

## GRANDER CITY TO RISE

Californians Predict Bright Outlook For San Francisco.

### ABANDONMENT IDEA RIDICULED

Men Who Have Faith in the City Are Ready to Put Millions Into Rebuilding—W. H. Crocker Declares World's Most Beautiful Municipality Will Rise From the Ruins.

"Bigger, busier, better than ever, San Francisco will rise from her ashes," is the confident prediction of Californians resident in New York who have large interests there, and they recently supported their forecasts by individual assurances that the earthquake and fire would not deter them from pouring in their millions to help rebuild a new city, says the New York Herald.

"Many men have lost millions," said D. O. Mills, whose loss may reach \$8,000,000, "but," he added, with a quizzical smile, "I fancy all of them are not entirely wiped out. Nowhere have I heard any sentiment except to bend all energies to building a new city as soon as the needs of the immediate sufferers from the earthquake and fire are provided for."

Mr. Mills had not received any direct information from San Francisco, and without details of the extent of his losses he said he was not in a position to make a definite announcement as to his plans.

"You may say, however," he said, "that the Mills building there will be rebuilt, or remodeled if the walls are not destroyed, and made stronger and larger than it was before the catastrophe. One might as well think of abandoning the whole state of California as to consider leaving San Francisco in its ruins. If San Francisco alone had been destroyed there might be some reason for hesitation in rebuilding it, but all accounts agree that other points suffered to as great or even a greater extent from the earthquake."

"Californians are not the sort of men to despair. Even now, when the shock of the awful disaster is greatest, they are turning their eyes to the future. The city will rise again, better in many respects for this visitation upon it. It is the natural metropolis of the Pacific coast and by virtue of its natural advantages never will take second place to Seattle and other coast towns."

"We have had our lesson, and the new San Francisco will be guarded against a repetition of this visitation, so that its buildings will be proof against earthquakes, and anything approaching a conflagration will be impossible. Besides the regular fresh water supply there will be—there must be—a secondary system by which we can draw upon the sea. To leave the land to be idle would be to pile even greater losses on those we have already suffered. It is not to be thought of any more than the tragedy of abandoning the entire state would be seriously considered."

"Like Chicago, Galveston, Charleston and Baltimore, San Francisco will rise again to greater beauty, and in a very few years her supremacy on the coast will again be unquestioned and unquestionable. It is not the spirit of California to break under even so tremendous a trial as this."

Whatever else the new San Francisco may be it will lack one of its great attractions to tourists. Mr. Mills and all other Californians who have declared their purpose of rebuilding the city at once agree that there never again will be such a Chinatown as the city has been noted for. If the Celestials who choose to live there congregate again in a single quarter they will have to seek a location on the outskirts or at any rate well apart from the business or residential centers. "Barbary," where untold crimes have been committed for years, will become only a memory, it is agreed by the men upon whom must fall the heaviest burden of restoring the city. Other things may rise to take the places of Chinatown and "Barbary," but these at least will not again be tolerated.

"There can be no possible doubt that San Francisco will rise, Phoenixlike, from the ashes of her ruins," declared Colonel Dudley Evans, president of the Wells-Fargo Express company. "This generation is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the pioneers of '49, and it is a question of only a few years before the city will be greater and grander than ever before."

"It will have the experience and the mistakes of the past as a guide, and even if there should be another visitation of an earthquake there would be little to fear with the provisions that will be made to meet such a danger. Some plan must be devised which will obviate the necessity of building on the made land of the wholesale district. It has virtually no foundation to support the great buildings which rested upon it, and it seems to me likely that the merchants will move to the solid ground formerly known as Tar flat, south of Market street."

"Our own most serious loss, in my opinion, is the magnificent collection of relics of the pioneer days of California. After being exhibited at the World's fair in Chicago and at the midwinter fair in San Francisco, they were stored in an attic and must have been utterly destroyed."

One of the most significant moves the other day looking to the rebuilding of the stricken city was the hurrying to the scene of experts by the George A. Fuller company and the Thompson Starrett company. Upon their report as to how well the newer buildings of steel construction withstood the earthquake shocks and the fire will depend in a great measure the plan of construction of the new city.

According to the latest reports, the

buildings of steel construction, after the pattern of the New York and Chicago skyscrapers, were but little injured by the shock, and in some instances their walls withstood even the ravages of the flames, although their interiors were destroyed. It is the opinion of Californians in New York that it will be found that the damage from the earthquake alone was considerable compared with the ravages of the fire, and upon this they largely base their hopes for the future.

"It is misleading to lay the blame for the devastation to the earthquake," said Charles J. Brooks, a prominent member of the California society, who has felt two previous shocks in San Francisco. "It is the fire which is almost wholly responsible. Bearing that in mind, the plans for the new city will doubtless be made accordingly. From the evidence so far at hand it appears that the steel construction buildings stood up without injury, and I expect to see them the type of the future, with the stone work anchored to the steel body, as is the practice in New York. There will then be but little to fear from earthquake shocks, and by an adequately protected water system the danger of a conflagration will be obviated. As it was, the risks in San Francisco were regarded by insurance companies as the safest in the country. The city never had had a serious fire, and there is no reason to fear a repetition of this disaster if proper precautions are taken."

Several of the men who predicted a brilliant future for the city spoke of the plans for beautifying it which have been prepared during the last two years by D. H. Burnham of Chicago, who recently finished a residence there. They pointed out the difficulties that have seemed to be insurmountable to the carrying out of those plans because of the unwillingness of the owners of Chinatown property to part with so profitable an investment, and now they declare the fire has served a good purpose, along with the great suffering it has wrought, in clearing the way for the working out of ideals which many men have had for years.

William H. Crocker, one of the greatest capitalists of the city, who was on his way to Europe with his family when he was forced to cancel passage on the Celtic the other day, voiced the sentiment when he said in the St. Regis, where he has been staying until he can make arrangements to return to San Francisco, that the calamity will give opportunity to make a more splendid city than the most enthusiastic have dared to dream of.

"Within five years San Francisco will be greater and more beautiful than ever," he said. "To even suggest its abandonment is preposterous. By reason of its location and harbor it is the natural metropolis of the Pacific coast. Everybody I know is determined to rebuild it stronger and finer and better than ever. A general scheme of fire-proof construction will be carried out, with buildings of uniform height. Some streets will be straightened and others will be widened, and beautiful as San Francisco was, a city beautiful that will be the marvel of the world will rise from the ruins of today."

Mr. Crocker has reports which indicate that enough remains of the Crocker building so that it can be rebuilt without having to begin at the foundations, but in any event, he said, a new building will be erected on greater proportions than the one which has been injured or perhaps utterly destroyed.

Archer M. Huntington, son of the late Collis P. Huntington, is of the same mind as all others who voiced predictions with regard to the future of San Francisco.

"Talk of abandonment of the city for Seattle or some other coast town is foolishness," he said. "It will be rebuilt at once without a doubt on improved lines. As to rebuilding our own residence there no plans have been formulated. Nothing will be done in that direction for some time at all events."

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## STANFORD MAN'S STORY

How University Students Were Dug Out of Ruins.

### LAST ONE REACHED WAS DEAD.

Others Were Unconscious and Badly Maimed—Freshman Says He and His Fellows Had to Walk Over Broken Glass in Bare Feet—Mrs. Stanford's Residence Split in Two.

Clarence W. Waugh, a freshman at Stanford university, has written a letter to his relatives in New York city describing the earthquake that hit the university and the work he and his fellow students did in saving a number of others who were buried in the ruins of one of the dormitories, says the New York Sun. The letter was mailed the day after the earthquake.

Young Waugh says that the damage to the university is estimated by the authorities at \$2,800,000. This is how he describes the scenes when the earthquake tumbled the students out of bed in Encina hall, where he had his rooms:

"Yesterday morning (April 18) about 5:13 I was awakened by the most terrible sensation and noise imaginable. The bed was jumping up and down—in fact, all the furniture. You could not walk on the floor it was vibrating so. I finally got over to the door, but could not open it. All the time everything was creaking and swaying in the worst manner imaginable."

"Well, I jumped out on to the window sill and spanned the large stone partition between my window and that of the fellow's next door (I am up three stories). I rushed out of this fellow's room in my pajamas and bare feet. I am in the central wing and just above the clubroom. The chimney had fallen through the skylight, and the stones and glass were strewn on the landing in front of the annex."

"We had to walk over broken glass in our bare feet. If I had been able to open the door when I first tried I would have been on the landing when those stones fell. The night watchman certainly must carry around with him a horseshoe. He was just stepping out of our wing on to the landing when a big stone fell down, sliding along his arm. The only thing he got out of it was a scratch on his hand. If he had been over to the right half a foot he would have been killed."

"Well, when the shocks were over we went back and dressed. We did not have to look very far to see where the worst calamity had taken place. There was a large hole in the floor of the foyer, and from the sides of it you could have a fine view of the sky. The massive chimney had broken the roof and carried it down with it. This immense weight carried the next floor and all the other floors with it down to the basement. About five fellows were caught in this big heap. The floors were torn out so near that a human hand could hardly have done better. All the furniture, beds, wardrobes, chairs, etc., went down in the heap. The wreckage was piled from the basement floor clear up above the main floor."

"You should have seen us fellows work then. We got in the heap and began clearing it so as to get at the fellows underneath. Some of the pipes had broken and the water was pouring down into the pile. After a great deal of effort the water was stopped. The huge stones of the chimney and of the wall were in the heap. Fellows' clothes were in the heap, and also their books. One by one the fellows were hauled out. Each one was unconscious and badly maimed. After two hours of digging into the heap they finally came upon the body of the last fellow in the wreck. He was dead. Poor fellow, I feel so sorry for his parents, as he was their only son. His home is in Bradford, Pa."

"They had to press the stages into service as ambulances. All rooms in Encina were more or less wrecked. Our new \$800,000 library (uncompleted) swayed to and fro, and then suddenly the sides collapsed and the roof fell in. The new grand gymnasium—the best in the world—had its roof collapse. The steeple of our magnificent church fell over, breaking through the church roof. The first mosaic of Christ on the mount fell down. The frieze on the top of the memorial arch broke and one foot of the arch is out of place. Part of the roof of the new museum collapsed. The chemistry building had considerable damage done to it as well as to the bottles. The beautiful entrance tumbled down into an unrecognizable pile of stone, with the roof on top. The tall chimney was broken about twenty feet from the base. In its fall it killed the engineer."

"One of the statues on the outside of the zoological building took a tumble of thirty feet. It dived through the cement sidewalk below and stopped at the shoulders. Mrs. Stanford's residence was split in two. The funny part about it is that the split divided Mrs. Stanford's room exactly in half. In truth, it seemed as if the world had come to an end."

"All that night I slept out on the lawn in front of Encina. We kept a guard around all the university buildings. Roughly speaking, our loss is \$2,800,000. Everybody thinks this a terribly low estimate. President Jordan just returned in time to witness the catastrophe. Yesterday morning he said that he hoped to have classes started today, but he probably said that to try to get the fellows to stay. The committee which inspected the buildings decided to discontinue instruction for the rest of the semester. Encina has been declared dangerous, and every one is moving possessions. I intend to strike for a job if there is any."

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