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WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE NEW CITY TO DEFY FLAMES

Demand for Architects.

Plans All on a Big Scale.

S. P. Offices Are to Remain Here.

Long before the ashes of the city that was shall have cooled plans will be completed for the reconstruction and restoration of the majority of San Francisco's substantial business buildings. Before the wreckage of the former buildings has been cleared away the material for the structures to be will be on the ground and before the present scene of desolation has time to become familiar there will rise all over the city the steel skeletons of the new metropolis.

As the big business buildings will be replaced so will the mansions of the wealthy, and in nearly every case by structures of greater beauty.

New San Francisco will be fire-proof and earthquake-proof. If the present almost unanimous intentions are carried out there will be artistic harmony from ferry to foothills and the hygienic conditions will be perfect as modern scientific knowledge can direct.

Best of all, the work of reconstruction is even now under way. From the beginning there has been no question as to the action to be taken. Men who watched their property burned or blown up dismissed their regrets to busy their minds with the problem of speedily replacing what had been destroyed by fire or dynamite.

Seattle owes its present position in the commercial world to the way its people have pulled together. The "Seattle spirit" is one of the most cherished traditions of the northern seaport. The "Seattle spirit" dates from the big fire which destroyed the city, but brought the people shoulder to shoulder. The San Francisco fire has burned all the spite fences, the earthquake has shaken down the hammer trees and "knocking" will be a lost art. The San Francisco spirit has been born and will rule the city beautiful, the reconstruction of which is even now under way.

FAVORS CITY BEAUTIFUL.

President Maestretti of the Board of Public Works fairly voiced the sentiment of his associates yesterday when he said:

"The new San Francisco must be composed of buildings that shall be proof against serious damage from a temblor such as the one that primarily caused the great catastrophe. That such a city can be built is exemplified by the structures still standing. There is the Call building, the Crocker building, the Fairmont Hotel, the Mills building, the Kohl block and many others that stand as monuments to the virtue of building with steel on bedrock foundations. What ever injury these buildings sustained was caused by fire. Some of them were not even clipped by the quake.

"In the matter of having wider streets, too, we need no further demonstration than was afforded by the checking of the fire at Van Ness avenue. Difficulty may be experienced in obtaining the consent of some property owners to the reduction of their realty, which is essential to making the thoroughfares wider, but I believe that common sense will prevail in this matter as in all others pertaining to the reconstruction of the city."

PLAN NEW BUILDINGS.

While yet the ashes are warm on the ground owners of ruined structures are busy preparing for architects and men to serve in the erection of new buildings that shall eclipse those that were burned.

Many of the capitalists whose plans are of this swift, all-confident character have not let it be generally known that contracts are now being arranged for the work of reconstruction. Others have permitted their plans to be made public and the knowledge of these confirms the declarations of those who said that San Francisco will rise from the ashes in an incredibly short period of time.

The Winchester Hotel, a large building at Third and Stevenson streets, owned by Baruch brothers, is to be replaced at once by a building equal in many ways to the old building and

superior in others. The Winchester Hotel was a steel frame structure, and the new edifice will be of the same sort.

The Owl Drug Company, which occupied the lower floor of the old Winchester Hotel, has already made application to Baruch brothers for a lease of the quarters the drug company formerly occupied. Baruch brothers, also the owners of a steel frame building which formerly stood at Sixth and Jessie streets, have announced their intention of reconstructing at once a structure that will be superior to that which was burned.

Lippman Sachs states that he will erect a steel frame structure on Montgomery street, opposite the Occidental Hotel, on the site occupied by the old building he owned. This new building will be ten or twelve stories high. The impression has gone abroad that the new residences to be erected in San Francisco are to be mere bungalows as a protection against earthquakes. This is a mistake, as plans have already been made for the erection of costly and beautiful homes on Presidio Heights. M. S. Koshland, the millionaire woolman, was the first to prepare plans for an elaborate mansion. Mr. Koshland's home on Washington street, near Spruce, suffered severely from the quake. It was a magnificent stone structure, built on classical lines, with ornamental columns and a Pompeian court. It was one of the most beautiful homes in the West and cost its owner \$250,000 with its furnishings. In the earthquake the columns were thrown to the ground, the magnificent approach of stone and marble shattered and the upper stories badly damaged.

Yesterday Mr. Koshland had an architect on the grounds and plans for the reconstruction of the home were drawn.

"Yes, I am going to rebuild," said Mr. Koshland yesterday. "I will replace everything just as it was. This talk of bungalows is foolish. Instead of bungalows we are to have in San Francisco more magnificent homes than ever before. I know of several property owners who intend to build beautiful residences on the heights. The city will recover from this shock in surprisingly quick time. I have unbounded faith in it and so have all the business men with whom I have spoken."

No change in the location of the general offices of the traffic department of the Southern Pacific Company is to be made, according to formal announcement made today by Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs. Not even temporary removal is necessary, Mr. Stubbs declares. He said today:

"I am glad that we are able to so arrange this, for San Francisco is soon to be wonderfully active commercially, and in the work of reconstruction we wish to be in as close touch as possible with our business associates.

"The way to resume is to resume; the traffic department headquarters will be opened today on the upper floor, south end of the Union ferry depot. The work of installing fixtures begins this afternoon, and it is hoped in a few days to have the department machinery in smooth running order.

"Our faith in San Francisco has not been destroyed. It will resume and maintain its place as the chief commercial city of the Pacific Coast. The business men of the city can be depended upon to begin the work of reconstruction before the foundation walls of their old structures are cooled."

TOTTERING WALLS FALL BY DYNAMITE'S FORCE

Work of leveling the tottering ruins along Market street was commenced early yesterday morning. Before nightfall a distance of several blocks had been covered by the dynamiters. From Fourth street to Seventh only five structures remain as a menace to life. After these are disposed of the downtown section will be attacked,



BUSH ST. FROM MARKET

Owing to the great number of burned structures that are unsafe between Third street and the water front two or three days may be required to do the work.

The demolition is being accomplished under the direction of the Building Committee. General Funston has placed his dynamite corps at the disposal of the city and the job is being done rapidly. Pedestrians and vehicles were turned from Market street at Fourth yesterday morning and were required to proceed along Howard street as far as Seventh. With these precautions enforced by a large squad of soldiers and officers no accidents occurred. One after another the walls were blown down and when the workmen retired for the day there remained only the ruins of the Columbian building, Breuner's store, Donohoe building, Academy of Sciences and St. Nicholas Hotel, in this section.

The dangerous walls on lower Market street will go to the ground immediately. There are many of these, as the downtown district was built principally of brick. When Market street is cleared work will commence on the side streets. North of Market will be first reduced and then the workers will extend the blasting to other sections. In this manner all thoroughfares will be rendered safe.

The Building Committee will not undertake to tear down any walls standing back on lots nor walls that have supports. When this work is done it will be at the expense of the property owner. Neither will any bank buildings be disturbed by dynamite, as the fear is expressed that greater damage may result to the vaults.

While the work of dynamiting was going on experts were at work inspecting the buildings now standing, with a view of ascertaining the extent of damage done. Below in the street large squads of men were at work clearing away debris. The United Railroads made great progress in installing a temporary electric system along Market street. Pole holes were dug nearly the entire length of the street and from Second to Fifth the poles were raised. Wiring will commence in a few days. As the company has a large amount of material on hand the line will be in operation shortly.

CLIFF HOUSE ESCAPES WITH LITTLE DAMAGE.

A thorough inspection made yesterday shows that comparatively little damage was done in the vicinity of the cliff House. The Cliff House itself not only stands, but the damage sustained from the earthquake shock to this historic building will not exceed, according to the statement of Manager Wilkins, \$500; in fact the escape of the Cliff House is one of the curious features of the disaster, which has befallen San Francisco. The famous Sutro Baths building located near the Cliff House, with its hundreds of thousands of square feet of glass roofing, also was practically unharmed. Only a few of the windows in the Sutro Baths and in the Cliff House were broken,

and the lofty chimney of the pumping plant of the former establishment was cracked only slightly.

Manager Wilkins of the Cliff House notified the General Relief Committee that he would turn over his establishment as well as the immense stables of his resort, which are unharmed, to the housing of the homeless. The only difficulty about the acceptance of this tender would be that of transporting supplies.

The water supply of the Cliff House and buildings in that vicinity has been cut off, but an independent supply will be arranged.

The entire district lying west of Golden Gate Park and along the beach from Golden Gate southward suffered less from the earthquake than probably any other section of the San Francisco peninsula.

The camps of refugees extend as far westward through the park as the beach. Every one said they were receiving enough to eat and drink, but in order to get their supplies they were obliged to stand in line at some places as long as two hours. This, of course, worked serious hardship on many of the women, who were in a state of exhaustion. There was complaint on account of the cold at night from those who were not provided with tents and who were obliged to seek shelter beneath the shrubbery with very insufficient covering in the way of blankets. This condition will be improved soon, as tents and coverings of all sorts are arriving at the headquarters of the relief committee from the interior of California, as well as from the East.

PLENTY OF COIN READY IN THE BRANCH MINTS.

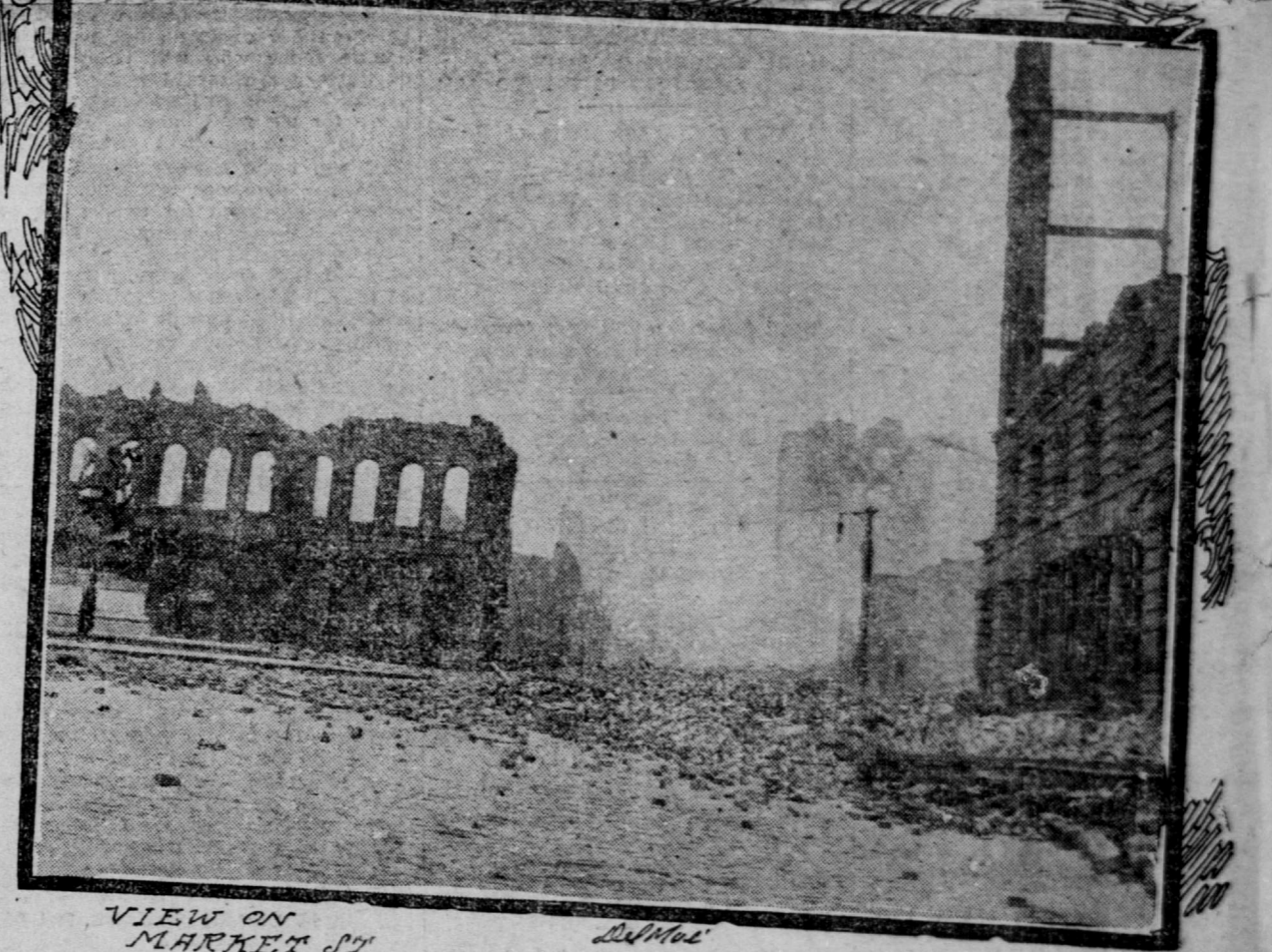
There is an abundance of gold and silver coin available in the vaults of the United States branch Mint of this city. The Mint had almost completed its coinage for the fiscal year when the earthquake and fire came. The damage done is comparatively of a trivial character, only one or two rooms in the building being touched by the flames.

The furnaces and grate chimneys would be ready to start up at an hour's notice if suitable power could be obtained, and it is possible that a speedy makeshift for power may be soon arranged if the early future should warrant such a step. All of the men have been at their posts since Wednesday, ready to meet a money demand, but the city financial system is not yet in shape to use money. The financial interests of the city must organize first and establish themselves in temporary headquarters before they will be in a position to either receive or pay out money.

An indication of the early restoration of order is the fact that there is not a single soldier, militiaman or regular policeman guarding the many millions of dollars. Only the regular special police officers regularly connected with the Mint are on duty there.

CITY OFFICES RESUME.

The offices of the Auditor, Treas-



VIEW ON MARKET ST. SNAPSHOTS TAKEN BY THE CALL'S PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE DEVASTATED DISTRICT.

urer, Tax Collector and County Recorder are located at 2511 and 2513 Sacramento street, near Fillmore. All employees are requested to report for duty this morning.

LAWYER COLLINS DONS THE GARB OF A FELON.

George D. Collins, the perjured attorney, is in stripes, though it took an earthquake to dress him in the convict's garb. He was only taken to San Quentin after a desperate effort to escape the Sheriff on the boat. When the prisoners were let out of the jail Collins was missed and a hurried search disclosed him hiding under a cot. In the transportation across to Tiburon Collins was the only one not accounted for, and the boat had to be held in the slip. At the prison the curling gray locks which adorned his fine head were shaved close to the skull and he now bears all the marks of the convict.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES SELECT NEW QUARTERS

The Judges of the Superior Court held a meeting yesterday at Temple Israel, occupied by Congregation Sherith Israel, at the northeast corner of California and Webster streets, when courtrooms and chambers were selected. Judges Seawell, Murasky, Hebbard, Dunne, Graham, Coffey, Lawlor and Cook were present. A resolution of thanks was voted Congregation Sherith Israel for the use of the building. The Sheriff was ordered to provide stationery and furniture and the

meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Temple Israel. Building Inspector Horgan, at the instance of the presiding Judge, inspected the temple and pronounced it perfectly safe. The County Clerk, Sheriff and Police Judges have taken the three-story frame building on the northwest corner of Webster and California streets for their offices.

ALAMEDA WILL LEAVE APRIL 28 FOR HONOLULU.

Passengers desiring to sail for Honolulu are asked to register at 1008 Broadway, Oakland. The Alameda will come in tomorrow at noon and probably will sail on Saturday, April 28.

MUCH SUFFERING AT THE CAMP IN CARVILLE

There is acute suffering at Carville caused by scarcity of food and poor shelter. There are three hundred inhabitants of this section and 700 refugees. At present sanitation is good. Order is perfect.

CONTAGION HOSPITAL HAS A FEW PATIENTS

The hospital at Harbor View Park, established for the reception of measles, mumps, scarlet fever and other contagious diseases reports very little business. What few patients are being treated are well and happy.

BRAVE MEN WILL BUILD NEW CITY

Argonauts of 1906 Rise From Parkside Beds for Work Before Ruins Grow Cold.

New San Francisco Is Here With Throbbing Energy, Eager to Outdo Its Predecessor.

Food, Financial, Sanitary and General Conditions Improve, While Plans for the Future Develop.

Architects and Engineers Are Busy Planning Structures That Will Set Thousands at Work.

A careful study of the vital news

features that developed in San Francisco yesterday must fill every lover of the old city with unflagging hope for the new, which is already under way.

There are no pessimists and sluggards among the captains of industry who arose from rude beds on sidewalks or in parks before Wednesday's Inferno had cooled, rubbed sleep from their eyelids and marched forth with brave hearts, resolved to become the Argonauts of 1906.

Every moment since the disaster has seen the progressive spirit of the new time gain momentum in the direction of effacing the ruins of yesterday for the city of tomorrow.

Specifically, the encouraging developments may be summarized thus:

There was little serious damage from yesterday's rain and the weather indications are for warm, clear days.

Food is more plentiful, hunger is unknown and the problem of its distribution is being solved very fast.

Physicians give assurance that there are no contagious diseases and that sanitary conditions are becoming better each hour.

On every hand energetic plans for rebuilding a greater, grander city go forth. Permits for temporary structures of galvanized iron are obtainable now.

Telephone lines are being replaced and will expedite business within two or three days.

Streetcar lines will be in operation very soon. Trolley poles have been

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