

QUAKE ANNIVERSARY RECALLS INCIDENTS OF GREAT DISASTER

Portlanders Who Went to Frisco on Errand of Mercy 9 Years Ago Tell Stories.

SAN FRANCISCANS HERE

Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie Headed Party of Physicians Who Departed Day of Disaster.

Nine years ago today San Francisco was shaken by earthquake, and scourged by fire.

The first shock was at 5:15 a. m. It lasted about two minutes. Five minutes later the shaking ceased, but severe, and in about three hours another slight disturbance. Wires came down, water and gas mains were broken. Fires broke out and raged.

The news became generally known in Portland in the morning. That afternoon a party of physicians departed for the stricken city. Among them were Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, in charge; Dr. Ralph C. Matson, Dr. F. H. Dammasch, Dr. A. L. Berkeley, Dr. John Swenson, Dr. W. B. Spencer, Dr. Walter R. Coffman, Dr. Marie Equi, and Dr. Boles, now of Tillamook. The movement to send this party was initiated by Miss Lola Steers and Wynn Coman. With the party went Otis Wight, J. D. Sternberg, Rutherford M. Pau and 18 Portland nurses.

Among those who lived in San Francisco at the time of the disaster and are now residents of Portland are A. I. Dolliver, F. D. Beale, Dr. B. P. Shepherd, Monroe Goldstein, D. A. Donnelson, R. C. Johnson, Francis Heston, R. S. Seemster and Dr. William O. Spencer.

Will Observe Anniversary.

In observance of the anniversary the California society, many of whose members lived in San Francisco nine years ago, will give a ball at the Masonic temple Wednesday night. Miss Agnes K. Welch is chairman of the arrangement committee.

With the relief party that went from Portland with carloads of supplies were Wm. J. MacRae, Marion MacRae, Jefferson Myers, J. N. Teal, F. W. Leadbetter and H. L. Pittock. Others were in San Francisco at the time.

"My mother and sister were in San Francisco visiting," said Dr. F. H. Dammasch last night. "We could get no word from them. Leaving Portland with the physicians the night following the earthquake, Wednesday, we reached Oakland Friday morning. While we were waiting for a boat to take us across to San Francisco, I saw my mother and sister on the ferryboat with the refugees coming into Oakland. They had been furnished with tickets to Portland, and in 10 minutes from the time we met them they were on their train for home."

Chinaman Was Impressed.

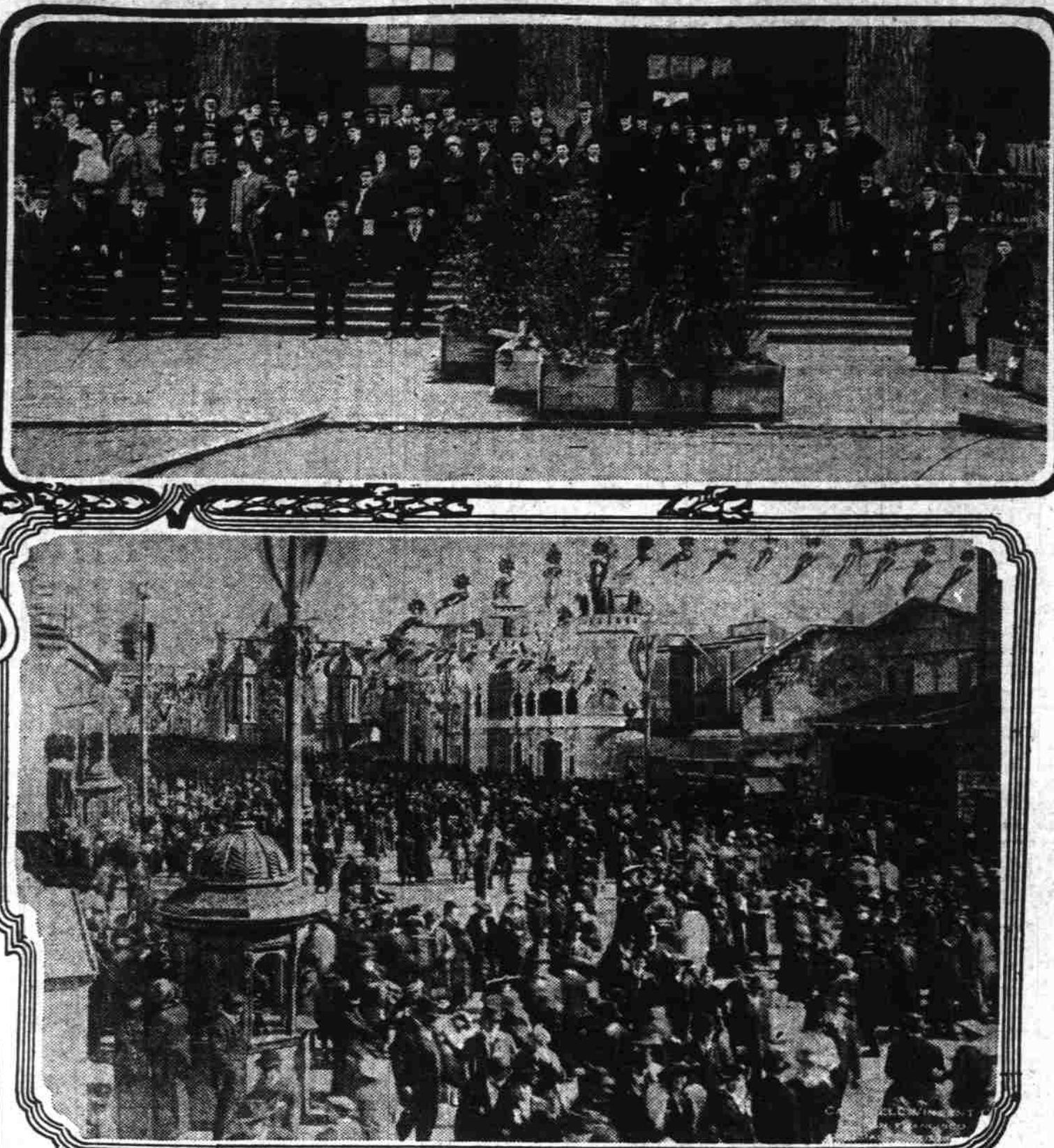
"We doctors were taken on a tug to the President. That night we got passes and went to the top of Telegraph hill and looked down on the burning city. The next day Drs. Mackenzie, Boles, Matson and myself were assigned to the contagious hospital at Harbor View, on the water front."

"Near where we were stationed a relief station was distributing shoes. We watched the line and saw many Chinese come five times in the course of an hour and get a pair each time. We followed to the contagious hospital and had hidden eight pairs in a sewer. We confiscated his hoard and hid it in a box and our overcoats for covering."

"I'll never forget our first night at the Presidio. There were four of us to one mattress. We slept on the floor, crosswise of the mattress, with our suitscases for pillows and our overcoats for covering."

Dr. Equi was the only woman physician to be registered with the United States army for the relief work at San Francisco, during the progress of which she held the rank of captain. She received the thanks and commendation from Colonel Tourney.

SAN FRANCISCO CELEBRATES NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE BY FAIR



Scenes at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Left—The Tower of Jewels at night. Right, top—Visitors on the steps of the Oregon building. Bottom—Crowds through the Zone.

Panama-Pacific International Exposition Is in Full Blast in City That Nine Years Ago Today Was Reduced to Ruins by One of Most Disastrous Fires in History.

San Francisco, April 17.—Nine years ago tomorrow San Francisco was reduced to ruins by the great fire that followed in the wake of the earthquake. Today the city rejoices in not only having rebuilt on a bigger and better scale but in having an international exposition of the first magnitude.

It was on April 18, 1906, that an earthquake rocked the city, breaking the water mains and shutting off the water supply so that it was impossible to check the resultant flames which, within 72 hours, laid the city in ruins, rendering homeless thousands of its citizens.

The work of rebuilding the city was begun at once. And more than that, in the fall of 1906 its citizens began plans for an exposition, to be held in the city and county of San Francisco in 1915, commemorative of

the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific ocean by Vasco Nunez Balboa, and to provide for commissioners thereof. The bill was passed by both houses of the legislature but died by pocket vote.

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The day following the introduction of Congressman Kahn's bill the mass meeting was held, and it was determined that a committee of six be appointed to name a ways and means committee of 100, or more, if necessary.

On December 26, 1909, the committee of six returned a report containing 200 names, whose owners became the ways and means committee. Three days later they met and organized. F. W. Dohmann, one of the prominent merchants of San Francisco, suggested as a slogan "San Francisco Invites the World." This was changed to "California Invites the World," in recognition of the fact that the exposition belongs not to San Francisco alone, but to the entire state, since the state has worked with San Francisco in building the exposition, and was adopted.

The ways and means committee named a directing committee of 30, which afterwards became the board of directors of the Panama-Pacific International exposition company. The latter company was incorporated March 22, 1910. Homer S. King being elected president.

On April 28, 1910, only four days more than four years after the beginning of the great fire, a mass meeting was held on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange building at which \$1,059,000 was subscribed toward the exposition in less than two hours.

Contest With New Orleans. Then came the warm contest with New Orleans as to which city should have the honor of being the scene of a great exposition in 1915. Each city had its vigorous supporters, but when, finally, the tide turned in favor of San Francisco, the nation having been led to believe that the city that only four years before had been a heap of ruins was really capable of "putting on the big show," he it said to the credit of the disappointed southern city and its supporters that they all turned to and gave the California metropolis all possible assistance.

Work on the exposition was now begun in earnest. More mass meetings were held and further subscriptions received. A municipal bond issue of \$5,000,000 at a meeting at which it was guaranteed

that San Francisco would raise \$7,500,000 toward the exposition. On September 16, 1910, the legislature met in a special session and proposed for public approval two constitutional amendments; one to raise \$5,000,000 by state tax, and the other to permit San Francisco to bond itself for a similar amount. Both amendments were approved by the people, funds thereby being provided for actual construction work. These were later augmented by a congressional appropriation of \$5,000,000.

Homer S. King having resigned, on account of leaving the state, Charles C. Moore was elected president of the exposition company and has carried the great work to successful completion. His election taking place April 4, 1911. Ground was broken for the exposition on October 14, 1911, by President Taft. From that date the dirt began to fly and there was never an hour, day or night, when San Francisco and California were not actively engaged in preparing for the exposition which was officially opened February 20 of this year when President Wilson flashed the signal from Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO FOLK ARE STILL PROMOTING PAGEANTS AND BALLS

Three Day Celebration Begun With Parade of Civilians and the Military.

By Marion Mac Rae.

San Francisco, April 17.—This morning a monster parade of civilians and military thronged the length of Van Ness avenue, from the city hall to the exposition gates, as the opening event in the "Nine Years After" celebration, which will last three days.

As an exposition opening day, the avenue presented a wonderful scene, being one mass of bobbing heads, prancing horses and decorated equipage.

There have been appropriate events at the grounds all day, and this evening the Inside Inn, the guests of the San Francisco Press club, a pageant ball is in progress at the civic auditorium, which is equal to the great opening ball given here in February. Tomorrow a public thanksgiving service will be held in the court of the universe, and Monday night special illumination features, the burning of an oil-soaked ship, and a joy carnival on the zone will close the celebration. Hundreds of visitors have postponed departure to be present at this celebration, which they deem especially unique.

Oregonians at Exposition.

Commissioner O. M. Clark and Mrs. Clark arrived last Monday and are domiciled with the Oregon family at the exposition. They will remain about six weeks. Miss Withycombe, of President C. Moore and the board of directors, the Shaughnessys will remain here for a week and will devote all of their time to the exposition.

Sir Thomas brings with him a message of optimism and good cheer. "The area seeded to wheat in Canada is about 25 per cent greater than last season," he said to an interviewer. "That means a tremendous wheat business for the dominion, and I look for big wheat prices as long as the war lasts."

"With the end of the war a great spirit of buoyancy will be felt everywhere, particularly in the United States. The eastern portion of Canada will have normal business this coming season. Our business is in for a period of better times, both in Canada and the United States."

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Musical Matinee

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CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

- Prelude La Scala Orchestra. 35104
- I. Stelliana (Thy Lips Like Crimson Berries) Enrico Caruso. 87202
- II. Canzone—Alfio Pasquale Amato, with Chorus. 87097
- III. Voi lo sapete (Santuzza's Air) Margaret Matzauer. 86430
- IV. Intermezzo Victor Concert Orchestra. 17311
- V. Brindisi (Drinking Song) George Hamlin. 64245
- VI. Addio alla madre (Turiddu's Farewell to His Mother) Riccardo Martin. 88277

PAGLIACCI

- VIII. Pagliacci—Prologue Titta Ruflo. 83392-83393
- IX. Un tal gioco (Such a Game) Nicola Zerola. 64206
- X. Ballata (Ye Birds) Lucretia Bori. 83398
- XI. La Commedia—Harlequins Serenade Huguet and Fini Coral. 25175
- XII. No Pagliacci non sou Enrico Caruso. 88279
- XIII. Finale of Opera Fabli, Huguet, Cigada, Badini, Pini-Coral and Chorus. 92013

EVERY WEEK DAY 3:00 TO 4:00 P. M.



Second Floor, Eilers Building, Broadway at Alder.

Millard, who makes his exposition headquarters by the big red apple from Hood River, states that the building of the Columbia River Highway has influenced a number of prominent investors from his state to come to Oregon this spring with the view of purchasing fruit lands and city property.

Misses Helen and Margaret Platt are visiting Colonel and Mrs. R. C. Ebert, who were well known to Portlanders when they were stationed at Vancouver Barracks. Lieutenant Walter Roswell of the same post has been in a local hospital for a fortnight, and will join this week by Mrs. Roswell and their children, who came down from Vancouver to attend him.

Bits of Personal Gossip. Captain Richardson, U. S. A., of Washington, D. C., who is known the length of the Pacific coast, and is a member of the Arlington club, is visiting the exposition and hobnobbing with the many Portlanders now here. Wirt Minor, son Lewis and Fat Ed Finger were dining in Taits the other evening, and in the same cafe were the Van Schuyvers, Major and Mrs. A. A. Cabanis, of Seaside, Walter Smith, Edgar Frank and several others from Oregon.

Henry Teal was here a day or so the first of the week, and W. E. McCord was a Stewart hotel guest. Others at that hotel were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bates, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Foster. Miss Clementine Lewis and Miss Butler registered early in the week, and have been daily exposition visitors.

Robert Edwards, George E. Rothwell, L. J. Wentworth, Mrs. H. E. Goode, Miss N. E. Pipes, the H. Love family, the H. C. Thompsons, Stanley Thompson, J. H. Robinson, C. S. Moody, Helen Coman Yates, Louis Witte, Hugo De Groat, Mrs. Ross De Groat, H. H. Sichel, S. G. Trullinger, F. C. Hanson, J. S. Fowler, James E. Reed and Mrs. W. D. Wells and other Oregonians lingering here to visit the exposition.

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