

CONGRESS OF RUSSIA ASSEMBLES

Preparations for the Opening of Parliament Completed.

Great Secrecy Attends the Czar's Journey to St. Petersburg.

Historic Ceremony Will Take Place in the Winter Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 9.—The final preparations for the great ceremony at the Winter Palace on the occasion of the opening of Parliament tomorrow are completed.

Owing to the lateness of the hour when services at the Winter Palace will be completed it has been decided not to open the Council of the Empire until Friday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The law providing for the reorganization of the Council of the Empire was published today. It contains a provision for the appointment of special commissions having exclusive jurisdiction over certain subjects.

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Diamonds and old gold bought. Golden Gate Loan Office, 550 Pierce st.

FIRE THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DAMAGE TO PACIFIC METROPOLIS

Willis Polk, the Architect, Makes Statement to Correct Erroneous Reports Spread Broadcast.

No Properly Constructed Building Injured More Than Ten Per Cent by Earthquake.

Evidence is Lacking, He Says, of the Displacement of Any Solid Ground.

Letters and reports reaching San Francisco from various quarters have led to the belief that the country has misapprehended the character and extent of the damage caused by the earthquake. This fact has prompted the Associated Press to, as far as possible, obtain some authoritative statement on this subject.

One of the best known local observers who has paid considerable attention to details is Willis Polk, the architect. Mr. Polk has been in constant communication with all of the local authorities and has been a member of the general relief committee, and was one of the organizers of the committee on reconstruction.

First—No properly constructed building was damaged by the earthquake to exceed 5 or 10 per cent, and in many cases not injured at all.

Second—It cannot be denied that the earthquake was of great violence, but in no case is there evidence that any solid ground was displaced. It has been demonstrated that the tidal gauge is normal with the established bench marks. It is admitted that filled ground, such as embankments for railroads or streets, or reclamation areas of former submerged portions of the city received a severe shaking up. However, in the instance of the United States postoffice at Seventh and Mission streets, within such an area of filled ground, the foundations extended down to a firm bottom and the building was practically undamaged by the earthquake.

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