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THE EARTHQUAKE.

The year 1908 closes upon the most terrible calamity that ever fell upon a nation in the world's history.

Great Nature suddenly changed from order to chaos, from peace to anarchy, and whole cities were swallowed up as in a moment, while fire broke away from its beds pouring lava and ruin everywhere, and at other points the seas rose from their boundaries and enveloped islands and inhabitants.

Each new report seems to swell the estimated number of deaths and the desolations are indescribable and wide spread.

Words fail in presence of such an awful calamity, and one can only wait and see. It was of the same afflicted Italy that Whittier wrote.

I know the pent fire leaves its crust. That sultry skies the bolt will form To smite them clear; that Nature must The balance of her powers adjust. Though with the Earthquake and the Storm.

And again from the same author we have the following:

The morning sun shed forth Its light upon the scene Where tower and palace strew'd the earth With wrecks of what had been. But of the thousands who were gone No trace was left, no vestige shown.

THE COMING OF THE FOURTH.

We have on several occasions urged an awakening of patriotic interest among North Shore people, such as may secure a sane, rational and truly patriotic national birthday.

No single thing that we can think of tends so rapidly to bring our national pride into the dust as the complete surrender of its great days of memorial to mere rough-house play, and dangerously wild use of explosives.

If it were deliberately proposed to offer up a thousand or more of our boys and girls as a sacrifice of blood to the national good of patriotism, the whole country would denounce the proposal as an outrageous return to ancient barbarism.

Yet we deliberately go on from year to year encouraging a reckless sacrifice of limb and life, and make no effort to arrest the slaughter.

Once more we do most solemnly and earnestly ask our North Shore citizens to bring good sense to bear on the question. A general forbidding of the use of fire arms and explosives is not sufficient. A stern and rigorous prohibition should be attended with wise and entertaining exercises, which may include jubilant joy for young America, and expressions of patriotism that shall be more lasting than a fire cracker, and more impressive than a bomb or a rocket.

We speak of this now because it

is useless to wait till the warm June days. Such a reform requires planning, and it takes time to do it.

It needs, further, that some suitable agency should be set at work to plan it. This ought not to be difficult. Initial steps might be taken, for instance by the ladies through the Women's Clubs; or the Daughters of the American Revolution, might call a meeting of persons interested in each of the towns along the line of the North Shore. It might be deemed desirable to have a general North Shore Committee appointed and promote a great day of united interest—say at Ravinia Park, or it might be deemed best for each municipality to have its own celebration. Anyway it should be remembered that to do this well, steps must be taken without delay.

LINCOLN CENTENARY.

The suggestion to be ready for the National birthday, reminds us of the approaching centenary of the birth of our great martyr president.

While steps to celebrate this event are already taken in various parts of the country, it is specially incumbent upon us to remember that Abraham Lincoln was a son of Illinois. It would therefore be a singular lack of public spirit and patriotic gratitude if we are found entirely wanting in preparation for Lincoln Day of 1909.

Here is an opportunity for our schools to distinguish themselves. Let the Board of the High schools and Grammar schools instantly get together and plan a celebration which shall be creditable to our people.

Highland Park, Lake Forest, Glencoe, Winnetka and Wilmette ought each to have a celebration which would greatly memorise the name and character of the most illustrious of all Illinois illustrious citizens.

Since writing the above we learn that the Springfield people are planning a great State celebration, and ask for a delegation from these towns to attend.

Highland Park, however, is planning a social affair of its own, which may take the form of a banquet, with one or more speakers of national fame.

None of these things, however, lessen the call for a demonstration by the young people, and we urge it upon the attention of the principals of our schools.

Our Outlook

LABOR ACCIDENTS.

A recent bulletin of the federal bureau of labor gives figures that are appalling. According to it the number of fatal accidents to workingmen in the United States last year was about 35,000, and the number of injuries inflicted was 2,000,000. While accidents are inevitable in the prosecution of industry, it ought not to be necessary that the roll of the dead and injured should be so large, and it is only elemental justice that those who are injured in the industrial battle should be cared for by the society which they serve, and that the families of the slain should be compensated for the loss of their breadwinners. Society should enforce precautions to prevent unnecessary accidents and it must devise industrial insurance systems to recompense the injured in part for the accidents which they suffer.

COST OF LIVING.

Joseph French Johnson, dean of the New York University's School of Commerce and Finance and professor of economics in the University of Pennsylvania, says the cost of living—which has risen 44 per cent in the past nine years—is going to keep on going up for nine years more. He says that in 1918 we shall see the average prices of the necessities of life advanced to 80 per

cent above the rates quoted in 1897, but the wages of the workmen will not rise in the same proportion. Possibly the learned man's heavy drafts on futurity ought to be discounted considerably for cash; but the cold fact remains, however, that throughout Europe and America, at this present writing the cost of living is increasing enormously.

RICH CRIMINALS INDICTED.

A rumor in political circles at the national capital is that President Roosevelt some time ago had picked ten or twelve men whom he wished to have indicted—all of them from the ranks of the "criminal rich." Most of these were supposed to be New Yorkers, or financiers who have their headquarters in New York. In addition there have been many intimations that he would not quit office without making a final attempt to indict some of the Chicago packers again.

Mr. Roosevelt, by securing these indictments of the "criminal rich," will be enabled to finish his administration in what his admirers consider a blaze of glory. The business of making the indictments stand will then go over into Mr. Taft's hands, or the hands of his administration, while Mr. Roosevelt goes to Africa.

ANNUITY FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

President Roosevelt thinks ex-presidents of the United States ought to get a life annuity of from \$10,000 to \$15,000, after they have served out their terms. He also thinks that Congress ought to fix the President's salary at \$100,000. He has told friends that he will sign the Bourne bill to that effect if it is passed. But as to both the pension and the salary rise, he declares he does not want them himself.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES

Employees of Chicago banks, offices, stores, and factories, it is estimated, received close to \$1,500,000 in gifts from their employers for Christmas.

The largest donation was made by the Crane company, which divided \$350,000 among employees. The next largest gift was \$300,000 from Chase & Sanborn, coffee merchants.

The American Radiator Company gave the janitors and scrubwomen of their plant turkeys. The Peoples' Gas Light and Coke Company gave turkeys to each of the 4,000 employees. The Edward Hines Lumber Company gave gold to the office employes and turkeys to each of its 700 outside employes. The 1,400 employes in Minnesota received turkeys. Montgomery Ward & Co., distributed 4,000 turkeys. The City Fuel Company employes received a turkey each.

The Fair distributed among the employes that have been in the service over one year, \$5 gold pieces, while those who have been in the service less than one year were given \$2. The American Express Company gave turkeys to its employes. The Merchants' Loan and Trust Company distributed \$20 gold pieces among all the employes, while the American Trust and Savings Bank, the Central Trust Company, the Chicago Savings Bank and Trust Company and The Western Trust and Savings Bank, Foreman Brothers distributed gold also. John King & Co., brokers, also gave gold.

KAISER IS AN ABSTAINER.

Pursuing a policy of personal reform, the German Kaiser has become a teetotaler and has pledged himself to abstain from all alcoholic drinks for the remainder of his life. Ordinarily his vow would banish liquors from all dinners which his majesty attends, but not desiring to compel the courtiers to follow his example, the kaiser has had prepared a special non-alcoholic drink which effervesces like champagne. When dining out he supplies his host with the new beverage in advance, and it is served in champagne bottles.

GREAT LUMBER COMPANY.

The biggest lumber company in the world was organized a few days ago in Duluth, Minn. Through the consolidation of the five largest lumber interests in the Rainy Lake Region of Minnesota and Canada; Edward Hines, President of the Hines Lumber Company of Chicago, becomes the unquestioned lumber king of the United States. Two billion feet of white pine are involved in the transaction. The capital stocks \$20,000,000, all paid up. The deal puts Chicago in direct connection with the largest field of white pine in the world.

One of the immediate effects of the deal, it is said, will be cheaper lumber for Chicago. The new company was formed in the expectation that the present Congress will take the duty off lumber. If this is done great quantities of Canadian lumber can come into the States through the great lakes.

NEW YEAR BELLS.

Ring—merrily In the early hours of the morning, The bells of the New Year are telling That the glad

Ring—merrily They're welcome Another year that The brightest

Ring—merrily Their silvery notes Are words of courage To all, both far

Ring—merrily They're bringing To those who are Some heart to

Ring—merrily All over the world The bells are sweet Their New Year Bells—Highland Park

LIQUOR ABUSEMENTS.

Within the last few months there have appeared in McClure's very interesting articles on the liquor question. The first number was by Prof. Yale, who, while the American saloon was and ought to be abolished for moderate drinking, old and commonplace have been successful many times, he made such an attractive way, and liquor meeting use of them. I severely arraigned by and of bitter letters publishers by temperance

But McClure's was in the October two able articles by Dr. Henry Smith Williams, treating of the effect on "the liquor" of a single glass of beer or wine a day, "a hol and the Comm really performed a service by allowing the ablest people to be made, who to be readily refuted.

Dr. Williams states that alcohol is a criminal that alcohol has there are scores of per delinquencies induced alcohol, are not of the yet are a source of friends—and a detriment For every incapable by alcohol, acknowledged life battle, and open there are scores who fe want in a greater or less the money that might necessities or luxuries drink, yet who strive to gentence. All these vast the field of the state

THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

President Roosevelt, Washington dispatch, in draft of his message in quest of the House of for the information upon the assertion in his at "that Congressmen di wish to be investigated men." Friends who v the preparation of the d that its nature will conv and also every member is unprejudiced, that M sufficient basis for the sp to which exception has b

Young People's Society

The Young People's Society Endeavor is a great force. There are about four hundred in the City of Chicago at a membership of about ten thousand young people. These societies are divided into divisions consist of about forty societies, 1 Hyde Park Division, We etc., etc. These Division together in a central body Chicago Union. This U working force of young means of its organization minister at the Cook C who resides there and spiritual needs of the pati There are society ga tainments on stated even lar religious services. T reported, number twent every month.

The Union also support ing Endeavor" departm charge have a steam laun the Union, used in visiti river, and holding servi points. They distribute matter and "comfort bags

Dramatic Notes.

Garden: This is a novel home of musical comedy located at the corner of Wabash avenue and Peck court. Our reporter visited this theatre a week ago Wednesday and was very favorably impressed with the theatre. On entering the house one loses oneself in a garden whilst overhead the leaves rustle apparently. The proscenium arch is massive oak interlacing at the top. Up these trees the Director of Publicity informs us the theatre cat has vainly endeavored to climb. As to the play, the chief trouble with it is that it has all been said or sung before. Excerpts from "The Girl behind the Counter", "Paid in Full", "The Spring Chicken" and a number of others are easily discernible. Toby Lyons, the old LaSalle star, is very, very funny. A solemn faced man, evidently a pedagogue, sat next us Wednesday and laughed uproariously at every one of Toby's antics. The show we understand is being thoroughly revised and improved and with the addition of new blood should be well worth seeing.

McVickers: The great McVickers success of last year, "The Round Up" opens a month's engagement here tomorrow night. Comment is deferred.

Princess: The Stubborn Cinderella company leaves here Jan. 18. An old LaSalle piece will follow the close of this prosperous engagement. The Alumni Association of the Deerfield Township High school was entertained on Tuesday night. Our reporter was present and enjoyed the performance exceedingly.

Auditorium: Victor Moore, "who made so big a hit in the Geo. M. Cohan musical play, "The Talk of New York," last fall at the Colonial Theatre, Chicago, will be offered at the Auditorium Theatre the next two weeks for the first time anywhere at popular prices. The company and production which comes with Mr. Moore is identical with that seen in Chicago previously. This is Moore's last appearance in Chicago this season, and will be for but two weeks, beginning Jan. 3rd. A matinee will also be given Wednesday and Saturday.

The Christian Science reading room in Highland Park is open every afternoon (except Sunday) from two until four thirty o'clock in the church building on Hazel avenue, near St. Johns avenue. All are cordially welcome.



With Woeful sigh and tearful eye Bad habits all are bade "Good-bye."

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