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## REBUILDING 'FRISCO

### SITUATION AT SAN FRANCISCO IS RAPIDLY NEARING NORMAL.

#### Twelve Million Gallons Now Reaching City Daily—Relief Work is Systematized—Half Starved Dogs Are Eating Human Bodies.

San Francisco, April 25.—This is the eighth day since the earthquake jarred the city so severely and started the fires that laid it in ashes, and the situation is a long way towards the normal. Such markets of trade as remain unhurt were opening for the transaction of ordinary business, temporary structures were being run up for the accommodation of others, clearing of the devastated area of its ruins was well under way, the inquiry into the condition of the bank vaults was completed, the organization and preparation for service of the street railways were so far advanced that the company expressed its readiness to resume business as soon as the mayor would permit; the water company announced the completion of such repairs as enabled it to supply a total of 12,000,000 gallons daily. In fine, there was all the evidence to put at rest now and forever the fears of those who predicted that San Francisco would never rise again.

#### Devine to Inform President.

The citizens of San Francisco had done so splendidly in the face of such an appalling catastrophe that some little consternation was created when President Roosevelt's proclamation was read, turning over to Dr. Edward Devine of the National Red Cross the management of relief measures and the distribution of the great funds so generously appropriated by congress, and recommending to the people of the United States that their contributions of food and supplies and money should be diverted in the same hands. If there was a momentary feeling that the men who had been enduring the heat of the burden of the day were being unfairly treated by this diversion of authority into new and foreign keeping, it was soon dissipated by the reflection that the action of the president was the result of misinformation. At a conference at Fort Mason, attended by Generals Greely and Funston, Mayor Schmitz, Governor Pardee, Dr. Devine and some others, it was agreed that this was the case and that Dr. Devine himself should frame a telegram to the president informing him of the splendid work already done and of his perfect willingness to assist in forwarding the measures already taken.

#### No Discrimination Against Chinese.

What hurt even more than this was the suggestion made in the letter from President Roosevelt to Secretary of War Taft that reports had reached him that less charity was being shown the Chinese who dwell here than the whites, and directing that if this be true, the situation should be remedied at once. If the people of San Francisco are not in love with the Chinese, it was felt that the name they have earned in the past for charity and open heartedness should have saved them from any possible reflection that they would have permitted any human being—white, black or yellow—within their reach to suffer. Mature reflections, however, brought the conviction that the truth had not reached the president, and the following special message was sent him signed by the constituted authorities:

"All reports that the people or the officials or the relief committees of San Francisco are making any distinction in relieving, succoring or protecting the Chinese or any other people differing in race or color, are totally false and entirely unfounded. The committees and even the homeless sufferers themselves are treating the Chinese and all other fellow unfortunates with the consideration worthy of our civilization and of our country. The people of San Francisco are striving with all their heart to relieve the destitute, care for the sick, protect their helpless and uplift the stricken, irrespective of race, creed or color, in accordance with the dictates of humanity, in a manner worthy of Americans, and in the common brotherhood of man."

#### Dogs Devouring the Dead.

One of the gruesome scenes that has followed the fire was that witnessed on Telegraph hill and Russian hill and along the entire north beach front of the city, when scores of half-starved dogs were found eating human bodies. The animals were discovered gnawing and tearing at the corpses half buried in the ruins. Where only a leg or an arm protruded the dogs were digging

for the rest of the body. Men who had been sent into the ruins of homes to look for what little property that might have escaped the flames came upon this sickening condition, and immediately reported it to the naval authorities in command of the water front military districts. In response to their appeal that something be done, bluejackets were detailed to cover the sections designated and kill all dogs found in those vicinities. All morning rifle reports could be heard on the hillside and along the beach as the dogs were killed. Men were pressed into service either to bury the bodies or throw them into the bay. In a few places smouldering fires were found and there it was possible to cremate the animals. It was not believed that there were so many dead in the ruins of Telegraph and Russian hills until the dogs were found there digging for the bodies. When the dogs have all been run down and slain a further search will be made of those sections to obtain the bodies and bury them as soon as possible.

#### Official Estimate of Dead.

At a joint meeting of the finance committee and the chairmen of all the emergency committees it was ascertained that the loss of life caused by the catastrophe is less than 300. This approximation was made by Fairfax Wheelan, chairman of the relief of sick and wounded committee, and surprised everyone present, as an estimate of 1,000 and more had been made by the coroner's office.

The soldiery of the militia have given some cause for complaint by impressing men when it was necessary for work to be done. They were warned in a letter sent by Mayor Schmitz to General Koster that this city never was and will never be under martial law and that the impressment of citizens would no longer be tolerated.

#### Food Problem Solved.

The work of housing and feeding the homeless and of reconstituting the sanitary conditions, already so far advanced yesterday, were carried on with tremendous energy. It is certain that no one is hungry in San Francisco, unless he is wilfully so. There is food for all, and the method of distribution has been so perfect that it is within reach of all. As for the health and sanitary conditions, there is, considering all circumstances, nothing to be desired. An investigation of the sewers has shown that they were not as badly damaged as was feared, and while there were breaks, these have been repaired. There has been no outbreak of disease of a contagious character, nor is any feared.

In the great stretches of Golden Gate park, famed the world over for its beauty, there have arisen frame shelters for 48,000 people. No millionaire in the land has so magnificent a setting for a home as have these waifs of the great San Francisco fire.

#### New Frisco to Be a City Beautiful.

Steps are being taken to organize a movement for the rebuilding of San Francisco on the plans of Architect Daniel Burnham. While the various other committees have been busy with relief work, many prominent citizens have been in consultation and within the next few days plans will be outlined and the work of making arrangements for the most beautiful city in the world will be begun. W. E. Barnett, one of the men in this latest movement, says all the funds needed for this great work will be forthcoming just as soon as the committee is ready to begin its work.

State Insurance Commissioner Wolfe announced that nearly all the big insurance companies would be able to make satisfactory adjustments of the losses caused by the San Francisco fire. He estimates that the amounts for which the companies are liable will probably reach \$250,000,000.

#### Work of the Dynamite Squad.

Three heroes saved San Francisco—what is left of it. They were the dynamite squad that threw back the fire demon at Van Ness avenue. When the burning city seemed doomed and the flames lit the sky further and further to the west Admiral McCalla sent a trio of his most trusted men from Mare Island with orders to check the conflagration at any cost of life or property. With them came a ton and half of guncotton. The terrific power of the explosive was equal to the maniac determination of the fire. Captain MacBride was in charge of the squad. Chief Gunner Adamson placed the charges and the third gunner set them off. The thunderous detonations, to which the terrified city listened all that dreadful Friday night, meant the salvation of 300,000 lives. A million dollars' worth of property, noble residences and worthless shacks, were blown to drifting dust, but that destruction broke the fire and sent the raging flames over their charred path.

#### Havoc in Other Cities.

San Jose, Cal., April 21.—Nineteen people were killed in San Jose and the entire business section wrecked, damage \$5,000,000. One hundred and ten killed and seventy injured, mostly patients, at Agnew's asylum, building completely ruined. Stanford university memorial church and other

buildings wrecked, damage \$3,000,000. One student, named Hanna, and one other man killed there. At Salinas, the Spreckles sugar refinery, valued at \$1,500,000, was completely destroyed. Reports from Del Monte, Hollister, Watsonville, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Santa Cruz and other southern coast points show slight damage in comparison. At Santa Rosa the death list is 100 and the business section is in ruins.

#### To Accept Donations From Foreigners.

New York, April 25.—The California club of women, in executive session at its clubrooms in the Waldorf-Astoria, decided to accept donations from foreigners in opposition to the stand taken by President Roosevelt. A resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

#### San Francisco Again Shaken.

San Francisco, April 24.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here at 10:39 o'clock last night. It lasted about three seconds and was from east to west. No damage has been reported.

#### Delves for Standard Secrets.

Cleveland, April 24.—Frank S. Monett, representing the interstate commerce commission, began the government investigation into the relations between the railroads and the Standard Oil company. The investigation will be exhaustive and important results are expected.

#### Goes Down in Bay or Biscay With Loss of Thirty-Five Lives.

New York, April 24.—That the contribution of New York state for the relief of the victims of the great catastrophe on the Pacific coast will exceed \$3,500,000 is now assured. The state legislature passed a bill appropriating \$250,000 to the relief fund. In New York city the sum gathered approximates \$3,000,000 and contributions continue to pour in. The city of Buffalo appropriated \$50,000 and not a city or town in the state has failed to add its quota to the cause of relief.

#### COWBOYS FIGHT OFFICERS.

Proprietor of Wild West Show Resents Arrest and is Killed.

Richmond, Mo., April 24.—Skip Wilson, one of the proprietors of a "wild west" show, is dead and his partner, William Duvall, is fatally injured as the result of a battle with officers on the public square. The fight was between four officers on one side and a band of cowboys, led by Wilson and Duvall, on the other. None of the officers was injured. The fight was the result of an attempt to arrest Wilson for an offense, it is said, he committed when his show appeared here last fall.

#### Oleo Manufacturers Arrested.

Chicago, April 24.—John F. Jelke, president of Braun & Fitts, oleomargarine manufacturers, and one of the wealthiest men in that business in the west, with F. M. Lowery, secretary of the company, were arrested on a federal warrant, charging them with making false reports to the internal revenue department. The case was continued for ten days and the defendants were released on \$5,000 bail.

#### Hermann Trial Indefinitely Postponed.

Washington, April 24.—The trial of Representative Binger Hermann of Oregon, growing out of the investigation of land irregularities in that state, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the departure for San Francisco of Francis J. Heney, who has prosecuted the land cases. Mr. Heney was a heavy loser by the earthquake and fire and his trip west is necessitated by that disaster.

#### Minor Events at Athens.

Athens, April 24.—The day was spent in deciding minor events on the program of the Olympic games, including football, lawn tennis, shooting and cycling, in which the Americans did not compete. All the members of the American team were out practicing and doing well except the invalids, Messrs. Parsons, Moulton, Mitchell and Hillman, who are in rather shaky condition.

#### Miners' Case Advanced.

Washington, April 24.—The supreme court of the United States advanced the hearing of the habeas corpus cases of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, naming the first Tuesday in October as the date for their presentation.

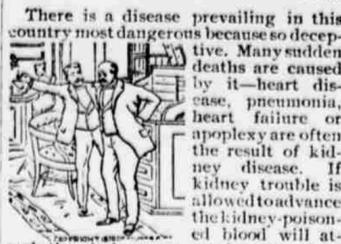
#### Fraunces' Tavern Closed.

New York, April 24.—Fraunces' Tavern, where General Washington bade farewell to all his generals after the close of the revolutionary war, is no longer to be a public resort, and as a tavern it will cease to exist after May 1. It will then pass into the hands of the Society of the Sons of Veterans.

#### Hobson Nominated for Congress.

Montgomery, Ala., April 24.—Returns from the Democratic primary election in the Sixth Alabama congressional district indicate the nomination of Captain R. P. Hobson of Merrimac fame over John H. Bankhead, the present representative.

## The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.



There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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