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WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED.

At this juncture it is well to pause a moment, survey the field and contemplate what we have thus far accomplished in the direction of rebuilding the city. It will give us an idea of the rapidity of progress which we may expect later on and upon which we can base an approximate estimate of the time we will consume in restoring the city.

It will be seen that we are already advanced in the work, and further than was thought possible just after the fire. Our progress thus far is most gratifying, will stimulate us to continued activity and impart to us increased hope and confidence.

We have restored the water supply and now have all we want for both public and private necessities. This is of the highest importance. If fire breaks out anywhere the Fire Department will be able to cope with it in the normal routine way. On this score, we may now breathe more freely.

We have opened the vaults of some of the banks, and their safe deposits, and found most of them unscathed, and their valuable contents uninjured. In consequence, the banks are now more willing to reopen, and will probably do so in the course of the next fortnight, and, according to the announcement of the bankers, not later than June 1.

We have restored street car service on most of the important lines, thanks to the energy of the United Railroads Company. This is a great boon to the public.

We have brought order out of chaos in providing with provisions, clothing and shelter the thousands of destitute whose business and homes were destroyed by the fire. We have arranged to practically concentrate them into a city of their own, where we can provide for their wants with much less labor, expense and confusion than heretofore. The saving in this direction will be great.

We have run the railroad tracks into the burned district and already begun the work of clearing the ground for new buildings and carting away the debris.

We have re-established most of the arc lights in the public squares and dispelled much of the darkness that prevailed over the city for two weeks. The effect of this is already apparent in the increased number of people in the streets during the evening. For a fortnight after the fire San Francisco was as deserted as a cemetery after nightfall. It was like a city of the dead.

Deficiencies not yet supplied, but well advanced in the work of restoration, are the resumption of gas lighting, which, it is announced, will occur within a week or ten days; the restoration of telephone service, which will be hailed with satisfaction by everybody; the partial reorganization of trade, particularly the receipt and distribution of beef and mutton, butter, eggs, fruits, all sorts of vegetables, hay, beans, poultry and other farm produce along the water front, which gives us something fresh, healthful and pleasant to eat, now doubly appreciated after two or three weeks of canned corned beef. Now, if we can get our precious kitchen chimney on its legs and in operation again we shall feel quite at home once more.

It will thus be seen that we have already accomplished a great deal. Every branch of daily life restored means just so much more labor available for the others still in process of restoration, just so much acceleration in speed later on. The more we complete, the faster we go, and the easier the work becomes.

Well begun is half done. We have begun well, and every day from now on will increase our speed. Before we know it we shall have the burned district cleared for new buildings and picturesque with thousands of bright, new temporary structures.

A week ago The Call said that San Francisco would astonish the world by the rapidity of her restoration. We repeat it.

THE GOLDEN EGGS.

The expected has happened. Carried out of their heads by visions of enormous profits, some landlords and tenants in several of the new prominent thoroughfares of the Western Addition and their immediate neighborhoods are asking such exorbitant rentals for business locations that they have passed beyond the capacity of the public purse and are driving much profitable business away from themselves. They are killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. Close observers perceived this condition approaching ten days ago. Asking prices do not establish values. A thing is worth what it will bring, and not a penny more, and there is a limit to the public pocket.

WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN.

Table with columns: City, Max, Wind, Weather, Precip. Lists cities like Sumner, Eureka, Flagstaff, Fresno, Los Angeles, etc.

Forecast for San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Friday, possibly light showers; fresh southwest wind. For Sacramento Valley—Cloudy Friday, with showers; light south wind. For Los Angeles and vicinity—Cloudy Friday; possibly showers; fresh southwest wind.

A. G. McADIE District Forecaster.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN REBUILDING OF SAN FRANCISCO

R. E. Beeman, Eastern Financier, Sees Future.

Says Atlantic Capital Will Flow Into City.

R. E. Geeman, a New York capitalist who is heavily interested in San Francisco, believes that the city will be rebuilt bigger and better than ever. He came here to size up the situation, learn the spirit of the people and ascertain just how far the recent disaster has gone toward delivering a solar plexus blow to the courage for which Californians are noted. He found that courage not at all shaken. Everywhere the rapid and noble work of reconstruction was viewed by him and his associates with great pleasure.

Beeman said yesterday to a Call representative:

"I have talked with San Francisco's moneyed men and have seen the indomitable courage of your citizens. I can fully appreciate the iron determination which will result in the rebuilding of the city and the placing of it in its former great rank as the metropolis of the Pacific Coast. Buildings have been erected as if by magic and business men are resuming as quickly as possible.

"The opinions of such men as H. E. Huntington can be accepted as an example of the attitude of the conservative financier toward your city. I talked with Mr. Huntington while in Los Angeles and found him certain of a great future for San Francisco. He declared at the time that he expected to see a new and greater city rise upon the tottering and burned remains of the old; and this, he expects, will take place in three years.

"Personally I think that a new era of prosperity will be experienced in the near future. Millions of dollars of Eastern capital invested here will accomplish much of this and more Eastern money will come in later. The country is determined to rehabilitate San Francisco at any cost. Your own millionaires reflect the spirit of the people and have apparently pledged themselves."

SHOWS HIS UNBOUNDED FAITH IN SAN FRANCISCO

N. C. Merrill is Ready to Trade His Holdings in Denver for Realty in Metropolis.

N. C. Merrill, who owns the largest granite residence in Denver and two office buildings, has unbounded faith in the future of San Francisco. Merrill, in a letter to The Call, writes: "It might be a nerve tonic to the stampeded people to inform them that outside people are willing to trade the best there is in the best cities for San Francisco property. I had rather trade now for property there than before the fire. I always expected a fire and hardly less than you got. It is absolutely bound to come to a city built of wood. I walked up and down the streets of San Francisco not a month before the fire and said that the greatest objection to investment was the inevitable burn out you would get. It has come and it is now safe to invest."

County Clerk is Busy.

County Clerk Mulreavy, acting under suggestions by Mayor Schmitz, has detailed sixteen courtroom clerks to assist the health officers in preparing the statistics for the Health Department. The rest of the deputies are engaged in making inventories of books, papers and other records recovered from the ruins of the City Hall. When this work is complete the papers must be indexed, which work will require more than six months. Clerk Mulreavy urges the Mayor to provide more suitable accommodations for the work of his office, as also a fireproof vault in which valuable papers may be preserved.

Data on Former Earthquakes.

San Francisco was visited by a shock of earthquake Sunday, October 8, 1865, which lasted ten seconds, but did no serious damage. It occurred shortly after the noon hour. The severer shock which followed occurred at 7:53 on the morning of Wednesday, October 21, 1868. It lasted forty-two seconds. This was followed at 9:30 and still another at 10:30 a. m. on the same day.

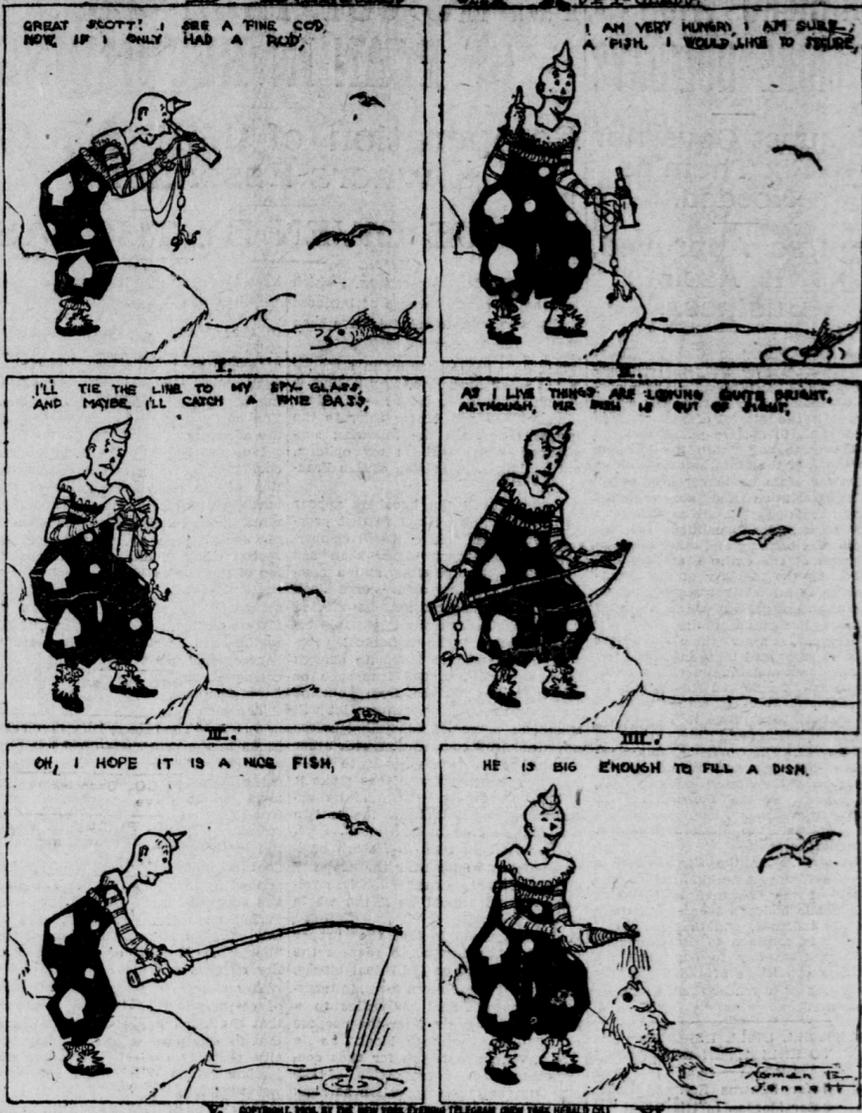
During a period of eighty-one years preceding 1888 417 distinct shocks of earthquakes and tremors were recorded at what is now San Francisco and the immediate vicinity.

San Francisco Girl Weds.

SAN JOSE, May 10.—Miss Caroline Louise Haven, daughter of Charles D. Haven, a prominent resident of San Francisco, and Charles D. Stevens, a New York fruit broker, were married in Trinity Church this morning, the Rev. J. Wilmer Gresham officiating.

Such a Place as Paso Robles. With the finest bathhouse in America, great hot springs and a roomy, comfortable modern hotel with mountain environment, is just the place to spend a month in resting. Is in perfect order. Southern Pacific offers low round trip rates.

MONKEY SHINES OF MARSELEEN



BIG LAND DEAL ABOUT CLOSED

Southern Pacific Is After Fontana Warehouse. Property Valued at a Quarter Million.

Negotiations are pending for one of the largest real estate deals since the fire. The Southern Pacific Company has all but closed arrangements for the purchase of the large Fontana warehouse at the foot of Van Ness avenue, near Fort Mason. The Fontana people acquired this property a few years ago for \$33,000, and the present sale calls for \$250,000. This is the strongest argument yet advanced to controvert those people who predicted a fall in real estate values in San Francisco as a result of the earthquake and fire.

HEAVY CAUSE ON THE LAKES

Schooners Algeria and Iron Queen Go Down Near Cleveland and Three Men Perish.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 10.—The schooner Algeria sank about two miles off the harbor of Cleveland yesterday and three men lost their lives. The schooner Iron Queen is in a sinking condition outside the breakwater. Her crew of eight men was taken off by the life-saving crew.

Oil-Soaked Storeroom at Main and Harrison Streets Stands Amid Waste of Ashes.

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FIRE SHACKLY PASSES BY

STANGELY FILLED WITH PAINT

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MONTEREY COUNTY PRODUCES A BRICK THAT IS FIRE-PROOF

Non-Conductor of Heat and Gives Out a Vapor That Extinguishes Flames.

Is Made From Deposits That Are Found in Great Quantities in the Hills.

Experiments Made by the Merchants' Association Demonstrate Its Worth.

MONTEREY, May 10.—A fireproof brick that will build a house that cannot be burned from the outside and that will extinguish the flames that start on the inside is what Monterey will be sending out to the world in a few months. Experiments made in this city in the last week and reported at the Merchants' Association last evening indicate this. The brick is a non-conductor of heat, and, while a gasoline torch is sending a strong flame against it, an inch below the surface it is perfectly cold. Deposits discovered in the hills here are used in making the brick.

A house built of it could not be burned, no matter what the heat applied to it was. The brick would prevent the heat going through. A fire started inside would not burn, as the heat would cause a vapor to arise from the brick similar to that used in hand grenades and would extinguish the fire.

There is any quantity of the deposit near the city and the brick can be cheaply made. Fireproof buildings will be revolutionized by this invention. The Merchants' Association is to conduct further experiments.

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NEW WAGE RATE RECOMMENDED

Day of Nine Hours With \$2.50 as the Pay.

Intended to Apply to Unskilled Labor.

Among the resolutions presented and adopted by the reconstruction committee was the following by A. Ruef, requesting contractors and employees to fix wages for ordinary and unskilled labor at \$2.50 for a nine-hour day:

"Whereas, Under normal conditions the rate of wages of ordinary and unskilled labor in San Francisco has been \$2.50 for a day of eight hours, and that rate is fixed by municipal laws and authorities for public work; and

"Whereas, Under the critical emergency which exists, there is pressing need for mutual concession; and,

"Whereas, Many skilled artisans will now be temporarily found in the ranks of ordinary labor; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the prevailing rate of wages for public and private employment at ordinary and unskilled labor in the city of San Francisco shall be, until further notice, \$2.50 for a nine (9) hours day instead of \$2.50 for an eight (8) hour day, and all contractors and employers are hereby requested to estimate and fix wages for ordinary and unskilled labor at that rate; and

"Whereas, The Building Trades Council has already adopted said rates; therefore, be it further

"Resolved, That we recommend to all other labor organizations of the city the early consideration and adoption of resolutions to the above effect."

A resolution was adopted by the Granite Cutters' International Association of this city denouncing the action of property owners in raising the rent of dwellings since the earthquake. A protest will be forwarded to the trades and labor bodies.

The Drymen's Association has resolved not to add to the current rates of drayage in vogue previous to the earthquake.

First Big Engine Sold Since

The Occidental Machinery engineering Company announces has sold the first big engine since the fire. The closed yesterday when the deal Association purchased a horse-power engine stalled in its plant of construction at streets.

Rations OAKLAND, May 10.—A number of 21,213 refugees yesterday ing made under the for Erwin of the

BOARD OF WORKS NEEDS FUNDS TO MAKE ENDS MEET

Revenue Must Be Had, Declares Maestretti.

No Permits Are to Be Issued by Department.

The Board of Public Works is sadly in need of funds. President Frank Maestretti stated at the meeting yesterday that ways and means for raising money to carry on the urgent work of the department would have to be devised at once. He asked City Engineer Woodward if he could not levy fees for work done by that department. Woodward said there was no chance for such a system of revenue, so Maestretti decided he would have to look elsewhere for an income. He announced that the board would devise some way of raising money at once.

City Engineer Woodward submitted a report summing up the damage done by the earthquake and fire to the various iron and steel bridges in the city. According to his figures the Third, Fourth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth San Jose and Bosworth street bridges are all in good shape and can be easily repaired at a cost of a few hundred dollars. The Sixth-street bridge is out of commission and has been condemned.

Hereafter the Board of Fire Underwriters and the Board of Public Works will work hand in hand in inspecting the chimneys. President Maestretti says that a competent force of men is now being trained and instructed by the Board of Underwriters and will report for duty on Monday, when the entire fifteen districts will be inspected without further delay and permits issued to light fires.

The board is in a quandary regarding permits to repair and construct buildings. At the present time the board believes it is working without authority, but at the same time incurring a great deal of responsibility. Commissioner Egan threatened to have his bondsman withdraw, but later relented. Secretary Levy was instructed to issue no more permits of any description till such time at least as the building laws have been revised by the rebuilding committee.

All the various branches of the board are requested to make out their budgets and turn them in to the Board of Supervisors without further delay. It was deemed necessary to take this action on account of the muddled condition of affairs at the present time and also because of the loss of accounts, bills, books and the like.

The board will meet again tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the permit question will be taken up and discussed more fully.

CREW OF THE CHICAGO IS THANKED FOR WORK AT FIRE

Business Properties at Foot of Telegraph Hill Saved by Efforts of Naval Men.

The following communication has been made public:

"Admiral C. F. Goodrich, United States Flagship Chicago:

"Dear Sir—The undersigned property owners and business firms in the district located at the base of Telegraph Hill, whose property was saved from destruction by fire, desire to express to you, your efficient officers and men, our heartfelt thanks and profound appreciation of the noble work done in saving our property.

"To the determined action, sound judgment and untiring efforts of the following officers and associates, with whom we had the good fortune to come in contact, we are indebted for the salvation of our property and cannot commend too highly their actions during the trying hours attending the burning of the district surrounding our property:

"Captain Freeman, Lieutenant Commander Morgan, Major Duval, Captain Smith, Ensign W. Bertoff, Midshipman J. N. Pond, Midshipman Wallace, Warrant Machinist Johnson, Lieutenant Williams, unattached (formerly of the Bremerton navy yard); Lieutenant Commander Lopez, H. Randolph and Lieutenant Marshall.

"Respectfully: Italian-Swiss Colony, Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, American Can Company, North Shore Railroad, Seawall Bonded Warehouse, Olympic Beer Company, Golden State Creamery, North Point Warehouse Company, Haislett Bonded Warehouse Company, Pioneer Warehouse Company."

Spings. In first-class from city; 4 business men can visit the Can leave returning 10:25 a. m. Finance law. B. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

ENOUGH FOOD FOR A MONTH
General Greely Says There Need Be No Fear of Suffering.
Headquarters Pacific Division.
Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.
May 10, 1906.
To reassure the people of San Francisco, and particularly the destitute, General Greely states that he has now in sight bread, vegetables and meat to cover thirty days for all who are really destitute. There need, therefore, be no fear of actual suffering for food for homeless for a month at least.