

DIAGRAM OF SAN FRANCISCO AND THE AREA SWEEPED BY FIRE.

Among the buildings destroyed are: 1, ferry house; 2, postoffice; 3, Merchants' Exchange; 4, Occidental hotel; 5, Crocker building; 6, San Francisco Chronicle building; 7, Phelan building; 8, office building; 9, Donohue building; 10, O'Brien building; 11, city hall; 12, Mechanics' pavilion (used as a hospital); 13, old Spreckels building; 14, Academy of Sciences; 15, Flood building; 16, Claus Spreckels building, office of the San Francisco Call; 17, Palace hotel and Grand hotel.

WILD SCENES IN STREETS

Party of Philadelphians Passed Horrors of Earthquake and Fire.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 23.—J. C. Gill, a retired member of the firm of King, Hillman & Gill, of Philadelphia, arrived in this city from San Francisco, where with his party he passed through the horrors of the earthquake and subsequent fire.

Mr. Gill and his wife and several prominent Philadelphians spent the winter in Honolulu and on the coast. The party were guests at the St. Francis Hotel Wednesday morning. Besides Mr. Gill, there were in the party Mr. E. W. Aumont, a retired officer of the Girard Trust company, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Aumont, Miss Florence Aumont, Miss A. M. Haehlen and J. Millard Kessler.

"Mrs. Gill and myself were in a room on the third floor of the hotel," said Mr. Gill. "We were awakened by the rocking of our beds. Then they seemed to be lifted from their legs, suspended in the air and as suddenly dropped, while the plaster began cracking and falling. We arose and left our room after putting on a few clothes. We felt that with every step we were treading on glass and that the 10 stories above us would fall, not allowing us to escape alive. But once outside the building and with our friends, I began to realize what had happened.

"With hundreds of others we roamed in the park in front of the hotel several hours. When we saw the fire hemming in the lower part of the city we walked toward the outskirts and were sheltered for a time at 1317 Jones street by Miss McEwen. Early next morning we decided to leave the city and started for the ferry. Policemen would stop us, and it was with difficulty and much trepidation that we walked through the burned district and arrived 15 minutes before the boat left.

"The scenes we passed through were sickening and indescribable. I fancy that scores of men, wharf rats, who had looted wholesale liquor houses and were maudlin drunk, were burned to death without being the wiser of their condition.

"The air was filled with the roar of explosions. Firemen, soldiers and citizens were dynamiting great blocks. Sailors were training guns to rake rows of residences.

"All the while we were moving onward with the crowd. Cinders were falling about us. At times our clothing caught fire—just little embers that smoked once and went out. The stinging cinders burned our faces and we used our handkerchiefs for veils."

MILLIONS FOR RELIEF

Money and Supplies Flowing Toward Stricken Californians.

New York, April 23.—The voiceless appeal of San Francisco has been heard throughout the civilized world. From every city and town in this country, from European capitals and from the far eastern communities comes news

that all humanity, in expressing its sympathy, is also offering every material assistance. Money and supplies are flowing toward the stricken California metropolis and the other cities by the Pacific affected by the recent disaster with a generosity unprecedented in history.

From the incomplete figures of the contributions which have been made, it is estimated here that the San Francisco fund has passed \$10,000,000. The United States appropriated \$2,500,000. In the list of generous contributors, New York ranks first. The fund amounts to approximately \$3,000,000, with contributions coming in fast.

The state of Massachusetts has undertaken to raise \$3,000,000, and with Boston's generous help is well on the way to the goal. Chicago's fund, spontaneously subscribed, is approaching \$1,000,000, and promises to go beyond that sum. Philadelphia will send \$500,000. These are but a few of the larger sums. A score or more of cities are contributing \$100,000 and more, while hundreds of municipalities are sending all their means will allow. From London, Paris, Berlin and wherever Americans are congregated, a generous in-

NAMING A TOWN.

How Abilene Came to Be Selected by Mrs. Hersey.

Abilene was named by the wife of the founder of the town, T. F. Hersey. With her husband she had come to central Kansas in the spring of 1857. They lived in a log house on the west side of Mud creek and were the first settlers on the town site, although no town then existed nor was there one until 1860. Then C. H. Thompson, who had moved to the county from Leavenworth, bought from the Kansas Pacific Railway company a tract east of Hersey's and laid out a town.

When it came to the naming of the future city Mr. Thompson went to Hersey and asked him to suggest a name.

"No," was the reply, "let my wife do it. She is a great reader." Mrs. Hersey was a graduate of a seminary in the east, and her little library, which she carried with her in her wanderings, was one of the ties that bound her to the girlhood life. She was a devout Methodist and knew her Bible from "cover to cover." When she was asked to name the town she turned to the New Testament for sug-



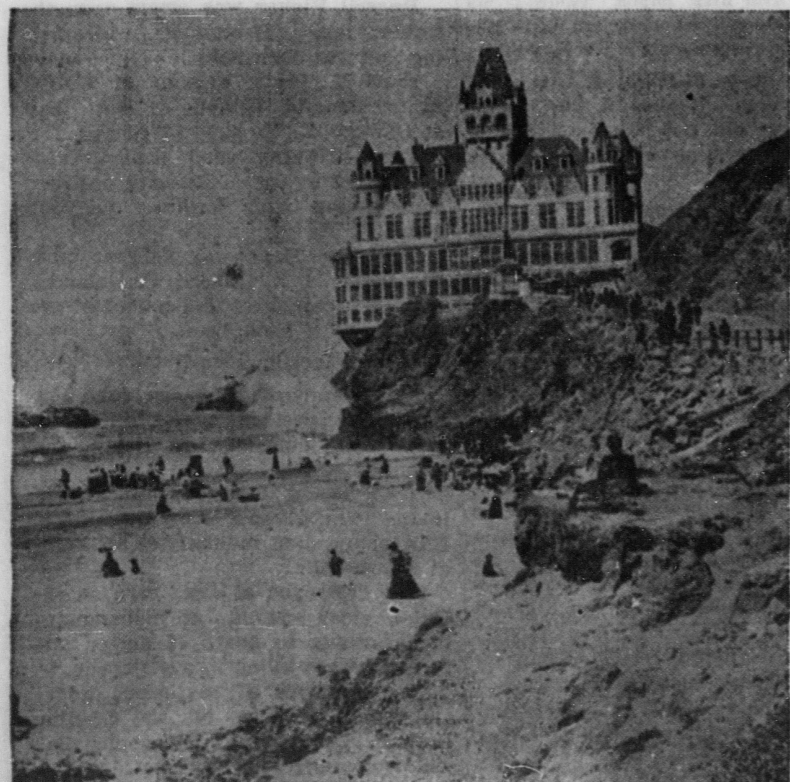
RESIDENCE OF CHARLES CROCKER.

flow of gold is reported.

Wholly foreign contributions, while deeply appreciated, are not to be accepted, according to the precedent established by the president in declining a gift of \$25,000 from a German steamship line. America, though touched by the evidences of foreign generosity, feels able to care for its own.

Nor is the work of raising relief funds confined to the large cities. From every section, every state, comes the news of contributions made by small towns. Not large in themselves, their aggregate will be enormous. Throughout the country theatrical performances are being planned, the proceeds to go to the relief fund.

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gestion. There, in the third chapter of Luke, first verse, she found this: "Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea... and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene." "Call the town 'Abilene,'" said she. "It means 'City of the Plains,' and that exactly describes the location."

So Abilene it was, and in the fight for the county seat, wherein it contested with Newport, Smoky Hill and Union City, all long since passed away, good fortune attended it, and the new town became the county capital for the 375 dwellers then in Dickinson county. *Kansas City Star.*

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When the Evidence of Ghosts Sufficed to Hang Men.

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A farm servant declared that in the night a spirit had appeared to him declaring itself to be the ghost of the soldier, whose bones, it is said, lay still unburied. The highlander must see to their decent interment and have the murderers, two men named, brought to justice. The highlander promised, but did not keep his word, and a second and third time the spirit appeared and upbraided him for his breach of faith. Alarmed at last and

no longer daring to deny, the man called a companion and went to the spot which the spirit had indicated and there found the bones of the murdered warrior concealed in a moorland tract called the hill of Christie.

The story of the highlander came to the ears of an anti-Jacobite, who caused the matter to be brought to trial before the court of judiciary, Edinburgh. There the tale was corroborated by a woman who had seen a naked figure enter the place on the night spoken of by the man. It was an age of superstition in a district more than commonly given to superstition, and the jury seemed disposed to find the two men charged guilty of the murder, but it happened that the principal witness spoke only Gaelic. "Now," said the counsel for the defense, "in what language did the ghost speak?" "In as good Gaelic as I ever heard in Lochaber," was the reply. "Pretty good for the ghost of an English soldier," said counsel, and that question and comment saved the necks of the men at the bar. The jury could believe in a ghost, but not in an English ghost speaking Gaelic.—*London Standard.*

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