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AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE.

Rome Dispatch to New York Sun.
Maniacs roaming aimlessly about, menacing the sane survivors, half wild dogs and bands of wolves prowling amid piles of bodies, men tearing frantically but in vain at heaps of wreckage from which come the faint and gradually weakening cries of their loved ones, women and children dying of starvation and exposure, scores of old and young perishing beneath great heaps of ruins from which the utmost efforts of the rescuers will be unable to drag them in time, these are some of the terrible stories reaching Rome tonight from the Government officials in charge of the relief work in the area devastated by last Wednesday's earthquake.

One of the men made mad by the catastrophe split open the skull of an injured survivor who approached him today for looting a ruined wine shop. Scores of men and women crazed by grief and hardship, are wandering about the country, a danger to the living, for whose adequate protection even the thousands of soldiers now on the scene are insufficient. Every village is now surrounded by sentries, but despite their vigilance unspeakable acts are committed by maddened refugees. Tonight the military received orders to exterminate the bands of dogs and wolves which were preying on the dead.

One of the most pitiful cases reported here is the case of a young man whose fiancée, buried in the ruins, called out to him to save her if he loved her. All day he has been digging desperately at the wreckage, aided by the soldiers, who are moved to tears by his grief. Despite their efforts, there is no hopes of saving the girl, and her voice is gradually becoming inaudible. The same young man had previously saved himself, his mother and his sister from underneath the walls of his fallen home, but could not find his aged father.

Strangers are not allowed to approach the towns and villages in the stricken area, where the work of rescue goes on without cessation. The task of digging out those still alive in the ruins and of taking care of the injured survivors and feeding those who are unhurt is so great that attempts to bury the thousands of bodies have been abandoned and they are now piled up in great heaps awaiting the moment when there are no more to save.

Several imploring voices were heard from the debris at Avezzano today and the soldiers are trying to reach them. Two girls were saved from the ruins of the girls' school and many of the pupils are still alive and are calling out to the military to save them.

A royal commissioner has assumed charge of the earthquake area and has ordered the soldiers not to dig into the ruins unless they hear the moans or cries of victims. Officers have been specifically detailed to find out the most likely spots for excavation. In Avezzano, as a result of systematic exploration, 15 survivors were rescued. They were all thoroughly exhausted and badly injured and several had to be operated upon, crushed arms and legs being amputated.

The ruins are now ominously silent, and moans are now heard only rarely. The burial of the dead has been hastened for sanitary reasons. It has been raining all day and the excavating has been made more difficult.

Various reports coming in from the soldiers show that scores of persons had the most marvelous escapes from death in

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Gov. Manning succeeds Blount as Gov. of S. C.

Charles Henderson was inaugurated Gov. of Ala. on the 18th inst.

Fire in Trenton N. J. entailed a loss of \$1,000,000 on the 18th inst.

A belt line electric railway is to circle the ancient walls of Peking, China.

The 19th of January was Gen. Lees birthday. It is a legal holiday in N. C.

Three men were buried in a shaft of a mine in Macon Co. N. C. a few days ago.

A bill has been passed to place a statue of Zeb Vance in Statuary Hall, at Washington.

The Legislature of the state has invited Sec. W. J. Bryan to speak before it Jan. 30th.

A bill will be introduced in the Legislature providing for a girls reformatory or Rescue Home.

Dr. Charles Bain, Prof. of Greek in the State University, is critically ill at his home on Main St.

The post office at Obids, Ashe Co. was robbed on the night of the 16th and \$105 of stamps and money was secured.

Francis will be the name of the new arrival at the White House. The announcement has been made by Mr. Sayre.

Maj. R. T. Grinnan headmaster of the Bingham School at Asheville for many years, died on last Friday.

By watching the incoming mails the Syracuse N. Y. post office officials have found 80 different ways of spelling Syracuse.

A handsome school building to cost \$18,000 is being erected in thriving village of Elkin, N. C. says a correspondent to the Charlotte Observer.

A son was born a few days ago to Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, daughter of President Wilson. It is said that the President is quite proud of the little boy, he being his first grandchild.

Rather than face the penitentiary a confessed forger of \$250,000 in whiskey warehouse reports, Charles Ledowsky fifty years old shot and killed himself on the 20th.

A bronze memorial tablet to the Illinois soldiers of the war of 1812 has been installed in the State House at Springfield. It is a gift of the Daughters of 1912 of Illinois.

President Martin, of Davidson College, announces that he will soon begin a campaign for an additional \$100,000 endowment for the College, \$50,000 being in sight.

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good." writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

the catastrophe. Under wrecked, ruined houses little children have been found alive, although nearly dead from exposure and cold, but absolutely unhurt by the crash of timber and masonry. The endurance of women and babies is remarkable, for many of them are in need only of food when saved after long ordeals, imprisoned in wreckage and with the dead bodies of their families buried in the debris near them.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CHILD LABOR.

Outline for Affirmative and Negative Debat on the Subject.

University News Letter.

The development of North Carolina as well as that of any other State, depends on the health and intelligence of its people; and the foundations of health and intelligence must be laid during childhood.

A question always worth the consideration of those interested in educating or in getting educated is, how is North Carolina providing opportunity for her children to become healthy and intelligent men and women? Does she open a free way for their development, or does she stunt the growth of body and mind by allowing them to work in factories?

Brought into the form of a debate query, the question is: "Resolved, That North Carolina should enact a law prohibiting all children under 14 years of age from working in any mill, factory or manufacturing plant."

AFFIRMATIVE ARGUMENTS.

I. Child labor results in mental and physical retardation and incomplete development, for

A No time for play, one of the chief agents of development is given.

B. Very little, if any, time is given for school.

C The work is frequently carried on in badly lighted unsanitary buildings.

II. Child labor defeats the very object of its employment, for

A It tends to industrial deterioration, for in retarding the physical and mental growth of the child, it prevents him from becoming a skilled laborer.

III. Child labor is cheap labor, and cheap labor tends to poverty, for

A The total income of a family working in an industry that regularly employs child labor is almost always less than that of a family working in an industry that employs only adults.

IV. Child labor is detrimental to society in general, for It promotes crime, for working children contribute a much larger proportion of delinquents than do non-working children.

B. It embitters the spirit of the child, for as it hinders his highest development as a citizen, it fills him with hatred of those whom he considers responsible.

V. It is contended that some forms of manufacture are dependent upon child labor; but the child labor may be an economy and a convenience it cannot be a necessity for any form of legitimate manufacture.

VI. It is contended that the child of the widow or the needy child should be allowed to work; but, on the contrary, such children should be given special protection so that their possibilities for future maintenance may not be limited.

NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS.

I. Society absolutely needs child labor in some forms of legitimate manufacture, for

A children are better fitted for some occupations than adults.

II. Many persons who are unable to work or who cannot earn enough to support their families, need the help of their children.

III. Under present educational conditions, North Carolina is better with child labor than without it for

A At present the compulsory school law does not apply to children between 12 and 14 years of age, and even if did, it would effect them four months in the year, and the children are much better off employed in the facto-

Things I Wish I Had Known Before I Was Twenty-One.

Recently three leading men spoke at the Men's meeting at Cleveland on the subject, "Things I Wish I Had Known Before I Was Twenty-One." G. Leonard Fels, the first speaker, gave in by twenty-two men. Here they are. Every word is worth reading:

1. What I was going to do for a living, what my life work would be,

2. That my health after thirty depended in a large degree on what I put into my stomach before I was twenty-one.

3. How to take care of money.

4. The commercial asset of being neatly and sensibly dressed.

5. That a man's habits are very hard to change after he is twenty-one.

6. That a harvest depends upon the seeds sown; wheat produces wheat, thistles bring forth thistles, ragweeds spoil good pasture, and wild oats sown will surely produce all kinds of misery and unhappiness.

7. That things worth while require time, patience and work.

8. That you can't get something out of nothing.

9. That the world would give me just about what I deserved.

10. That by the sweat of my brow would I earn my bread,

11. That a thorough education not only pays better wages than hard labor, but it brings the best of everything else—name ly, more enjoyable work, better food, more of the wholesome luxuries and pleasures of life; better folks to live and deal with, and, best of all, the genuine satisfaction that you are somebody worthy of respect, confidence, and the priceless gift of friendship.

12. That honesty is the best policy, not only in dealing with my neighbors but also in dealing with myself and God.

13. The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.

14. The folly of not taking older peoples advice.

15. That everything my mother wanted me to do was right.

16. That "dad" wasn't an old foggy after all. If I had done as he wished me to do, I would be much better off physically, mentally and morally.

17. What is really meant to father and mother to raise their son.

18. What hardships and disappointments would be entailed by my leaving home against my parents' wishes.

19. More of the helpful and inspiring parts of the Bible, particularly the four books dealing with the life of Christ.

20. The greatness of the opportunity and joy of serving a fel-

low man.

That Jesus Christ was with me as an Elder Brother and Friend in every activity and relationship of life.

22. That Gods relationship to me was just as helpful as that of a good shepherd toward his sheep or of a father toward his son.

23. A faithful friend is a strong defense. He that hath found a friend hath found a treasure. A poor man may be said to be rich in the midst of his poverty so long as he enjoys the interior sunshine of a devoted friend.

24. Friendship cheers like a sunbeam, charms like a good story, inspires like a brave leader binds like a golden chain, guides into a Heavenly star.—The Industrial Enterprise.

The Pistol Toter.

The pistol toting, coupled with blindtiger whiskey, is one of the crying evils of the day, none will gainsay. Let one of those habitual, cowardly, pistol-toters get tanked up on blindtiger whiskey and imagine that somebody has done him an injury and he forthwith snuffs out a life. Various and sundry laws have been enacted against him but he still flourishes. When one is convicted, as a general thing the presiding judge lets him off with the payment of cost in the case and he is armed again to resent any "insult" that may be offered him with a bullet. A bill is now before the Legislature to impose a tax on the owner of pistol equal to the poll tax, and impose a fine of fifty dollars and six months imprisonment on any one who may be convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, but this is not strong enough. This little word "shall" of course would help some, for it will not let the sentence be discretionary with a judge, who fines in some instances and suspends in others. The carrying of concealed weapons will never be checked until the punishment is made much heavier than any yet proposed.—Morganton Messenger.

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It's a suggestion which the Warrenton Va. Democrat makes: "We should not only give our farms names, but those names should be neatly painted on a sign over each entrance, together with the name of the owner of the place. End while we are about it let's do another good job and give a name to every country church, schoolhouse, and cemetery, and public place of every nature, and have the names of those conspicuously displayed." We believe that giving farms, schools, etc., such names and advertising them would do a great deal to increase our pride in them and a desire to make them what they ought to be.—The Progressive Farmer.

Men may change their climate but they cannot change their nature—a man that goes out a fool cannot ride nor sail himself into common sense.—Addison.

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