

City served by 4 transcontinental railroads, as follows: Southern Pacific, Western Pacific, Santa Fe and Great Northern; also Northwestern Pacific; also served by 137 steamship companies.

Amusements: There are approximately 75 theaters, with a total seating capacity of approximately 100,000 persons. Largest theater or auditorium seats about 12,000 persons.

Hospitals number 32.

Education: Number of schools, 184 public, including 20 high schools and a number of parochial and diocesan schools. Number of pupils in public schools, 108,197; in private schools, 14,000.

There are 424,656 volumes in the libraries of the city.

City Statistics: Total street mileage, 870 miles, with 634 miles paved. Miles of gas mains laid, 1005; of sewers, 97 miles, main trunk; electric street railway, 368.46 miles. Capacity of water works (municipal), 48,000,000 gallons per day.

SAN FRANCISCO

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San Francisco is located centrally on the coast in 37° 47' 22-55" N. Latitude and 122° 25' 40-76" W. Longitude and situated on a peninsula bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, the north and east by the Bay of San Francisco and on the south by wooded hills and fertile valleys. Its elevation extends from sea level to 965 feet. The city covers an area of about 42.19 square miles and is built principally on hills. The population as of January 1, 1932, was 659,938.

The San Francisco Bay Region was discovered in July, 1769, by Don Gaspar de Portola's soldiers, who were seeking the Monterey Bay. In 1775 Don Manuel Ayala sailed the first ship through the Golden Gate into the San Francisco Bay. The San Carlos was the name of the vessel.

Years before, however, Sir Francis Drake brought his vessel, the Golden Hind, close to the Golden Gate and ran her ashore at what is now known as Drake's Bay. This was in 1579 and the first religious service in the English language was held on this continent by the chaplain of the Golden Hind.

In 1776 a land expedition commanded by Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza arrived on the San Francisco peninsula and established the Presidio and the Mission Dolores. In 1777 Padre Junipero Serra, father of the California missions, arrived in San Francisco. The settlement was known as Yerba Buena until 1847, when it became San Francisco.

In 1806 the Russians attempted to establish themselves in and about San Francisco. They established a settlement at Fort Ross, near Santa Rosa, but after a few years gave it up, disposing of all movable fixtures and arms to Capt. John A. Sutter of Sacramento.

In 1846 war was declared by the United States on Mexico and on July 9, 1848, Capt. John B. Montgomery of the United States Navy arrived in the sloop-of-war "Portsmouth" and raised the American flag in what is now Portsmouth Square; thus without great excitement San Francisco passed from Spanish to Mexican and finally American rule.

San Francisco's greatest excitement perhaps came with the discovery of gold in 1848. People rushed here by every known mode of transportation and in thousands. The population increased steadily and the port became the most important on the Pacific Coast, which position it has steadily maintained.

Because of the number of lawless individuals during the fifties, the citizens organized the Vigilance Committee and after a short campaign succeeded in ridding the city of the law breakers.

GOVERNMENT—San Francisco has a combined City and County Government functioning as a Municipal Corporation, which, beginning January 8, 1932, operates under a new Charter (Freeholders). Under this new Charter the Legislative Powers are vested in a Board of Supervisors which will consist of 15 members until January 8, 1934. Thereafter the number will be reduced to 11 members. The Administrative Powers are vested in a Mayor and a Chief Administrative Officer, who is appointed by the Mayor, and other officers elected by the people. The people elect the Mayor, Assessor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Public Defender, Supervisors, District Attorney, City Attorney, Municipal and Superior Court Judges and the members of the Board of Education.

The salary of the Mayor is \$10,000 per year and the major Departments under him include the Police, Fire, Park, Recreation, and Library, the Art Commission, the Utilities Commission, Civil Service Commission, and City Planning Commission.

The Chief Administrative Officer, appointed by the Mayor, receives a salary of \$12,000 a year and has under him the following Departments. Departments of Finance and Records, Purchasing, Real Estate,