

RESUME BUSINESS

San Francisco Clearing Up Wrecked Buildings.

SITUATION BECOMING NORMAL

Many Business Houses are Already Open and Others Will Soon—Commission Firms Are Doing Thriving Business.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Conditions of life are gradually becoming more normal in this city and the work of clearing up the wreck in preparation for rebuilding in the down town section of the city is going on more rapidly.

Business is being rapidly resumed by retail tradesmen of every description throughout the destroyed sections of the city. George Wittman, chairman of the committee on retail trade, reports that the following places of business are open:

Forty-four butchers, 29 restaurants, 22 bakeries, 22 fruit and vegetable stands, 71 dairies and 51 refreshment parlors, 53 groceries and 71 miscellaneous establishments, including tailors, plumbers, drygoods stores, druggists, and cigar stands.

The commission firms located along the waterfront are doing a thriving business. Yesterday receipts showed a marked increase over the preceding day and prices of dairy goods and some lines of green goods were lower. The business of receiving and disposing of consignments is running along smoothly as can be expected under the circumstances. In less than two weeks the garbage question will be disposed of. An inspection of the reduction works in the Potrero has been made and it was reported that outside of the 100 feet of the tall chimneys repairs to the furnaces can be completed in ten days.

Men were set to work yesterday on the necessary repairs and soon there will be established a force draught so as to insure rapid combustion. As soon as this is completed all refuse will be incinerated as in the past.

Mayor Schmitz has just made the announcement that all time restrictions as to the lighting of dwellings will be removed today, with the suggestion that candles be used exclusively for illuminating purposes until electricity can be resumed.

Petroleum for lighting purposes is especially prohibited until the water supply is intact.

The Spring Valley Water Company expects to have the city front water supply in commission within ten days. By that time the pipes on the various wharves will have been overhauled and shipping can be accommodated as before the earthquake. The United Railroads was yesterday given permission by Mayor Schmitz to operate its cars until later hours in order that the last cars, beginning tonight will leave all terminals at midnight.

The United Railroads has already operated seven lines and with these three additional routes will be covering nearly all sections of the unburned district.

The work of inspecting chimneys is proceeding rapidly. The inspectors are

all architects or builders and are donating their services for the benefit of householders. Every chimney in every building left standing in San Francisco will be thoroughly inspected before any permits are issued to make fires in doors. The reports will be turned over to the board of fire underwriters, the members of which will make a reinspection and then in proper cases grant the coveted permission to move the kitchen from the street.

Nearly all the chimneys in the hills are found to be in excellent condition. The chimneys of houses located in the flat sections of San Francisco are practically all out of commission.

Many of the larger factories left unharmed are starting up work with all the rapidity possible under the circumstances. At the Union Iron Works 2,300 men are now employed and the management expects within a fortnight to have the full complement of its force nearly 4,000 men engaged. No damage was done to the three new warships being built in these works for the government, the cruisers California, and Milwaukee and the battleship South Dakota. The steamer City of Puebla, which was sunk in the bay, has been raised and is being repaired. Workmen are also engaged in fixing the Columbia, which was turned on her side. The hulls of the new Hawaiian-American Steamship Company's liner were pitched about four feet to the south, but were uninjured and need only to be placed in position.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. Tucker left for Portland last evening.

B. F. Stone of San Francisco is in the city on business.

John C. McCue left for Portland on the Lurline last evening.

H. F. Brandberg of San Francisco is in the city on business.

Charles Adams arrived in the city yesterday noon, from Seattle.

J. Newman, of Portland came in on the 11:35 train yesterday.

G. A. O'Brien, of New York, is a business sojourner in the city.

Mrs. W. P. Ruetempk of Seattle is in the city, visiting friends.

A. H. Wichert of Seattle is in the city a guest at the Hotel Irving.

H. C. Higgins of Bellevue, arrived in the city on the noon train yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Metcalf have arrived in Astoria, from Iowa, and will spend several days here.

H. S. Osborne, of Seattle, is in the city on a business trip, and quartered at the Occident.

William Alpenstall, of Portland, reached the city on the noon express yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. D. B. Cram was a passenger for Portland, on the Lurline last evening.

Miss D. B. Larsen left for a few days visit in the metropolis last night.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For twenty years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At Charles Rogers' drug store. 50 cents.

ASTOR STREET FIRE

Four Buildings Narrowly Escape Destruction Yesterday.

DEPT. DOES GOOD WORK

Flames Break Out in Standard Saloon, Spreading to Wigwam Saloon, Gold Bar Restaurant and Balmer's Cigar Store.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon fire which started in the rear of the Standard saloon on Astor street for a time threatened to consume the entire block and was only subdued after the most strenuous work on the part of the fire department and after three buildings adjacent had been badly damaged by the flames and water. The damage is roughly estimated at \$1000, most of which is covered by insurance.

Just how the fire started is a mystery though it is thought to have started from the refuse piled up in the rear of the Standard saloon. This consisted of old scenery used in one of the dance halls, and is highly inflammable, and a spark from some unknown source may have ignited it, or spontaneous combustion may have been the cause.

When the flames were first seen they were issuing from the roof and East side of the saloon, and in an incredibly short time the entire roof was ablaze, and the flames had been communicated to the adjoining buildings, consisting of Balmer's Cigar store and the Gold Bar restaurant on the West and the Wigwam saloon and lodging house on the East. A strong wind was blowing at the time, and this fanned the fire.

Within two minutes after the alarm had been turned in, the chemical engine was on the scene, and the other two hose teams were on the way. A stream of water was quickly procured and within ten minutes more three streams of water, and the chemicals were playing on the blazing roof. Quick action on the part of the fire department undoubtedly saved the buildings, for the fire had gained great headway.

The contents of the buildings were removed in record time so that nothing of great value was burned, water however flooded the buildings, pouring through the roofs and ceilings of the lower floors, and causing considerable damage.

To repair the buildings it will be necessary to completely re-roof the Standard Saloon, Gold Bar Restaurant, and Balmer's cigar store and the greater part of the Wigwam saloon.

The greatest credit is due Chief Foster and his men who displayed the utmost zeal in conquering the flames, and preventing their spreading further than they did. A few moments more and it is probable that the entire block would have burned and perhaps, many more. All the structures adjacent are of wood and would have furnished the best of material for a big fire.

About seven o'clock another alarm was turned in from the Standard saloon. An investigation showed that some smoldering pieces of debris had started another blaze in the rear of the saloon, but a stream of water quickly subdued the fire, and prevented a further conflagration.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett did not get to sea until the high tide of yesterday morning.

The steamer Despatch arrived down from Portland yesterday morning and went to sea and San Francisco without any delay.

The steamer Barracouta will arrive down today on her way to San Francisco, but, it is said, will not touch at this port, having no business out of here this trip.

The steamer Cascades arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco and went directly on to Portland.

The Columbine took a flyer to sea yesterday.

The three masted schooner Sailor Boy arrived in yesterday from Gray's Harbor consigned to the Clatsop Milling Co. for lumber for California delivery. She went immediately to the mill docks.

WILL HOLD INSTITUTE DECEMBER.

SALEM May 1.—The State Teachers Institute, usually held in June, was abandoned on account of the National Educational Association convention, which was to have been held in July. Superintendent Ackerman had yesterday that since the association would not meet this year the State Institute would be called to meet during the Christmas holidays.

HAVE LOST ALL.

NEW YORK, May 2.—On the Kron Prinz Wilhelm which arrived yesterday from Bremen were fully 100 residents of San Francisco who have lost heavily by the earthquake disaster. Many of them are prominent residents of San Francisco who went to Europe on the outgoing trip of the Prinz Wilhelm and hurried home again on the same steamship after having received word of the devastation. Several of them knew that they had lost almost everything. Others were still uncertain about their losses.

Among the San Francisco delegation was John Lynch, a former state senator of San Francisco, who, according to his belief, has lost a large sum.

Moses A. Gunst a former police commissioner of San Francisco was another of the delegation. Another was Lawrence McCreary, a prominent pool player of San Francisco. Others were James McNab, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Roth, H. E. Teschemacher son of a former mayor of San Francisco, O. Brunner and W. P. Redington.

AID SAN FRANCISCO MERCHANTS.

NEW YORK, May 2.—A meeting of New York creditors has been called for tomorrow to start a fund for which San Francisco merchants can borrow cash for necessary expenses in resuming business.

It is explained that the San Francisco business men will be in urgent need of cash in fitting up temporary stores in addition to the credit they may have in the purchase of new stock.

The plan is to lend, not give, cash to the retailers and jobbers whose commercial reputations are regarded as proof that they will repay sums they borrow. The loans are to be made for a limited time without interest.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Astoria Women Are Finding Relief at Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up" must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidney causes more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

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NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

VICTORIA, B. C. May 2.—James Dunsuir, a millionaire coal mine owner and until recently owner of the Esquimalt and Nanimo Railway and with large holdings in San Francisco has been appointed lieutenant governor of British Columbia, to replace Sir. Henri Joli de Lotbiniere, and will shortly take office.

Fortunate Misadventurers. "When I was a druggist, of Livonia, Mo.," writes T. J. Dwyer, now of Grayville, Mo., "three of my customers were permanently cured of consumption by Dr. King's New Discovery, and are well and strong today. One was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but after using New Discovery a short time he found it unnecessary to do so. I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the most wonderful medicine in existence." Surest Cough and Cold cure and Throat and Lung healer. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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STEAMER SAVED.

VICTORIA, B. C. May.—Private dispatches to the British Columbia Salvage Company, report the floating of the German steamer Mariechen which was wrecked in False Bay, Alaska, last February.

The steamer Salvor, of the British Columbia Salvage Company, with a special permit from Washington to engage in wricking in Alaskan waters, went north with a wrecker to raise the vessel and after ten weeks work has been successful. The steamer was floated and towed to Juneau, where she will be temporarily repaired for the trip to Esquimalt. The Salvor will tow the vessel south. The Salvage company will receive \$37,500 for salvaging the vessel.

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