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Good morning friends. Some one has said that those who were fortunate enough to attend one of the fairs this summer should share that experience with others. For that reason I'm going to tell a little this morning about San Francisco's Treasure Island.

We arrived at Oakland about six o'clock in the evening and crossed the bay to San Francisco by ferry. The best description I can give of the ferry is that it is like a depot on the water. There was a lunch counter, player piano, telephone directories, but no telephone.

We were fortunate to arrive in the evening just as neon lights are being lit so we gained a lovely view of San Francisco from the ferry. The towers of many buildings rose against a lovely sunset. From the ferry building we went up market street to our hotel which was located in civic center. Looking from the window of our 11th floor room we could see the federal building, the city library, city hall etc.

San Francisco is built on the toe of the boot shaped peninsula on a strip of territory about six miles long and seven miles wide. It covers about 44 square miles. From its hilly site on the peninsula it looks out on water on three sides. To the west is the the Pacific Ocean, to the east San Francisco Bay and to the northwest joining the two is the beautiful landlocked harbor - The Golden Gate. The 1930 census gave the city a population count of 634,394. Small wonder that when San Francisco began to look for an airport base for the China Clippers none was available. To meet this need Treasure Island was built in San Francisco Bay.

We left our hotel very early in the morning in order to reach the fair before the grounds became crowded. There are several ways to reach the fair. One is by ferry from the end of Market street. Street car fare is 7 cents and ferry tickets 10 cents. One may land on Treasure Island as a clipper ship passenger, or taxi or private cars may take

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you there. We decided to go by taxi because we wanted to cross the *San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge*. This bridge is approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and extends through *Yerba Buena Island*. It is double decked and has 6 lanes for automobile traffic on the upper deck, on the lower deck it has 3 traffic lanes for trucks and busses and 2 interurban electric lines. We had gone under this bridge the evening before on the ferry and here we were on the top deck. Off in the distance we caught a glimpse of Alcatraz, the Rock, and then the Tower of the Sun on Treasure Island rose 400 feet majestically through the fog. Our taxi turned from the bridge to the causeway *which connects the bridge to Treasure Island.* Almost immediately we were at the main entrance to the fair. *Treasure Island was constructed by building a retaining wall and filling it in with 20,000,000 cubic yards of sand and silt from the bay. The surface of the island was lifted 13 feet above high tide level. Its 400 acres were landscaped and planted with trees and shrubs. After the fair is over it will be the airport of the city. Even now the Pan American Airlines hangar on the grounds houses the China Clippers which come and go on their regular schedules to Hawaii and the Orient.*

Our taxi left us at the main entrance near which is the famous *25 acre* flower bed planted to represent a Persian carpet. From here we boarded an elephant train for a complete circle tour of the grounds. This cost 35 cents and gave us a good plan of the fair. We left the elephant train near the Federal Building so we began our morning sightseeing from this point.

The main entrance to the Federal exhibit comprises 48 pillars which represent the 48 states of the Union. They are arranged in the order of admission as states. On each pillar is the seal of that state. I looked until I found the Wisconsin pillar.

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Planned 1931
Conceived by Gen. Chamber
Commerce
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Hours

Most popular fiction is Non-fiction
grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck Elizabeth Page
Inside Asia - John Gunther Free of Liberty
Erich Remarque's - all quiet on the
Western Front - written by a German
John Galtor - goodbye
Mr. Chips -

3. School branches open
4. Suggestions for future programs
Book reviews
Travel talks
about authors - radio club
Wuthering heights
Emily Bronte

5. Helps for clubs, - Dr. David Bryn -
Church reading shelf
6. New registration on Latin America

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Cal. Bldge Community
Agriculture
Plant inspection
Crops - Irrigation

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