

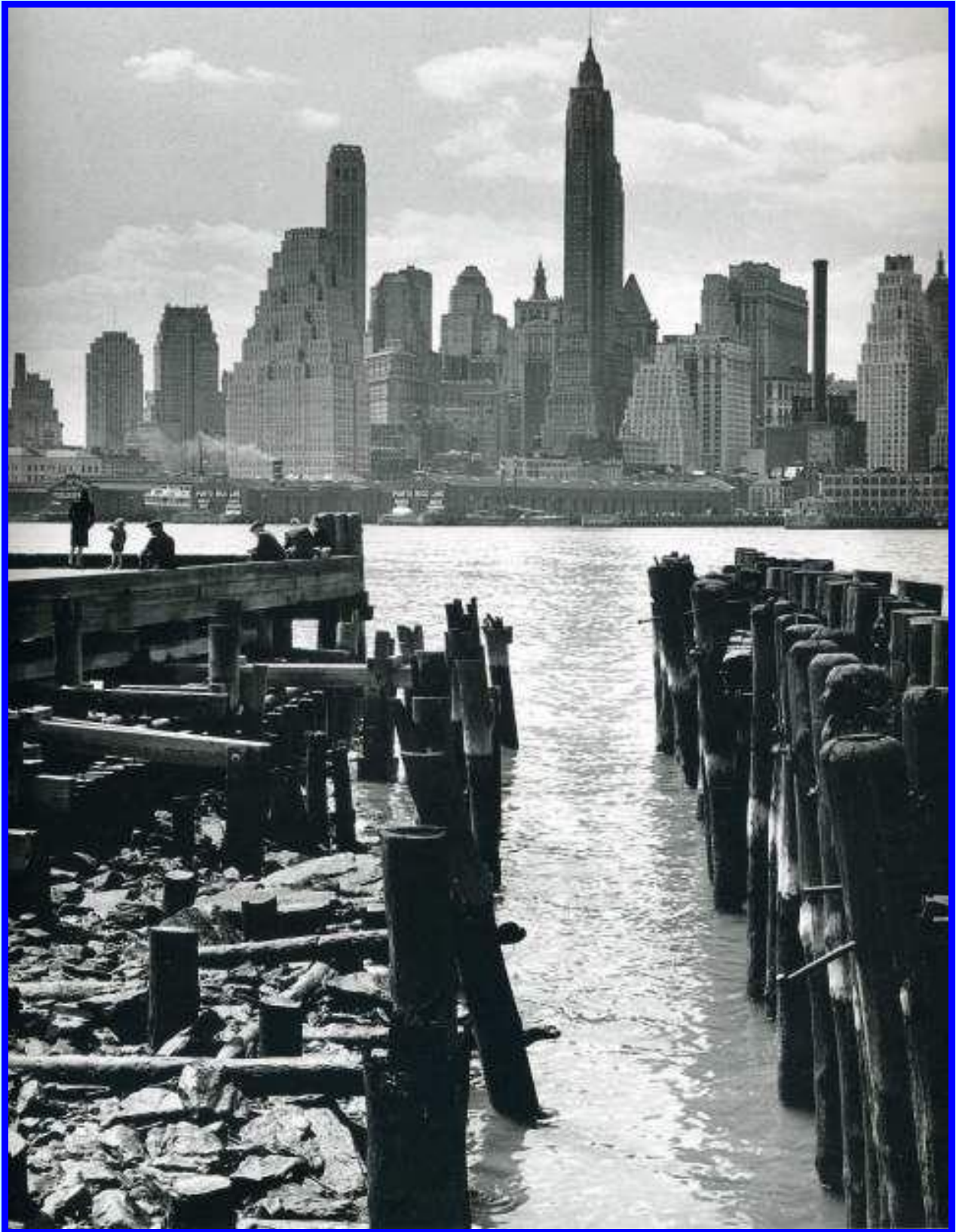


Andreas Feininger photograph of Manhattan from Midtown

NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS

**OFFICE BUILDINGS 1894-1933
PART ONE**

BRIAN ROBERTS



Photograph by Andreas Feininger of downtown Manhattan from the Brooklyn Heights



Birdseye view of Lower Manhattan c.1911

NEW YORK OFFICE SKYSCRAPERS

Dates Built and Architects.

1896-AMERICAN SURETY: Bruce Price.

1897-GILLENDER: Berg & Clark.

1897-CABLE: Harding & Gooch.

1898-ST. PAUL: G. B. Post.

1898-WASHINGTON: C. L. W. Eidlitz.

1899-PARK ROW: R. H. Robertson.

1900-BROADWAY CHAMBERS: Cass Gilbert.

1902-FLATIRON: D. H. Burnham & Company.

1905-SIXTY WALL STREET: Clinton & Russell.

1905-TIMES: Eidlitz & McKenzie.

1907-WEST STREET: Cass Gilbert.

1908-CITY INVESTING COMPANY: F. H. Kimball.

1908-SINGER: Ernest Flagg.

1909-METROPOLITAN LIFE TOWER: Napoleon Le Brun & Sons.

1909-HUDSON TERMINAL: Clinton & Russell.

1910-LIBERTY TOWER: Henry Ives Cobb.

1912-BANKERS TRUST COMPANY: Trowbridge & Livingstone.

1913-WOOLWORTH: Cass Gilbert.

1914-MUNICIPAL: William M. Kendall of McKim, Mead & White.

1915-EQUITABLE: Ernest R. Graham of Graham, Anderson, Probst & White.

AMERICAN SURETY BUILDING 1896



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AMERICAN SURETY BUILDING.

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GILLENDER BUILDING 1897

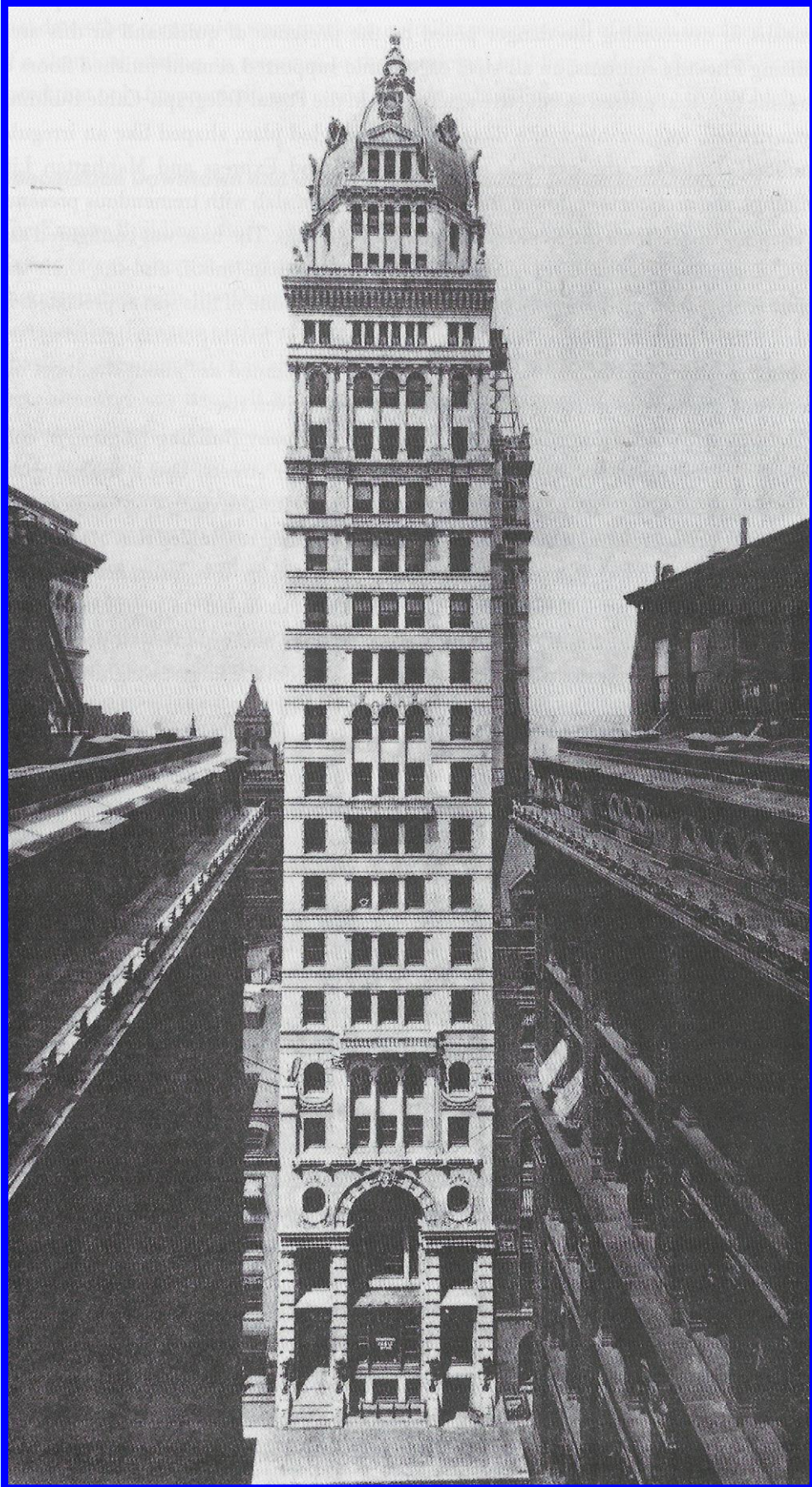
Height 273 ft- 19 floors. Demolished 1910 replaced by Bankers Trust Building



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CABLE BUILDING 1897

Demolished



ST. PAUL BUILDING 1898

Height 315 ft- 26 floors. Originally the tallest skyscraper then built



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WASHINGTON LIFE BUILDING 1898

17 floors. Demolished



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PARK ROW BUILDING 1899

Height 391 ft later said to be 380 ft- 30 floors



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PARK ROW BUILDING 1899

The tallest building in the world until the Singer Building of 1908



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BROADWAY CHAMBERS BUILDING 1900

Height 235 ft- 18 floors. Demolished



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FLATIRON BUILDING 1903

Height 307 ft- 21 floors



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FLATIRON BUILDING 1903

Unusual for its triangular shape in plan



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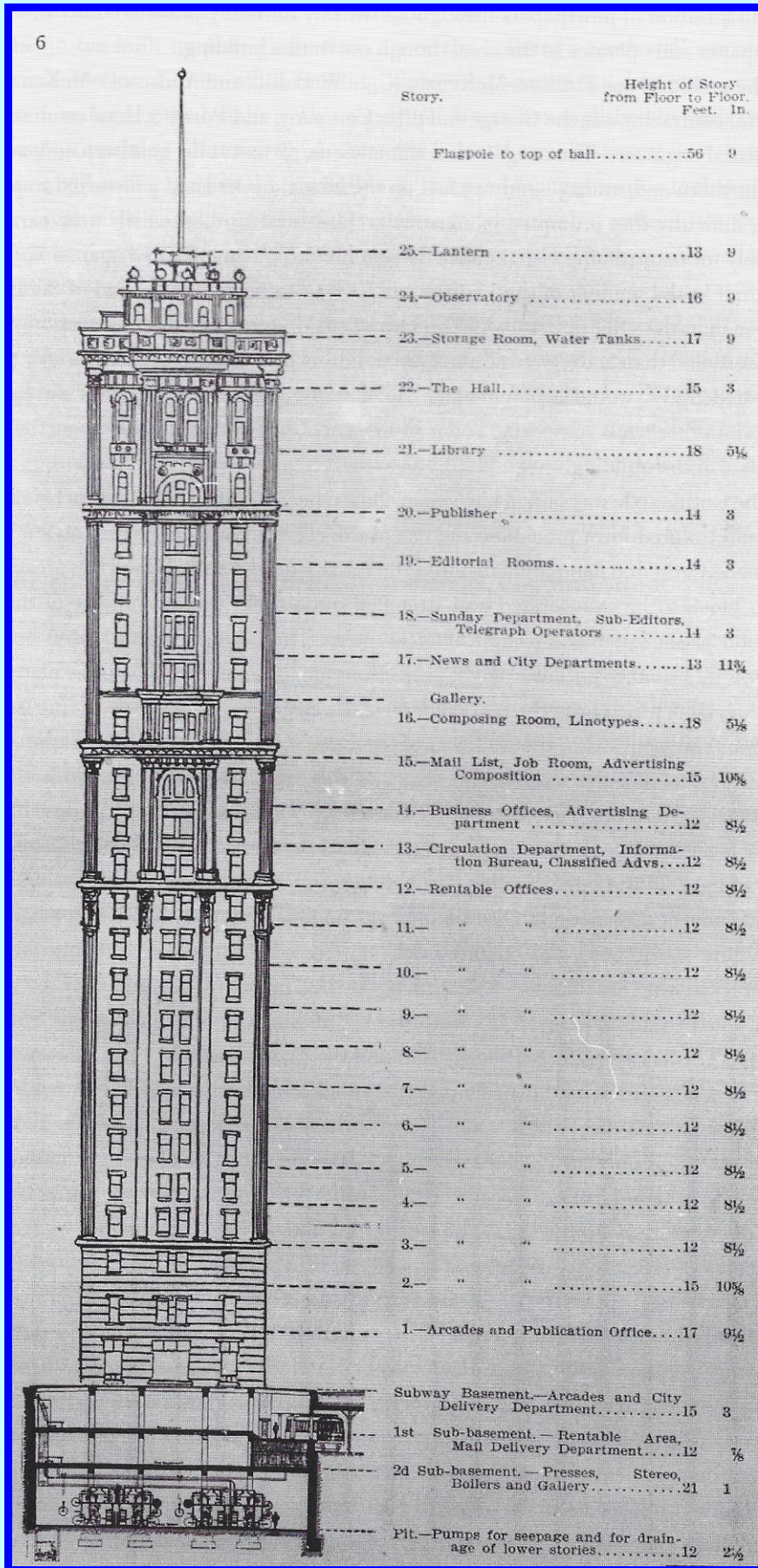
SIXTY WALL STREET BUILDING 1905

26 floors high block, 14 floors low block. Demolished



TIMES BUILDING 1905

Height 362 ft (476 ft lower basement floor to top of flagpole)- 25 floors



TIMES BUILDING 1905



TIMES BUILDING
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WEST STREET BUILDING 1907

Height 325 ft- 23 floors



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CITY INVESTING CO. BUILDING 1908

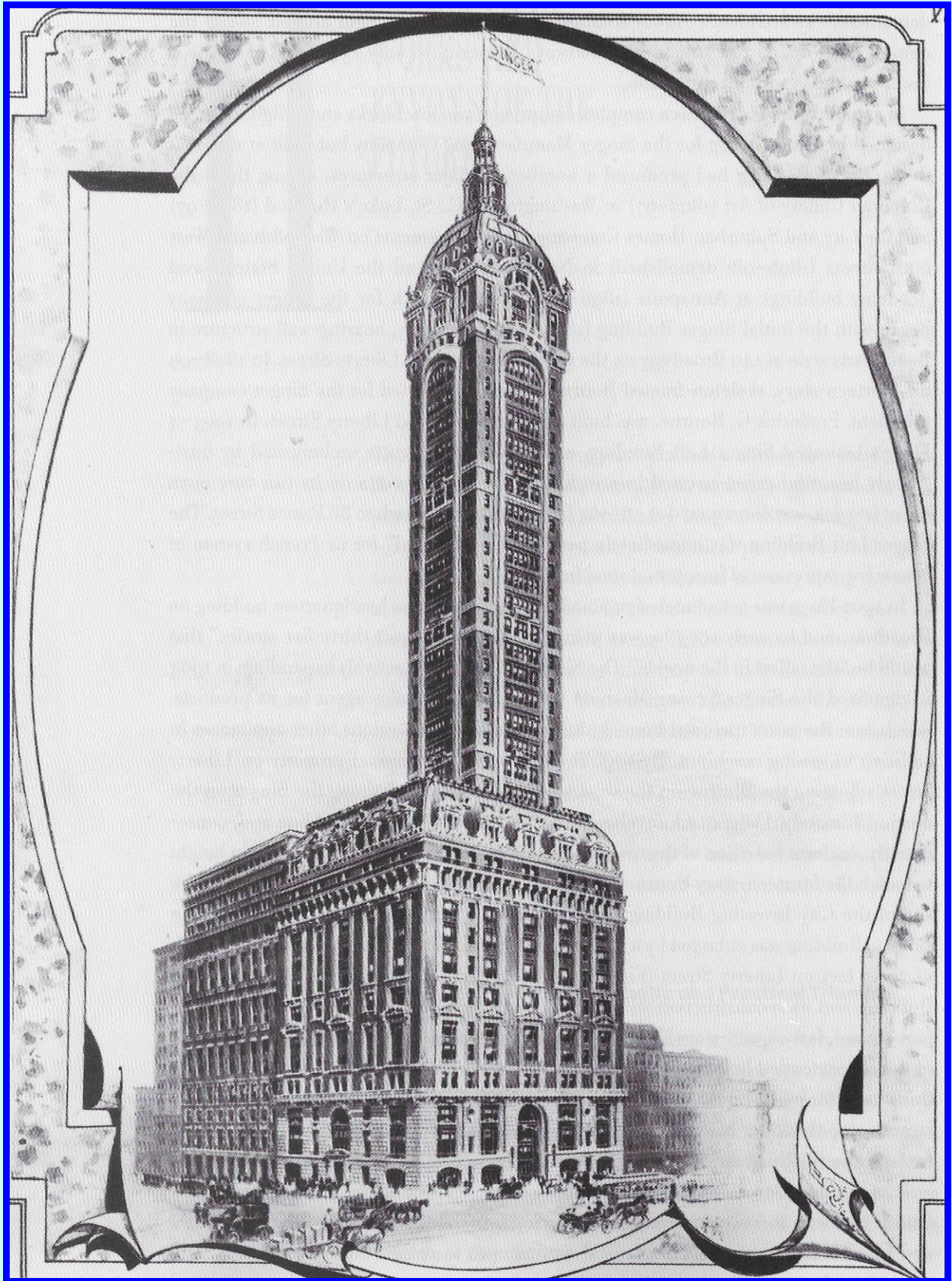
33 floors, 500,000 sq ft. Constructed in 22 months labour force of 3000 men. Demolished



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SINGER TOWER 1908

Height 612 ft- 47 floors. Briefly the world's tallest. Demolished



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METROPOLITAN LIFE 1909

Height 700 ft- 50 floors. Design said to be based on Venice's Campanile of San Marco



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HUDSON TERMINAL BUILDINGS 1909

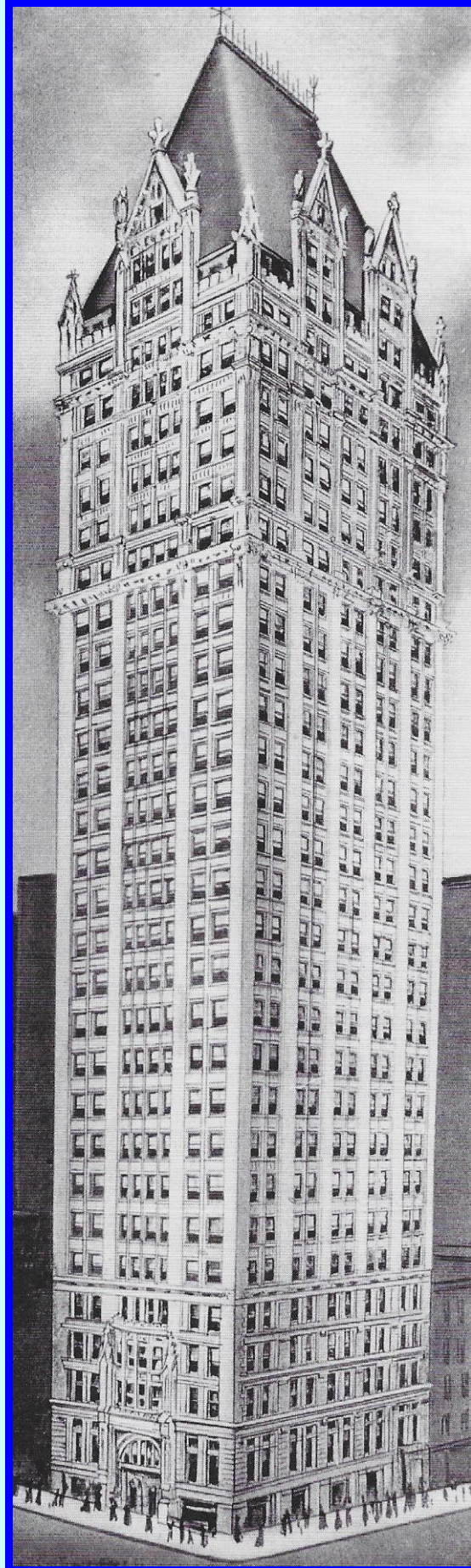
Twin blocks each of 22 floors. Now demolished



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LIBERTY TOWER 1910

33 floors



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BANKERS TRUST CO. BUILDING 1912

Height 539 ft- Floors 37



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WOOLWORTH BUILDING 1913

Height 792 ft- 57 floors



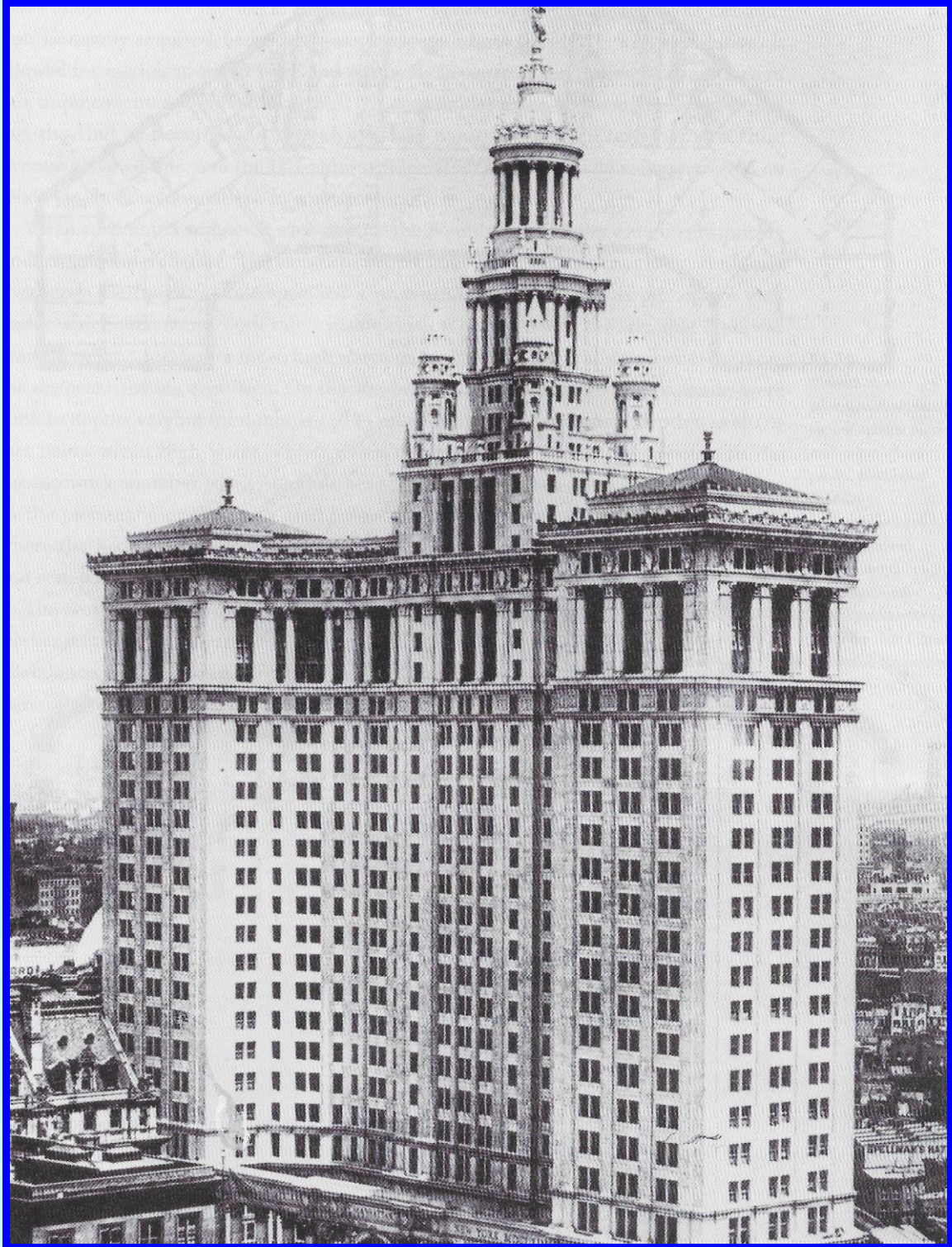
WOOLWORTH BUILDING 1913



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MUNICIPAL BUILDING 1914

Height 580 ft- 34 floors



MUNICIPAL BUILDING 1914

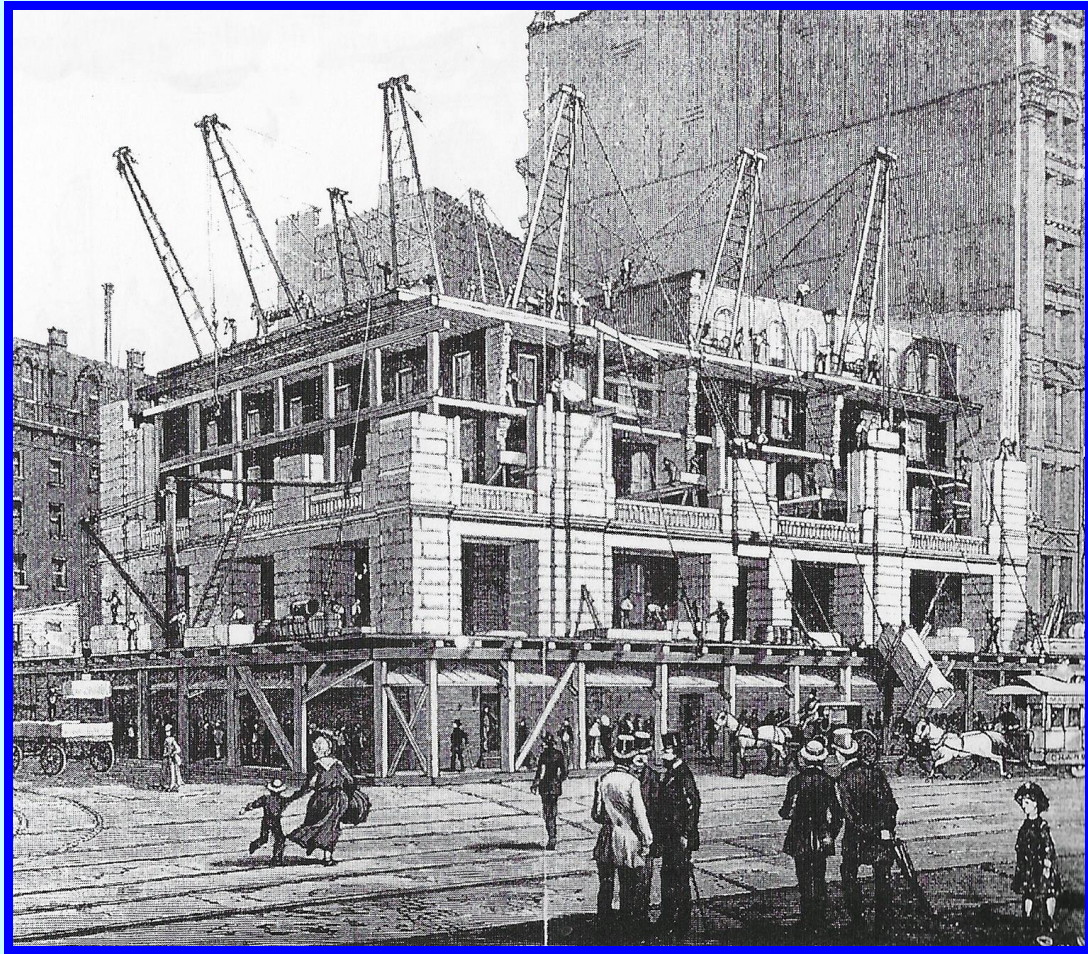


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EQUITABLE BUILDING 1915

Height 538 ft- 40 floors





Construction of the new Times Building

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