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## DANGER OF GRAFT ON RELIEF FUND

Has Already Begun on Small Scale.

## PROVISIONS TAKEN BY TONS

One Thief Arrested for Storing Away Supplies.

## WHOLESALE NOT LOYAL

Bargaining for Sites in San Francisco—Oregon Bureau Equips Hospital and Raises Big Tent in Bay City.

BY ARNO DOSCH.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 27.—(Staff Correspondence.)—James D. Phelan and the citizens' committee will have a task in preventing wholesale graft on the great sums of money which are being poured into San Francisco from every part of the country to aid the sufferers. The opportunities will be too great to be overlooked and unscrupulous officials will have a chance to turn money into their own pockets.

I do not mean to cast any reflection on those who will handle the money, who are the first citizens of the city, but the temptation will be so great that many of their agents will not be able to resist it. It will be too bad, after the supreme purpose of common good over selfish purpose, to have the city doctored for graft because a few unscrupulous men take advantage of the situation.

### Large Stores Laid Away.

This fear expressed is not a premature cry of calamity, but it is based on graft of a lesser kind which has already shown itself. A man with a string of wagons with Red Cross banners has been arrested for carting off tons of provisions and storing them. While families have resorted to the bread lines and secured stores for months. Men have taken opportunity of the situation to secure public franchises. The "lego" is beginning to raise its head and will shortly be rampant. This is a reflection, not upon San Francisco, but upon humanity.

Food has been so plentiful that it has staled and rotted. Help has often gone to the university. This must be expected, though, and cannot be avoided if the needy are to be kept from suffering.

### Where Relief Cannot Be Overdone.

There is absolutely no possibility of overdoing relief. In preservation of health, tents, blankets, mattresses and clothing will be needed more than money. The salvation of the situation lies with James D. Phelan and the citizens' committee, but they will have to stop faultering, supply as soon as possible and force all able-bodied men to work.

### Oakland's Bid for Wholesalers.

The burned out wholesalers of San Francisco are still being bid for by Oakland and have been made such tempting offers of sites and bonuses that the Realty Board of San Francisco has been forced to seek a meeting with the wholesalers. This is to take place tomorrow and at it they expect to be compelled to meet Oakland's offer. They have arranged with the Southern Pacific to secure sites in the neighborhood of Fourth and King streets, and are prepared to make offers to the wholesalers of this city to prevent them from going to Oakland. That the wholesalers should show such a lack of civic loyalty that they have to be coaxed into remaining true to their city has caused the Realty Board great disgust.

### Oregon Committee Offers Aid.

F. W. Leadbetter, representing the Oregon relief committee, and Jefferson Myers, representing Governor Chamberlain, called upon Mayor Schmitz today and officially offered the services which they have been performing all along since their arrival.

### OREGON EQUIPS HOSPITAL.

All Essentials Quickly Supplied. Mayor Schmitz Thanks Bureau. OREGON RELIEF BUREAU, Oakland, Cal., April 27.—Oregon has a hospital in San Francisco tonight. This institution dates its birth from this afternoon, when F. W. Leadbetter and Jefferson Myers, of the Oregon Relief Bureau, visited the Willamette School and found Major Sternburg and the Oregon National Guard Hospital Corps stationed at this school house, which since the earthquake and fire has been turned into a hospital. Mr. Leadbetter and Mr. Myers also visited Harbor View Hospital, where Dr. K. A. McKenzie is stationed. Dr. Marie D. Agui is stationed at the United States General Hospital, where are also installed the Portland nurses who volunteered their services.

### Prompt Aid to Hospital.

At the new Oregon Hospital and at the Harbor View Hospital Mr. Leadbetter

## STANFORD BOY'S GRAPHIC STORY

Miraculous Escapes of College Students.

## BURIED BY FALLING WALLS

Visits Burning City on Day of Earthquake.

## WORKS WITH RELIEF SQUAD

Stolidity of Stricken Populace Amid Scenes of Horror Due to Man Behind the Gun—Incidents of Great Conflagration.

BY CLAUDE C. McCULLOCH.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Cal., April 27.—If there is one man in this community who should be thankful that he is living it is Elmer E. Young, a freshman law student from Portland, Oregon. Not every man can ride his bed through two stories with an immense pile of brick and stone on top of him and come out alive. But this is what Young did in the earthquake which recently overwhelmed Stanford University. Young lived in Encina Hall, the big stone dormitory, which lodged 300 students. He was in a front room on the second floor with two floors above him when the first shock came. Terrified by the horrible crashing and swaying of the building he clung to his bed, and to this fact he probably owes his life.

One of the large ornamental chimneys on the roof far above fell with the shock and crashed in its downward path straight through the Portland boy's room, carrying him, imbedded in debris, to the basement below. More than an hour afterward he was dug out from the stones and timbers by his fellow students, who never expected to see him alive again. He escaped without a scratch. An immense beam lodged across his bed and received the impact of all the debris.

### All Others Were Injured.

In this same crash half a dozen other sleeping students were carried down, and not a single other escaped without injury. One was horribly mangled and instantly killed while the others got broken bones, cuts and bruises. Young was not at all unnerved by his narrow escape and immediately turned to aid in the rescue of others.

William Masters, also of Portland, was hardly less fortunate. He was Young's roommate and he too was hurled with the debris to the bottom of the building. Except for a few cuts about the head he was not injured.

The two boys both graduated from Portland high school last June. Young was editor of the High School Cardinal and Masters was a prominent member of the school baseball team. That more were not killed at the University by the earthquake is miraculous. Inmates of the frame fraternity building and smaller lodging houses were not endangered, for although their habitations swayed and shook but one wholly collapsed. So early in the morning came the shock that nobody was near the immense University building which fell, and consequently no lives were endangered there, but in the large stone dormitories, Encina Hall for men and Robie Hall for women, there were possibilities for great loss of life. In each of these, stone chimneys crashed through the roofs and carried whole wings with their occupants four stories to the basement beneath. At Robie Hall one girl only was injured.

### No Panic After Quake.

There was a possibility of a fatal panic in both the places, but coolness prevailed. At Encina many rushed for the doors in their nightclothes. Some went down fire escapes. Others clung to their beds. Strange stories are told of the scene. One man said he heard nothing but curses on all sides. Others went on their knees in prayer. Strong men became hysterical and wept like women. One student carried his helpless, weeping roommate down two flights of stairs to safety on his back. Another was just emerging from the building while the tremor was at its height. He saw an immense boulder coming down on his companion's head. He covered his face with horror. When he looked again he saw his comrade standing unharmed. He does not know how he escaped. His companion did not know he had been in danger.

One man would not leave his room until he could find both his socks. Another did not know he was passing through one of the most destructive earthquakes of modern times, but spent the time trying to steady the drop lamp over his study table, which kept swinging. Some made the open air in time to see the immense buildings of the University crumble down. One stalwart athlete fell sobbing like a baby when he saw the beautiful Memorial Chapel fall like a house of cards.

Tout correspondent was in the thick of the horror in San Francisco, both during the fire and after it had nearly burned itself out and the work of rescue had commenced. On Wednesday afternoon, April 18, he set out with three companions for the burning city. The earthquake had occurred only that morning, but already thousands of refugees were making their way out of the city. In the 23 miles between Palo Alto and San Francisco, by actual count, more than 1,000 people fleeing from the flames were

## DID PROFESSOR POISON HIS WIFE?

Member of Harvard Faculty Accused of Murder, Disappears.

## DOCTORS FIND ARSENIC

Called In After the Science Healers Failed, They Cause Autopsy. Body Cremated, Husband Sought by Police.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 27.—(Special.)—Wanted on a charge of wife-murder and believed to be insane, the police of this city today asked the police of the country to look out for Professor Erich Muenther, of the department of German at Harvard University. The woman killed was before her marriage Miss Leone Krebs, whose parents live in Chicago.

Mrs. Muenther was born in Pon du Lac, Wis., about 23 years ago, but had lived in Chicago before her marriage in that city, about 1900. The specific charge against Muenther is that he killed his wife with arsenic. She died April 16.

The Muenthers came to Cambridge about two years ago, at which time Professor Muenther became a member of the faculty. For some time before the birth of her second child Mrs. Muenther was compelled to keep to her bed.

Tricked Science, Then Doctors. Both she and her husband were firm believers in Christian Science, and Mrs. W. H. Nickerson, of Winchester, a Christian Science healer, had had charge of the case for some weeks. Mrs. Nickerson was away when the child was born, but returned in a day and found Mrs. Muenther in a favorable condition. This did not long continue, however, and finally Professor Muenther decided to call in regular practicing physicians, who decided that Mrs. Muenther was suffering from some ailment of the stomach. They prescribed for her, but later, it is alleged, withdrew because they ascertained that the directions were not being followed.

Evidence of Poisoning. Mrs. Muenther died on April 16, and the physicians notified Medical Examiner Swan, who discovered evidences of arsenic poisoning and also notified District Attorney Sanderson and Chief of Police Pullen.

However, earlier that day, after the woman's stomach had been removed, Professor Muenther secured a permit from the Board of Health for the removal of the body.

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### Soldier Awaits Hungry Mob.

Our party assisted in the unloading of 20,000 pounds of uncooked hams, which had been hurried in from some outside point. As the first of these hams were unloaded from the car the hungry crowd rushed for them. A grimy regular stopped in front of the people, leveled his gun and calmly said, as he squirted tobacco juice from his mouth, "I am waiting for a mob."

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## OUTLAW SHOTS TWO OFFICERS

Sheriff Shaver Fatally Wounded.

## IN BATTLE AT WOODBURN

Captain O. D. Henderson, of That Town, Badly Hurt.

## DESPERADO MAKES ESCAPE

Takes Refuge in a Nursery, Where He Is Now Surrounded—Breaks Cover in the Early Morning and Encounters Posse.

Frank Smith, the outlaw, added two more to his list of victims early this morning by shooting J. S. Shaver, Sheriff of Clackamas County, and Captain O. D. Henderson, of Woodburn, a member of the Sheriff's posse. The shooting was done in a pitched battle between the desperado and the posse on the railroad track in the outskirts of Woodburn, where Smith had been surrounded late in the afternoon. Sheriff Shaver was shot in the abdomen, and is believed to be fatally wounded. Henderson's wound is in the groin.

News of the bloody affray reached Oregon City at 1:15 o'clock this morning, within a quarter of an hour after it took place. Sheriff Shaver, of Clackamas County, who left the scene of the battle to telephone the news to Shaver's family and obtain medical aid, Shaver's family, in turn, telephoned the information he had received to Captain Bailey, of the Portland Police Department.

A little later Chief Burns told the story as he had heard it to The Oregonian over the telephone. It seems that Smith left his hiding place in the brush at about 1 o'clock this morning and made a break for liberty, running down the railroad track. He had hardly broken cover before he encountered Sheriff Shaver and Captain Henderson. Henderson, who was in advance, commanded him to halt, and the shooting began.

The outlaw fired the first shot at a distance of six feet, and used his revolver with such deadly effect that within a few seconds Henderson and Shaver, who were just behind him, were writing on the ground in agony. Other members of the posse gave chase and fired repeatedly at the outlaw, but he was apparently unharmed by the hail of bullets, and took refuge in a nursery near the track.

At last accounts the entire town, armed with guns of all descriptions, had turned out to surround the desperado's hiding place, and his capture will probably be effected this morning at daylight.

An Associated Press dispatch from Salem, received at 5:20 o'clock this morning, says that both Shaver and Henderson are desperately wounded and that the Sheriff is expected to die.

The other members of the posse who were in the battle were Joseph Richardson, Chester Alderman and Sheriff Culver. A telegram message to The Oregonian from Woodburn at 2:35 this morning says a special engine has taken the wounded men to Salem.

A special train left Portland at 4 o'clock this morning, carrying Detectives Snow and Vaughn, who have been detailed by Captain Bailey to go to the scene. They are wanted to identify Smith's body, for it is now virtually certain that Smith will be killed or commit suicide to avoid capture.

James P. Anderson, Fred Mallett and Deputy Sheriff John Cordano also joined the posse.

MOUNT ANGEL, Or., April 27.—(11:20 P. M.—Staff Correspondence.)—With every road closely watched, a man positively identified as Frank Smith, desperado, is hiding in the dense woods four miles due north of Mount Angel, tonight. He was driven to cover at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon by farmers, after having appeared at McKee Station, three miles north of here, for provisions.

Sheriff Culver and Shaver, who have been beating the brush east of Mount Angel all afternoon, were at once called to take up the fresh trail. They had barely reached the scene, however, before dusk had come on. The night proved so thick that further search was not only hazardous, but fruitless. At daybreak the hunt will be resumed and a determined effort made to surround the outlaw and kill him. It is not believed he will submit to being taken alive.

Three times within the last 24 hours the man recognized as Smith has been to McKee Station for food. He first appeared at 9 P. M. Thursday, being the same suspect as was reported at that time in yesterday's paper. On his first appearance he secured a meal at a farmhouse.

In answer to an alarm which this morning caused Sheriff Culver, of Salem, hurried to McKee this morning, and with Sheriff Shaver, of Clackamas County, investigated the report, concluding that the suspect was the right man. They at once drove east to the vicinity of Marquam, believing the outlaw would continue east, keeping to the hilly and heavily wooded country in that direction. At daybreak the hunt will be resumed and it is believed that the outlaw will be taken alive.

The theory that lightning never strikes twice in one place proved wrong in this case.

### BUILD CHEMICAL FACTORY

Denver Man to Establish Big, New Industry in Portland.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 27.—(Special.)—W. R. Wales, a prominent physician and manufacturing chemist of Denver, was in this city today, and said he would establish a large chemical factory at Portland in the near future, which would employ many persons of both sexes. He will make chemicals for the trade and invest thousands of dollars in the enterprise.

He already has plants at Omaha, Denver, Kansas City and St. Paul. He will establish plants also at Seattle and this city. He is due in Portland within ten days.

### RELIEF FUNDS OF NORTH-WEST CITIES.

Portland funds—

General	\$200,487.65
Popular	32,218.27
Seattle	160,000.00
Tacoma	31,971.00
Spokane	30,000.00
Vancouver, B. C.	25,000.00

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