may seem, is extremely simple in itssctual bearing. In the first place, it |  |  |
|  | Business Suspended GOES TO |  |
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|  |  | Professor McLaughlin to Head Histor, Department, Succeeding Jamison By Associated Press. |
|  | ceived the following information frLos Angeles: |  |
|  |  | CHICAGO, April 18.-Professor An. |
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|  | been lost in the earthuuake at San Francisco. Both the Postal and West- | University of Michigan, a noted au- thority on Amercan historr, has ac. cold |
|  | ern Union Telegraph buildings of that city have been destroyed. A disastrousfire is eating its way up the south side |  |
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|  | fire is eating its way up the south |  |
| dom | The water mains are bursting and the | his new duties on July 1. Prof McLaughlin is a son-in- |
| her original domicile. | Business has $\qquad$ suspe <br> Dead May Reach Thousands |  |
|  |  | COOLER WEATHER |
|  | SAN FRANCISCO, Cal, April $18 .-\mathrm{c}$ |  |
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|  | tends from Ferry to Front streets one side and pretty much all south |  |
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|  | street, with sporadic fires in the Park section and the western division. There |  |
|  | is no way of estimating the number of thousands. There is hardly any water and it is impossible to say when the |  |
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| appeal to the court, the original de- <br> ree stands, because no one else has <br> a right to question it. |  |  |
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| In all those cases, therefore, where what are known as "Dakota divorces" the defendant, whether man or woman has died, they will stand and the property rights of the new wife anddren will not be interfered with. | Sacramento, Cal., April 18.-A severe earthquake shock occurred here is great confusion and it is impossible to learn the full extent of the damage | h; |
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| TWO ITALIANS SHOT <br> One Fatally and Another Seriously |  | ************************** |
|  | reach 20,000 . $\qquad$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ ************************ |
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|  | The last earthquake that | By Aesodated Prese NEW ORLEA SS, April $18 .-$ Indica- |
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|  | $\star$ Several distinct shocks were felt |  |
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|  | * collaspeed in certain parts of the | Thursday, probably showers: light to |
|  | $\star$ structure⿻ The patrons were ${ }^{\star}$$\star$ thrown out of their beds and$\star$ furniture destroyed. |  |
| and commenced firing at the Italians |  |  |
|  | furniture destroyed. <br> In 1894 there was felt a severe $\star$ $\star$ seismic disturbance in Los An- | ness: probably showers in northeast portion |
|  |  | Tonight, increasing cloundinerstiories bly showers in west porday, showers and coler. |
| shooting is believed to be the result | $\star$ the city and for a radius of sev |  |
|  | $*$$\star$ most severe shock that has evefelt in Southern California. | Forecast untill 7 , p.m. Thursday for ort Worth and vicinity: Tonisht, <br> Fort Worth and victity: Tonight, partly cloudy weather, wawmer; Thurseday, zhowers. |
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## THE STRIPLING

## Big Department Store Secures the Loan Exhibit of The Famous Alice Roosevelt Silks!

From which the famous inaugural ball dress and her world-wide talked-of
wedding gown were made. They are not for sale, nor can duplicates be bought at any price, as th original patterns from which these were cut were
destroved. As they would bring too large a crowd if displayed in the store, we place them on exhibition in our Houston street window, com-
mencing tomorrow morning, for ten days only, after which we are under agreement to return them to the manufacturers, as these two letters will
explain. w. C. STRIPLING.

The Wm. Strange Co., New York City
Gentlemen-We, the undersigned, agree to retarn to you the exhibit of Alice Brue ceceipt of same, in good condition and without being cut. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { President Roosevelt's family. Yours truly, } & \text { W. C. STRIPLING, }\end{array}$
W. O. STRIPLING,

New York, April 14. 1906.
Mr. W. C. Stripling, Fort Worth, Texas Dear Sir-We are in receipt of a
ateter through our Mr. Bonnell, also
copy of apreement relative to the "Alice Blue and "Argent Cour" Silver Brocades, and in reply would say, that we would be very glad to have you
exhibit these, and are sending you today, the same, which we hope will reach you in due time.. Very truly yours,
THE WILLIAM STRANGE COMPANY,

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