

# FIGHTS SKYSCRAPERS AS ENEMY TO HEALTH

How to fight tuberculosis with its worst enemy—sunlight—in the tenements of large cities is the life problem M. Augustus Rey, of Paris, has set himself to solve.

The French scientist is an implacable foe of the modern skyscraper, which he says shuts out the sunlight from 300,000 living rooms in New York alone.

M. Rey is a member of the Superior Council of Paris for the construction of houses for working classes, and he was the delegate of the French government at the International Congress of Tuberculosis recently held in Washington. In a lecture before the congress M. Rey had the following to say on the subject of tall buildings restricting the fight against the disease:

"There are 360,000 dark rooms in New York in which approximately 1,000,000 persons live." M. Rey, who has spent considerable time studying conditions here by reading and by personal observation. "The terms of tuberculosis thrive under such conditions, but sunlight is the greatest foe of this disease."

**The Shame of the City.**

"The tenements of New York are the shame of the city, even the so-called 'model' tenements are constructed upon lines far from the best. And the skyscrapers of your business district, evidence of the colossal energy of individuals and showing great originality and constructive genius, are nevertheless a bane.

"I venture to predict that in twenty years there will have been such a weakening of public opinion in New York that not only will no buildings be allowed half as high, but that the present structures will be cut down to half their height.

"Streets robbed of sunlight, persons employed in offices are robbed of it, and the result is that disease germs thrive and multiply."

According to M. Rey, the plans of modern cities are ridiculous, unreasonable and stupid. This applies, he said, not only to New York, but to all large

cities, even Paris, whose slums are equal to the worst anywhere.

"The shame of this country and of others," declared M. Rey, "is that the municipal authorities fail to do their duty. I believe that in New York, if the officials would only carry out the duties which they were appointed to do, this would be the greatest city of the world."

I stood yesterday in Henry street, one of your narrowest thoroughfares and lined with tenements typical of the worst conditions, and saw at the end of the street the Singer and City investment buildings. Extremes meet there, and it is true in more than one sense that the very skyscrapers are the cause of extreme misery. In some of the tenements the courts are but three feet wide and seventy-five feet high, and this court, in a service in a rock, is the sole source of air.

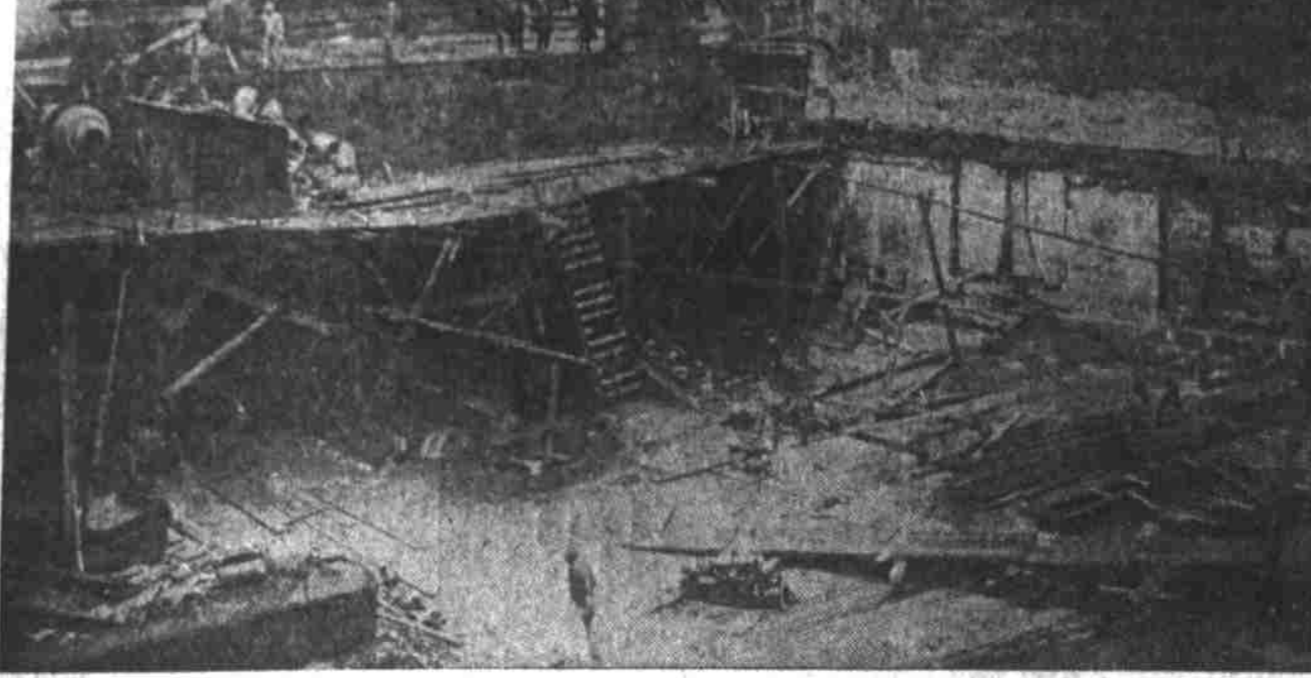
**Blames Speculation.**

"I attribute the tenement problem to the speculation in city land. That is the most terrible plague of modern times, the mad desire for profits, at whatever cost. It does good to only a few, but the vast majority have no good to the great majority."

"New York in twenty years will have 8,000,000 inhabitants, and have worked out plans for this city upon lines appropriate to this growth, and even up to a city of 16,000,000 inhabitants, and if the ideas of proper building, ventilation, sanitation and hygienic arrangement which I advocate could be followed in the buildings that are to be put up in the near future, it would, in my opinion, be a great incentive to similar changes in all future times."

M. Rey was asked for an opinion regarding the recent declaration of Gutson Borglum that American architects and sculptors "copy" their ideas from Europe.

"It is not so," he said emphatically, "as well as all the architects of Europe, give the Americans credit for remarkable originality in working out their ideas—their own ideas. You have, indeed, many wonderful buildings and much beautiful and original design. It is not the individual achievements in American cities that I criticize; it is only the collective effect."



Looking Into Basement Excavation for Meler-Frank Building.

## NEW HOMES ORDERED AS WINTER APPROACHES IN LUMBER TRADE

Philadelphia Physician Building New Home in Portland and Will Move Here—Many Contracts Let for Residences All Over the City.

Approaching winter has so far caused no abatement in the volume of home building in Portland. On the contrary, week by week as the rainy season advances, the number of residence permits increases. Contracts for an unusual number of dwellings of the more expensive type were let during the week.

McClaran & Clark have begun the erection of a modern two-story frame residence for Mrs. Mary Sickenger on Hawthorne avenue and East Thirty-first street.

**Philadelphian Builds Here.**

Dr. F. H. McIntire, a wealthy physician of Philadelphia, has purchased a handsome residence site at Rose City Park and will erect a modern home on the property which he will with his family occupy. Dr. McIntire has also purchased other Rose City Park lots, which he will hold as an investment.

W. A. Patterson, recently from the east, has purchased a piece of property in Rose City Park and has employed a local architect to get the plans drawn. A \$5,000 residence which he will build on the site.

**Cement Block I. ding.**

Frank Vetter, a local building contractor, will build a cement block dwelling to cost \$4,000 on Wauna avenue near Siskiyou street, Rose City Park.

George Bracher is having built a bungalow in Rose City Park at a cost of \$4,000. Mr. Bracher is also having erected a \$2,000 cottage for his mother adjoining his new home.

**Purchases Three Lots.**

W. J. Dunlap, late from Nebraska, has purchased three Rose City Park lots in the neighborhood of a handsome dwelling.

F. C. Miner will build a \$1,400 dwelling on East Grant street between East Thirty-seventh and East Thirty-eighth streets.

Read & Minor will build a \$1,400 dwelling on East Thirty-seventh street between East Grant and East Lincoln streets.

Sparks will build a \$1,700 dwelling on East Glisan street between East Twenty-ninth and East Thirtieth streets.

L. G. Apperson will build a \$2,000 dwelling on East Tenth street between Going and Wygant streets.

dwelling on Sixty-sixth street between Kilkilcat and Fremont streets.

James S. McLaughlin has let the contract for a \$2,500 bungalow to be erected on Vancouver avenue and Going street. The bungalow will be modern in every respect.

**Another Hawthorne Home.**

W. H. Pearl is having a local architect prepare plans for a two-story, six-room residence to be erected on East Thirty-seventh street near Hawthorne avenue. The building will cost about \$2,000 and will be erected as soon as the plans are completed and the contract let.

J. E. Johnson has taken out a permit to erect a \$1,500 store and flat building on Alberta street between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-second streets, Vernon.

Fletcher Linn has awarded to Thomas Muir the contract for the erection of a \$1,000 residence on Laurel street between Glisan and Hoyt streets.

The following building contracts have been awarded from the offices of Portland architects during the past few days:

Finler & Keeler, for a \$3,750 flat building for F. Matthews, East Seventh street between Halsey and Welder streets.

C. Toureanu, for a \$1,200 dwelling for Mr. Williamson, East Morrison street between East Twentieth and East Twenty-third streets.

Stokes & Zeller, for a \$4,000 dwelling for W. H. Buoy, Hall street near Lowndale street.

Finler & Keeler, for a \$1,950 dwelling for Herbert Palmer, Bidwell street between Ninth and Eleventh streets.

Finler & Keeler, for a \$2,000 dwelling for J. S. McLaughlin, Vancouver avenue corner Going street.

J. B. Dickner, for a \$1,400 dwelling on East Third street, between East Albia and Mississippi.

McClaran & Clark, for a \$4,000 dwelling for Mrs. Mary Sickenger, Hawthorne avenue corner East Thirty-first street.

C. Ziegler, for a \$2,000 dwelling for Isabelle Collins, Montana avenue between Prescott and Going streets.

Work has commenced on the residence of J. M. Carr at the corner of Wiberg lane and Hancock street. The building will cost \$3,500.

W. A. Patterson has commenced construction in Rose City Park for W. A. Lovett, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, in nearing completion.

## TEMPORARY LULL IN LUMBER TRADE

Mill Men Complain of the Loggers Asking Too Much for Logs.

The lumber market is said to be a little quiet for the present, as a result of the near approach of the presidential election, but a strong movement in all grades is expected as soon as the burning issue has been decided, no matter which way the votes go.

Lumbermen returning from the middle states and east say they can see many requirements in the lumber line in territories that are largely supplied by mills in the Pacific northwest, and it is quite certain that they will begin buying as soon as the electioneering talk subsides. For the present, so much interest is wrapped up in election talk that business is left to suffer.

**Logs Are Higher.**

Lumber manufacturers who have to buy logs in the open market complain of having to pay too much for the raw material, according to the loggers of wanting all the profit. They say there is less in the manufacture of lumber today, with advanced values, than there was a few months ago, when values were actually at bedrock. Explanation of this, they say, is found in the fact that logs have advanced more rapidly than lumber.

As to the demand for lumber, conditions are about the same as a week ago from a local point of view. Building projects are still under way in every part of the city, each calling for certain quantities of material. Millmen report a strong demand for clears, and there is a scarcity of No. 1 vertical grain flooring.

**Port Orford Shingles.**

Henceforth there will be used more white shingles in the local field than before, if a contract that has just been entered into between a Portland agency and the state of W. P. Fisher & Co., of Port Orford, is to be taken as a criterion. The contract calls for the delivery in this city of about 2,000,000 shingles each month for a year, this being the total output of the mill. The shingles are of Port Orford cedar, and do not require paint or stain for preservation or color. Weather-stained, they are a silvery gray and will last forever, so it is said.

Heretofore the white cedar shingles have met with the biggest demand in San Francisco. They cost about twice as much as the red cedar shingle.

## LABOR LOOMING LARGE IN NEVADA

Both Old-Party Candidates Lose by Attitude on State Police.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

RENO, Nev., Oct. 17.—With a three-cornered fight in the state over the election of a representative at large in congress, in which an extraneous issue affecting state legislation is dividing voters, Nevada today faces an uncertain political prospect.

H. B. Maxson, city engineer of Reno, is the Republican nominee, but there is a defection in his own party, besides the antagonism of the labor vote because of the Republican state platform's endorsement of the state police provision.

George Bartlett of Tonopah, the Democratic candidate, is likewise opposed by the labor forces for the same reason.

The labor faction attempted to nominate Pat A. McCarran, but Bartlett, by controlling the Democratic convention, obtained the endorsement of the state police law. He was also active in aiding Governor Sparks to secure its passage by the last legislature.

L. Fitzgerald, ex-chief justice of the state supreme court, nominated on the Independence ticket, which has an anti-police bill plank in its platform, is considered in a fair way to gather in the labor vote. Fitzgerald is an elderly man.

The senatorial fight has been reduced to an agreement between Francis G. Newlands, Democrat, and P. L. Flannigan, Republican, to abide by the vote of the people and allow the winner at the November election to be ratified by the legislature.

## BAY CITY WANTS BIG CONVENTIONS

As Prerequisite Is Getting Auditorium Project Under Way.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—A committee of the California Promotion committee is today investigating the proposition to erect a mammoth auditorium here that will outdo Denver's famous auditorium, in which the Democratic national convention was held this year. The committee is to report on the best method of construction, the site, the cost, the means of maintenance and the administration of the building. The boosters from the Pacific coast are trying hard to bring the national convention here four years hence, and the investigation of the committee is incidental to this movement.

## TOOLS FOUND IN HATFIELD'S CELL

Texans Believe Attempted Jailbreak Shows He Is Dunham.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sherman, Tex., Oct. 17.—William Hatfield, alleged to be J. C. Dunham, who murdered six persons near San Jose, Cal., six years ago, is in close confinement at the jail because of an attempt to escape.

The jailers found pieces of saw, filings and crushed brick in the cell. The attempted jailbreak is believed by the authorities to indicate that Hatfield is the man wanted by the California authorities.

With the arrival of officers from San Jose today it is rumored that Hatfield's attorneys will redouble their efforts to prevent extradition of their client.

## SIX FLOORS ON OLD BARR SITE

Better Building Will Replace Structure Burned in Sixth Street Fire.

Clearing up the site of the burned Barr hotel at Sixth and Glisan streets, a large force of workmen are making ready for the contractor to begin construction work on the new six-story structure.

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## NEW STRUCTURE FOR B. & O. T.

Foundation Will Cost \$35,000 and Be Made of Reinforced Concrete.

One of the most expensive foundations ever put in for a wholesale business structure in Portland is that for the John Kiernan structure, which is to occupy the block bounded by Twelfth, Thirteenth, Davis and Everett streets. This foundation is being done by the Hurley-Mason company and will cost all of \$35,000. The excavation is to be deep enough to allow the building of full 10-foot basement. Reinforced concrete is to be used in the basement walls and the floor is to be concrete of sufficient thickness to carry the weight of the heaviest merchandise carried in the store. The Hurley-Mason company will occupy the structure when completed.

The building, as has been announced in the journal, is to be of fireproof construction, four stories above the basement and will be the most expensive building of the character in Portland.

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## NEW ABINGTON FINER BUILDING

Reconstruction of the Abington building, which was partially destroyed by fire last summer, is being carried on as rapidly as conditions will permit. The entire interior of the big office structure is being remodeled, the staircase is to be placed farther to the south and the light court extended through to the south of the property. This will necessitate the elimination of several offices on each floor, but will add materially to the lighting arrangements, making the remaining offices more desirable.

The restoration of this structure will cost upward of \$75,000, and will be completed by January 1.

## NEW HOSTELRY FOR SPOKANE

Spokane is to have a \$1,750,000 hotel. The new hostelry is to occupy a site 150 by 200 feet in the center of the business district of the falls city. It will be 11 stories high, of fireproof construction and its promoters say will surpass in beauty of architecture and elegance of appointments any hotel in the west. L. M. Davenport, the restaurateur man whose place has made Spokane famous, is to be the manager of the new hotel.

The site has already been secured at a cost of something like \$200,000, and it is announced that work on the structure will begin in the early spring.

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## DIFFERENT PROGRAM AT Y. W. C. A. SUNDAY

The Sunday at home at the Young Women's Christian Association has a somewhat different program for tomorrow afternoon and one that will prove most pleasant.

Miss Anna Docking, a writer from the middle west, will read a beautiful little story called "The Perfect Tribute." Miss Docking has so keen an appreciation of the delightful in literature and so charming a style that a great deal of pleasure is expected from this half hour's reading.

In the little journey room Miss Ida May Dewitt of Taylor Street Methodist church will give a short talk on "City Work."

The musical program is as follows: Piano solo, Miss Ethel Ebbick, Charles Brown; vocal solo, Miss Susie Jones. All women are cordially invited to come for the whole or part of the afternoon.

## APARTMENT HOUSE ON UPPER YAMHILL

Charles Kirchner and Henry Hanno, who recently purchased the lot on the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Yamhill streets, announce that a three-story brick apartment house will be erected on the site early next year. The property adjoins the Concordia club and was purchased from Duncan Ferguson of Scotland for \$18,000.

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