

JOHN D. ERECTS NEW SKYSCRAPER

Great San Francisco Building to Be 22 Stories High—Largest Yet

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A great gray office building, 22 stories high, has just taken from other downtown skyscrapers the

dominating place on the San Francisco skyline. The building—a huge monument to California oil—was constructed by the Standard Oil company of California and will house the firm's head offices here.

Architects describe the new structure as a palace of medieval Florence set down in modern California and that is perhaps the finest office building west of Chicago.

Down in the cornerstone repose 110 typewritten sheets, containing the names of 16,000 men and women employed by the company. Of these, 11,000 are Standard Oil stockholders.

The area of the structure is

28,325 square feet, with a frontage of 127 feet on Bush street and 296 feet on Sansome street. The total floor area is 425,000 square feet. The building weighs 96,965,000 pounds and there are 12,000,000 pounds of steel in it. The largest number of men employed at one time was 450.

The entrance lobby, not completed, will be finished in marble and bronze, with nine 20-passenger capacity elevators. Granite and terra cotta compose the outer surface.

The 20th story is peculiar in that it consists of a massive cornice, taking up the entire floor, with windows concealed so as to effect the Florentine castle that

KIPLING IN HOSPITAL



Rudyard Kipling, the British novelist, is in a private hospital in London and may have to undergo a serious operation.

suggested the design. Above this cornice or battlement rises a classic facade, two stories high, with Ionic columns.

Various departments of the company will at once occupy all but five stories of the new structure, being moved from the old 12-story Standard Oil building nearby.

WHALES FEWER IS ASSERTION

Museum Director Looks for Extermination at Present Rate of Killing

LONDON, Dec. 19.—If the killing of whales continues at the present rate they will be exterminated before another decade, is the warning given by Sir Sidney F. Harmer, F. R. S., director of the natural history department of the British Museum. Recent investigations carried out in the whaling areas has revealed this alarming condition, he says.

Some Already Extinct
The whaling industry has survived since the time of Alfred the Great, despite the fact that there has never been a year known when scores of boats did not leave the ports of England, France, Spain, and Scandinavia to hunt the sea animals, Sir Sidney declared in a recent address in which he urged legislation against hunting of whales.

The Greenland variety of the whale is already thought to be extinct, and the hunting of the

last few years has been confined almost entirely to the Southern seas.

Profits Increased

The profits derived from the killing of these catamounts are enormous, and they increase yearly as the retail price of the oil and bone increases. A fair sized whale has a ton of whalebone in its mouth, which alone is worth \$10,000. It also produced about 30 tons of oil worth about \$100 a ton. In the season of 1915-16 the oil production from Antarctic whaling stations was 654,000 barrels, or about 94,000 tons.

During the war this oil was recognized as of vital importance in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine. It is now used in the making of soap.

Oil Uses Many

The principal whales caught today are a species of rorquals, or fin-whales; the blue whale, and the sperm whale. The latter, the hunting of which is principally confined to Americans, not only give sperm oil, but often contain ambergris, which is sold at \$20 an ounce and used in the perfumery trade. The oil used for lubricating the wheels of watches comes from the dolphin, and is the finest oil known.

Mrs. Cora Lilley of East St. Louis has been married eleven times. Eleven honeymoonals Great Scott!

PUBLIC SCHOOL IS PUT FIRST

Foreign Children in Hawaii Shut Out From Foreign Institutions

HONOLULU, Dec. 19.—Approximately 5000 children, mostly Japanese, now attending alien language schools in the territory, will be compelled to cease attendance January 1, by the terms of the new school department regulation which has been approved by Governor Wallace R. Farrington, according to department estimates.

The terms provide that no child after January may attend a foreign language school until he has had at least one year of public school instruction or its equivalent. After September 1, 1923, no child may attend a foreign school until he has had at least two years of public instruction or its equivalent. The department has not estimated the number of children to be affected at that time.

The signing of the new regulation closes a controversy that had persisted since the school department promulgated a rule abolishing the first two grades of the alien schools. Governor Farrington refused to sign that rule, and the new one provides for more gradual elimination of the first two grades of the schools.

Over in Portugal journalists are exempt from taxation. It would be an easy way to raise the money by not having them in the exempt class if the Portuguese newspaper men are anything like the breed over here.—Exchange. This is intended as a joke. But it is a grim joke to most hard working newspaper men.



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