

THE OLD AND NEW SAN FRANCISCO

GRAPHIC STORY OF THE
OLIGARCHY OF CORRUPTION

Victorian Just Returned Describes the
Old Landmarks and Depicts the
City To-Day.

"Two birds, one a myth and the other a mystery, the phoenix and the vampire, have arisen from the ashes of old San Francisco," said a prominent Victorian who returned a few days ago from an extended visit to the city by the Golden Gate. "When on April 18th the four ancient elements—earth, air, fire and water—conspired to wreck one of the most beautiful but also one of the most reckless cities of the continent, who knew San Francisco, were appalled at the disaster. The solid element, the earth, trembled, the avenging fires broke out and were fanned by the etheric, element of air, and the water, generally thought of as a protection against a conflagration, gushed uselessly through broken mains, and the horror-stricken thousands were compelled to sit and watch the burning of the city, and the earnings of a life time crumble into ashes before the unsparring flames. It was a time to make women weep and men tear their hair. From Telegraph Hill to Bernal Heights; from the water front to the Richmond addition; block after block was swiftly a thing of the past, and for a day or two chaos seemed to have arisen.

"But it was not for long. While still the ruins were burning, and dangerous walls being blown up with dynamite, the indomitable spirit of the Argonaut, transmitted to his brassy sons, was everywhere visible. It was a mixture of tragedy and humor of despairing groans and laughter, allied with tears. Many, particularly those having branches in nearby cities, were out on the sidewalks with stocks of goods, ready for business, while within a block or two the fire brigades were fighting the flames. Humorous mottoes, like those that decked the tented city of Seattle after the big fire there, were seen everywhere. If ever in this world was seen a spirit triumphant even in adversity, it was apparent in 'Frisco at this time.

"That story has been told, however, better than I can tell it. It is of the later developments I should like to speak. I mentioned the phoenix and the spirit of that bird of fable is everywhere seen six months after the disaster. Rising from the ashes of its fallen greatness is a newer and greater San Francisco; a city worthy a thousand times more credit, than the old and fond cognomen of 'Paris of America.' The Italian colony on Montgomery avenue, with its sprinkling of Spanish and Portuguese, is rapidly being established at the old spot. Eugene W. Harrison, round Seventh and Eighth streets, are rapidly reassuming their character of the Bowerly of the west, and almost on the site of the old home of melodrama, Central theatre, a new Central has arisen in which tragedy gives place to laughter, and Nobb and Dill, of the burned Alcazar, sing 'The Lonesome Town' to the accompaniment of a whistling youthful gallery.

"It used to be a hard thing to get tickets at the old Orpheum at the opening of the week, and now it is moved away out to the Chutes, that big auditorium, almost as large as the Mechanics' Pavilion, is sometimes taxed to the utmost. The story of the denizens of the forest, confined in the Zoo, stood the conflagration and earthquake seems to have been omitted from all publishers' editions of the calamity. At one time the fire approached very close, and 'Wallace,' the lion without a peer in America, ran bawling round and round his cage, answered by the screams of the tigers opposite. One of the keepers told me of how the Japanese waiting mice seemed in their terror to be prouetted in a veritable dance of death. In the monkey house all was confusion. Almost human cries, that rose higher and higher as the big pavilion was invaded by heart-broken refugees, interspersed with the wildest gyrations of the different apparatus, usually creating laughter, brought to the face of the visitors, but it could only be seen through a mist of tears.

"And the old city hall, a magnificent monument of corruption, with its dome of marble plumed with its gilded helmet crumbled almost into nothingness. The library disappeared, all the administrative offices were swept away, and only the hall of records that stood like a miniature of the marvellous building facing Jones street, remained practically unharmed. But even now there is a weird beauty pervading the scene when moonlight falls on the ruins. It is as if the Parthenon or Acropolis of Greece had been produced, the course of a night; the disintegration of two thousand years magically hurried between dark and daylight.

"Yet already within this vicinity the 'Frisco' is arising. There are no very tall buildings as yet—the merchants are too anxious to get down to business. But there is a general improvement in design in these smaller buildings. For many the old mission style has been replaced by the more modern, replaced by the brick or stucco, but preserving the curving thing that in some inexplicable way appears to have been borrowed from the Orient. The heart of the business district has been removed further north, and Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues, formerly bordered by the residences of millionaires, and sacred to automobiles and limousines, no heavy wagons being permitted to traverse them, are now thriving hives of industry and the central retail thoroughfares.

"In the days that are passed the afternoon parade along the upper half of Market street was with its Junoesque and splendidly dressed women, a formidable rival to Regent street, London. Fifth avenue, New York, or the fashionable boulevards of Paris. There was nothing to equal it in Germany. For even Unter den Linden, the appearance of prosperous beauty that

characterized the old Market street. But although many of the millionaires of last year's spring are practically paupers to-day, the beautiful women of San Francisco are still there, and Fillmore street is now a worthy successor to the old parade ground of Market.

"Chinatown has been even improved. Many underground chambers previously unknown were uncovered by the great fire. The old shacks were swept away in a few hours, and although many of the more prosperous merchants have moved to the new retail district, those that remain are erecting better buildings, and sanitary regulations are being enforced. The Chinese theatre, that was a standing attraction to European as well as Oriental, has not yet been rebuilt, and the old gambling clubs of Ross and Sullivan alleys have gone to the limbo of the past, and maybe the idea of a new and really Oriental Chinatown, advanced just before the disaster, will become shortly an accomplished fact.

"And then there was the polemic quarter, Grant avenue. Every kind of 'ism' had its exponent there in the days that were gone. Several kinds of Socialists would hurl defiance at each other's theories. Theosophists would rave of Nerva, and astrologers tell the glories of star gazing. One enterprising exponent of theosophy concentrated would deliver an animated oration standing on one leg. Perhaps he has not even that to stand on now, for he has disappeared since the earthquake. The Chinese herb doctor has gone, with his flowering robes and gold-plated medals. In fact, the most characteristic feature north of Market street—the rival orators of Grant avenue—has been sought near the regions to proselytize in.

"And what of the old fire music halls—the beer drinking wonders of the west. Where is the American ladies' orchestra of the Opera, or Ritzma's fine female band at the La Boheme, a few doors up. The Belvedere, of unsavory reputation, has gone up in smoke, together with the other music hall controlled for a short time by John L. Sullivan. The O'Farrell street is changed. The Tivoli, where Tetrastini and our old friend Ferris Hartman, who visited Victoria with 'The Pursuer,' Teddy Webb, whose brother is a well known member of the Vancouver and all the rest have come up to Seattle, and are continuing there the successful presentation of comic operas that made Mrs. Kreling a vast fortune. For the time being all the old houses of entertainment are out of existence, but others will rise to replace them. Already the Davis and Colonial, the latter a splendid permanent structure, are catering to the music-loving Frooties. It may take some time to make the old fun-loving city as prolific in houses of amusement as in the past, but don't you forget that time will come, and come shortly.

"South of Market old conditions are rapidly returning. The clang of foundries west of Third street is heard to-day, almost as freely as in the past; the heavy lumber wagons of the numerous wood yards are again traversing the city, and the heavy trucks of either earthquake or flame, the Western Fuel Company still receives and ships at the old Dunsuir premises and wharf, and finds but little difficulty in its trade. There is a vitality in this, the iron and lumber quarter, that shows the city is not killed, but rapidly recovering from the appalling shock.

"Newspaper square is almost the same. The old seventeen story structure that housed the Call was almost triumphant over both earthquake and flame. Diagonally across the Chronicle building, that had hardly recovered from the burning of its historic clock tower and upper stories, is still standing, filled with tenants, though the low annex on Kearney street went the way of most of the surrounding blocks. The only one of the old buildings that escaped the damage was that of the Examiner. Dynamite completed the work the fire had left unfinished. Some of the superstitious attempt to draw a moral from the fact that the Examiner's building was spared, and they say that paper's policy of breaking down met its proper ending in the disaster.

"Then there was the other corner. A swell cigar stand in the angle, the gorgeous Richelieu on the ground floor, and underneath the 'Old Fountain.' What a resort of the sailors on shore leave was the latter. And then the foaming beer with its accompanying green dill of cardboard entitling one to a free lunch, all for the nimbler. What a crush was there when there was in season, and the ever present white coated waiters responded to calls of crabs, clams, clam juice, clam chowder, 'chili con carne' or Irish stew. Ah! well, some one else or the same smiling German brothers will build another 'old fountain.'

"Kearney street, with its Jewish clothiers, who were becoming wealthy through grafting on soldiers, all went up in smoke. The Hall of Justice, with its memories of Durant and Mrs. Botch, and the morgue behind, shared the fate of most of the city. Portsmouth square, in front, where Robert Louis Stevenson gathered his early inspiration, and the monument to his honor, which the dainty nautilus apex, remain the same, but it is to be hoped that in the new San Francisco it will be surrounded by better buildings than the old bignios and dance halls that were there before the fire.

"The San Francisco financial institutions held away in Montgomery street and the surrounding districts. All were burned out, but not one failed. It was a striking commentary on the strength of the city from a monetary aspect, and did much to restore confidence in the future. All in all San Francisco is going ahead again. The 'Frisco' spirit can never die. Though the liabilities and art galleries, the museums and the theatres of the city were swept out of existence, indications are even now apparent of their replacement. The art treasures of the Mark Hopkins' institute are gone, but others equally valuable will be fetched from all quarters of the world. The mammoth and other extinct animals in the academy can be replaced by casts, and neither in art nor science need San Francisco worry about the future.

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dawn of even better days. Rising triumphant out of the ashes of the old is a new city. The buildings in the principal streets may not be equal, but they will be more equal. I hope this equality will spread to other things—that the burning of the Barbary coast will remove that blot for ever, and that come what will in the future the new 'Frisco' will be better than the old. It has the chance; it remains for the citizens to take advantage of the opportunity and thus reap benefit from an appalling storm of adversity.

"But what of the vampire, that unholy oligarchy of corruption that has fattened on the ill-fortune of the stricken city? Even these blood suckers, one would think, would be chastened by the calamity. They were not. The police are openly protecting thugs and thieves. Murders repeated occur, but no one is brought to justice. Changes in liquor licenses and their renewal gave the police commission a chance to graft, and they have taken advantage of the opportunity. Bribery and corruption are indulged in without even the cloak of hypocrisy. Someone has said that before any permit, that should be a right, can be obtained. The voice of the boss, Abraham Ruef, is heard everywhere—he meets each night in some swell cave with misty eyed and myrmidon-like henchmen to his slightest behest. Gambling and worse dissipations are winked at. Even the cleaning up of the debris to make transportation possible is the subject of graft. All the pervisors are declared to be venal; there are rumors in the air of street railway franchises being hawked about for sale to the highest bidder. Some of the judges are declared to be venal, to have an itching palm. Mayor Schmitz went to Germany ostensibly to collect fire insurance, payment of which was refused, but almost everyone believes he will never return unless forced to. Abe Ruef, until a few days ago, was master of the situation, and the committee of one hundred, appointed by the decent element, appeared powerless. And yet despite all this there is light at last.

"Francis J. Heney, the attorney who sent Senator Mitchell to jail for Oregon land frauds, has been appointed a deputy of the district attorney. With him his old associates, William J. Burns, of the secret service, has become allied again, and both declare they have secured enough evidence to obtain convictions against Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef, the whole board of supervisors and the holders of many other municipal offices. The necessary funds are being provided by a number of wealthy citizens, headed by Rudolph Spreckels, owner of the Call, and already \$100,000 has been subscribed for that purpose. The well known ability of Messrs. Heney and Burns, and their success in uncovering graft in other places, leads me to hope that they will be successful in San Francisco. If such is the case and municipal graft stamped out, the city by the Golden Gate will be better for the disaster and become the city she should be.

"The gentleman who gave this remarkable interview returned on Friday night's boat, and promises to keep the Times advised of anything of importance arising during his stay. He said that he knows the city intimately, is proved by the context. Since he arrived here several striking events have happened in San Francisco, and should be of entertainment and interest to date. Briefly they are as follows:

"When Heney stated publicly he would prove Ruef guilty of felony, that gentleman, to be polite, who holds the city and county officials in the hollow of his hand, took a remarkable interest in the case. He was, of course, William H. Langdon, the district attorney, who appointed Heney his chief deputy for the purposes of these prosecutions, is a candidate for governor of California, and has been away from his office considerably recently, furthering his campaign. This gave Acting-Mayor Gallagher, one of Ruef's close friends appointed by Schmitz, his cue. On October 25th, after a heart to heart talk with the supervisors, he sent them a letter stating he had suspended Langdon for neglect of duty, and appointed another district attorney. And who was this but Abraham Ruef, who immediately discharged Heney. A grand jury was being drawn at the time, and Ruef wished to choose it to suit himself. This move was quickly checked. Langdon applied to Judge Sewall for a restraining order against Ruef, which was granted, and on Monday Langdon and Heney were recognized as district and assistant district attorney by Judge Graham, who was supervising the drawing of the grand jury. If, by any chance, Ruef obtains the office he wants, the state attorney-general, W. S. Webb, has declared his intention of prosecuting the accused, and will appoint Heney as his deputy to conduct the case.

"The slides are now lined up. A grand jury has been drawn and Heney proposes to proceed with the prosecutions at once. Some of the evidence in his possession was given in a special dispatch printed in last night's Times. Some of the charges are that Schmitz and Ruef have made \$1,000,000 grafting on building permits, and that theatres were held up for 45 per cent. of their stock. And it must not be forgotten that the names of Heney and Burns have spelled success in similar previous prosecutions.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Over Million and Half Dollars For Home and Foreign Mission Work.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 2.—The general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church has decided that the total sum to be appropriated for home and foreign mission work to \$1,686,000 for the coming year, this being about the amount contributed by the denomination for mission purposes during the year ending October 31st. Because of the forthcoming division of the missionary society into a board of home missions and church extensions, with headquarters at Philadelphia, these new societies will begin operations on the revised charters on January 1st next.

The first part of the morning session was given to a consideration of the educational movement maintained among the young people of the mission society, this department having as its special function the promotion of mission study among young people's societies and in Sunday schools and junior organizations of the churches.

SEEK TO REVIVE A RAILWAY ACT

TO BUILD ON QUEEN
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Goldstream District Asks Incorporation
—Other Notices Appearing in the
Provincial Gazette This Week.

In the general activity in northern British Columbia, consequent upon the work being carried out by the Grand Trunk Pacific, Queen Charlotte Islands have been brought into prominence again. Within a few hours by steamer from Prince Rupert the mineral and all other resources of these Islands will be brought into easy communication with a through line of railway. As an evidence of this increased interest notice appears in this week's Gazette of an application being made at next session of the legislature to revive the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act. The notice given by Barnard and Robertson, as solicitors, sets forth that an application will be made to revive, ratify and confirm the Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1905, and to extend the time for commencing construction of the said railway and of expending 10 per cent. of the company's capital thereon, or in the alternative, to incorporate a company to build the line of railway set out in the act of incorporation of the said Company, with all the powers contained in the model railway bill.

A notice appears also in the Gazette that on December 31st application will be made to the lieutenant-governor in council for letters patent incorporating the district of Goldstream as a municipality, among the applicants is the name of Lord Aberdeen.

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HERE FROM ATLIN.
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Jas. Staples, ex-M. P. P., of Atlin, has arrived in the city, and will remain here during the winter. Mrs. Staples, with her family, came south a few weeks ago on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Netherby, of this city.

Mr. Staples who has conducted a store in Atlin in addition to his mining interests, has disposed of his commercial business. He still retains his mining interests, but is undecided whether he will return to Atlin next season.

The past year, says the former representative of the district in the local house, has seen a rather larger production of gold than the previous season. The camp has had a good year, but the ultimate hope of it is the development of the quartz properties there. To successfully work these better transportation facilities must be secured. At present \$5 a day is paid for wages owing to the excessive cost of getting supplies into the camp. There is the quartz property, however, that has not been developed to a point to show their real value. The hope of Atlin is that in some way the transportation question may be solved and the camp become more than a placer one.

Speaking of what the Guggenheims are doing in that district, Mr. Staples says that results this year were very satisfactory. The corporation had made a very successful campaign for the new creek. These gave very good results, and the Guggenheims are securing further properties with the intention of expanding the scope of their operation. The use of steam shovels was employed to quarry men the hydraulic dredges so that the company's work in the camp is welcomed as of great benefit.

ALD. HALL SPEAKS ON WATER BY-LAW

SAYS IT IS ONLY
TEMPORARY SCHEME

Favors Delay Until Complete Surveys and
Returns From the Highland District are Available.

Ald. Hall had the following to say this morning regarding the Mayor's by-law, which is to be voted upon next Monday:

"I see that, in a letter published in the daily papers, the Mayor advances some more arguments in favor of his scheme. He stated at Wednesday evening's meeting that what I had said regarding the possibilities of the contamination of Elk lake through its proximity to the V. & S. railway was not justified by fact; yet, in this letter, he admits that he had the toilets on the train locked while passing the lake both ways, and also admits that it was at my suggestion that he did so. Although this admission should prove that I was right in my contentions, I will again throw out the challenge I made at the meeting, and if the Mayor can get any three medical men in the city to say that my statements were not supported by fact, I will pay for the submitting of the by-law next Monday. As this would save the city a sum of about \$300, I think that His Worship should either openly admit that I was right or else do his duty to the city and save the expense of putting the by-law before the ratepayers.

"The Mayor mentions a deadlock in his letter. I fail to see how a deadlock can exist when there is only one alderman supporting the by-law, and the other having voted for its passing, although opposed to it, just to give His Worship an opportunity to put it before the people.

"The Mayor states that the gravity pressure on the 24-inch main would be sufficient to guarantee a good water supply, yet he must know that such a statement is incorrect, for he has been informed during the last few days, by Mr. Ritchie, that this gravity system will not give a pressure of even 45 lbs. The high pressure mentioned by His Worship on Wednesday evening is sustained by the present North Dairy farm pump, on the 16-inch main, and not by the city, as he would have the ratepayers believe.

"According to figures submitted by the water officials and himself regarding a main to the Highland districts, the total cost would be over \$200,000, yet, at the public meeting this week, the Mayor stated that it would be \$300,000. I claim that the present by-law is misleading as regards the item of \$38,000 set aside for contingencies. It practically means that \$5,000 would have to be expended for a pump on the 12-inch main in order to get water into the city next summer, as experts have informed me that it will be impossible to get the 24-inch main manufactured and laid ready for service, early enough to assure an adequate water supply for next summer. His Worship must therefore be endeavoring to secure meters under the veil of contingencies. That is what he wants a square deal. He admits that his scheme is only a temporary one. Then, I say, wait until the surveys and returns from the Highland district are available, which will be about next March, and then a permanent and complete scheme can be submitted to the people instead of the temporary solution on which the by-law proposes to expend the money.

"The Highland district has so far surpassed all expectations, and in the ten days during which the water has been measured at the main weir, a daily volume of 15,000,000 gallons has been recorded, although the rainy season has not yet commenced. The city officials tell us that there is not enough water at present in Elk lake to keep the supply, the level being five feet below high-water mark. This means that a rainfall of 50 inches will be required to replenish the lake, and when it is considered that only one rainfall of such proportions has been experienced during the last ten years, there seems little hope of Elk lake

GENEROUS TERMS TO SONGHEES TRIBE

Splendid Offer Made by Dominion Government to
Solve Vexed Question—Superintendent Pedley
Leaves To-Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Frank Pedley, deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs, who has been here for several weeks engaged in seeking a solution of the Songhees Indian reserve question, expects to start for Ottawa to-night. Mr. Pedley has completed his business and the matter now rests with the Indians.

The offer which Mr. Pedley was able to make to the Indians was as follows:

1. \$10,000 in cash at the time of surrender.
2. \$15,000 in cash within a week or ten days.
3. \$7,000 in cash on the removal of the Indians to the new reserve.
4. The setting aside of a fund of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing implements, tools, stock, etc., upon requisition to the Indian agent or superintendent and certified by them as being necessary for use in the business of the particular Indian agency.

5. The purchase of a reserve suitable for the Indians within a reasonable distance of the city of Victoria and their removal thereto.

6. The compensation of the Indians for their improvements on the old reserve by cash or by improvements on the new reserve as the Indians desired.

7. The payment to the Indians of the interest yearly or half yearly on the balance of the money remaining to the credit of the band upon completion of this arrangement.

It was also agreed that should any of the Indians desire to remain in the city they could take their share of the distribution for the purpose of providing themselves a home in the city, still retaining an interest in the lands and money of the band.

The Dominion government, acting on the advice of Hon. W. Templeman, has made a determined effort to settle this vexed question. Mr. Pedley, acting on behalf of the government, has performed the task committed to him well, displaying patience, tact and great perseverance, and has endeavored to deal fairly with all interests concerned. Those who know Mr. Pedley will readily understand that the matter could not be placed in better hands to solve. He has, while showing a desire to have the Indians removed, never forgotten his duty to the Songhees and has protected their every interest. There have, however, been great difficulties in the way.

From the first Mr. Pedley, representing the Ottawa administration, endeavored to ascertain exactly what the wishes of the Indians were. He was prepared to meet them fairly. That the proposition which he was able to make was eminently generous is proved by the fact that the Indians themselves acceded to it.

The scheme for rehabilitating the tribe and providing for their removal and preserving their interests in the old reserve was satisfactory. A hitch occurred, however, over the new quarters for the Indians, who demanded quarters on Cadboro Bay, a spot dear to the tribe owing to the fact that they formerly occupied it. In fact the Songhees held what was impossible to give. Through this delay has followed, and it remains for the Indians to say whether they will accept the generous treatment which the Dominion government is prepared to accord them, or by declining the negotiations off, forfeit the chances of ever again getting such a liberal scheme of settlement.

Mr. Pedley was asked to-day if the settlement of the question was now off. He replied that he could not say that was true. There had been no direct intimation from the Indians that they would not come to an agreement, although on the other hand they had not committed themselves to the acceptance of his terms. He said he had finished his work and had done all he could to arrange a fair basis for settling the question. He could not hold out any hope that the Indians would ever be able to get better terms than those now offered. In fact he thought there was no likelihood of nearly as favorable conditions being obtained for them if the present negotiations failed.

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The deceased was one of the prominent business men of Nanaimo, and was a resident for many years. Besides a widow and five children, he leaves a sister, Mrs. R. B. McKicking, Victoria, and two brothers, J. B. Leighton, Savona, and John Leighton, San Francisco, to mourn his loss.

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FAREWELL RECEPTION.
Tendered to Miss Fraser on Her Returning as Matron of Chemainus Hospital.

Miss H. E. Fraser, who for a number of years has been matron of the Chemainus hospital, was tendered a farewell reception followed by a dance on Monday evening at the Chemainus hall. Miss Fraser has been signally successful in her conduct of the hospital during her term of office. The citizens of the town of Chemainus in no uncertain way showed their appreciation of the work she had done.

During the course of the evening a presentation was made to her on behalf of the directors of the hospital and the Ladies' Auxiliary. A cheque covering a very substantial amount was presented to her by these societies, the presentation being made by Mr. Seaborn, who expressed his deep regret at the retirement of Miss Fraser. In addition to this two large valuable emeralds were presented to Miss Fraser during the reception.

Dr. Fraser, of this city, who was present, replied on behalf of his sister, and thanked the people of Chemainus for the kindness they had shown her. He took occasion also to refer to the general efficiency of the hospital and the way in which it was conducted.

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