

# MISS PERRAULT TELLS A TALE

## FINE DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER

**Gives Careful Account of Her Journey Through the City After the Shock.**

Miss Victoria Perrault tells a thrilling story of her adventures and experiences in the ill-fated city of San Francisco during the recent earthquake disaster. She is a sister of Miss Florestine Perrault of this city.

Miss Perrault was in a rooming house at the corner of Bush and Powell streets on the morning the disaster occurred. Following is her story in her own words: "I was awakened from a sound sleep early in the morning. There was a low rumbling sound and a terrible shaking and a tumbling of the buildings. All at once I was thrown out of my bed on the floor. I didn't know what was the matter. I looked out of the window and saw the people streaming out onto the streets. Then dressed quickly and rushed out with my life policy certificate in my hand and the streets were literally covered with people.

"The first thing I saw was a big building tremble and fall, killing a man and his wife. In less than half an hour after the first shock there were 25 fires burning fiercely in every direction. There was no water available. The water pipes were broken by the shock.

"I rushed back into my room to get some of my things, but just as I got in the room there came another shock. It was such a funny sensation, I can't describe it. I grabbed one or two little articles and rushed out. When I reached the street, buildings were falling and bricks were hurled away out in the middle of the street. It was the most awful sight that I ever witnessed.

"I walked the streets all day and all night without anything to eat from 5 in the morning until 5 at night. I met one old woman who weighed about 300 pounds. She was scarcely able to walk. I helped this poor old lady along. We walked about 5 miles to the Presidio.

"Thursday morning they began giving out a little canned food. The first loaves of bread were given out by the Salvation Army Friday night.

"It was an awful sight to see men, women and children running about on the streets half naked and half starved. The children were crying and begging for bread. Mothers were wringing their hands and trying to pacify their hungry children. There were 3500 tents given out on Friday.

"I went to Golden Gate park and there I found thousands upon thousands of people. They used quilts, sheets and old clothes of every kind for tents. I went from Golden Gate park to the cemetery and there were countless numbers of people camping on the graves. They were making clothes of all kinds out of sheets and every available piece of cloth.

"Saturday it rained. Everybody was drenching wet. Oh, how the poor people suffered from the cold in the cool of the night. Everybody seemed to lose their sense of taste. They were all sick to the stomach and everything we ate tasted alike.

"It was reported down there that there were 1000 people killed but I don't think there were that many. There were lots of people buried in the ruins that we will never know anything about. I stood looking at one rooming house when it collapsed. In that building alone there were 103 persons killed. On Market street there were lots of small buildings that fell and it is known that many lives were lost there.

"I saw horses and dogs fall dead on the streets of starvation. I saw dogs dig up the bodies of human beings from the debris and eat them. The dogs were then ordered shot.

"The people of San Francisco were brave and courageous. They didn't seem to realize the danger they were exposed to. In all directions the fire was raging and the throng of people kept only two blocks ahead of it. They would keep moving back as the fire advanced. The air over our heads was lighted up with sparks and burning cinders. Many of those flying brands of fire would drop on the crowd of people.

"I saw the Palace hotel fall. What a terrible sight it was to see that magnificent building go to ruin. This was not the only one that I saw tumble to the ground. People actually wept when they saw those beautiful structures, that adorned the city and made it one of unspeakable splendor, topple over as if they were made of wax. The only big buildings that remained standing in the business section are the Call, the Fairmount hotel, the St. Francis hotel and the new postoffice building. These buildings are standing but not as they were. The mason work is there but

their interiors and their contents are gone up in smoke.

"It was a ludicrous sight to see people running in all directions with kettles, pans and such articles as that. The prices charged for moving trunks and goods were so high that none but the wealthy people could have anything removed. They charged as high as \$10 and \$15 for moving a single trunk. The people who paid the biggest prices are the ones that were accommodated.

"One of the most pitiful sights I saw was a widow and her four children. The youngest was 3 or 4 years old. They walked all the way from the Mission to Presidio about 8 miles and they had nothing to eat from Tuesday night till Thursday morning. The dear mother was crying and begging for food for her little ones. I walked many miles that day trying to get food for the little ones but I couldn't get a thing. When I returned they were gone, I don't know where.

"The sun seemed very red. It didn't seem to give any light at all. It was reported that there were about 30,000 people in their homes while all the rest were homeless. Outside of these few buildings all the rest of the city is gone.

"The districts where the big mansions were, and district where the poorest class resided, Chinatown and the business district were utterly destroyed. Out of 34 churches that I knew of there were only 6 that people could go into with safety. They were used for places of shelter. Fourteen Catholic churches were burned down. The original cost of one of these churches was one million dollars and it was a total wreck.

"Sunday I walked over the city to see what it looked like and everything was in ruins. It was dangerous walking along the streets for there were big walls leaning over the sidewalks. I saw other people there and I went too. The ruins were a terrible sight to behold. In front of the new postoffice the earth was raised 6 feet. It was even with the top of the iron fence. It looks like a little hill.

"While walking along the sidewalks, I would come to where the sidewalk would end abruptly but 5 or 6 feet below I would see the other part of it. There are big cracks or crevices in the earth. One part is raised and the other sunk. Street car rails were twisted and bent in every imaginable shape.

"There were many charges of dynamite set off in an endeavor to blow up the Emporium but the building wouldn't fall.

"The police shot 20 men who were caught robbing dead bodies and looting ruined buildings. More of that class were shot by the soldiers. Anybody caught doing any wrong was shot on the spot.

"I saw one scene in San Francisco that I shall never forget—a scene that demonstrates the equality of all classes of people. The rich and the poor, the white and the black all marching side by side—all working in a common cause with no apparent line of distinction between them. All classes only half clad and covered from head to foot with dirt. There is a fertile field for the poet to dwell in—for the writer to comment on.

"The way I appeared will serve as an illustration of the way others appeared. Besides what I wore, I saved from the fire a quilt, a dress, a pair of shoes, a case of views and a small hand satchel. You can imagine me plodding along with that load. I found a pair of old stockings and tied them together. On one end I tied my case of views and on the other my grip. I threw my burden over my shoulder and there I went with the quilt, pillow slip, shoes and dress in my hands. The shoes wore a hole through the pillow slip so I gave that away at one of the hospitals. I also left the quilt there.

"The moving of the injured and sick from one hospital to another was a big task. Hundreds and hundreds of aged and helpless people were everywhere waiting to be cared for. The miseries, hardships and suffering of the people can never be told. For blocks and blocks you could see nothing but a sea of human faces watching their own homes and property being consumed by angry flames. Yet no one seemed to despair. They bore the ordeal with fortitude.

"There is no epidemic of any kind. Everybody seems to be in good health. On Friday there were 20 babies born in the open air at Golden Gate park. It is rumored that in a month there won't be 10,000 people in San Francisco. Every day hundreds start for the east. Oakland seems to be happy over the disaster. She thinks that San Francisco will never be built up again, that it will be kept only as a summer resort and that it, Oakland, is destined to be the metropolis.

"But by the way the San Francisco people talk. Frisco will be rebuilt more beautiful than ever. Nobody seems to be disheartened. All seem cheerful and full of hope. I left there last Monday. I was given free transportation and free lunches from there here. We were treated royally by the railroad company. We got free lunches on the trains and at different places the train would stop and we would be sent to a lunch counter and be served free. All you had to say was 'I am from Frisco' and you were taken care of.

"I didn't see a single one of my friends after I left my room on the morning of the first shock. They were scattered over different parts of the city. A person might as well look for a needle in a hay stack as to try and find anybody there. My experiences were many and varied during those few days. I could keep telling you things for a month and then I wouldn't have told you half of what I saw."

### CANNERY MEN IN CITY.

**Superintendent Wants to Meet Fruit and Vegetable Growers.**

George M. Bunnington, vice president and treasurer of the Webber-Russell Canning Co., together with George N. Edwards, superintendent, arrived in the city yesterday morning. Mr. Edwards has just returned from California, and is to have charge of the cannery this season. He is a young man, but has had extensive experience in this line of work. He will remain here permanently, and for the present can be found at the Hotel Yakima. Mr. Edwards will be pleased to meet personally all growers of fruit and vegetables in this locality with a view to ascertaining how much produce they will have to dispose of this season, in order that the cannery may plan to handle it.

Mr. Edwards is highly pleased with the plant that is being put in here by the Webber-Russell company, and he states that it is many respects the best on the Pacific coast. The building will be specially adapted to the business, and the machinery is of the very latest design. The cannery during the busy season will give employment to between 300 and 400 women and girls, which in itself means quite a payroll for the establishment, as each person can earn from 90c to \$3 a day as they become expert in the work.

Andrew Webber, president and manager of the company, intended to visit the city in company with these gentlemen, but owing to the sudden death of his father had to defer his visit until some time later.

Mr. Bunnington said the work of building was progressing satisfactorily, and that it would be ready in time for the proper conserving of this season's products.

### Three Bridges Out.

Reports have reached The Herald that three bridges on the county road between here and Soda Springs are down. The first one is just this side the Hinkle's ranch and the other two quite a distance beyond there. Inasmuch as there is considerable traffic between this city and the springs, several have been complaining that the commissioners ought to get to work and fix the bridges up as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott have sold their place near here and have moved to North Yakima, where Mr. Scott will be in business. Mrs. Scott is the daughter of Mrs. Atwood, just east of town.—Granger News.

### Is the Moon Inhabited?

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# BIG RAILROAD WORK TO BEGIN

## ENGINEERS PASS THROUGH YAKIMA

**Special Train Carries Executive Officials Through City on Their Way to Philippines.**

The first corps of civil engineers sent to construct railroads on the islands of Pansy, Negros and Cebu, Philippine islands passed through here last week, bound for Seattle, from where they will sail for the Philippines on the steamer Minnesota on April 29.

The party includes field engineers, office engineers, cashier, clerk, stenographers, chief surgeon, etc., and in fact the nucleus of a complete organization and comprises a total of 50 men.

The force will be followed later as construction progress requires, by such supervisory forces and skilled labor as cannot be supplied by Filipinos and that are necessary to supervise the Philippine labor which will be the labor exclusively employed in the construction of these roads. The aggregate length of the railroad on the three islands named will approximate 400 miles and most of the material therefor will be obtained in the United States, except timber and cement, which can be obtained in the orient.

The cost of the work so far provided for approximates \$14,000,000, and it is expected will require four years to complete, owing to the conditions incident to the country; the principal obstacle to rapid work being the rainy season, which much reduces the number of working days per annum.

The unusual conditions connected with an undertaking of this nature in the orient creates for an engineer extremely interesting work and each member of the party is in high spirits and much delighted with the prospect of the problems before them.

These railroads will be built under a United States government concessionary grant to the Philippine Railway company, composed of J. C. White & Co., Cornelius Vanderbilt of New York, C. M. Swift of Detroit, and Wm. Salomon & Co., and Heidelberg Ickleheimer C. Co., prominent bankers of New York and others.

The company has let the contract for the construction and execution of this work to the well-known firm of J. G. White & Co., engineering contractors of New York.

This firm has just completed and placed in operation some forty miles of electric railway in Manila and have under way for the United States government harbor improvements at Iloilo and Cebu and a naval coaling station at Olongapo, besides other large undertakings in various parts of the world and in this country. It is this firm that is constructing the Yuma dam in Arizona for the Union States government.

Mr. E. J. Beard, member A. S. C. E. of Kansas City, Mo., chief engineer of the work, accompanies the party. On the staff are:

Mr. J. M. Robinson, late locating engineer of the Guayaquil & Quito railway; H. F. Howe, late acting chief engineer of the Canton & Hankow railroad; C. H. Farnham, member A. S. C. E., late division engineer and superintendent of construction of Sam Shui division of the Canton & Hankow railroad; C. J. Hogue, member A. S. C. E., late engineer M. of W. of the Choctaw district of the Rock Island system; F. D. Nash, late engineer in charge of fifty miles of reconstruction of the C. B. & Q. R. R., in Iowa, and L. E. Bennett, right-of-way agent and advisor in native matters. (This gentleman has spent many years in the orient and on these islands; he made the original reconnaissance and report on these railroads and first brought before the company the wonderful resources of the islands along the routes of the proposed railroads and has established beyond doubt a conviction of the great future for all the territory they will serve).

### TO PUMP FROM COLUMBIA.

**Plans Being Made to Irrigate Thousands of Douglas County Acres.**

A project is afoot to establish a series of twenty-five horse power pumps along the banks of the Columbia to irrigate a district in Douglas county, comprising from ten to forty thousand acres.

Sidney Arnold and George Wilson returned from a trip up to the Columbia river Saturday morning. They were gone three days. In an interview Mr. Arnold said: "We went up to the Columbia river to ascertain the feasibility of establishing a series of pumps along the banks of the Columbia with a view of covering from ten to forty thousand acres of land in Douglas county. The project is a feasible one and in a few days Mr. Craig will be in the city and we will prepare to start the construction of the pumps.

"Mr. Craig lives up in that country and is a very wealthy man. Our object is to put in a series of pumps at various points along the Columbia. Each pump is to be operated by a 25 horse power engine. My experience is that a series of small plants can be operated much more cheaply than one large plant. The water will have to be raised only 60 or 65 feet to cover an area of from 10,000 to 40,000 acres. I don't know what kind of power we will use yet. It

will be either gasoline or alcohol. I am satisfied that we won't use steam."

### AMERICANS WIN RECORD.

**Olympic Games at Athens Attract Many Thousand Spectators.**

ATHENS, April 28.—The feature of the week of Olympic games was the brilliant record of American athletes, Sheridan Irish American club, who especially distinguished himself. He won sixteen points in the games; five for shot put, five for throwing the discus, three for standing broad jump; and three for putting the stone. Americans are greatly impressed by the games. They are pleased with the Greeks, civilians and officials, who have been most kind in their treatment. Keeness of interest in the sports is illustrated by the fact that although there were only two events in the stadium today, throwing of the javelin and weight lifting, thirty-five

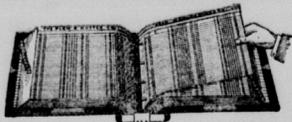
thousand spectators attended. King Georg and princess and princes in their simple, kindly manner went straight to the hearts of all the visitors. The king and princes attired in inconspicuous uniforms mingled with the crowd, shaking hands and chatting with many. The Germans beat the Greeks in the final sword team contest.

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