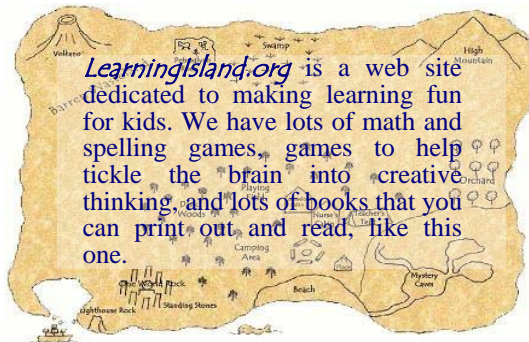




Earthquake and fire today have put nearly half of San Francisco in ruins. About 500 persons have been killed, a thousand injured, and the property loss will exceed \$200,000,000.

Fifty thousand people are homeless and destitute. All day long streams of people have been fleeing from the stricken districts to places of safety.

This is the start of the newspaper story announcing the earthquake and fire that struck San Francisco at 5:13 am on April 18, 1906. Read the story as the newspapers reported it the next day.



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