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\$150,000 Improvements Made  
About Buildings in  
Washington.

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CONGRESSMEN WILL HAVE EV-  
ERYTHING AT FINGERS' END—  
NEXT SESSION EXPECTED TO  
BE OF STRENUOUS SORT.

By Ralph Whitesides.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Alterations and improvements in and about the capitol and the house office building which will cost about \$150,000 are being made under the direction of Superintendent Elliott Woods, who is rushing the work so that it shall be completed before congress convenes December 7.

For years the inadequacy of the elevator service on the house side of the capitol has been a source of constant complaint during sessions. This is being remedied by the construction of a new elevator shaft.

The house postoffice will be moved to the office building and the space vacated will be partially used by the new shaft. The old (present) elevator serving the southwest corner of the capitol will be closed to the public and reserved for members and the press exclusively.

Installation of the additional elevator on the house side will cost all told about \$20,000. Two additional elevators are to be fitted into the three compartment shaft in the north end of the office building at a cost approximately of \$10,000.

If present progress is maintained the stately approach to the north entrance of the house office building, which is to cost \$125,000, will be completed before congress convenes. The work is being pressed. The steel and brick structural work is nearly finished, and none of the marble facings have been laid.

Congress appropriated six years ago \$3,000,000 for building of the house office structure, which as then planned was to contain 280 rooms. The speaker subsequently insisted that the building should contain a room for every member and adequate committee rooms as well, but that under no circumstances should the appropriation be increased.

This was managed by reducing the interior of the enlarged structure to mere plainness and when completed by the erection of the marble flight at the north end, the building will have been achieved within the \$3,000,000 mark, notwithstanding there are more than 500 rooms instead of the 280 originally allowed for.

Those cute little electric railroads which were to have connected the senate and house office buildings with the capitol are not to be installed—at least not for the present, and perhaps not at all. The subways are to be finished with a coat of cement, hard and white and giving an excellent reflecting surface, but the travel in the subway will be in the good old way—a foot—except that freight will be handled on rubber tire electric trucks.

The running of electric cars just to carry members and attaches a distance of a couple of blocks, when the talking is perfectly good, seemed like needless expense. Critics might even convey the implication that congress has become nervous by luxury. And if there is anything the average congressman does on it is living among the "plain people."

To install an electric road over the recent routes from the capitol to the house building and from the capitol to the senate building, would cost about \$800,000 to \$1,000,000, it is estimated, and to operate it would cost about 1 per cent of that sum annually, perhaps more.

Taking these arguments into consideration the house building commission practically vetoed the railroad, and left the matter in the hands of Superintendent Woods who has decided to postpone the embarkation of the rail.

The additional facilities for the erection of business at the capitol will come none too soon, for the next session promises to be one of the busiest in history. It will have in anticipation the three climatic months of the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, and everybody expects that Mr. Roosevelt is a sort of a parting memento will be placed on the legislative branch the richest collection of suggestions and suggestions that he has ever put forward.

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## Uncle Sam Takes Greatest Precautions to Protect \$500,000,000 Stored in Philadelphia Mint

Impenetrable Cement and Steel Protections Surround Vaults Guarding Against Robbery and Fire—  
How Immense Hord of Money is Guarded.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 14.—Up to date safes and the most modern styles of vaults serve pretty well for the treasuries of our best banks and trust companies. So efficient, indeed, are those now constructed that the old fashioned bank robber has gone quite out of existence. The job demands nowadays a set of qualifications which have passed far beyond his powers. But though the usual modern methods in vogue for the protection of coin and jewels are in the highest degree efficient, yet they are insufficient to suit the government in its protection of the wealth of the nation. The modern American devices for bank protection are, to be sure, vastly ahead of those in the greatest government vaults in Europe, but good as they are they are not good enough to suit Uncle Sam. For him protection unheard of in any other time and place have been devised to safeguard the treasures of the nation.

The mint at Sixteenth and Spring Garden streets always contains coin and bullion which fluctuates in value each day between \$500,000,000 and \$750,000,000. One hundred millions of dollars of this amount is in silver dollars stored for several years in a room by itself, 100 by 55 feet in area. About \$300,000,000 is in gold coin, ready to be put in circulation or to be stored in the national treasury at Washington against the issue of a corresponding number of gold certificates. A million or two is in bronze and nickel coins. Finally, an amount of bullion varying from a small quantity to several hundred millions of dollars' worth occupies the four massive vaults designed for the uncolored metal.

Now how is this vast hoard—a hoard as great as that which Alexander the Great is said to have found in the treasury of the Persian kings when he destroyed their empire—protected?

### Walls of Greatest Strength.

First of all, the whole mint is embedded in a solid cement foundation about three feet deep. Concrete, as everyone knows, is one of the strong-

est of all known substances, and the most impervious to drilling or wear. Then on the interior, where the vaults are placed, comes a solid armor of battle-ship steel six inches thick, so strong that an expert working on it a week could scarcely make an impression, much less penetrate it by hand tools.

The vaults themselves are sunken deeply below the ground. Descending several flights of stairs and passing by doors guarded by a fearsome array of Mauser and Remington rifles, for use by the night guards, a long, fairly wide corridor of solid concrete masonry shows the entrances to the six vaults, one for the silver already referred to, one for all kinds of coinage, but mostly for gold, and the remaining four for the gold, silver and nickel bullion. The bronze bullion lies in another room by itself, but as a few dollars' worth of this substance makes an uncomfortably heavy load, it is not thought necessary to surround it with the minute safeguards used in the case of the precious metals.

The vaults themselves have a double Remington-Sherman combination. That to the outer door is known by the cashier only, Joseph D. Murphy; that to the inner door by the custodian of the vaults only, F. Lamberson. To enter a vault both men have to be together, and it is a rule of the department that both shall stay together till the inspection or other object for which the huge safe is opened is accomplished.

### Where Wealth is Hoarded.

Entering one of these great cages after five minutes' working at the combination, one finds himself in a huge room, partitioned off in fifteen compartments by steel gratings of the strongest kind. A straight passage six feet wide and the height of the chamber goes down the length of the room from the door. At the entrance are stored the bronze coins, the cents, about \$80,000 worth of them, but the amount varies from day to day. Next come the more precious nickel coins,

of which the value usually totals about \$300,000.

Beyond these storage places a steel grating door in the passage itself has to be opened, and then still another to get completely to the end of the room. All along the length of this passage-way, from the entrance to the vault to the end, are the compartments for the coins, separated from the passageway by exactly the same kind of gratings as those which divide the way itself into sections.

The bottom, the sides, and the top of this vault are lined with steel plates, and about the entire vault is the three-foot protection of concrete. Within the vault itself are the separate compartments, each locked. These compartments are examined shortly after the end of the fiscal year, and are then sealed by the examiners, so that any entrance to them would be impossible without breakage of the seals. In each compartment devoted to the storage of gold there is \$40,000,000 of the yellow metal. It is stored first in bags, which contain \$5,000 each, in half eagles, eagles or double eagles, and then these bags are arranged twenty on a shelf. Each shelf has thus \$100,000 on it. The shelves are arranged in rows downward, ten from top to bottom of the compartment, each row having thus \$1,000,000 in gold on it. There are forty of these rows altogether, so that \$40,000,000 is accommodated. Occasionally it is desired to place more than this sum in one compartment, and then more bags are squeezed into a shelf.

### Electrical Danger Alarm.

Electricity lights the entire section of each vault, and the electric current is so arranged that if it were possible for the vaults to be tampered with the electricity would immediately give notice outside that something was wrong.

A detachment of guards every night is stationed at the entrance to the stairways leading to the vaults themselves. Their orders are to shoot down anyone attempting an entry.

As explained, however, by Cashier

Murphy, although the precautions here are the same as those at the National treasury, to a certain extent the character of the treasures at the mint protect themselves. No man living could make off with a quarter of a million in gold. Fifty thousand dollars would be a huge load for anyone. Even the \$5,000 bags are not the most comfortable things in the world to carry. The same remarks apply to the silver with almost exactly thirty times more potency, as gold is now worth about thirty times the same weight of silver. The same thing is true of bullion.

"In a crowded city like Philadelphia," said Mr. Murphy, "it would be impossible for a theft to occur even on an express wagon bringing the bullion to the mint from the stations or piers. Deliveries to the mint are never made except in broad daylight. Hence it follows that if there were any loss it would have to be the work of a sneak thief and one, moreover, who was an extraordinarily rapid worker. The wagons are in charge of two men, and even if a thief managed for a moment to elude the vigilance of the two, his shift would be short. It is no easy task to run away with bullion. Try for yourself," continued the cashier, pointing to a pile of yellow bars, "hold that bar in your arms for five minutes."

It did not take more than half that time to prove the correctness of the assertion.

"Wouldn't be pleasant would it?" he continued "to run down the street hanging on to that piece of gold and with a mob at the back of you and several policemen showing up in front?"

"Every imaginable precaution, as you have seen is taken here, but there are some strange stories abroad of the way things are done. An old tale which is still alive in far away districts is that every visitor to the Philadelphia mint is stripped before leaving and searched all over. So many people have visited the new mint from out of town, however, that that myth seems to be pretty dead now.

"Another story was that we were so

careful about any gold that went up the refining furnaces that we sent armed sweepers over the roof of buildings in the neighborhood every night to collect the precious dust which had floated up the chimneys. Strange isn't it people think of the most improbable and useless matters, and the really important precautions amaze them when they come to learn of them?"

For the protection of the mint from fire a well drilled fire brigade has charge of the extinguishing apparatus. There are thirty-one fire stations located in the corridors and the rooms, throughout the building. The pressure on the fire pumps can be run up to 150 pounds. This force will throw a stream of water over the building.

At night every fifteen minutes thirty-one watchmen ring a signal notifying the watch in the telephone room that all is well. All these men carry revolvers during the night watch. If the signal from any watchman was not heard at the right time an instant alarm would be sounded.

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