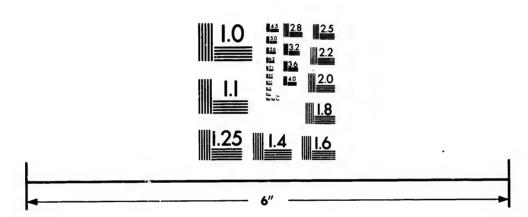


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Prefatory Note:

Many spurious publications have been issued in the names of Joliet and Tonti, and even Marquette's own narrative, first printed by Thervenot at Paris in 1731,

has been badly garbled in translation. It may be well to state that in this epitome of the story of the discovery of the Mississippi and the part jointly taken by Joliet and Marquette, none but well established authorities have been recognized. For verification's sake over forty volumes of what may be rightly considered text-book literature have been consulted. Where research has revealed conflicting statements, the rank of the authority as well as the preponderance of the printed testimony have been equally considered.

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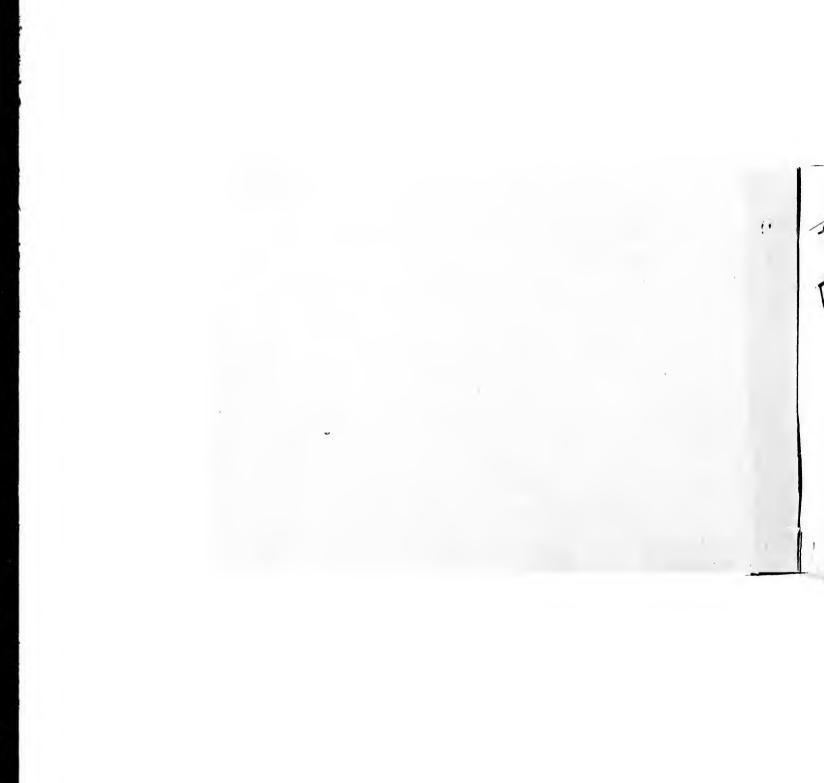
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Pere Jacques Marquette

Father James Marquette, born at Laon, France, 1637. In 1668 established with Father Dablon the Jesuit Mission of Ste. Marie du Baut, and that of Michillimackinac and Ste. Ignace in 1671. Together with Jollet discovered the Apper Mississippi, June 17th, 1673, and descended the river as far as its point of confluence with the Arkansas. Died on his return journey to Mackinac from Kaskaskia, May 18th, 1675. Marquette spoke fluently six Indian languages, and combined a gentic and noble nature—more like that of a medieval saintwith the bighest order of courage, and "though a Catholic was not the exclusive property of that people—be belongs alike to all."



Sieur Louis Joliet

Born in Quebec, 1845. Educated for the Jesuit priestbood, but later became a furstrader. A skilled navigator and surveyor. Joint discoverer with Marquette of the Mississippl. Explorer of the Saguenay, the St. Lawrence, Labrador and Budson Bay. Little's recorded of Joliet's later days after be retired to the Island of Mignan, where he died in 1700.

Che Legend and the Legacy

or Père Marquette.







URING the second decade of the XVIth century, within the swart wilderness of equatorial America, if the chronicles of the day are to be depended upon, Cortez, Pizarro, Valdivia and Quesada instituted a period of exploration such as had never before been seen, nor since witnessed.

After the exploitation of Nicaragua, Guatemala, Yucatan, New Colombia and Bolivia, the subjection of well-nigh all of Latin America comprised withinthe torrid zone was at last accomplished by the valorous, if too blood thirsty, legions of aggressive Spain.

Infected by the spirit of adventure then rampant and flushed with his conquests in Peru, Ferdinand de Soto, the wealthy governor of Cuba, gazed possessingly across the heaving wastes of the Atlantic and allowed his imagination to run riot over the untraversed region watered by the mysterious flood of the Mississippi. On the northern littoral of the Mexican Gulf, the vast delta of the Rio del Esperitu de Santo, with



Little is recorded



Frontenac

Louis de Buade, Count of Palinan and Frontenac. Governor of Hoveau France (Canada), 1672.

a reputed volume far in excess of that of either Amazon or Orinoco, presented a strangely fascinating field for investigation. There was nothing, therefore, surprising in the fact that in 1542 De Soto, inflamed by the gilded gossip of the times, landed an armed force on the coast of Florida and, undaunted, struck out boldly for the unknown wilds of the interior.

Confronted by impenetrable thicket and bottomless morass, tumultuous rivers and by hosts of painted savages, he fought his way with sword and fagot until, at Guachoya, on the reedy banks of the never diminishing stream, above its confluence with the Arkansas, almost a thousand navigable miles from its emptying place, he yielded his life, a sacrifice to his love for conquest and for greed. With the exception of the return expedition led by Muscoso in 1543, the survivor of De Soto, who built seven brigantines to convey his 322 followers "down the great river to the gulf," Spanish exploitation of the Father of Waters ceased, and the old black curtain of impenetrability partially lifted and but for a moment, again fell and hid from the eyes of amazed cupidity the beckoning interior.

Notwithstanding this abandonment of the lower valley of the Mississippi, the advent of the XVIIth century gave a new stimulus and from another quarter to American exploration. Contemporary with the founding of Quebec by Champlain, in 1608, was the establishment of the order of the Recollect Friars and the ascent of the Ottawa river, and in 1616, the transit of Lake Huron by the priestly adventurer, Le Caron, a Franciscan monk. While this unlocking of the Northwest and the proselytizing of the Redskin was checked by the conquest of Canada by the English in 1629, the interruption was brief, for in 1632 Brebeuf and Daniel explored the Saguenay—carried the flag of civilization from the buttresses of Quebec to the bleak beaches of far Ungava, and on the umbrageous shores of Lake Iroquois established the village of St. Ignatius. Five years before Elliot of New England had addressed one word of pious exhortation to the Indians camped within six miles of Boston harbor, Jogues and Raymbaut had planted the cross at the foot of Lake Superior and preached the gospel of salvation within the smoky lodges of the implacable Sioux.

DEPARTURE OF MARQUETTE AND JOLIET FROM ST. IGNACE ON THEIR FIRST VOYAGE TO THE ILLINOIS.



"Firmly resolved to do all and suffer all for so glorious an enterprise."

—Marquette's Journal



Early in 1634 Sieur Jean Nicolet, a geographical reformer who expected to find the China Sea in Green Bay, captained a pacific expedition beyond the western limits of the Algonquin race into the heart of Winnebago-land. He camped at the palisaded town of Mascoutins, and was the first white explorer to penetrate northwest of the Ohio and reach the Wisconsin river. Upon the outbreak of the Iroquois war in 1650 the snow in the forests of Canada was crimson with the blood of the missionaries, and for the next ten years priest and proselyte, explorer and coureur de bois awaited with folded arms the proclamation of peace. During 1660 the Jesuit Father Rene Mesnard, accompanied by Radisson and Groseilliers, a brace of dare-devil fur traders, discovered the Pictured Rocks, the copper mines at Keeweenaw and camped on Chequamegon Bay (Ashland, Wisconsin). But the too-trusting Mesnard was soon tomahawked by the savages amid the tene-brous wilds of the Menominee. In 1665 Father Claude Allouez, whose name is imperishably connected with the discoveries in the Northwest, assumed control and the arches of the woods again awoke to the white man's homilies delivered in the Tartar tongue.

The close of 1668 still found Allouez wearing the winter out preaching to tolerant Pottawattomie and surly Kickapoo and overthrowing the pagan idols at the Kahkalin rapids on the Fox, when Father Jacques Marquette, a youthful priest from Sault Ste Marie, unexpectedly arrived upon the scene. The conflicting reports of priest and trapper as to the possibilities of this terra, wellnigh incognita, had aroused the curiosity of prelate and cupidity of layman at Quebec; for the mystery that surrounded these western solitudes was regarded as a scientific imposition. Thus it came about that Claudius Dablon, Superior Generale of the missions of the Society of Jesus, was ordered to the Sault in 1668 for the purpose of establishing in more ways than one the everlasting truth. The narratives of Father Dablon and his missionaries, "The Relations of 1670-71-72," were subsequently published in Paris, together with a map of Lake Superior, and these with the unprinted "Relations of 1672-3 and 1673-9," now form the most valuable collection extant of the early history and topography of the princeval west.

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MARQUETTE AND JOLIET LAUNCHING THEIR CANOE ON THE HEADWATERS OF THE WISCONSIN RIVER.



"To follow those waters * * * which will beneeforth lead us into strange lands."

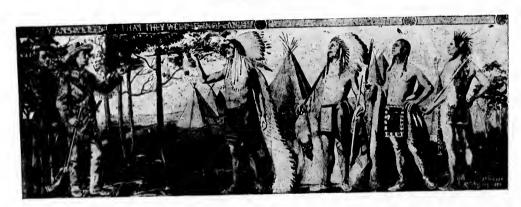
—Marquette's Journal.

Meanwhile Dablon, casting about for a coadjutor, summoned the youthful Marquette of Quebec, a Jesuit priest lately from Laon, France, who on April 21st, 1668, in company with Father Nicholas Louis, had ascended the Ottawa river, descended the French, and crossing tempestuous Lake Orleans (Huron) had forced the red prows of their birch barks through drench and riffle until the frail flottila rested on the yellow beaches of inviting Mackinaw.

Père Marquette who was nothing if not terribly in earnest, planted his cabin at the foot of the rapid on the American side of the Sault, and, with unequalled zeal as a propagandist, ently abate their "lewdness, their sacrifices and their juggleries." His success was such that he was transferred to the Mission of the Holy Ghost at La Pointe, at the western extremity of Lake Superior. A sojourn of a few years among the Chippewas, and Marquette became possessed with "seek those new nations towards the South Sea still unknown to him and to teach them of his war that followed the Hurons being hoplessly defeated, Marquette's cherished hopes for an Illinois tery of the Indian tongues, listened to the mystic stories of a river called the Missouri, which his a vast extent of prairie through which flows a great river, greater than that by Quebec; its pumpand bustards breed in abundance."

On June 4th, 1672, the French minister wrote Talon, Intendant of Canada, that there was nothing more important for the colony than the discovery of a passage to the South Sea. His majesty wishes you to give it your attention." Frontenac, the new governor of Nouveau France.

THE MEETING WITH THE ILLINOIS



"They answered that they were Illinois and in token of peace presented the pipe to smoke,"

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waxed enthusiastic, and November 2d, 1672, instructed the Sieur Louis Joliet, a fur-trader of Quebec and quondam Jesuit priest—"a man of great experience in this kind of exploration"—to "discover the South Sea by the Maskoutens country and the great river Mississippi, which is believed to empty into the California Sea." The choice of a missionary to accompany the proper lay between Claude Allouez and Jacques Marquette. The joy of the latter may be imagined when on the festival of the Immaculate Conception he received a letter bidding him prepare for the expedition.

Vlay 17th, 1673, Marquette and Joliet embarked on their historic enterprise in two birch canoes with five Miami Indians by way of the Bay of Fetid (Green Bay). The former an envoy of Christendom, clothed in the coarse habit of his order, and presenting with his humble followers a marked contrast to the mail-clad conquistadores of the militant De Soto. Not animated with the spirit of greed backed by fire and fagot, but ambassadors of peace "firmly resolved to do all and suffer all for so glorious an enterprise," and promising, writes Marquette, "that if under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Immaculate they should discover the great river, he would give that name to the first mission he should establish among the new nation." Crossing Lake Winnebago (Oshkosh) they ascended the Fox river June 7th, portaging to the headwaters of the Wisconsin at Mascoutens. Here, with two Miami guides, they re-launched their canoes on the broader courses of the vine-clad stream on the 10th, prepared "to follow those waters which would henceforth lead them into strange lands."

"Launched their birch canoes for sailing; Shoved them forth into the water; Whispering to them, 'Westward!'"

Descending the Wisconsin, past swaying forest and waving beds of rice, they attained the limit of all previous discoveries and gazed in awe upon the wondrous vista of a new world that lay spread before them. For seven days, uninterrupted by man, they exploited an unspeakably

MARQUETTE AND JOLIET ATTACKED BY INDIANS ON THE MISSISSIPPI



"In vain I showed the calumet * * * to explain that we had not come as enemies."

—Marquette's Journal.

beautiful wilderness—the land of the bison and the moose (the bezhiki and ahtik)—until June 17th, when, on rounding a promontory, their canoes, ere they well realized it, were rocking on the turgid bosom of the still greater river—the Father of Waters, "that stretched in glistening majesty for countless miles towards an unknown sea."

To give in detail the itinerary of these two courageous adventurers would fill a pentateuch. The scant limits of these pages permit but the briefest summary of their accomplishments. On the 25th of June, when nearing the 40th degree of north latitude, they saw footsteps on the river bank. Disembarking, Marquette and Joliet followed the trail through the forest. Suddenly three Indian villages burst upon their sight. Priest and trader halloaed with all their strength, when four old braves advanced, two bearing red calumets—pipes of peace—adorned with feathers of the white eagle and other plumes. "Who are you?" asked Marquette; "We are Ilinois"—'The Men'—they answered; "and in token of friendship," says Marquette, "presented us their pipes to smoke." Conducted to the residence of the great Sachem, the travellers were assured that "they should enter all the cabins of the tribe in peace." After "feasting on sagamity and dog-meat," and being warned of the dangers that confronted them, undeterred they continued the descent of the rolling river.

They passed the Painted Rocks (where Alton now stands), and twenty leagues from the camp of the Ilini's reached the junction of the Pekitanoni (Missouri), and twenty leagues further the confluence of the Ouaboukigon (the Ohio); nor tarried until they entered the domain of the warlike Chicachas (Tuscaroras), who showed them rosaries, guns and knives traded with the Spaniards in Florida, and declared they were now but ten days' journey from the sea. At the village of Mitchigamea, near the mouth of the St. Francis, they encountered a hostile tribe armed with arrows, axes and bucklers, who threatened them from their periaguas with every sign of hostility. "In vain," writes Marquette, "I showed the calumet and made gestures to explain that we had not come as enemies." Having pacified the Chicachas by "presents and fair words," they pushed on beyond the confluence of the Arkansas and beached their dripping canoes among the reeds at

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ARRIVAL OF MARQUETTE AT THE CHICAGO RIVER



"Passing two leagues up the river we resolved to winter there * * * being detained by my illness."

—Marquette's Journal,



css.'' rquette's Journal. Akamsea, not far from the village of Guachoya, where, 131 years before, De Soto's rude sepulture had taken place. Here they encountered a tribe of naked savages, whose "only trade was wild cattle, who spoke a Mexican dialect, claimed descent from the Aztecs, and had never seen snow."

"Jollyet and I," writes Marquette, "held a council as to what we should do; whether push on in the face of certain capture by hostile tribes, with loss of valuable records, or rest satisfied with the discoveries already made." These "sufficient reasons induced them to return." They re-embarked at Akamsea July 7th, but the labor of stemming the boisterous currents of the Mississippi drove them to the more placid waters of the Illinois, when, without further misadventure, by way of Kaskaskia and the Chicago river they reached Winnebago the end of September; having paddled in all over 2767 miles through solitudes hitherto undisturbed by the "pale-face."

Marquette's constitution proved unequal to the exposures incident to the journey. Whilst Joliet was hurrying to Quebec with the written story of their adventures—which he lost in the rapids of the St. Lawrence—his priestly companion, worn out with disease, was compelled to spend the ensuing summer at St. Francis Xavier (Baie de Puant), but receiving instructions to re-visit the Illini, he embarked upon a second expedition October 25th, 1674. By the end of November biting frosts and blinding snow-storms invited a return of his malady, and when on December 4th the Chicago river became frozen, and his Indian allies deserted him, too ill to proceed, he "passed two leagues up the river, resolved to winter there," where he was nursed by some French traders and friendly Miamis. On the unlocking of the streams he made another gallant attempt, March 29th, to reach the village of Kaskaskia. In spite of his physical afflictions he landed there on Good Friday, April 8th, receiving a royal welcome from the 500 chiefs and 1500 young men assembled to greet him. To this multitude "he preached a crucified Christ took possession of the land in His name," and having accomplished the objects of his journey—the establishment of an Illini mission—and realizing that he was near his end, he departed hurriedly on the homeward journey for Mackinaw, escorted to Lake Michigan by a body-guard of loyal Kaskaskias.

THE DEATH OF MARQUETTE



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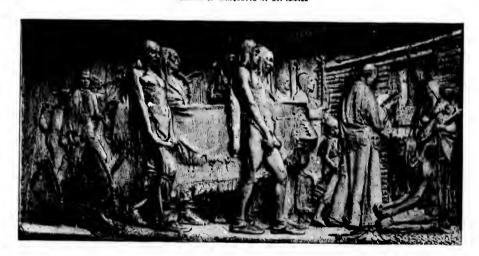
Arriving at St. Joseph, on the east shore of Michigan, he grew rapidly weaker, and while his simple companions were prostrated with grief, he calmly instructed them how to commit his body to the earth. Passing the mouth of a small stream—which for some time after bore his name—he pointed to a wooded eminence as the place for his burial. Here the cancemen landed, erected a bark cabin, and with savage tenderness made such provision for the dying missionary as the rude facilities permitted. "In the darkling wood," writes his biographer, "amid the cool and silence the priest knelt down, and offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks and supplication." Having confessed his followers, on the 18th of May, 1675, he pronounced in a firm voice his profession of faith, thanked the Almighty for permitting him to die as a Jesuit, a missionary and alone, and with glazed eyes raised heavenwards "passed without a struggle from the scene of his labors to that God who was to be his reward." "To die as he had always asked," says Father Claudius Dablon, "in a wretched cabin amid the forest, destitute of all human aid."

Thus expired Father James Marquette, missionary and explorer, of the Province of Champagne, at the age of 38 years, nine of which he had consecrated to the conversion of pagan Indians in forests "where the name of Jesus had never been announced," and with all the zeal of a man

who had taken St. Francis Xavier as the pattern of his life.

Under the fleeting shadows of the voiceless pines Marquette's remains rested undisturbed for two years. Then, almost on the very anniversary of his death, some of his own flock, the Kiskakous, returning from a hunt, halted and made obeisance before the rude cross that marked his burying place, resolved "to disinter their father and bear his revered bones to the mission." The remains were placed in a box of birch-bark—a most humble casket—and the hunting squadron became a funeral cortege. As the weird procession with splashless paddles wound its silent way northwards it was joined by a party of Iroquois Indians and, nearing Mackinaw, by the two resident missionaries. Then the cold blue waters of Michigan and the sombre forests awoke to "the solemn intonation of the De Profundis," while the body was borne to the little Church of St. Ignace,

BURIAL OF MARQUETTE AT ST. IGNACE



"The De Profundis was intoned * * * the body was then carried to the church."

— Dablon's Narrative.

where "deposited in a small vault under the floor of the log chapel, "writes the faithful Dablon, "it regoses as the guardian angel of the Ottawa mission."

Crude as this presentation of historic truths undoubtedly is, it may help to accent the fact that to France and the Society of Jesus America is indebted for "originating the purpose of discovering the Upper Mississippi," and for the establishment of Christianity in its fecund valley. However unworthily unpalatable this fact may be to a prejudiced few, it cannot be denied that it was the much-abused Jesuit who led in the exploration of our western solitudes. "Not a cape was turned, not a river entered but a Jesuit led the way, mingling business with suffering, and winning enduring glory."

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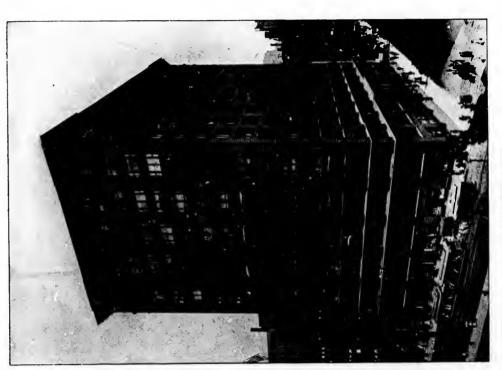


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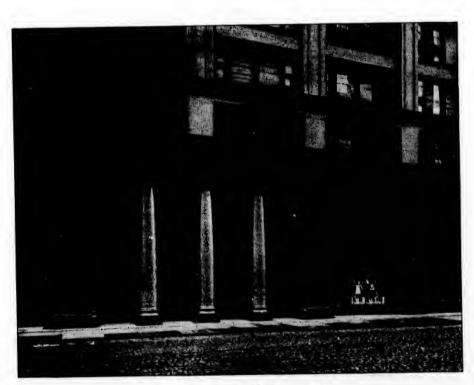
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ERE MARQUETTE, if the statements of his biographers can be accepted, was not only an explorer but a man of prescience. In view of this fact it requires little tax of the imagination to cast a retrospect and picture the missionary while wintering in his rude cabin on the banks of the Chicago river casting—in his turn—a horoscope, and sermonizing, to the amazement of his Pottawatomie converts, upon the magical changes in local conditions that the future centuries would bring. It is safe to hazard that he

prophecied the day when the frail birch-bark would make way for the monster escotai chemahn—"fire canoe"—bearing vast cargoes from old France, by way of the St. Lawrence and the great lakes, and without breaking bulk, down artificial inland waterways in the descent of the Father of Waters to the sea. It is not unreasonable to assume that he also saw, perhaps as "through a glass darkly," the passing of the wigwams of the Miamis and the log shacks of the coureurs-des-bois on the river's marshy banks, and of the Babelesque structures of stone and steel—beehives of the industry of a polyglot people, before which the marts of the older world might easily pale. Notwithstanding the quality of Marquette's prophetic gift, it is doubtful if in his wildest flights of fancy he conceived of a structure such as that which bears his name—a legacy of his achievements—and which stands today a permanent "arrangement" in terra-cotta, opposite the site of the new postoffice, on the northwest corner of Adams and Dearborn streets—a pivotal business point in the heart of the hurly-burly of irrepressible Chicago.

"The MARQUETTE" is without doubt one of the best and most typical of the modern office buildings in this country. With its classical lines and seal brown exterior it is distinctly distinguishable from its many and less imposing neighbors in "Dearborn Street Cañon." Its 16 stories tower skywards 210 feet above grade, and from its broad gravelled top, crowning its ten-foot attic, the inquisitive visitor can obtain a wonderful birds-eye view—governed by the way the wind blows—of

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MARQUETTE BUILDING-DEARBORN STREET ENTRANCE

Chicago's leagues of roofs and thoroughfares, and of the prismatic vastness of lawless Lake Michigan. The Marquette has a frontage of 115 ft. on Adams street, 190 ft. on Dearborn street, and extends back 141 ft. along the 16-ft. alley at the north. The area of the lot is 24,190 sq. ft., all utilized by the building. Above the 1st story it is "U" shaped, with a short "L" projecting into the court. This interior court is 66 x 68 feet, and at the line of the second floor in its base is a large skylight. The walls of this court are faced with white enamelled brick, easily cleaned, and insuring additional light to all offices facing courtwards. For 88 feet along the alley side the building is set back 12 feet from the lot line.

The area of the building from 2d to 7th floors, inclusive, is 18,980 sq. ft.; of this 5,210 sq. ft. is devoted to the courts. The projecting "L" is not carried above the 7th floor, giving 18,331 sq. ft. as the remaining area of the building and 5,879 sq. ft. of court.

The construction throughout is fireproof, "skeleton" construction. The columns, girders and beams are of steel and are hot riveted. The foundations are steel beams imbedded in concrete. All columns, exterior and those built into the party wall are surrounded by porous terra-cotta, which in turn is covered with a heavy coat of cement plaster, thus insuring the highest degree of protection from fire—either from within or without. Mineral paint, which forms an armor coat when dry, prevents deterioration of the steel. The exterior is of seal brown pressed brick and terra-cotta. The first story—entrance excepted—the attic cornice and sill courses being all of the same rich material and highly ornamented. The supporting piers of the exterior are about 23 ft. apart, a most practicable unit for sub-division, giving about 11 ft. clear for each private office. The general style of the exterior is Italian Renaissance. The Dearborn street entrance, which is generously ample, extends upwards to the second floor line, the architrave being supported by three handsome Ionic columns of granite, with polished shafts and bases weighing about ten tons each.

The woodwork throughout the interior is of Tabasco mahogany which, with specially designed hardware in German silver, gives a marvellously rich effect. The partition glass is all



MARQUETTE BUILDING-NORTH-WEST CORNER

Florentine. The general toilet room is located on the 16th floor, adjoining the barber shop. The special toilet room for ladies is on the 7th floor. All of these, the corridors and the barber shop, have ceramic tile floors and marble wainscoting. The latter is handsomely fitted up with seven mahogany chairs and cases, French plate glass mirrors and a suspended ceiling of Venetian glass. The eleven hydraulic passenger elevators and one freight elevator are arranged in a semi-circle, enclosures above the 2nd floor are of Bower-Barffed iron; also the stairways, which have marble treads and ornamental risers and baluster with mahogany hand-rail.

In the attic are the janitor's quarters, storage space, and artists' studios, specially constructed with a view to light. In the basement are the elevator pumps, boilers and other machinery, besides a large refrigerator plant in which Grommes & Ullrich's immense stock of costly wines is kept at a given temperature. While the entire building is piped for gas, most of the offices are lighted by electricity (Edison service,) with wires in brass conduits. Generally, two private offices occupy the front of each suite, leaving a general office about 11 x 22 ft. on the corridor side. All general offices are supplied with telephone and coat closets, and hot and cold water.

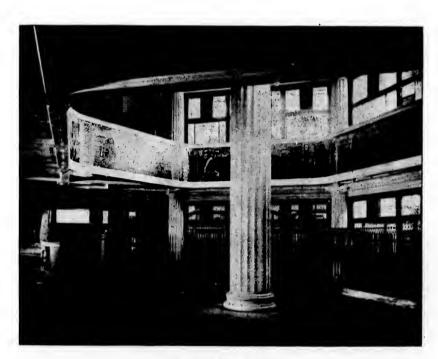
In designing the building, the architects tried to give prominence to the supporting line of columns on the exterior by recessing and subordinating the curtain walls between them and treating them as piers or buttresses, thereby adding force to the design by emphasizing the structural lines; additional strength was given to the entrance by projecting the piers on either side of the main entrance to the top of the second story, and between the three central supporting columns and by making all the material enclosed in that space of polished granite, including all columns, pilasters, jambs, soffits, lintels and architraves. Over the main entrance doors are plates of ornamented statuary bronze, the panther heads on the push-plates of the doors being designed and executed by Mr. Edward Kemeys, the animal sculptor whose work at the World's Fair received wide recognition. Over the doors of the main entrance are bronze reliefs, designed and executed



MARQUETTE BUILDING-NORTH END DEARBORN STREET

by Mr. Herman A. MacNeil, a faithful student of Indian characteristics, illustrating incidents in the life and of the death of Pere Marquette. The floors of the first and second stories are cream-colored fields of ceramic mosaic, with borders in design, of black and dark green tesserae. Over each elevator door on the first and second floors, are portraits modeled by Mr. Edward Kemeys in antique statuary bronze, of prominent officials of Noveau France, noted Indian sachems and of the early explorers of the great Northwest and the Mississippi valley.

owners, wishing to reduce the commercial appearance of the entrance, while increasing its artistic effect, sacrificed a large space in the center of the building for the purpose of a memorial rotunda in honor of Marquette. After much outlay of time and money, how well they succeeded, with the help of artist, sculptor, architect and constructor, in producing a monument worthy of the explorer and all concerned is best demonstrated to those who have not beheld its architectural and artistic completeness by the illustrations that embellish these pages. On the right and left, as one enters from Dearborn street, broad lined white marble stairways lead to the 2d, or "banking floor," the marble of these, as of the panels covering the walls, of ceiling panels and of the beams of the 1st story are all of statuary Carrara marble. This rotunda is admittedly without a parallel in any business building in the United States. Polygonal in outline, entrance and vestibule occupy the eastern central portion, while the semi-circular battery of elevators fill the western, back of which are broad windows and a spacious court. On entering, ones attention is arrested by the massive fluted column of this same Carrara marble, which, glistening like porphyry, extends from the floor line to the 2nd story ceiling, through the well hole, where it supports the ceiling beams—of the same marble—which radiate from it to the angles of the polygon, forming panels, in which the Tiffany Glass & Decorating Co., of New York, have inserted some of their finest glass mosaic work from designs by Mr. J. A. Holzer. The panels are lighted by electricity, mellowed by ground glass globes which shed over the whole a soft, subdued light, revealing and enhancing the artistic jumble of the delicate tints. These panel decorations of glass mosaic and mother-of-pearl



MARQUETTE BUILDING-ROTUNDA

on the face of the balcony—4 feet 3 inches in width—between the 1st and 2nd floor, consist of three pictorial tablets descriptive of leading events in the career of Marquette, showing also the armour and weapons of the period, and heads of Marquette and Joliet.

The impression produced upon the spectator on entering the rotunda and glancing upwards at the opalescent ceiling of the second story, at the satin gloss of the marble work, the deliciously delicate tints of the mosaic balcony pictures, the flashing tapestries of glass and the contrasting bronzes of Indian heads is a thrilling and a lasting one.

To Mr. Owen F. Aldis, one of the owners of the structure, who has made a translation of Marquette's journal, is due the credit for the original christening of the building. It was he also who suggested the inscriptions and the immortalizing in bronze of the now famous men connected with the discovery of the Mississippi.

The architects of the building are Messrs. Holabird & Roche, of continental reputation, and the constructors the Geo. A. Fuller Company, the widely known contractors, both of Chicago.



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Whilst a balo of mystery bas belped to canonize the Morth Amers ican Savage both quick and dead, bis exploits bare, for the most part, been sung with but scant regard for originality. In the great sea of extent Indian literature there are few legends so exquisitely saturated with the spirit of earth, sky, forest and stream, so aboriginal in their flavor, so instinct with redskin tradition, superstition and character, as the story of the conception of Little Pantber, des-cribed on the vellum pages of a bronze bound unpublished manuscript by Remeys, the sculptor. A surreptis tious glance at these painted sheets ot parchment, beld in place by a moose skin thong, has disclosed the following facts. The wonderful qualtto of Mr. Remeys text must be left to the imagination: * * * Late in the sixteenth century lived Wabite Chunder, a chief of the Seneca tribe of the great Troquois nation. Dis placed disposition failed to satisfy the demands of a warlike people. While the clamor for a combative



leader waxed strong, White Thuns der's wife pondered silently over the mystery of a new life that stirred within ber. The son must not, nay! should not be like the father! * * * from a spell of deep introspection she fell into a profound dream. Its realism penetrated ber very soul. * * * Bbe was in a cave in the slumberous solitudes of the forest. Out of its sombre shadows blaged the malignant eyes of a pantber. Its leonine silbouctte arose before ber indistinctly distinct. Ferocity and power were embodied in its bateful glance and cat-like form. * * * Re she pleaded in her dream with the Great Spirit to endow her bushand's son with all of the savage instincts of the beast before ber, there stirred within ber the responsive acqueiss cence of a quickened soul. * * * And so in course of time Little Pantber's fame as chief of the Senecas, a brave of wondrous cunning and courage, filled the bearts of his people with admiration and amagement.

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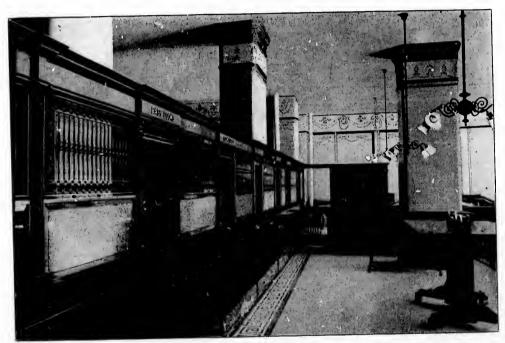


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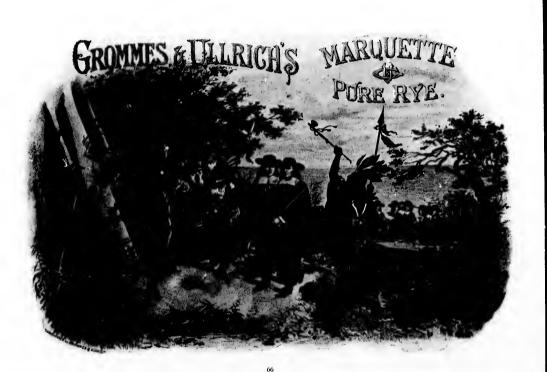
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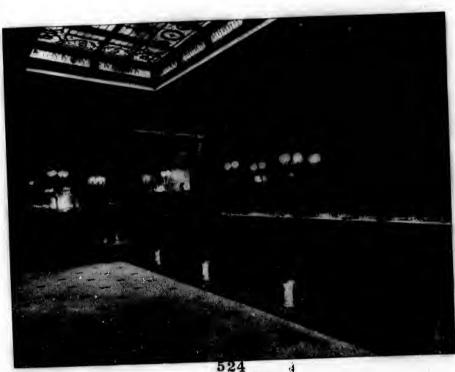
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