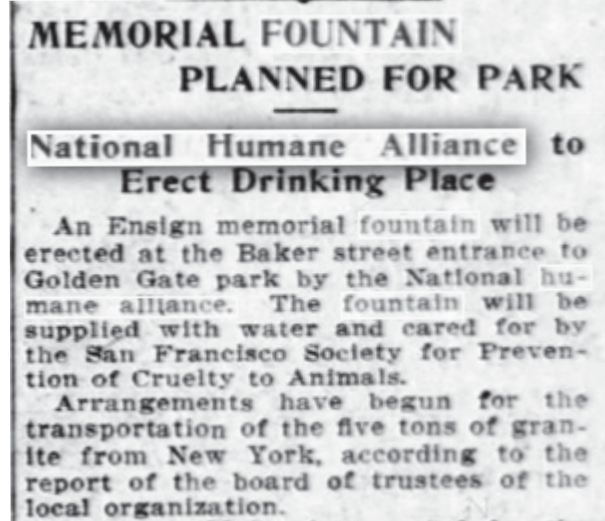


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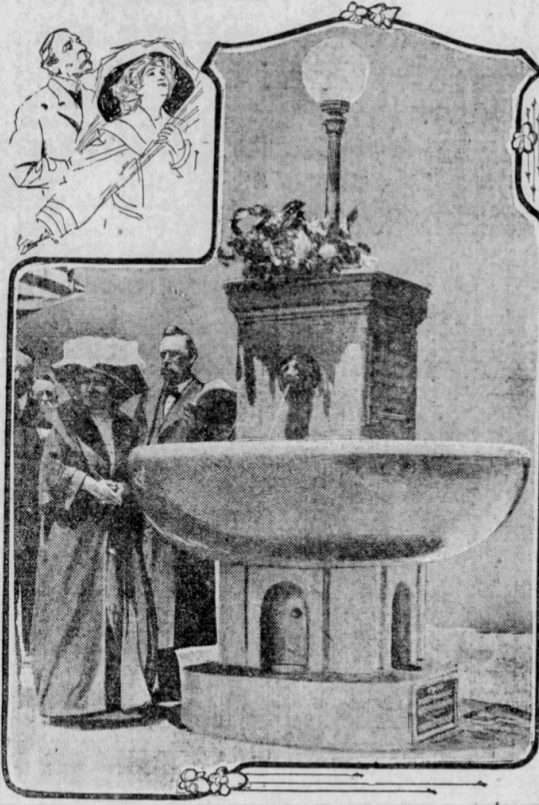
#### **Actress' Husband Heads Donor Society**

Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, the actress, who is appearing in San Francisco this week, will be the guest of honor tomorrow morning at the formal dedication of the new drinking fountain for animals which has recently been erected at the junction of Mission and Otis streets and Duboce avenue. The monument is a gift to the city from a New York organization known as the National humane alliance, of which Mrs. Fiske's husband, Harrison Grey Fiske, is president.

The speech of presentation will be made by John Partridge, of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Mayor McCarthy will respond in behalf of the city. It was originally intended to place the fountain near the entrance to Golden Gate park, but as it is intended for service as well as an artistic monument, it was decided that more animals would be benefited where the teaming was heavier.

The program of exercises will begin at 11 o'clock. A speakers' stand has been built by the board of public works, and a large crowd is expected to attend the affair.

**M**INNIE MADDERN FISKE and drinking fountain for animals unveiled by her yesterday in the Mission.



**MRS. FISKE UNVEILS BIG PUBLIC FOUNTAIN**

Humane Alliance's Gift to Animals Is Dedicated by Impressive Ceremony.

Serious people took an hour off yesterday to talk of man's dumb servants and companions, the horse and dog, and dedicate a watering trough to their use at Mission and Otis streets and Duboce avenue. Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, the actress, pulled the ribbon that unveiled a beautiful piece of Maine granite of which the trough is made and several citizens made speeches lauding the spirit that prompted men to contribute money for such a purpose.

The trough is circular and standing at the junction of three streets holds out its liquid refreshment at a busy part of the city to thirsty and jaded animals. It is the gift of the National Humane Alliance, founded by the late Hermon Lee Ensign. Harrison Gray Fiske, husband of the actress, is president of the Alliance and it was through him that the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals secured one of the troughs for this city.

It was thus thought only fitting that the actress, whose love of animals is renowned, should be asked to take part with Mayor McCarthy, Supervisor John Walsh, Walker C. Graves, John McGaw and A. McIntosh in the dedicatory ceremonies.

"God gave water as one of his free gifts to man," said Supervisor Walsh, "and we intend to see that his animals get some of it. While we are talking of shorter hours of work for man we should not be unmindful of the horse. We see them falling to sleep in the street because they were probably taken out of the stable with the dawn and they are up until all hours of the night."

The fact that the monument was located in the Mission was the subject of a congratulatory speech by Walker C. Graves, representing the Mission Promotion Association.

"We wish to thank those instrumental in placing this monument south of Market street," said Graves. "Whenever the city has had anything useful or beautiful to give away heretofore, it has been customary to put it somewhere north of Market street. The Mission, however, is coming into its own. We have secured the Armory and now this fountain, and now if you, Mr. Mayor, will only help us locate the fair at Lake Merced, we shall certainly consider ourselves fortunate."

Mayor McCarthy received the gift in the name of the people of San Francisco. He said that there had been eighteen troughs set up in various parts of the city, but none as handsome as the new one. Fourteen hundred horses, he said, had slaked their thirst in one day at one of the troughs at Market and Bush streets.

McIntosh, representing the State of Maine Association, made a few remarks upon the fact that the granite of which the trough is made had come from Maine. He said Maine had given of her rugged hills, her forests and her sons and daughters as a contribution to California's welfare.

second, and Dickson, O. C., 3 yards, third, Time, 1:10.  
 Second heat—Won by Hornish, P. A. C., 1 1/4 yards; Dunster, un., 3 yards, second, and Acton, P. A. C., 3 yards, third, Time, 1:02.24.  
 Final—Won by Gates, S. A. C., 2 yards; Best, un., scratch, second, and Hornish, P. A. C., 1 1/4 yards, third, Time, 1:01.  
 100-yard dash for high schools—Won by Frue, C. P. C., Preston, P. A. A., second, and O'Shea, St. I., third, Time, 1:04.4.  
 100-yard dash for Catholic schools—Won by Nolan, St. James; Carberry, St. James, second, and Grady, St. James, third, Time, 1:11.  
 440-yard dash (handicap)—Won by Hornish, P. A. C., scratch; Acton, P. A. C., 3 yards, second, and Doran, I. A. A. C., 10 yards, third, Time, 2:31.4.  
 880-yard run—Won by Kurtz, O. C., scratch; Street, 20 yards, second, and Carroll, P. A. C., 3 yards, third, Time, 2:54.3.  
 Two-mile run—Won by Wright, P. A. C., 80 yards; Williams, O. C., 60 yards, second, and Corbett, P. A. C., 120 yards, third, Time, 16:08.2.5.  
 Potato race—Won by Corbett, P. A. C.; L. Mallon, un., second, and Penton, St. I., third.  
 Hop, stop and jump (handicap)—Won by O'Connor, scratch; I. A. A. C.; Lloyd, I. A. A. C., 4 feet, second, and Gates, S. A. C., 8 feet, third, Distance, 48 feet.  
 High jump (handicap)—Won by Schlander, S. P. V., 2 1/2 inches; Kearney, O. C., 3 inches, second. Height, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.  
 Shot put (handicap)—Won by Ribenetta, S. A. C., 16 inches, 100 yards by P. A. C., 10 inches.

instructs the children in their exercises and athletic games, was the major dome of the day and saw that everybody had a good time and that the events went off by schedule.  
 Among the diving and swimming contests in the tank, Mrs. Desch made some sensational high dives.  
 There were four or five portly policemen in attendance, but early in the afternoon they telephoned for permission to report off as their services were not needed.  
 Here are the winners of the games:  
 Fifty-yard dash for junior boys—Won by Emil Tegen; second, Joe Villalon.  
 Fifty-yard dash for junior girls—Won by Genevieve McKay; second, Catherine McKay.  
 Seventy-five yard dash for intermediate boys—Won by Alfred Lassus; second, George Allen.  
 Seventy-five yard dash for senior girls—Won by Norma Caspepa; second, Eugenia Defarrelli.  
 Egg-and-baldie race for intermediate girls—Won by Vera Gustallo; second, Laurine Gallatin.  
 Potato race for intermediate boys—Won by Joe Villalon; second, George Allen.  
 Potato race for intermediate girls—Won by Dora

**San Francisco, CA 1911-07-05 Fiske Unveils Fountain**

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## Humane Fountain at Panhandle Entrance

National Alliance Promises Five-Ton Granite Memorial to Provide Water for Animals.

Announcement was made at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday afternoon that the National Humane Alliance has approved the Baker street entrance to Golden Gate Park as a suitable site for the erection of an Ensign Memorial fountain and has decided to make the gift at once, providing the local society will agree to see that it is supplied with water and properly cared for.

All that now remains to be provided is transportation for the five ton granite fountain from New York to this city, and the society expects little difficulty in obtaining that.

Secretary McCurrie reported for the month 720 cases investigated involving 2,506 animals. Officers examined 1,313 horses, relieving 1,038 animals, and ordering from work 79 horses. Sixteen offenders were prosecuted and 138 reprimands given brutal drivers. Eighteen horses were moved in ambulances, and 9 horses, 376 cats and 719 dogs were humanely destroyed.

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# CUP OF KINDNESS FOR THIRSTY HORSES

Granite and Bronze Drinking  
Fountain Given City by Na-  
tional Humane Alliance

Partly through the efforts of Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, a granite and bronze drinking fountain for animals has been given San Francisco by the National Humane Alliance of New York. Arrangements were completed yesterday by the San Francisco society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, for the immediate construction and shipment of the fountain.

The fountain will be erected at the intersection of West Mission and Mission streets, opposite Duboce avenue, where it will be accessible from all sides to the large number of teams constantly passing through that section of the city. For several months the local society has been endeavoring to secure the gift of the fountain from the National Alliance, but experienced some difficulty in obtaining a site which was acceptable to them.

The fountain is of highly polished granite, embellished in bronze, and weighs five tons. It is quarried in Maine and shipped in sections ready for erecting. Through the efforts of the local society the Southern Pacific company has agreed to transport it from New York free of charge.

The gift is made possible by an endowment of Harmon Lee Ensign, a wealthy philanthropist, who was active in the cause of animal protection, and on his death bequeathed his entire fortune to be used in the relief of animals. In compliance with his wishes, the National Humane Alliance, which he founded, each year donates to different cities a number of fountains bearing his name.

Harrison Gray Fiske is president of the Alliance and Lewis M. Seaver, secretary. It was largely through the assistance and cooperation of Minnie Maddern Fiske that the San Francisco society was able to secure the fountain at a time when requests for them far exceed the funds for the purpose. Nearly all large cities and many small ones throughout the United States have one or more Ensign fountains, but this is the first to be erected here.

## ENSIGN FOUNTAIN READY TO BE PUT UP

**Gift of Humane Alliance Arrives  
and Will Be Placed at Mis-  
sion and Otis Streets**

The Ensign fountain, recently presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance of New York, reached here yesterday and was hauled to Mission and Otis streets, where it will be put up. The fountain was shipped in five sections, the heaviest weighing 3,500 pounds.

The new animal fountain was secured through the efforts of the San Francisco Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals and was brought from New York by the Southern Pacific company free of charge. The hauling from the railroad to Mission and Otis streets was done by George Renner of the Stetson-Renner drayage company, who donated men and teams for the work.

Superintendent of Streets McElroy will have charge of the work and will supervise the making of the water connections.

### Fountain Dedicated

The presentation to the city of a handsome granite fountain for horses at the junction of Mission and Otis streets and Duboce avenue was witnessed yesterday morning by an assemblage of about 500 persons. These gathered around the fountain, which was covered with white cloth and the American colors. On the platform were the officers of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, the actress, wife of Harrison Grey Fiske of New York, president of the National humane alliance, who presented the fountain to the city in behalf of the fund created by the late Harmon Lee Ensign, founder of the alliance. Ensign left his fortune to protect dumb animals. Mayor McCarthy and his family and others were also on the stand.

John Partridge, president of the San Francisco society, introduced Mrs. Fiske, who pulled a red, white and blue ribbon, which unveiled the fountain.

Mayor McCarthy accepted the gift on behalf of the city and declared that the administration was anxious to care for the dumb animals. He congratulated the San Francisco society for its efforts in that direction and remarked that in one day recently more than 1,400 horses drank from a trough in Market street put up by that society.

Walker C. Graves, on behalf of the Mission promotion association, returned thanks for the gift to the city south of Market street and declared that the Mission district was gradually getting what belonged to it.

M. W. McIntosh, president of the State humane society, spoke in behalf of the state of Maine, from which the six ton granite base for the fountain was quarried.

Supervisor John O. Walsh announced that he proposed to work for the passage of an ordinance to prevent the use of horses for more than 12 hours a day.

The ceremonies closed with the presentation of a bunch of La France roses to Mrs. Fiske and one to the mayor and the singing of patriotic songs by little Miss Lillian Sparenburg.

The police opened the crowd to allow horses to come up to drink, but several backed away. Finally J. M. Ratto, in a buggy, drove his horse to the new fountain and it took the first drink. The animal, on command of its owner, then rose on its hind legs and bowed to the crowd as if grateful for the drink.