

FAST REBUILDING BURNED DAY CITY

Music of the Saw and Hammer Never Ceases, by Night or Day, in San Francisco.

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Civic Awakening Seen in Street Improvements—Rushing Work on Magnificent Steel Structures. City's Present Population.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—San Francisco, after all, is not getting to allow the opportunities for civic betterment brought about by the earthquake and fire to go entirely neglected. A beginning, feeble enough though it be, has been made. Several of the downtown streets are to be widened, and the congestion brought about where building is progressing have moved the Board of Supervisors to decree that portions of the sidewalks must be sacrificed to the thoroughfares. While this in itself is of importance for the future San Francisco, its greatest significance lies in the fact that it has met with general approval and represents the first signs of a willingness to make sacrifices for the city that is to be.

Supervisors Stirred to Action.

A further evidence of the civic awakening is seen in the action taken by the merchants of the city to improve the streets. The merchants, who were the first to be hit by the disaster and ground into ruins and hillsides by the heavy teaming and further torn up by the heavy rains, the point had been reached where business was impaired by the difficulty of driving or teaming about the city. The supervisors, the creatures of Abe Ruef, saw but would not see the general approval took it upon themselves, formed a Street Repair Association, and in less than a week raised \$100,000 for the work. The supervisors finally fell into line, made a generous appropriation and within the next few months \$250,000 will be spent upon the streets.

Rushing Work Night and Day.

A walk about the burned section shows that a wonderful amount of rebuilding has been accomplished. Since the first of May, new buildings to the value of \$10,000,000 have been begun. Plans are being drawn for a like amount. In every case the structures are erected under rush orders. In several instances the rebuilding has continued night and day. The sound of the saw and the hammer by night as well as by day. The last traces of gloom have even been driven from the city. The promotion committee has issued a bulletin bearing on the population of San Francisco at the present time. The committee, after figuring by various methods, comes to the conclusion that the city now contains 428,000 persons. Before the fire the committee figured that the population of the city was 500,000. The figures of the Southern Pacific agree almost exactly with those of the promotion committee. Due allowance, however, must be made for the loss of population and a fair and conservative estimate of the city's population would place it at about 400,000.

Flocking Back to the City.

People are coming back rapidly. Just yesterday the writer met a young woman on the street who he last saw on April 28. At that time, with hair disheveled, eyes tear-stained and terror-stricken, she fled from her home, was fleeing from the burning city. It was at the Ferry, "Good-bye, forever," she called, "I'm leaving San Francisco forever. I hope I shall never return." Yesterday she greeted the writer with a laugh. She was part of the gay throng on Van Ness avenue.

REV. HUNT QUILTS CHURCH

Brooklyn Congregation, However, Passes Vote of Confidence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Writing from Omaha under date of February 14, Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, advised the members of the church that he wished at once to sever his connection with that congregation. At a meeting today the church voted to comply with the wishes of Mr. Hunt. The church officials adopted a vote of confidence in Mr. Hunt, in which it was declared that the church was not in any danger of being broken up. The church officials believe was not warranted by the facts. The case of the pastor was referred to the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Hunt came to the Holy Trinity church in December, 1905. Recently the minister was named in divorce proceedings, in which a verdict for the plaintiff was rendered. In view of this decision he deemed it wise his connection with the church should be severed.

Immunity of North Dakota.

(Providence (R. I.) Journal.) Sir Thomas Lipton, at a dinner in Chicago, praised America's greatness. "I once heard," he said, "a Dakotan talk about the big farms they have out there. 'We have some sizeable farms,' he said, thoughtfully. 'Yes, sir; pretty sizeable. I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the Spring and plow a straight furrow till Fall. Then he turned around and harvested back.' " "Wonderful," said I. "On our Dakota farms," he went on, "it's the usual thing to send young mar-

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