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buildings the damage was not so extensive. The shaking started during the evening of January 23, about nine o'clock, and continued with only short intervals throughout the night. No better account of the damage suffered by the town which was soon to become the capital exists than that of Commander Drury, of H.M. sloop Pandora, a part of which is as follows:

Willis and Manners Street) a considerable opening on the road emitted slimy mud, and the main street was inundated. . . . With shops exposed and every temptation to plunder there seemed to be neither fear nor thought of robbery, but a generous and manly feeling to ease each other's burdens pervaded all classes, from the Superintendent to the lowest mechanic; from the Colonel to every soldier of the 65th Regiment."

The earthquake did considerable damage around Wellington by causing landslides and slips, which blocked the road to the Hutt and the Wairarapa in several places. The river at the Hutt rose to an unusual height and carried the bridge away, but nowhere did geysers spring up, nor is there mention of any crevasses of the size large enough to swallow an average-size Maori. There were, however, some Maoris killed—but they were far away from Wellington. Four were in a house in the Wairarapa, which received a shaking equal to that of Wellington, and the house collapsed on to the occupants. They met their deaths by suffocation.

**GREEN DOLPHIN STREET** will undoubtedly be a film eagerly awaited in New Zealand; for not only has Hollywood recreated the past, but



From this picture (of a sketch by Brees, in the Turnbull Library), Hollywood constructed a set of early Wellington for the film "Green Dolphin Street." The building with the verandah is the old Barrett's Hotel

has improved on it. No great flood occurred after the shakes, but they have given us one; no Maori we know of was swallowed in a fissure, but we have been given this, too; and, most important of

all, no geysers were born during this upheaval, but all the ingenious contrivances of Hollywood have given us more geysers than New Zealand has ever been proud to possess.



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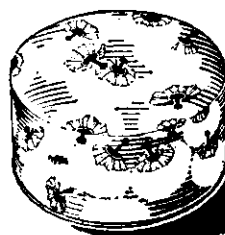
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