

BLOW SAVED LIFE OF WOMAN

George E. Collins Felled Pawnbroker's Wife, Keeping Her From Burning Building.

HUSBAND ENTERED STORE AND PERISHED IN FIRE

At Third and Townsend Streets Mr. Collins Encountered Collie Dog Watching at Head of Dead Master—Must Have Perished at Post.

George E. Collins of the steamship Mongolia, which reached San Francisco a few days before the earthquake, had apartments at the Metropolitan hotel, Third and Mission streets, when the shock occurred. It was there that members of the Metropolitan grand opera company were lodging and the place was in the heart of the district where destruction was swiftest and most complete.

"The first shock awakened me," said Mr. Collins, "for the room was rocking frightfully. I was on the third floor and saw people climbing down the fire escapes past my window. They were half clothed and naked, and I didn't take time to dress. But when I reached the pavement I returned to my room and saved my belongings."

It was due to his striking a woman that she was saved from perishing in the flames while trying to find her husband. On Third street between Mission and Howard the fire raged



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until it enveloped a large and prosperous pawnshop. The owner of the shop, with his wife, were on the street in front and crying frantically. Finally the man rushed inside in order to save some of his jewelry.

The woman tried to follow him, but was held by persons in the crowd. She persisted in her efforts and was about to succeed when Collins knocked her down. The flames destroyed the building and her husband perished. She would have met the same fate but for the blow which prevented her entering.

"One of the most remarkable cases of devotion I ever saw was at Third and Townsend streets," said Mr. Collins. "I was going toward the waterfront in order to reach the Mongolia, and in doing so was forced to pass through the hottest portion of the city. At Third and Townsend streets I almost ran into a dark object which lay in the street. There was so much smoke that I did not see it until I had almost stepped on it, and then I discovered that it was the body of a man wrapped in a blanket. He had evidently been killed and was being carried away by his friends, who were forced to abandon the body."

"At the head of the body sat a large collie dog, which pushed away the blanket and licked his master's face when he saw me. He was evidently trying to direct my attention to the body of his master. As I hurried away from the scene the dog resumed his

watch. I am sure he must have perished, for the heat was frightful and fire burned all around the spot for several days."

CONCERT AND BALL THURSDAY EVENING

The concert and ball to be given this evening by the Oregon National Guard promises to be the biggest event of the week. A committee representing each company is hard at work. Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. Sheldon and Arthur Alexander have promised to sing.

Before the dancing commences there will be a concert given by an orchestra of 25 players under the direction of Arthur Clifford. The patronesses are Mrs. Colonel James Jackson, Mrs. Harry Lang, Mrs. General W. E. Finzer, Mrs. Colonel J. U. Gantenbein, Mrs. Captain L. H. Knapp.

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TO SEND MEN-OF-WAR TO VISIT LIBERIA

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 28.—The navy department is considering the advisability of having United States men-of-war make occasional visits to Liberia, Africa, as a demonstration of the friendly interest of this government in the welfare and progress of the African republic. Unless the plans of the department are changed, the cruiser Tacoma, now on her way to Port Said, to assist the fleet towing the drydock Dewey, will make a voyage along the west coast of Africa on her way back to the United States. In that event the vessel will visit one or more of the ports of Liberia.

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SOME IMPOSTORS IN THE CROWD

Man Who Gave Name as James Forth Gets Transportation, Then Sells It.

FEW OTHERS SELL THEIR FREE SHAVING TICKETS

A Few Professional Beggars Are Spotted by Policemen—One Refugee Declines Meal Ticket, Another Man Don't Want Gratis Shave.

Coming with the San Francisco refugees there are a few impostors who take advantage of the relief committees. Several of these have been discovered at the union station in the past few days, and while none have been turned over to the police they have all been told just what the relief committee thinks of them.


Yesterday afternoon a man who gave his name as James Forth arrived from the south, took his place in line and got transportation to Seattle. Later in the afternoon another man appeared at the ticket window with Forth's ticket, received his transportation, but was unable to sign the name on the relief committee's slip. He was asked to explain how he came by the slip and said he bought it from a refugee for 50 cents. Forth was caught before he left the station and admitted he had sold the ticket. He was censured by the members of the committee and released.

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Some of the refugees are particularly honest. A woman who arrived yesterday on the 5 o'clock refugee train and was given a meal ticket returned it to the committee, saying she had eaten early in the afternoon and would need nothing more until breakfast, by which time she would be in Seattle. A man who was given a shave ticket returned it with thanks, saying he had a razor

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