

PROSPECTIVE FARM LABOR IN THE DRAFT

Congress Bill Would Place Workers in Deferred Classification

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A bill to grant deferred classification for purposes of the draft to skilled farm laborers engaged in agricultural enterprises necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment or the effective operation of the military forces, was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday by Congressman Thomas W. Harrison, of Virginia.

1916 FIRE LOSS IN U. S. SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Reached \$2.10 Per Capita in That Year, Against \$1.71 in 1915, Figures Show

The fire loss in 1916, according to figures in the February bulletin of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, shows a big increase over the loss in 1915, reaching \$2.10 per capita in that year against \$1.71 in 1915. The fire loss throughout the country amounted to \$208,705,340 in 1916, an increase of about \$10,000,000.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes items like Effective chimneys, Fireworks, Gas, natural and artificial, etc.

One of the interesting facts brought to light in the Actuarial Bureau's analysis for the year 1916 show an average loss per fire of \$483.56, although the losses in the separate States vary from an average of \$311.40 in Colorado to \$154.44 in Georgia.

MOTHER IS VICTOR IN FIGHT FOR CHILD

Sisters Go to Court to Decide Possession of Boy Raised by His Aunt

MEDIA, Pa., Feb. 18.—Judge Johnson made an order in which Mrs. Samuel Anderson, of 22 North Edgewood street, Philadelphia, is to have the custody of her six-year-old son, Roy Evans, who has been living with Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. William Rizer, of Newtown Square, since the child was eight months old.

Factories Unite for War Work

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—Several thousand factories in Ohio and three western Pennsylvania counties will be consolidated into one organization, with every part co-ordinated for turning out war material, under plans adopted by the Cleveland War Industries Commission.

Deaths

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