

FIRE PREVENTION PREACHED TODAY

Entire Country Reached in Campaign to Teach Public of Dangers

ANNUAL LOSSES APPALLING

This is Fire Prevention Day. Throughout Pennsylvania and throughout the United States this is the red-letter day on the fire fighters' calendar. In public schools, in stores and factories, in dwellings big and little, the doctrine of fire prevention is preached today.

In Pennsylvania especially the Bureau of Fire Protection of the Department of State Police is making strenuous efforts to combat by education the appalling and in great measure unnecessary losses that occur every year from fire.

When you hear a fire engine clanging down the street, do you realize that the fire around the corner is one of the ten or twelve thousand that have to be fought every year in this state alone?

Or that the loss, large or trifling, will help to swell the fire total of the year in Pennsylvania to something like \$10,000,000?

Or that in the year's record of fires in the state some 1500 men, women and children are killed or injured?

And, most pertinent fact of all, do you realize that of all the fires which destroy life and property, 65 per cent could be prevented by a little trouble and forethought?

Annual fire loss in the United States at large has grown from something less than \$13,000,000 in 1913 to \$20,198,417 in 1918.

Bulletin Quotes Wilson

In its fire prevention bulletin, the Bureau of Fire Protection quotes President Wilson as follows: "Preventable fire is a public deprivation. At a time like this, when the more than ever a matter of deep and pressing consequence that every means should be taken to prevent this evil."

The work of the fire protection bureau goes on all the year. It is to investigate fires of suspicious origin and secure evidence against incendiaries; to make inspections throughout the state—present in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh—of buildings where there is an undue fire hazard; and to carry on unceasingly a campaign of education which will "make Pennsylvania fireproof."

This slogan, "Make Pennsylvania Fireproof," is being rapidly adopted throughout the state. Children are taught fire prevention in school; factory employees are made familiar with fire prevention methods and shown the dangers of carelessness. The work of the bureau is steadily reducing the yearly fire toll in the state. In the city of Reading alone the annual fire loss has been reduced \$750,000 in one year through the activities of the bureau.

Reading has a volunteer fire department. Two members from each of Reading's fifteen fire companies do voluntary inspection work in their districts. Where they cannot get a fire risk removed, a report is made to Chief Harold E. Betz, of the Fire Prevention Bureau, at Harrisburg. Under the law the bureau can order the risk removed, and if it is not done within a stipulated time, a fine of \$25 a day is imposed until the order is complied with.

Aim To Educate Public
For five years an organized effort has been made throughout the country, by fire marshals and fire marshals' associations, to cut down the loss of life and property by fire. The effort has taken the form of education of the public, and the general practice of having specified "clean up" days or weeks to remove fire hazards.

"Fire Prevention Day," observed on the same day everywhere, serves as a general reminder of the fire menace, and as an examination day in schools and factories in the proficiency of pupils and workers in fire prevention. October 9 was chosen as the anniversary of the great Chicago fire, when the "widow O'Leary's cow" kicked over a stable lantern and started the blaze which laid the mid-western city in ruins.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has suggested that owners of buildings today examine their premises with a view to removing waste accumulations and hazards ranging from the correction of fire hazards.

Employers are asked also to give short talks to their employees on the subject of fire prevention and fire protection, to be followed by fire drills.

FLAHERTY WILL SUIT HALTED

Million-Dollar Case Waits Naming of Guardians for "Prospective" Heirs
Atlantic City, Oct. 9.—Settlement of the \$1,000,000 estate of James P. Flaherty, one-time Philadelphia, under attack in the Orphans' Court, encountered further obstacles today, when counsel for contestants and the estate and that appointment of guardians for prospective minor heirs in Philadelphia is necessary before the estate can be disposed of legally.

*Taking of testimony in the suit of Miss Catharine Flaherty, of Philadelphia, to force the execution of the "lost" Flaherty testament will be resumed here before Judge Ingersoll Friday.

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WOMEN SMOKERS INCREASE, CIGARETTE SALESMEN SAY

"You Can Always Tell the New One, She Wants Her Purchase Wrapped Up," Declares One Vendor

TWO young women drew up to the Ardmore station at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Just as the driver brought her touring car to a stop behind the station her companion on the right, dressed in a dark blue suit and wearing a daintily attractive dark blue hat, threw a suspicious-looking object to the ground.

It was white and perhaps a little more than an inch long.

A witness couldn't believe it, and waited for an opportunity to examine the discarded object.

It was true: There it lay, still smoking—the end of a cigarette.

Right out in the open, on a much-used thoroughfare, a Main Line girl was discovered smoking! She might have been twenty-five years old, and she might have been much less, and might good looking.

Sales Increase 100 Per Cent

"There has been fully 100 per cent increase in our sales to women customers during the last year," says a salesman in a well-patronized cigar store in the center of the city.

"Since the women have been abroad a war work and have associated with the men and women in Europe, there has been a great deal more smoking and it is decidedly on the increase."

At least fifty of the girls from one of the department stores nearby come in here every day regularly and a great

many come from a smaller store just across the street and from the hotels.

But it is not only the store girls and the traveling women who patronize the stand. Any number of young people well known socially in the city no longer send their husbands and brothers to make their purchases, but openly buy their own, cigar store purveyors say.

"There is a society matron who buys \$75 worth of cigarettes at a time, of course, I cannot say how many of them she smokes herself, but she comes in every three months or so," said a salesman.

And there is another well-known woman who always buys hers in boxes of 500 at a time.

You Can Tell the New Ones

"You can always tell a new one who is just starting to smoke. She always buys her purchase wrapped. I'm buying them for a friend" she usually explains, while those who are accustomed to smoking just say they will put them in their handbags.

There is a decided preference for Turkish cigarettes. Women have no fondness for the so-called feminine cigarettes, perfumed and fancy. They smoke just as the men smoke, some like a mild cigarette, some medium and some strong.

All ages seem to be forming the habit. Factory and store girls, chorus girls, debutantes and society matrons, some sit in their teens, but the majority are in the neighborhood of twenty years, according to the salesman.

RED SHIRTS DAZZLE AS FIREMEN DRILL

State Flame Fighters Perform Brilliant Stunts in Streets of Lancaster

THOUSANDS TAKE PART

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9.—Fire ladders from every section of the state, attired in dazzling red shirts and with their buttons and belts shined like a feminine fingernail, this morning went through elaborate drills under the canopy of flags on North Lime street.

There was plenty of pep and competition but no prizes. Thousands of firemen reached this city this morning, more than a thousand being in the York county delegation. They went immediately to the home of the Rev. H. H. Apple, president of Franklin and Marshall College, and serenaded him. Doctor Apple was at one time their chaplain.

On no other day within recollection was such a crowd jammed into the thoroughfares here. Thirty bands and a great amount of apparatus were in line. The Lancaster department, parked in Penn Square, was kept out of the march so that the visitors could inspect the apparatus.

Early in the day it was announced that more than 20,000 paraders had registered and many other trainloads of spectators continued to arrive. Under the provisions of a resolution passed by the convention of 1917 this congress will be officially closed tomorrow night with a banquet at the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia.

At that time jeweled emblems in appreciation of what they have done for the firemen along legislative lines will be presented to Governor Sroufe, Frank B. McClain, former lieutenant governor; former Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, Senator Edwin H. Vane, Senator Clarence J. Beckman, Doylestown; Auditor General Charles Snyder, Pottsville; J. F. Woodward, former speaker of the House; John P. Connolly, Philadelphia; Eugene G. Boehlert, Pottsville; Charles E. Berger, Pottsville; Richard H. Koch, Pottsville; and Senator A. F. Dakin, Philadelphia.

A resolution reported to the convention this morning expressed sympathy for President Wilson in his illness, and expressed hope that his recovery will be full and complete. Another brand of un-American all radical and lawless moves in the state and pledges the support of the firemen to stamp out bolshevism.

A committee was named to select next year's meeting place, preferably Reading. In the last hours of the convention the fight against the proxy plan of voting

FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Catholic Party in Italy Announces Platform for Primaries

Home, Oct. 9.—The Catholic Popular party has addressed a manifesto to the country preliminary to the general elections, saying its program includes the liberty of religious teaching in schools, reorganization of the finances of the country on a democratic basis, promotion of agriculture and commerce, revision of peace treaties and the resumption of cordial relations with all peoples.

"In view of the nearness of universal disarmament," the manifesto says, "we hope to make the Christian religion a essential source of civilization and enlightenment and to elevate the conscience of the people for the restoration of peace and for social reconstruction."

HOME BREWS TAKE SUGAR

Kenosha Merchants Blame Shortage on "Domestic" Beer-Making

Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 9.—Home-made beer substitutes are held partly responsible for the sugar shortage by Kenosha merchants. The shortage here has made sugar purchasable only in small quantities and merchants are that the price may rise to 20 cents.

Slew Benefactor, Is Charge

New York, Oct. 9.—Charged with the murder for \$37, of the man who had taken him into his home when he was down and out, given him bed and board and found him work, John Bolag was brought here yesterday from Wheeling, W. Va., and lodged in the Tombs to await trial. Joseph Kosloski, sixty years old, was the victim.

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TWO FRENCH ARMIES ARE BEING BROKEN UP

Mangin Relieved of Command and Sent to Russia to Co-ordinate Anti-Bolshevists

Paris, Oct. 9.—The Eighth and Tenth French armies are being broken up as units, and Generals Mangin and Gerard, who commanded them, have been recalled. General Mangin is to proceed to South Russia and join General Denikin, according to L'Ecclair. He will be accompanied by M. Malakoff, Russian ambassador in Paris, their mission being to co-ordinate the policy of the anti-Bolshevist governments. According to the Temps, General

Fayolle, one of the distinguished French army leaders during the war, a famous military expert, will be placed at the head of the interallied commission to supervise the disarmament of Germany as provided for in the Versailles treaty. General Degoutte, the victor of Chateau Thierry, who commanded the army, including American troops, which attacked the great Oureq to the Marne in the great counter-attack of July, 1918, will succeed General Fayolle in command of the interallied troops of occupation on the Rhine.

It is said the Eighth and Tenth armies will be soon re-formed into a single corps which will be commanded by General Degoutte. General Gouraud, whose brilliant defense in the region east of Rheims baffled General Ludendorff in his attempt to crush the French army in the offensive of July, 1918, has been appointed high commissioner of France in Syria and commander-in-chief of the French army in the East.

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STATE TO TAKE OVER EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Federal Bureau Will Discontinue Service All Over Country Tomorrow

United States employment service offices in this city and throughout the state will close tomorrow and the work that was part of the war emergency program will be carried on by civilians by the state employment service of the Department of Labor and Industries.

"The federal service," said Harry Pells, federal director of this state, "supplanted the state service during the war because the government could better care for the great demands. The war is over and the emergency passed, so we are turning the work back to the state. This affects four placement offices in Philadelphia. There were many more during the war, but gradually the number was decreased, and the funds lessened. I have no idea what the plans of the state are. Jacob Lightner will be director of the state service."

UNWASHED BELT EXPANDS

N. Y. Laundry Strike Spreads to Brooklyn and Jersey Shore

New York, Oct. 9.—With New York's laundry bags rapidly bulging at the end of the third day of the walk-out in Manhattan steam and hand establishments, the strike yesterday spread across the East River to Brooklyn and across the Hudson to the Jersey shore, according to the union leaders, who claimed that 20,000 workers now were on strike.

They asserted two large steam laundries in Brooklyn, one in Hoboken and another in West Hoboken closed down.

MAN AND WOMAN CHASED AS SLAYERS

Each Alleged to Have Killed Wagon Drivers With Hammers

Macon, Ga., Oct. 9.—(By A. P.)—A "man-hunt" with a woman as one of the fugitives was in progress here today. Sheriff Hicks, of Bibb county, with a posse of about 100 men, was searching the woods near the site of Camp Harris for a man and a woman charged with killing J. J. Elkins and probably fatally injuring Tom Sanders near here last yesterday.

The victims, both well-to-do farmers, were driving toward home from Macon, each in his own wagon, when they overtook a man and a woman walking. Elkins gave the man a lift and Sanders did likewise for the woman.

After riding a short distance the man is charged with dealing Elkins a death blow with a hammer he had concealed on his person, and the woman simultaneously is said to have assailed Sanders in the same manner. Sanders was robbed of \$70, after which the couple took refuge in the forest, according to the police. Sanders and Elkins were brothers-in-law.

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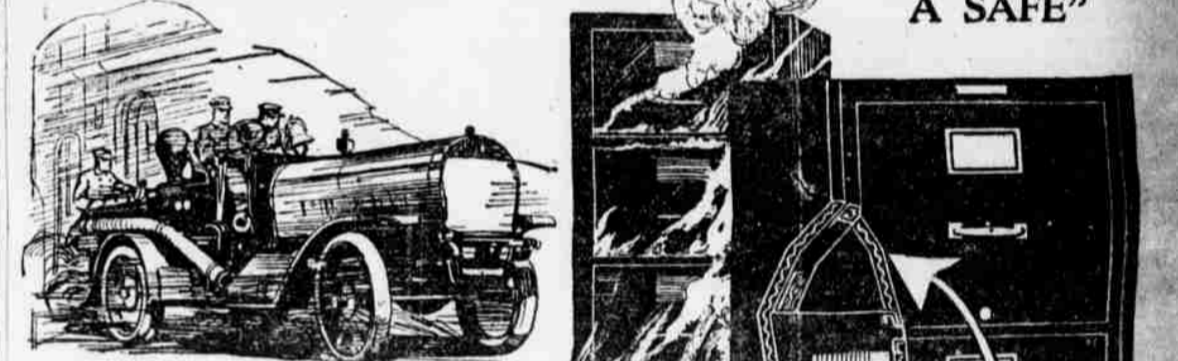
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