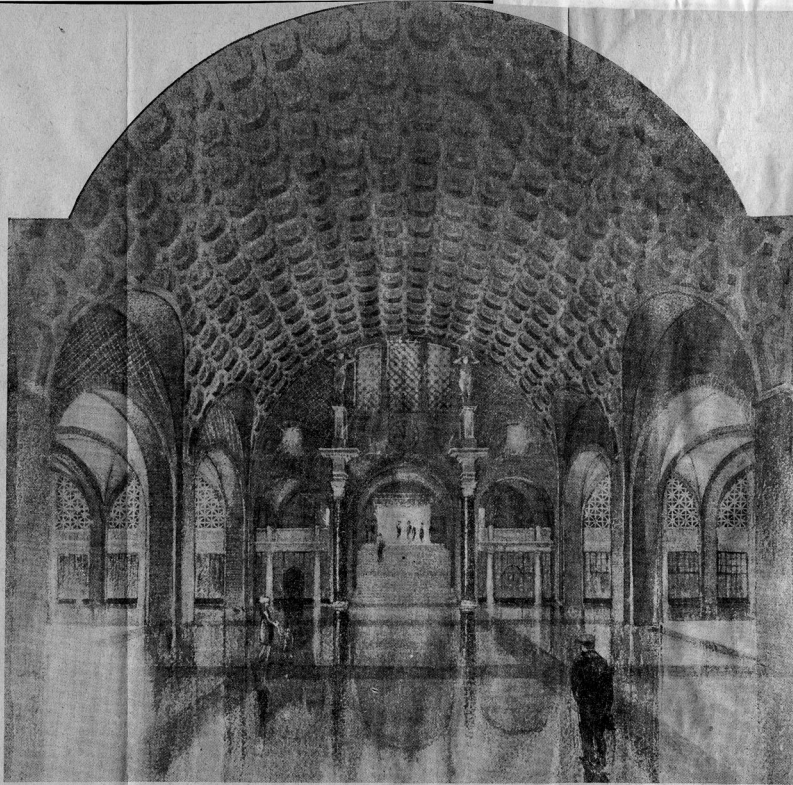


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The plans for Johannesburg's new railway station, drawn by Mr. McCubbin, the chief architect of the Railway Administration, in association with Messrs. Gordon Leith and Gerald Moerdyk, were displayed to the Minister of Railways and the Railway Board in Capetown last week and met with general approval. The great central gateway stretching across the end of Eloff Street, with massive columns and two large black elephants, was much admired. The architectural treatment of the main building has been designed consistently with a view to economy both of cost and maintenance, and yet at the same time not to be out of harmony with the adjacent railway offices. The main building will give a very fine appearance to the end of Eloff Street, the imposing gateway being the full width of the thoroughfare.



The new building has been designed to occupy the site bounded on the north by Noord Street, on the south by De Villiers Street, east by Hoek Street and west by Joubert Street, and thus is a detached block, so planned as to enable access and egress on the north and south sides for passengers, while the east and west sides accommodate the parcels and baggage quadrangles respectively. The main axis of the building is the centre of Eloff Street and the main entrance and exit for pedestrian passengers is situated upon the axis, thus terminating one of the main streets of the town in a fitting gateway.

The Town Council are at present considering the proposal to close to vehicular traffic that portion of De Villiers Street between the east side of Eloff Street and Joubert Street, to enable pedestrians to enter and leave the station without having to traverse a flow of traffic at right angles to the normal direction of the pedestrian traffic.

The Concourse: View from inside looking towards Eloff Street. Although placed twelve feet below normal ground level, it will be well lighted. Refreshment and dining rooms, telephone call offices, and stalls for the sale of fruit and confectionery will be placed round the Concourse. Part of the floor will be occupied by the Catering Department.