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Greater Chicago Race
But Chicago's spirit was admirably expressed in a newspaper printed two days later in a job plant. It said:

"Looking on the ashes of 30 years' accumulations, the people of this once beautiful city have resolved that Chicago shall rise again."

It did. Before the ashes were cool, the wagons rumbled through the streets with building supplies, and new walls rose while other tottering and blackened ones were still being pulled down.

Within a week, banks had raked their safes from the ashes and resumed payment. Chicago even used its debris for improvement, by dumping it into the lagoon, that separated the railroad tracks from Lake Front Park, thus paving the way for the magnificent lake front development of today.

Within two years, Chicago had rebuilt and recovered to the point where it was holding the Interstate Industrial Exposition.

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Galveston Blotted Out
Perhaps the most sweeping of all municipal disasters was the Galveston flood and hurricane of 1900. In loss of life this disaster was the most terrible America has suffered.

Six thousand people were swept to death when the Gulf of Mexico literally piled up over Galveston and rushed 100 miles inland in a tidal wave. It was accompanied by a terrific hurricane which leveled almost all the buildings that withstood the tidal rush.

Galveston stood on a sand spit connected with the mainland by bridges. The sea wall was low, and there was no resistance and no inclination to heed warnings when disaster struck.

The city was practically blotted out of existence by the mountain of water which suddenly engulfed it. The first task was to bury the dead. But Galveston started immediately to rebuild on a larger, finer scale, and with facilities aimed at preventing any such disaster in the future.

A new sea wall was raised, 1 1/2 feet higher than the high water mark of the storm of 1900, or 7 1/2 feet above previous high water mark. A massive causeway replaced the flimsy bridges to the mainland, all of which had been swept away. This was in turn rebuilt in 1915, when its approaches were washed out in a storm. The whole grade of the city was raised from one to 15 feet.

Benefit Out Of Disaster
Galveston also got permanent benefits from the form of city government devised to handle the situation—a commission form known as the Galveston Plan, which has had great influence on municipal government throughout the United States.

The modern city of Galveston is a clean, splendid one, believed safe from any future catastrophe of this kind.

Baltimore dates her well-known civic consciousness from the great fire of 1904 which swept the entire business district for 30 hours. The loss of \$125,000,000 was terrific for that era. But rebuilding was complete within three years, and thereafter Baltimore led in development of high-pressure water and other fire-fighting facilities.

Greater diversification of industry and better city government were fire's legacy to Baltimore.

San Francisco Ravaged
Only two years later, another great disaster came. An earthquake shook in the San Francisco area destroyed water connections, and when fire broke out it raged for three days, driving before it a help-
less population. Even dynamite used to halt the flames gave out, and artillery was brought in to clear paths that would stop the rush. There were 450 dead, and

the business section, lay in ruins.
No sooner had the debris cooled than many buildings which had withstood both shock and fire were reoccupied, and the rebuilding of the city began. Modern steel buildings, resistant to earth shock and fireproof, rose on the ruins, and modern San Francisco fears nothing today, but goes ahead with the two finest bridges in the world and a triumphant exposition.

Dayton Made Safe
In 1913, Dayton, O., suffered \$100,000,000 of damage, and saw 400 people die in the lower Miami River valley when a flood swept down toward the Ohio.

But Daytonians buckled down and decided to do something about it. A system of dams was devised at a cost of \$32,000,000, stream-

ed, and the basin made so proof against floods that it has never had a worry all this spring, when Ohio and Mississippi river towns have either been inundated or crouched behind barriers and waited.

Chicago, Galveston, Baltimore, San Francisco, Dayton—all these are names that mean not only the courage to rise again from disaster, but the intelligence to take steps that mean "It will not happen again."

Biological survey figures show that hunters in the United States bag about 15,000,000 waterfowl annually, not counting the 7,500,000 which are crippled and lost.

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