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Disaster's Lasting Lesson.

In hundreds of towns and cities large and small, in every part of the country, we hear of commissioners at work investigating the safety of existing theaters, churches and public halls, and everywhere radical improvements are being made in the provision of safer and more adequate exits, means of extinguishing fire, safeguarding of heating and lighting apparatus, and, in general, of all points that have to do with the safety of an audience from panic or fire. Of course this attitude will not last. Public attention will shortly be diverted in other directions and municipal ordinances regarding safe construction and management of theaters and similar buildings will be observed in a more or less desultory fashion as heretofore. Among architects and engineers, however, the Engineering News believes, the lesson will not so soon be forgotten. We risk little in saying that in architects' offices the provision of safe means of exit from places of public assembly will be given an importance in the future that it has not had in the past. It is, of course, the architect's business to see to this. He is as much in duty bound to make a theater or church or hall a safe building in this respect as he is to see that it is safe from the spread of sewer gas or safe from danger of collapse by reason of weak construction. The client may desire to economize at all possible points; but he will be likely to listen to reason if he is made to understand that human life is at stake and that neglect of precautions has had dire results in the past.

True Heroism.

Heroism is not confined to grown men and women; it frequently crops out in children. Recently a little girl in Buffalo was so badly burned that it was necessary to graft 240 square inches of skin on her body to save her life. Many of her schoolmates, boys and girls, volunteered to supply the cuticle from their own bodies. The first volunteer to get taken into the operating room was a boy nine years old, who refused to give his name. He said

he was "little Zip" and that "Belle would know." The surgeon removed three inches of skin from his arm and the boy almost fainted from pain, while tears rushed to his eyes. Then he turned to the surgeon and said: "If it will help Belle you can take another slice off me." "Little Zip" has a brave and stout heart. There's the making of a hero in that boy.

The great want of this age, says the Walnut (Kan.) Eagle, is men; men who are honest and sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as others; men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole; men who would stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who can tell the truth and look the world and the devil right in the eye; men who never fag nor flinch; men who have courage without shouting to bring it; men to whom the current of everlasting life runs still and deep and strong; men who know their place and fill it; men who will not lie; men who are willing to earn what they eat and perform what they are paid for doing.

A report made by the dean of the faculty of arts and sciences of Harvard university shows that out of 172 students who received the bachelor's degree with honors at Harvard last commencement 84 were prepared for college in the public schools, as against 76 from private schools of all kinds. This is convincing evidence of the high character of instruction to be had in the public schools, especially in view of the fact that the academies and other private fitting schools exist chiefly for the purpose of preparing boys for college, while in the public high schools this is merely an incident.

Lieut. Gen. Young, the retiring chief of staff of the army, sent a package to Gen. Chaffee, his successor, with this note: "Private Young, company K, Twelfth Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, presents his compliments to Private Chaffee, troop K, Sixth United States cavalry, and asks him to accept this pair of lieutenant general's shoulder straps." There never was a more significant illustration of the opportunities enjoyed by young men in this country than is given by this note to the new chief of staff from his predecessor.

It is easy to see that the mere existence of a serious war between two nations stimulates the war fever in the other countries that are mere spectators of the struggle. Thus a war tends to demoralize the whole world. The papers inevitably are full of war news and discussion; the people think about military affairs and have their minds concentrated upon military conditions at home as well as abroad.

The czar of Russia can at least count upon having all the newspapers of his country with him on almost any subject. 'Tis easier to agree with him than to suspend publication.

Brockway, the forger, is said to have been an ideal prisoner. There are too many ideal prisoners; we need more ideal citizens.

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