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Desperate and Heroic Work of Saving U.S. Mint

C AVING of the United States mint | would burn thrown into the yard. Sol-at San Francisco, which is the | diers and mint employes worked with at San Francisco, which is the marvel of all who know how the fire raged about it, goes to the credit of 40 brave mint employes and a company of coast artillerymen, says a special dispatch to the New York Press. The mint alone of all the buildings in its district, was spared from destruction, and it now stands alone in a district of black ruin. It is damaged, but in its treasure vaults its \$100,000,000 of specie lie safe.

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The mint did not merely escape burn-

diers and mint employés worked with utmost haste, throwing great timbers and tank stavés into the court. Here were 29 tanks of blue vitriol, the surfaces of which were soon covered with debris, into which increasing showers of cinders fell. Fortunately the mint possesse a good well, and Brady, the engineer, pumped water to the fire fightere assembled on the roof. "As the fire swept up Fifth street the heat increased to a dangerous dethe heat increased to a dangerous de-gree as one by one the Metropolitan hall and the historic Lincoln school burst into flames, reinforced by the roaring furnace of the Emporium. On the west the block bounded by Sixth words, encouraged his men to extin-

dow sills, whiel the floor was awash with diluted sulphuric acid. "Ankle deep in this soldiers and em-ployes stuck to the floor until the win-dows shattered and the inner walls be-gan to burn. Blinding and sufficiently smoke forced them to abandon the hose and retreat to the floor below. Down in the treasure valits artillerymen, ringed with blanket rolls and leaning on their rifles, coughed in the strang-ing smoke. Then came a luli the walls of a dozen brick buildings across the street had follen in. There was yet a fighting chance, so back to the upper story the firefighters returned lod by Supt. Leach, who, by example and

companies that were arranging with their banks for large advances a few days ago based their negotiations on the probability of having to stand a very large proportion of whataver property loss was actually involved.

CHILD'S SELF SACRIFICE.

Gave All Her Savings in Toy Bank to The Relief Fund.

A touching story of self sacrifice made by a little girl out of sympathy for the suffering children of San Francisco was told recently by a mem-ber of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Redeemer in Brooklyn, says the New York Times. The child's name is Marlon, and she lives in Dean street, She attends the Sunday school of the church. Saturday (April 21) was Ma-rion's birthday, and besides other gifts her father and her aunt each gave a dollar to her to place in her toy bank. In addition to this money the child had sixty-five pennles in the bank. bank.

bank. On the following Sunday Marion heard at the church that a collection for the relief fund was to be taken at the evening service. Marion had her father tell her about the disaster, and was greatly affected when told of the pight of the homeless children in San Francisco. That evening she insisted upon accompanying her aunt to church. When the San Francisco collection was taken up Marion astonished her aunt by dropping \$2.65 in the basket. "That's all I have," she whispered to the collector apologetically. When Marion reached home she made a timid and hesitating confession to her father.

to her father. "Did I do right, papa?" she asked

anxiously. The father just reached out and, folding the child in his arms, kissed her

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Chicago to San Francisco.

Fair sister of the sunset land. With aching heart and tear wet eyes, We think upon thy cruel wounds And listen to thy plaintive cries. Stunned at the sorrow thou dost bes Fair guardian of the Golden Gate, We ask in pity and despair bear,

Why thou hast suffered such a fate.

Fair sister, prostrate in thy wee. We can but ery to thee: "Take heart; Our hands shall bind thy aching wounds.

For dear indeed to us thou art.

Has borne us down, ah, cruelly: Fair sister by the placid bay, A sister's tears are shed for thee."

-S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record- Her-

Big Fires Compared With 'Frisco's.

ance loss in the great conflagrations of modern times, not including that of San Francisco, says the New York World: The following table shows the insur-

Great London (England) fire.\$25,000,000





SKYSCRAPER THREE FEET OUT OF PLUMB.

and Market streets on the north gave

It was saved at the risk of life | itself by the corps of defenders, for they were for hours surrounded on all they were for hours surrounded on all sides by fire so widespreading that not a man could have escaped allye if the mint, too, had burned. With flames that often shot 200 feet pressing on all four sides and frequently sweep-ing clear over the building, the men fought in floods of sulphurle acid to, as one put it. "Snatch the building safe one put it, "snatch the building safe from the jaws of hell." More than \$100,000,000 in coin and

specie are stored in the vaults of the mint, and for the preservation of this prize the guards fought for seven hours continuously a sea of fire surg-ing around the mint all the time, and garrison cut off from retreat for ours at a time. Harold French, an employe of the

Harold French, an employe of the mint, recently gave a praghic account of how the flames were successfully fought off from the old granite build-ing at Fifth and Mission streets. "After the fire has swept past the Mission street side and the certainty of its returning from the north became apparent, Captain of the Watch Laws ordered everything on the roof that

the gravest concern, for from this quar-ter the fire was certain to rage in its fury. Fanned by a roaring northerly wind the flames rioted through the structures stretching from the Windsor hotel to the Emma Spreckles build-ing. Sheets of fire 200 feet high licked up the intervening houses in Mint ave-nuc. Augmented by these tinder boxes the blast of the fire burst fiercely on the northwest corner of the mint.

the northwest corner of the mint. "A few desperate fighters under for-mer Fire Chief Kennedy of Oakland were driven from between the totter-ing chimneys, where the determined men had been throwing buckets of wa-ter upon the blazing zoof over the gold refinery, which was on top of the copper roof of the mint. It is largely due to the experience of former Chief Kennedy that the tar covered roof, the weakest spot of all, was saturated with sufficient water to stay the flames. "When the fire leaped Mint avenue

"When the fire leaped Mint avenue in solid masses of flame the refinery men stuck to their windows as long as the glass remained in the frames. Sev-enty-five feet of a one inch hose played a slender stream on the blazing win

guish the blazing inner woodwork of the refinery. "The root was next ewept by a hose, cooling the copper sheathed surface until it became passable for wet, acid soaked feet. An army officer, ax in hand, tore up sections of blazing tar, roof, beneath which a stream of wa-ter was directed. At length, as dawn drew near the mod was pronounced drew near, the must was pronounced out of danger. "The mint presents a scorched and glassless front on the north and west, and the towering smokestacks are to be torn down, but the building is intact and the plant is unharmed and ready for a resumption of work." ----WAR AGAINST CONSUMPTION.

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Chicago fire, 1871. 190.000,000 New York fire, 1835. 20.000,000 Pittsburg, 1845. 6,000,000 Albany, 1848. 3,000,000 Portland, Me., 1866. 15,000,000 They are good returning until October 31, 1906, and permit stop-overs at and west of the Missouri River. 80,000,000

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