

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, one of the largest cities in the world, is the metropolis of the West of the United States, bearing the same relation to this part of the country as New York City bears to the East.

The history of San Francisco begins with 1769, when Gaspar de Portola discovered San Francisco Bay. In 1775 Don Juan Manuel de Alaya, in the ship San Carlos, entered the harbor, the first vessel to sail through the Golden Gate. The name given to the first settlement was Yerba Buena, signifying good herb. The present name was substituted in 1847. The city was incorporated in 1850 with a population of 34,000.

San Francisco is situated on the tip of a peninsula and covers forty-six and one-half square miles, which separates the great Bay of San Francisco from the Pacific Ocean.

The bay, bordered by mountains, is sixty-five miles long and from four to ten miles wide.

The area of the bay is 450 square miles, with seventy-nine square miles of safe anchorage, eighteen to sixty feet in depth.

The world-famed Golden Gate is the outlet. It is one and one-eighth miles wide, with a depth of sixty-three fathoms.

It was named Golden Gate by General Fremont because of its resemblance to the Golden Horn at Constantinople.

The eleventh anniversary of the great fire of April, 1906, finds few vestiges of the ruin then wrought. A new city of imposing modern structures occupies the ground where before stood the many examples of architectural variety evolved during the last half of the nineteenth century.

SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR

San Francisco has the largest land-locked harbor in the world.

In area the Bay of San Francisco covers 420 square miles and has a shore line, exclusive of navigable inlets, of 100 miles. The city and county (consolidated) of San Francisco has a water frontage on the bay of ten miles. The total berth space of all piers is 50,000 lineal feet. The dock area of all piers is 3,672,000 square feet.

The San Francisco harbor front is owned by the State of California. The new docks and wharves are being built under a \$10,000,000 State bond issue, the interest on same and all sinking and redemption funds being paid for out of the harbor revenues. The Embarcadero, the street fronting the harbor, is also owned by the State, which operates a Belt Line Railroad over its entire length.

All of the passenger and freight steamers sailing from San Francisco leave from the San Francisco side of the bay, with the exception of some small lumber schooners. Direct steamer connections may be made from here to all points along the Pacific Coast or North and South America, Siberia, Japan, China, the Philippines, the Orient, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, as well as services through the Canal to Atlantic Coast points and Europe.

San Francisco is one of the healthiest cities in the world. The cool, invigorating weather makes it the best of summer resorts. Flowers are sold on the principal street corners the year round.

WATER SYSTEM

The average daily consumption of water in San Francisco, supplied by the Spring Valley Water Company, a private institution, is 39,000,000 gallons. The maximum consumption has been approximately 44,000,000 gallons, according to the figures of the Railroad Commission of California. A bond issue of \$45,000,000 has provided for the construction of the great Hetch-Hetchy project, which will supply San Francisco of the future with an entirely adequate water supply—400,000,000 gallons a day, if necessary. Hetch-Hetchy valley is situated 160 miles east of San Francisco. It is expected that the system will be completed in 1923. The construction calls for a \$6,000,000 aqueduct, a \$4,000,000 dam and a \$2,000,000 railroad among the items.

LIGHT AND POWER PLANTS

There are five large electric light and power plants in San Francisco, and two big gas plants. There is abundant power to supply the manufacturing establishments. San Francisco is splendidly lighted. Market street at night is a "Path of Gold" from the Civic Center to the Ferry Building.

STREET RAILWAYS

With 500 miles of paved streets, San Francisco has 350 miles of street railways, trolley and cable. Owned and operated by the city are the following lines: Geary street, from the Ferry to the Ocean, also from Ferry to Golden Gate Park; Van Ness avenue; Union street from Ferry to Presidio; Stockton street from Market to Fort Mason; Potrero avenue from Twenty-fifth street via Van Ness avenue to Fort Mason.

The California street and Hyde and Larkin lines are the properties of the California Street Railway Company.

All other lines in the city are the property of the United Railroad Company. On the principal lines all-night service is maintained.

PARKS

San Francisco has thirty-two parks, varying in size from 1013 acres in Golden Gate Park to a city half-square. Golden Gate Park is three and one-half miles long from the eastern end to the Pacific ocean. It was originally a barren stretch of shifting sand hills, but is now clothed in grass, trees and vines brought from every country in the world; is dotted with lakes, waterfalls, Japanese tea garden, aviary, menageries, playgrounds, music amphitheater, conservatory, museums, statuary, Dutch windmills, and the Gjoa, the Norwegian sloop in which Captain Amundson made the northwest passage; and many other objects of interest. The latest addition to the park is the first unit of the great Academy of Science museum with its fine collection. An added and permanent addition to the Memorial Museum is now under way.

Portsmouth Square lies west of Kearny street between Clay and Washington. It was originally called the Plaza when set aside in 1835. At this time the water front was but one block away, at Montgomery street.

THE PRESIDIO

The Presidio occupies the territory immediately north of the Golden Gate, and is the largest military reservation within city limits in the United States. Its area is 1542 acres. A large part is wooded with pine and eucalyptus. It was founded in 1776 by Juan Bautista Anza, who led an expedition overland from Sonora, Mexico, for the purpose. Here was established the first permanent settlement in what is now San Francisco, although the Mission was