



Figs. 14 and 15. Sagging of floors.

loads upon them, it is surprising that the building did not collapse long before it did. The standing portions of the building show that the floors must have failed first and thus caused the collapse of the building. The wall panels in the standing portion sag much more than do the centre panels. This is probably due to the fact that a ten-foot trucking space was reserved down the centre of the building.

During the afternoon there were a number of minor explosions in the piles of blazing material in this building, which in one or two