FLAMES' COURSE AT LAST CHECKED

At 10 o'clock last night, the fire was rapidly making its way along the district south of Van Ness Avenue from Jones Street up. North Beach and Nob Hill are apparently devoured. The heroic work of the firemen from O'Farrell to Sutter streets had its effect and the flames were apparently stopped though several smoldering buildings threatened to burst into flames and extend across Van Ness Avenue at any moment. However, the firemen were satisfied they had the flames checked there and began to devote their efforts to keeping the fire confined to North Beach.

The flames extended beyond the control of the firemen at Clay, Sacramento and Washington streets and last night managed to work their way out as far as Gough Street. The firemen were battling bravely and with the aid of dynamite seemed to have the flames under fair control east of Gough Street, though they were powerless to check their course toward North Beach.

Two fires were blazing in the Mission district, one extending out Dolores street and the other in the vicinity of Castro. The flames here did not make near the headway as they did in the North Beach district and the firemen feel confident they will soon burn themselves out, as several vacant lots stand in the way.

The San Francisco Relief and Restoration Committee met yesterday afternoon and organized for effective work. Messages offering funds were received from all sides, headed by an appropriation of a million dollars from Congress.

THE NEW CITY BEGINS TODAY

The Chronicle is now in the midst of the confusion and by the courtesy of the Oakland Herald will send this report.

This tremendous volume of the disaster which has come upon San Francisco is beyond a description of the loss and extent. Coming at the time of the city's greatest prosperity, it seems as if the world was standing still.

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Course of the Flames Through Heart of City

Frequent Change of Headquarters Forced by Conflagration.

Relief Fund Rapidly Growing in Amount

Mint Escapes Destruction

By James Hopper.