

BUILDING PLANS BARELY BLOCKED

Mayor Schmitz Insists on the Widening of San Francisco Streets.

PROPERTY-OWNERS BALK

In Retaliation Executive Refuses to Modify Ordinance Forbidding Skyscrapers—Capitalists Refuse to Build.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—A discouraging feature of the work of rebuilding is the change of plans made by a number of wealthy men who originally intended to erect lofty structures in San Francisco. Several instances might be cited in which eight and ten-story buildings have been cut down to two and six stories. A general inquiry among the builders elicited the explanation that the men with capital desire to hold back for a time in the belief that the building laws will be modified. The building laws as passed a few weeks ago by the Supervisors provide that no building shall exceed in height one and a half times the width of the street.

This was the retaliation of the administration for the refusal of the downtown property-owners to give up any of their land for street-widening purposes. "All right," said the Mayor. "You refuse to widen your streets and I will block your buildings." And that is the way the situation remains. Every one is willing that the streets should be widened, provided it is the other fellow who has to give up land for the purpose.

Montgomery Street an Example. Montgomery street presents a good example of the deadlock. Montgomery street is narrow. It is the banking street of the city, and almost the very center of the wholesale trade. It is essential that it be lined with tall buildings to allow of the concentration of interests. Three of the finest buildings in the city are on Montgomery street, the Union Trust building, the Kohl building and the Mills building. The Union Trust and the Kohl buildings were only slightly injured in the disaster. The Mills building, on the other hand, was badly damaged, and it is understood that it will be torn down. It has been announced as D. O. Mills' intention to replace it with a structure in every way as fine. Now the new building law will permit the erection of such a tall building, and Mr. Mills is not apt to be satisfied with anything but the finest. In consequence Mr. Mills must wait until the restoration of order with men in much the same position have planned to erect a few stories, with the idea of building higher as soon as the law is modified.

Both Sides are Losers. Meanwhile, the Mayor still holds out the hope that the will of the widening of the streets. Of course it is desirable that the streets be widened, but in the present state of affairs, it is fairly looks as though both sides were losers.

The school registration of San Francisco, which last year was 40,000, is now 30,000. This is even higher than was expected. Many children are being kept from school until more substantial buildings can be erected. The work of clearing away the debris progresses steadily. It is hampered by the fact that several streets are still impassable and traffic is forced into restricted channels and thus congested. Down-town the watering carts are not able to make their old-time rounds, and falling walls, pulled down by engines, strike the street and send up great clouds of dust. Then the wind catches the gray mist as it descends and scatters it with impetuous hand. But the walls are coming down slowly but steadily, to the disgust of certain artists who find them "picturesque."

Ruins Grip Imagination.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that, under the soft rays of the setting sun or the glow of moonlight, the ruins present a picture that grips the imagination. Dr. Devine has departed from San Francisco and is now speeding eastward to his home in New York in an automobile. Dr. Devine is expected to stay in the days following immediately after the disaster, and since his arrival has practically been at the head of the relief work in San Francisco. On the eve of Dr. Devine's departure a banquet was given in his honor in the St. Francis Hotel. While the guests drank within a thousand feet of the ruins, the protest from without. It was not a pretty scene, and it reflected no credit upon the city. As Dr. Devine said in his farewell remarks that he did his best, but was conscious that mistakes had been made, it is equally true that Dr. Devine did his best and made mistakes. The task was stupendous, and in the rush to provide actual relief at the moment, the high price was paid to system, and in the later days the lack of system caused chaos.

Methods Too Scientific.

The great cry raised against Dr. Devine's methods were that they were "scientific" and not real charity. It was clearly the purpose of Dr. Devine not to pauperize the city, but to bring about the bounty of the generous people of the Nation. In carrying out this plan, he intentionally failed to provide the camps with all the comforts which go to make up a home. It was his theory that people would thus make every effort to stand independently and provide for themselves. He allowed no sums to be squandered, and the new committee which has been charged upon to him largely the thanks for the comfortable balance which remains for relief purposes.

The rapid diminution of camp refugees is noticeable a month ago is no longer to be seen. In fact, there has been a tendency toward growth in the camp population. This has been occasioned by the continued pouring of rent, the high prices forcing poor people back into the camps, and in some cases causing families who have supported themselves all along to seek shelter beneath canvas. Healthier families returning to the city are forcing rents higher and higher, landlords evicting tenants to secure the higher prices.

Maps Out Comprehensive Plan.

The new relief board has mapped out a comprehensive plan of home-building. The committee has been offered the use of the inside racetrack property by Thomas Williams, of the California Jockey Club. Here are cottages and other buildings which with a little work can be made habitable for 10,000 persons.

Besides the scheme of advancing \$500 to lot owners to assist them in building, the committee will erect modest dwellings for the homeless selling them on the installment plan and exacting no interest. In addition, there will be a general loan fund.

Other sums will be used to place portable houses in the public squares and to erect a home for the indigent.

Bollermakers May Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Unless the demands presented to the employers today by the Bollermakers' Union are met there will probably be walkouts in the shops which insist on holding out. Most of the shops along the waterfront have complied with the demands and the Union is now waiting to hear what action other works will take. The men are asking 35 cents an hour for a nine-hour day.

TATARS ATTACK RUSSIANS

Rebels in Sangesur District Still Defy Military Authorities.

TIFLIS, Aug. 6.—According to a telegram from the district chief of Sangesur to General Golochkapoff, Tatars attacked and fought a pitched battle with Russian troops last night. The combat lasted until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Tatars were 2000 strong and occupied favorable positions. The extent of their loss is not known. After a prolonged bombardment by the Russians the Tatars hoisted the white flag, but the district chief learned it was a ruse, and that the Tatars are preparing for a night attack. He therefore kept his position under darkness to meet any attack. Another message from the district chief of Sangesur, who commands a militia of Cossacks and a section of artillery, says the village of Hasanaava is surrounded by Tatars and appeals for reinforcements from Shusha. General Golochkapoff reports that several officers, 15 Armenians and many Tatars have been killed since the recommencement of hostilities last Friday.

GOVERNMENT STATES CASE

Explains Refusal of High Personages to Enter New Cabinet.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—In view of the various statements which have appeared in foreign newspapers concerning the refusal of several eminent persons to enter the new cabinet, the semi-official communication was made public tonight:

"After the dissolution of the lower house of Parliament and the issuance of the Imperial manifesto announcing the desire of the Emperor to effect reforms, the Government thought it natural to offer the vacant Ministerial posts to politicians who had placed the accomplishment of legal reforms upon their program, and the Government, once more, announced an effective Cabinet and the execution of the political program it had undertaken as assured. This combination, however, encountered obstacles beyond the control of either the government or the politicians. The latter wished to form a group which would be entitled to enter the cabinet, but they were not able to succeed. Prince Nicholas Lvoff and Alexander Guchkov had a long audience with the Emperor, but it was announced that from the viewpoint of the peaceful realization of the reforms they were of greater service in their usual sphere of activity, which required the mobilization of all sober social forces.

"Regarding the intentions of the government, these remain unchanged and include the restoration of order with firmness and energy. The government will immediately effect, within the limits of the law, those reforms which must lead Russian life into lawful paths."

Two Killed in Trainwreck.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 6.—Two persons were killed in a wreck on the Panhandle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, about three miles outside this city, about 12 o'clock this evening, when train No. 6, the Cincinnati and New York Limited, struck a switch engine as it tried to cross the front of the fast train. Both engines were derailed, the baggage car also leaving the track. None of the passengers was hurt. The dead were: O. D. Cunningham and John Anstott, fireman of the passenger train.

Will Hold Harvest Festival.

Under the auspices of Damascus Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, a harvest festival will be held in the grove of Damascus next Saturday, beginning in the morning. Hon. Joseph N. Hedges, of Oregon City, will deliver an address at 10:30 A. M. There will be a varied program of interesting and musical. Hugh Lay, A. Wolfhagen and A. W. Osborne are the committee of arrangements.

Found Millions for Others.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Aug. 6.—Edgar Brown, the discoverer of the famous Mesaba and Vermilion iron ranges in Northern Minnesota, died in a local hospital today, penniless. Not only did Brown discover the famous iron ore deposits, but he developed them until they were rated as worth \$10,000,000.

Schooner Balboa Goes Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The Merchants' Exchange received a dispatch from Port Crescent, Tatooch inlet, tonight, saying that the schooner Balboa, from San Pedro, had gone ashore four miles west of there in a fog. The steamer tractor is standing by and expects to float the Balboa in the morning.

Drug Firms Answer Trust Suit.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 6.—Forty-three defendant firms filed demurrers today in the case of the United States against the alleged drug trust, all pleadings being practically the same, the complaint being attacked upon the ground of insufficiency, lack of jurisdiction of the court and misjoinder of parties.

Astoria Regatta on August 30.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The Astoria regatta committee held a meeting last evening and decided definitely to hold the event on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31 and September 1. Hon. John Fox, of this city, was selected to act as Admiral.

Shoots Wife and Stepdaughter.

LENAPAH, I. T., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Pleas Children shot and fatally wounded his wife and killed his stepdaughter, aged 17, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The young woman received two bullets in the body.

THE OFFICIAL ROUTE.

The Great Northern Railway to St. Paul in connection with the Northwestern Line to Milwaukee has been chosen as the official route for special train to the Grand Erie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at Milwaukee, Wis., August 14 to 18. Tickets on sale August 7, 8 and 9 at rate of \$9.75 for the round trip. For tickets and berths apply to H. Dickson, C. T. & P. A., G. N. Ry., 122 Third street, Portland, Oregon.

"TOTTIE" IN SERVICE.

Popular O. R. & N. Excursion Boat Resumes Trips to Beach. The T. J. Potter leaves Ash-street dock for North Beach, touching at Astoria, as follows: August 6, 1:30 P. M.; August 7, 4:40 A. M.; August 8, 3 A. M.; August 11, 11 A. M.; From Ilwaco: August 5, 10 P. M.; August 6, 12:10 noon; August 10, 1:30 P. M.; August 12, 4 P. M. Tickets at Third and Washington streets and Ash-street dock. Meals may be secured on the boat.

DEAD WASH ASHORE

Spanish Coast Strewn With Victims of Sirio.

WARSHIPS SEEK SURVIVORS

Many With Life Belts Believed to Be Alive—Captain Is Rescued, Though He Tries to Drown. Fight for Life on Boat.

LATEST FIGURES ON LOSS. CARTAGENA, Spain, Aug. 7.—The latest figures on the disaster to the Italian steamer Sirio show that 275 emigrants and other passengers were lost and 247 were saved.

CARTAGENA, Spain, Aug. 6.—Numerous bodies of persons drowned in the wreck of the steamer Sirio off Hermigas Islands were thrown upon the shore during the day. Most of them are persons of the better class. Several small fishing smacks have arrived, bringing survivors of the Sirio who were found floating at sea long distances from the scene of the disaster. It is believed that some of the passengers who secured life belts have been picked up alive by French, German, Italian or British ships passing in the vicinity and disembarked at Barcelona, Port Vendres, or Marseilles. Spanish warships stationed at Cartagena and Alicante have been ordered to search the neighborhood of the catastrophe for bodies. British warships also have left Gibraltar at full speed in the direction of Cape Palos to render assistance in exploring the surrounding seas.

Captain Rescued Against Will.

The first reports of the disaster declared without qualification that the captain of the Sirio had committed suicide. Later information, however, shows that he was on board the steamer when she sank, and expressed the determination to go down with his vessel. He was afterward rescued, in spite of his refusal to be saved.

The Spanish Minister of the Interior has requested the Ministry of Finance to supply funds to succor the stricken passengers. The Italian Consul here and the members of the Italian colony here, acting in co-operation with the local authorities, have provided for the immediate wants of the shipwrecked people.

Nationality of Survivors.

The survivors of the Sirio are 345 Italians, 40 Spaniards, 14 Arabs, 10 Austrians, 6 Orientals, 4 Argentinians, 2 Brazilians, 2 Montenegrins and 119 persons whose nationality is not set forth in the report. One of the women survivors has given birth to a child since being brought ashore.

The drowning of the bishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is now attributed to the action of an Argentinian passenger, who quarreled with the bishop and pushed him with which the latter had provided himself.

One Italian woman kept her three children afloat on a plank until they were all picked up.

A bridegroom who was on his honeymoon lost his wife and sister, and one man who was saved lost three children.

Captain Giuseppe Parodi, commander of the Sirio, was 62 years old, and had had 45 years' experience in navigation.

The Sirio is considered a total loss. Her captain is said to have formerly commanded the Perseus, which sank off Cartagena.

Overcrowded Boats Capsize. A number of bodies of the drowned were buried today. Some of the rescued passengers were died after being brought ashore.

The survivors say that the Sirio sank with extreme rapidity. Many of the passengers were on deck as the steamer disappeared. The boats were so overcrowded that a number of them immediately capsized, throwing their occupants in the water.

Quantities of food and clothing for the survivors are arriving here from all parts of the country. A public subscription has practically the same result, the complaint being attacked upon the ground of insufficiency, lack of jurisdiction of the court and misjoinder of parties.

Two Brave Rescuers. Charles Venturini, a resident of Barcelona, who was a passenger with his family on the Sirio, succeeded in saving his three sons and nine other passengers. Senior Venturini's daughter, who is 18 years old and an expert swimmer, saved two children, whose parents are unknown.

One family, consisting of the father, mother and six children, was drowned, with the exception of the father, who lost his reason.

Morella, who has arrived at the Italian Consulate here, relates how she and her husband were hurled into the sea by the force of the explosion of the boiler. She was picked up and brought ashore, but does not know the fate of her husband.

Desperate Fight for Life. A vivid description of the terrific panic on board the Sirio is given by one of the survivors, who is said to be a godson of Queen Margherita of Italy. He says: "An enormous crowd of women rushed forward and struggled desperately to obtain possession of lifebelts. Frantic men approached and felt the women with repeated blows. They then seized the lifebelts, leaving the women senseless on the shock, where they were drowned. On the other hand, one man refused to be saved until all the women had been rescued. His refusal cost him his life, for he went down with the ship."

The confusion and the fighting of those people is beyond description. The passengers dashed here and there, uttering shrieks of despair and even destroying the lifebelts in their mad frenzy.

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