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ON THE COVER: San Francisco was severely damaged by the fire that followed the earthquake of April 18, 1906. It was the greatest single fire insurance loss on record and some companies never recovered. As the plaque (small photograph) proclaims, Fire and Marine entered the auto insurance business around 1900, perhaps the second United States insurer to do so.

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San Francisco after the fire and earthquake of 1906. See page 12.



Alexander Wilkin, first president of St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. See page 5.

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Ice Harvesting about 1890. See page 19.



Fire and Marine's second headquarters, 1909. See page 11.

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