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Photograph depicting the St. Francis Hotel following the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. Online courtesy the U.S. Archives and Records Administration.

*No one
can comprehend the calamity to San Francisco
in its entirety.*

Emma Burke
Eyewitness

While the people of San Francisco slept, the ground below them was moving. At first, during the early hours of April 18, 1906, no one knew that something was awry. Then ... the rolling motions came, causing streets to rise, and fall, and rise again. It seemed, to one observer, that the earth itself was breathing.

What happened next, devastated the city and traumatized her citizens.

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