

Today

Today
Greatest of Disasters.
The After-Effects.
Other Great Calamities.
If Men Would Learn.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The Japanese earthquake surpasses in horror all authenticated calamities in the world's history—apart from plagues and war, which men bring upon themselves. This history of Japan is a history of earthquake disasters. Those living remember some of them. In 1891, 10,000 were killed. In 1896, a tidal wave caused by an earthquake drowned 29,000. The disaster of the moment, made horribly deadly by modern construction of buildings, by gas mains and their flames, unknown in the old days, surpasses all records. It is learned that half a million have perished and there is talk of one or two smaller Japanese islands having disappeared entirely beneath the surface of the sea.

Millions are homeless, hungry, frightened. Fear, and the nervous effect upon the survivors of the earthquake, are almost as serious as the earthquake itself. Insanity follows earthquake, and other troubles, and hatreds and superstitions worse than disease are awakened by fear of the unknown.

The greatest, most deadly of all earthquakes in history is the one that occurred in Lisbon on November 1, 1755. A terrific shock in an instant reduced the city to a heap of ruins. The shock was followed by a gigantic tidal wave that wrecked the shipping and drowned thousands. Earthquake, fire and water, combined, caused the death of 40,000 lives and one hundred million dollars in property—a vast sum and a horrible calamity.

The world at large knows now what an earthquake is. The earth, hot at the center, cold on the outside, settles very slightly on top, as a cake just taken from the oven settles in the pan. It is almost imperceptible, taking the earth or a cake as a whole.

The earthquake represents the earth's adjustment to its environment. Some times, as in these Japanese earthquakes, volcanoes springing into violent life make the calamity greater.

But fire and tidal wave, and modern building of a construction dangerous in earthquake regions, do more to destroy life than the earthquake itself.

And worse even than the actual loss of life, is the dreadful terror, the mental suffering inflicted upon millions.

Yesterday's late dispatches from Tokio contain this: "Thousands of frenzied men and women, overcome with excitement and fatigue, went mad and threw themselves into the river while the shocks were occurring." Fear is most dreadful agony. The rivers are said to be clogged with the dead bodies.

Superstitions that have slumbered for years will come back to life among the less intelligent of the Japanese masses.

Influence of western foreigners, lack of respect for the ancient gods will be blamed. And there will be revived the old Japanese belief that earthquakes are caused by a gigantic catfish, living under Japan, turning and causing calamity when disturbed.

Our own Christian ancestors believed in strange creatures beneath the earth. The venerable Bede, illustrious for his learning, twelve hundred years ago, described as follows the old explanation of earthquakes and tidal waves that followed: "Some say that the earth contains the animal Leviathan and that he holds his tail after a fashion of his own, so that it is sometimes scorched by the sun, whereupon he strives to get hold of the sun, and so the earth is shaken by the motion of his indignation. He drinks in also, at times, such huge masses of the waves, that when he belches them forth all the seas feel their effect."

The Bible doubtless sought to discourage this animal belief in the fourth verse of the 20th chapter of Exodus: "Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image; of anything that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." Such a disaster fills every mind with horror and the people of this country will do all they can to help relieve the suffering. The disaster ought to have its effect in Europe. There, men, just recovering from a war in which the loss of half a million lives was an incident, are preparing other wars and other disasters, to make the loss of life and property in Japan seem trifling. Men should concentrate on conquering the problems that old earth presents, with its earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, gales, swamps, plagues and wild beasts, without creating fresh troubles in war. Horrible as it is, this disaster is slight compared with the disaster that overtook the whole world in 1914, killing twenty millions, 40 times as many as the earthquake is said to have killed. And this Japanese horror might be a blessing disguised. If it should make men realize that their task is to fight and conquer nature, not to butcher and rob each other. (Copyright, 1923.)

Radio Equipment Stolen
Table Rock, Neb., Sept. 5.—Part of a radio set, including coils and other apparatus, was taken from the F. W. Meier garage at Dubois. The battery and head pieces were left in the garage. A window screen in the building had been left unhooked and entrance was gained by this means.

Den Show Ends Without "Raid"

Title and Abstract Convention Delegates Guests of Ak-Sar-Ben.

A good time, but a perfectly "lady-like" one, was enjoyed by those who attended the last show of the year at Ak-Sar-Ben Den Tuesday night. For the first time in history, the show ended without a midnight raid of the business district by the working crew after the show, and Omaha surprisingly awakened this morning to find itself unharmed by "props" from the den.

This unheard-of condition was caused by efforts of a faithful royal guard which Capt. Gus Renze, artifice for the king, posted at the various gates to prevent the disappearance of the interior of the den. This was done in order that the show may be staged for the Union Pacific Safety show at the Auditorium, September 15.

Over 200 title and abstract men, who are holding their convention in the city, attended the show. One of them, M. P. Bouslog of New Orleans, made a short speech in which he stated that while New Orleans was not supposed to take a back seat in such matters, because of the Mardi Gras, Ak-Sar-Ben had shown them something in the way of shows.

According to Renze, there will be almost 40 floats in the day parade during the fall festival. There will be no night parade this year.

Speeder Pays Fine in 1-Cent Pieces, Jailed for Contempt

San Rafael, Cal., Sept. 5.—A few days ago Charles Kores, San Francisco grocer, was fined \$5 for speeding in San Rafael. He mailed the fine from San Francisco, in pennies, tied in separate packages of 100 pennies each. It cost him 18 cents postage.

Today he was haled up before the court for contempt and was fined an additional \$50 and sent to the county jail for five days, the judge figuring that he was holding the court too cheaply by sending the original fine in pennies.

Petrova Says Monarchist Movement Spreads in Paris

New York, Sept. 5.—Mme. Olga Petrova, the actress, said today on her arrival on the steamship Olympic from Paris that the movement for a royalist revolution in France is being widely discussed in Paris. Many of her friends, she said, believed France would return to a monarchical government soon.

Omahan Again Heads Title Examiners



Henry J. Fehrman, title attorney of the Peters Trust company, was re-elected president of the title examiners section of the American Association of Title men Tuesday. This is Mr. Fehrman's fourth year as head of the section.

During the last year Mr. Fehrman secured 48 new members for his section, the new men including title attorneys for Federal Land banks and joint stock banks and large insurance companies who buy extensively of farm mortgages.

J. R. West of Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected secretary of the section.

Widow and Seven Daughters Reunited at Fairbury

Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 5.—The seven daughters of Mrs. Louie Farmer of this city, residing in almost as many states in the union, held a family reunion at the old home here. The girls were all born in this county. The mother is a widow. She educated her seven daughters and six of them were teachers in this section of Nebraska. The daughters are Mary and Bertha of Seattle, Mrs. Walter Brown, Kansas City, Mrs. Jack McNiff, Chicago, Mrs. Albert Koenig, Lincoln, Mrs. Duke Burgess, Cedar Rapids, Neb., and Mrs. Arthur Traeger, Fairbury.

Yeggs Get \$1,000

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 5.—Yeggs entered the office of the Beatrice Cremery company, chiefted off the combination of the safe and escaped with between \$1,000 to \$1,500 in cash. The exact loss will not be known until a check of the cash is made. Entrance to the building was made through a basement window.

Greco-Italian War Peril Over

American Envoy Told Greece Won't Fight Unless Invaded.

By HAMILTON FISH, JR. (Member of the foreign affairs committee of the house of representatives.)
By Wireless from the Steamship Pierre Loti, in the Mediterranean, on Shipboard, Sept. 5.—When I left Athens last night the war cloud seemed to have blown over in Greece, but it overhangs Belgrade, pending the league of nations' decision.

The Greek foreign minister assured me that Greece would not declare war under any circumstances unless the Greek mainland were invaded. Greece is quiet. No war-like agitation has been taken, except the withdrawal of the fleet behind the screen of mines near the Salamina forts.

But the Greek foreign office reports great excitement in Jugoslavia, where the situation is evidently serious.

It develops that the Italian officials who were delimiting the Greek Albanian frontier, were stabbed in their beds and not killed by rifle fire. (Copyright, 1923.)

Secretary Davis Pleads for Children

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 5.—Calling for improved conditions for America's destitute childhood, and urging that the nation close the doors to "undesirable immigrants, were the two high lights in the address of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis before the Alabama legislature.

"There are 500,000 neglected children in the United States today—50 per cent of our criminals are recruited from children who have grown to manhood and womanhood without care turned to them—they are the and women of tomorrow," Secretary Davis told the legislators, who applauded him loudly.

"When I leave my cabinet job at Washington, the remainder of my life will be spent in an effort to help these young Americans to become true producers and defenders of their nation."

Italian Troops Kill 50 Moorish Rebels in Battle

Tripoli, Sept. 5.—A column of Italian troops, commanded by Colonel Marghinotti, in a fight near Siltan with 200 rebel tribesmen, completely defeated them. Fifty of the tribesmen were killed. In another encounter in the Kusaabat region the tribesmen suffered a loss of 50 men killed or wounded.

Clash in League of Nations Council as Greek Meets Italian in Debate

Athens Government Proposes Appointment of Commissions to Investigate Assassinations and Settle Indemnity—Italy to Answer Today.

By Associated Press.
Geneva, Sept. 5.—A high political drama was played at Geneva yesterday when Greece appeared before a hurriedly convoked public session of the council of the league and announced new terms for a settlement with Italy. The Greek proposals were as follows:

"The Greek government suggests: First, That the council should appoint one or more neutral representatives (a) to superintend in Greece the judicial inquiry which the Greek authorities have already begun and also the trial of those responsible for the Janina murders; (b) assist in the work of the commission which Greece has proposed through the council of ambassadors for investigating in Albania and Greece the circumstances which preceded and accompanied the crime.

"Second, That the council should instruct a commission composed of three high judicial authorities, Greek, Italian and neutral—for example, the president of the Swiss federal tribunal, or the president of the permanent court of international justice—to meet as soon as possible at Geneva to settle the amount of indemnities which is just that we should pay the families of the victims.

"Third, That the council should agree that the Greek government forthwith deposit in a bank in Switzerland 50,000,000 lire as a guarantee for the immediate payment of whatever indemnity may be decided upon."

Those who succeeded in entering the council chamber witnessed a courteous but firm wordy clash between Signor Salandra and M. Politis, Italian and Greek delegates, respectively, an amiable tossing of oil on the troubled waters by Lord Robert Cecil, and witnessed also a proceeding which puts up to Italy for the second time the question as to whether it will accept in any form whatsoever the assistance of the league in regulating its difference with Greece.

Sarcasm From Italian.
M. Politis, who was born and reared in Corfu, speaking in Greek with a pronounced Corfu accent, played his second stroke today with a fine Grecian touch, but Signor Salandra, always jolly and smiling, won his point in insisting that in presenting his new proposals, M. Politis should not indulge in the forensics of Demosthenes, but get down to bald facts, without attempting to argue the justice of the Grecian cause.

M. Politis then proposed the new Greek suggestion, adding that this indemnity was the amount Italy originally demanded.

Crowds Seek Admission.
During the first part of the session, which was private, Signor Salandra announced that he was awaiting instructions from Premier Mussolini on Italy's final attitude. When the attendants throw open the doors, making the meeting public, they were almost stamped by the crowd in the corridor, many of them women. There was a hurried consultation among officials after which it was announced that only press representatives would be admitted.

When M. Politis arose he said Greece wished a prompt settlement. After summarizing the Greek and

Governor Bryan May Ask Aid for Japanese

Lincoln, Sept. 5.—Governor Bryan today stated he was "deeply touched by the Japanese situation." He stated that he would issue a proclamation later, if he thought it necessary, asking the people of the state to assist in relief work in that country.

He regards the presidential proclamation as a personal call for help to each individual of the country, he declared, and would only supplement President Coolidge's proclamation if he issued one.

"I feel sure Nebraska will respond to the president's appeal in the way it has always responded following such eventualities," the governor declared.

Standard Oil of California Cuts Gasoline Price 2 Cents

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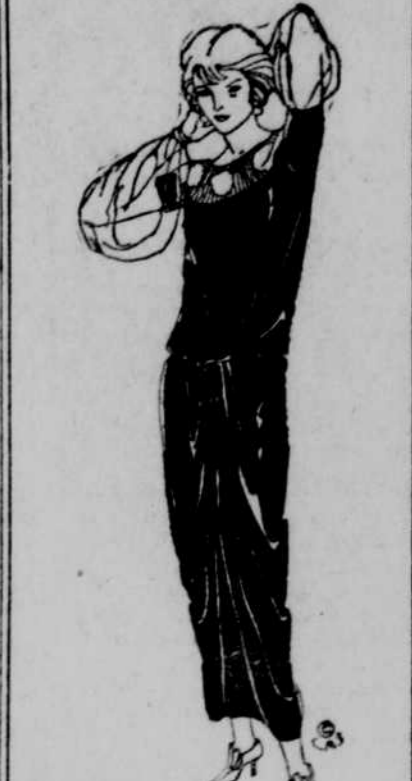
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