

TOO MANY HOUSES OF STONE

A. R. Groh Says This is Reason of Such Great Loss of Life in the Italian Earthquake.

WAS AT THE MESSINA DISASTER

"Yes, I can see just how things look in Avezzano, Sorra and other earthquake-devastated cities of Italy," said A. R. Groh of Omaha yesterday.

Mr. Groh was in Italy at the time of the Messina earthquake, December, 1908, and visited that city within thirty-six hours after it was laid in ruins.

"I was in Naples together with James H. Pope, also formerly of Omaha, when the great Messina earthquake came," he said. "We were fortunate enough to get away by ship to Messina almost at once."

The first sight I saw when we landed from the small boats on the ruins of the city was three large trucks piled high with dead bodies of men, women and children. I think we saw at least 10,000 dead bodies that day. Some had been gathered and laid in rows. Others lay where they had fallen, struck by flying stones or partly protruding from the debris. From a third-story window of a building not entirely demolished hung a woman's body-head downward, the hair swinging in the breeze.

Makes Rough Casket. A few rude huts had been built out of doors and shutters by the few survivors. In front of one of these I saw a coffin man hammering together a rude coffin out of rough boards, using a cobblestone for a hammer. A child of 7 years sat by, idly watching him. And at one side the body of his wife, covered with a cloth, waiting the completion of the casket.

"A middle-aged woman, her hair streaming in the wind and her skirt dragging in the mud walked wildly along and occasionally gave voice to a piercing shriek and tore her hair.

"Parties of soldiers were still passing over the debris seeking survivors. A little dog ran up and down on the sagging roof of a second-floor room, barking. A soldier leveled his rifle and brought the little starving body tumbling to the ground.

These are but a few pictures of the horror that we witnessed all day long in that horrible devastation. Cut off from the rest of the world, it seemed like a cold, frosty, misty inferno where the streets were literally sprinkled with dead bodies of men, women and children.

Houses of Stone. The reason why earthquakes in Italy have such awful consequences is that the houses are built almost entirely of stone. Even the floors in most cases are made of shallow stone arches. An earthquake tremor disturbs this skillful masonry work and the whole heavy mass descends and crushes those in the houses and near them.

I presume martial law has been declared in the district now devastated, as in Messina. I remember seeing a man shot that evening in Messina. We were trying to pass the night under a steel shed, formerly a market place, and about the only building left in that city. The searchlights from the warships in the harbor were playing up and down the ruined front of the Bank of Italy, where it was said, 30,000,000 lire in cash lay in the vaults. A squad of soldiers came marching past the shed where we were seated around a bonfire. At that moment the searchlight revealed the figure of a man making his way carefully into the debris-cluttered doorway of the bank.

The officer in charge of the squad saw him. He gave a sharp command to halt. We then sat at the remaining fire. The officer, seeing the figure dropped, and the soldiers marched briskly on about their business.

Better to Play Safe. It was horrible as I look back on it. Yet at the time, in the midst of that awful city of unburied dead, it scarcely seemed unnatural or extraordinary. But we remained carefully by our fire. It was extremely desirable to be unsuspected even of looting.

Later that same night we saw a line of refugees moving down toward a little improvised floating dock. We hurried to it and there found two young German officers. I spoke to them and they said they were from the German cruiser Hertha, which had been ordered from Crete to Messina to take refugees. But we remained carefully by our fire. It was extremely desirable to be unsuspected even of looting.

SAENGERFEST WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY EVENING

A meeting of the Omaha Saengerfest association will be held Saturday evening, January 16, at 8 o'clock, at the organization's hall, Seventeenth and Cass streets. The question of entertaining the Saengerbund of the Northwest will be taken up.

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Gossip of State Lumbermen Heard Outside Convention Hall

A. N. Eaton of the Nebraska Steel Tank company entertained eighteen lumbermen at a dinner at the Loyal Thursday night.

Oswald Oliver of Hastings is another who is missed at the meeting this year. He has a long record of hard work in the association.

I. W. Chapin of Lincoln is one of the members of long standing who would rather lose a finger than miss a convention. He has always been a faithful worker.

R. M. Trumbull of Hildreth is another who is never found wanting when weighed in the balance for good, hard work on committees and other work in behalf of the association.

Bob Hollingsworth, manager of the Dierks Lumber company in Lincoln, attended the convention regularly as clockwork. His company has the reputation of having the finest lumber shed in Nebraska.

A. B. Althous of Loup City is one who has always been on deck. He is one of the very efficient, unassuming, and yet powerfully efficient, associations.

George W. Baldwin of Crete has the reputation of never having missed a meeting unless sick. He is always active and is regarded by association men as one of the wheel horses of the organization.

S. W. Lightner of St. Edwards was one of the very first active workers in the association. His friends say he has scarcely ever been free from duties on the board of directors or some committee of the association.

Charles A. Galloway of Holdrege is one of the aggressive type of association workers who is always ready to back up any worthy move with financial aid. He is always ready to go down in his pocket when anything is needed.

C. F. Fiddings of North Platte. The old-timers miss him, for they remember his long and active interest in the association work in years past.

George M. Little of Lyons, Neb., arrived Thursday for the last two days of the session. Business at home tried hard to keep him back, but Little broke the bounds and came. "What would a convention be without Little and Houson and some of the old guard from that neck of the woods," said an old-timer.

Fred P. McCormick, who was the youngest charter member when the association was organized, twenty-five years ago, is one of the busy bodies on the lobby. He was a youngster barely able to vote when the association was organized. He was then in business at Fairbrand. Today he is local sales manager in Omaha for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene, Ore.

C. H. Kitzinger of Evanston, Ill., former lumber dealer in Nebraska, now editor of the "Realm of the Retailer" page in the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, is put out because he can't get buttermilk at every soda stand and bar in the city. "I have been drinking it for years," he said. "We all drink a lot of it back in Evanston, and I am lost without it." He was advised to hunt up a retail department of one of the prominent stores in the city, where he could get filled up in a moment. He renewed the search at once.

Frank Colpeter of Omaha and E. C. Houston of Tekamah, both familiar figures on the convention floor, are remembered by association men as among those who did much to bring the three branches of the lumber industry together—the milling, the wholesaling and the retailing, under one management.

Because the notion had got abroad that they were trying to fix things, there is a better understanding now, and a working together, with no column attacking itself anywhere.

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New Books

HAPPY HAWKINS IN THE PANHANDLE. By Robert Alexander Wason. 92 Pp. \$1.50. Small, Maynard & Co. The story is told by Happy himself, and concerns the time when he left the Diamond Dot ranch in Wyoming, went down into Texas and became foreman of the Lion Head ranch. He tells an interesting yarn, filled with episode and excitement, with a surprising and ennobling love story, and the humor for which his name has become synonymous.

MERE MAN. By Edwin Bateman Morris. 220 Pp. \$1. The Penn Publishing Company. A cause, a certain great modern cause cannot triumph so long as an orator of a congressman—a surprisingly attractive orator—stands in the way. Deborah Carter, "young and 28," and under a vow not to marry any mere man until the cause is won, undertakes to dispose of the orator. In Deborah's eyes pure fire is firm. It is easy to see that neither will yield, yet one must, and does.

SELINA. By George Madden Martin. 60 Pp. \$1.30. D. Appleton & Co. The story, which is laid in an average American town, opens just after Selina has graduated from school, and shows a very attractive girl wrestling with the problem of what to do to earn a livelihood. You will find Selina to be a delightful companion with her genuine, serious interest in helping to solve some of the most perplexing problems confronting hundreds of young girls who are obliged to go to work for the first time. It is as original as it is wholesome.

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LONG TESTS OF FOOD BEVERAGES AND TOILET ACCESSORIES. By Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. 24 Pp. \$1.25. Hearst's International Library Company. Dr. Wiley has here provided the housewife specific and general information on the adulteration of foods and has included

lists for her guidance. It is invaluable handbook, and, more than that, should give a further impetus to the movement for high standards of manufacture and merchandising.

JUVENILE COURTS AND PROBATION. By Bernard Flexner and Roger N. Baldwin. 28 Pp. \$1.25. The Century Company. A general statement of the problems of the juvenile court, its scope, methods, organization and its relation to other social forces.

HOUSE FURNISHING AND DECORATION. By Abbot McClure and Harold Donaldson Eberlein. 279 Pp. \$1.50. McHenry, Nast & Co. An intensely practical book on every

phase of furnishing and equipping a distinctive home. The authors have kept in mind, above all other considerations, the desirability of showing what may be done by a combination of clever constructive ideas with limited means. Inexpensiveness and taste, rather than ostentation, form the keynote.

CHILDREN IN BONDAGE. By Edw. Markham, Judge Ben H. Lindsey and George Creel. 82 Pp. \$1.25. Hearst's International Library. An up-to-date presentation of the child-labor problem in America, embodying the complete results of extensive and reliable special investigations.

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