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GREAT SUFFERING IN SAN FRANCISCO—SPECULATORS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DESTITUTE—DEATH LIST GROWS SMALLER—OTHER TOWNS ARE BADLY SHAKEN

NEW GUNS FOR ALL THE ARMY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., April 20.—The war department has about completed the new issue of rifles to the troops in the United States. This marks the passing of the carbines, so long a weapon of the cavalry branch of the service. Both infantry and cavalry are now being supplied with the same model of rifle, a modification of the model of 1903. This is about six inches shorter than the Krag and about two inches longer than the carbine, no being discharged by the cavalry. For the present the rifles are being used with the rod bayonet, but later this will be replaced with the new bayonet, recently decided on. The issue to the troops in the Philippines will follow, and when that has been done all the soldiers of the United States army will be armed alike.

CARNEGIE SENDS \$25,000.

Pittsburg, April 20.—Andrew Carnegie has placed \$25,000 at the disposal of the mayor of San Francisco.

FOR FAMILY USE

Every family in town should have a box of soap from our window this week at 20 cts. Come in or telephone us.
NEWLIN DRUG CO.

AN HYPOCRITICAL BIGAMIST

Salisbury, April 20.—The criminal bigamy case against Albert Henry Capper, a man of many aliases, which will soon come up for trial before the Wilts Assizes is attracting considerable attention throughout England. Capper is charged with triple bigamy. In 1894, it was stated during the preliminary hearing, he married Mary Ellen Cook, a single woman in Cheltenham, with an illegitimate child. After the marriage Capper blackballed the alleged father of the child out of a handsome sum of money and disappeared leaving his wife and her child destitute.

Four years later Capper married Lillian Mary Watts, a handsome woman in Wealdstone, Middlesex, whom he deserted after eight months. Since then she discovered that at the same time Capper had been courting another woman in Southgate, to whom he had promised to marry.

In 1904 Capper married Alice Louise Noble, a girl of nineteen at Holy Trinity Church, Shroud-green. To her, as to his other victims Capper professed himself to be a deep religious feeling. He was a regular attendant at the mission church. Shortly after the marriage he stole the purse which his wife kept under her pillow and deserted her.

In 1905 Capper came to Salisbury and at once took an active part in the Men's Own Brotherhood, a religious institution connected with the Wesleyan Church. He became a member of the church and in August of last year was wedded to a much respected widow of the congregation, Mrs. Rodwell. In December he deserted her and a warrant being issued, he was arrested last week at Carmarthen.

FOR SALE—A fresh milch cow with young calf. Also a single driving horse. Inquire of J. W. SCRIBER, La Grande.

U. S. MAIL CLERK DISCOVERS THE FIRST SHOCK

FIRE UNDER CONTROL. GILROY, HOLLISTER AND SAN JUAN BADLY DAMAGED. NONE INJURED

TACOMA SENDS SUPPLIES
Tacoma has wired \$10,000 cash and on last night's steamer shipped 100 tons of provisions. Even the school children are contributing.

PORTLAND WILL HELP
The commercial bodies and prominent citizens of Portland are subscribing liberally to the fund to purchase provisions for the California sufferers. The First National Bank subscribed \$25,000.

FIRE STARTS AFRESH
Chicago, April 20, 8:45.—The Western Union from San Francisco this morning says no one in the fire since midnight. The fire started afresh on the south end of the city, which is undoubtedly sweeping everything clean to the water front. The people are crowding the docks to take the first steamer sailing.

TRAIN LOAD OF PROVISIONS
New Orleans, April 20.—President Smith, of the Cotton exchange, and prominent citizens will send a special train load of provisions to San Francisco.

SHOCKS IN LOS ANGELES
New York, April 19, 6 p. m.—The Western Union operators, who hurriedly left their offices as a result of several severe shocks, have returned to their desks.
MORGAN GIVES \$25,000
New York, April 20.—J. P. Morgan has given his check for \$25,000 towards the San Francisco Relief fund.

CITIES NORTH DESTROYED

Healdsburg, Geyserville, Cloverdale Hopland and Ukiah

(Scripps News Association)
Oakland, April 20, 8:50 a. m.—Reports say that Healdsburg, 12 miles north of Santa Rosa, a city of 3,000 is destroyed as is also Geyserville, Cloverdale, a village of 200, Hopland population 200, and Ukiah a city of 2000, 110 miles north of San Francisco.

ALAMEDA BADLY WRECKED
Oakland, April 20.—Alameda is badly wrecked but it is believed that no lives were lost. (Alameda is practically a suburb of Oakland.)

READY FOR BUSINESS
Oakland, April 20.—Quite a number of the large wholesale firms have opened up offices in this city until things are adjusted so they can resume business.

CITY WIPED OUT
Oakland, April 20, 9 a. m.—No change for the better this morning in San Francisco. The city is wiped out.

TIDAL WAVE AT SAN DIEGO
Chicago, April 20, 9 a. m.—The postal Telegraph Company says a rumor is current that a tidal wave struck San Diego.

Los Angeles, April 20.—Caught by the first shock of San Francisco in the street enroute for duty, C. E. Preston, a railway mail clerk, who has just reached here says, "I was in the car when the shock came, just after five Wednesday morning. One great detonation then followed a roar and a succession of frightful shocks. Flames broke out everywhere. The passengers rushed out of the train but could not walk while the shock lasted. The vibrations seemed to come from the east to the west, and from the north to the south, also vertical motions. There was no oppression in the air to give any warning. The falling of the walls made noises like cannons in a battle. I walked down Mission street where I met several women in their night clothes calling for their little ones. I saw several men rushing through the half fallen buildings, throwing clothes to the women in the street. In the beautiful post office building the marble was broken in piles so that one could not get through the doors. The falling plaster injured many persons as did also the falling debris. I saw burning and falling buildings everywhere. Wagons were going in all directions carrying the dead and injured to the emergency hospitals."

SISTER AND THREE CHILDREN
Chattanooga, Tenn., April 20.—F. H. Leeds, a press operator, received a telegram stating that his sister and her three children were killed in a house which collapsed in Santa Rosa.

TEN CARS ON WAY
Ogden April 20.—Ten car loads of cooked food, tents and blankets which were collected by the school children are ready to go tonight on cars furnished free by the Southern Pacific.

FIVE MORE CARS
Omaha April 20.—Five cars all loaded to their fullest capacity leave today, five tomorrow and five more on Sunday will be sent.

GIVE MONEY FREELY
Oakland, April 20, 11 a. m.—Ex-mayor James D. Phelan, himself one of the heaviest losers this morning headed a subscription with \$1,000,000. All of the California towns are raising funds.

OTHER CITIES DAMAGED
Oakland, April 10.—The cities of San Juan, Hollister and Gilroy, the last two cities having a population of about 4,000 all are reported damaged but no lives are reported as lost. These are about 30 miles south of San Jose.

DEATH LIST TOO HIGH

Washington, April 20.—Admiral McClellan of Mare Island, who visited San Francisco last night, wires the navy department that the loss of life has been greatly exaggerated.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Chicago, April 20.—The Western Union has just received a bulletin saying, "the fire stopped shortly before 10 o'clock at Octave Street and is now confined to Telegraph Hill which leaves a narrow belt between the present fire and the untouched district. It is believed that the fire will not start again unless through the ignorance of the people. There is not a stove or a chimney left standing that is safe."

Los Angeles, April 20.—A San Francisco business man who arrived late in this city said that he thought that if it had not been for the fire that San Francisco would have fared no worse than Oakland. He said, "I was in the Palace hotel at the time the first shock occurred. It aroused me and I had to cling to the foot of the bed to keep my footing. I grabbed my clothes and made my way to the street. The people seemed crazy. Women begged the soldiers to allow them to go back and get their jewels. I went through the Baltimore fire, the St. Louis cyclone, neither are to be compared to this catastrophe."
John P. Digham, a San Francisco refugee, says that he hurried to the bay and while waiting to board a steamer, another shock moved the shore from two to six feet.

Portland, Or., April 20.—The Western Union started a dozen telegraph operators to Oakland this morning on board a special train. This move is made necessary by the congestion of business at that point. The train is expected to reach Oakland within thirty hours from time of leaving.

FOG CAUSES DISTRESS
Oakland, April 20—2 p. m.—Three hundred thousand of the homeless camped last night under canvass and on the ground. The fire came close to Ft. Mason. Gen. Funston is doing all that is (Continued on page 4)

REGARDING CIVIL WAR DESERTIONS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, D. C., April 20.—The war department continues to receive inquiries concerning the number of desertions from the federal army during the Civil war. These inquiries come in periodical batches and are evidently based on newspaper statistics, to this or that effect, principally alleging that a certain percentage of deserters were of this or that nativity. The records in the war department have not been so kept that the nativity of deserters is ascertainable, and any assertion of percentages based on that feature is absolutely untrustworthy, having no positive basis. Nobody knows the actual number of desertions in the army during the Civil war, and Gen. F. C. Ainsworth, the military secretary of the army, who keeps the records, estimates that the number of actual deserters at the close of the war was 117,247, and this makes due allowance for those incorrectly reported as deserters.

SPRING MUSICAL CARNIVAL

(Scripps News Association)
Macon, Tex., April 20.—The Spring Musical Carnival under the auspices of the Mendelssohn Choral Club of this city will open this evening with a grand concert with choral numbers and soloists and a full orchestra. Many visitors from neighboring cities have come here to attend the concert this evening. The carnival will end with the concert tomorrow night.

APPRENTICES WANTED—Inquire of Mrs. J. R. Forrest, the milliner, at once.

SATURDAY SURPRISE SALE
OF JAP SILKS AT
22c per, yd.

We have just received a shipment of men's 30 inch Jap silks in black, blue, red, white, pinks and lavender all thoroughly good qualities and easily worth twice the price we ask for them.

SATURDAY ONLY 20c THE YARD

Everyone in La Grande
Seems to be getting a pair of our **OXFORDS**. We can't blame them either. It seems that the moment they get into our store and see our handsome line of

DIAMOND BRAND OXFORDS

Their feet have a great desire to get into a pair. We can't blame the feet for our line is the prettiest ever shown in La Grande. If you are looking for real shoe comfort, come in and let us fit you out as we're fitting so many of your friends.

The Pair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

MINT IS TOTALLY WRECKED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington April 20.—Secretary Shaw was notified that the sub-treasury at San Francisco was destroyed with \$50,000,000. The message is signed by J. M. McClure, the book keeper who apparently did good work in the absence of his superiors. The department here is convinced that Sub-Treasurer Jacobs and Cashier Burns have lost their lives.

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A HIDDEN MENACE TO HEALTH

A large variety of the most common diseases will eventually be stamped out by improved sanitation. These are germ diseases. The difficulty of coping with them now is the difficulty of realizing that such germs are about us all the time, always ready to multiply and menace health whenever conditions are favorable. The way to guard against these dangers is to use **RELIABLE DISINFECTANTS** frequently and thoroughly. Cellars, sinks, drains, closets, and all dark and damp places about the home or premises should be frequently disinfected, especially at this time of the year. We have materials suitable for every purpose and if desired can advise you what to use in any particular instance.

NEWLIN DRUG COMPANY
La Grande, Oregon.