

### CARELESSNESS IS BLAMED FOR FIRES

Fire Marshal Calls Attention to  
the Dangers Which Attend  
Every Day Life

#### HE URGES ORGANIZATIONS

Points Out the Large Proportion of  
Fires Which Are Directly  
Due to Carelessness

Sixty per cent. of 14,500 fires investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office in two years are declared by State Fire Marshal J. L. Baldwin to have been due to carelessness and he has directed his deputies and the fire officials in the municipalities of the State to start a crusade to bring about more prevention. People will be called upon to see that rubbish ordinarily thrown out in the fall is destroyed under proper supervision and it is suggested that the 1,322,254 school children in the State should be taught the chemistry of fire as well as instructed in fire drills. One of the greatest dangers is careless use of matches and the state authorities are considering means to check the indiscriminate giving of packs of matches as advertisements.

In a statement issued the Fire Marshal says: "The work of fire fighting can be materially lessened by working for fire prevention. More attention and care should be given to the construction and material used in new buildings and the removal of old and dilapidated buildings, which are fire traps and a menace to other property. In this work every one, whether he belongs to a fire company or not, should be interested, and by his example and efforts encourage the neighbors and others in the work. Individual members, or associations formed by the members of fire companies, should make frequent examinations and become thoroughly familiar with the construction of buildings in their respective districts, and whenever or wherever buildings are found especially liable to fire, and are situated as to endanger other property, or where any trash or rubbish has been allowed to accumulate in or about buildings, which by its inflammable nature might cause fire, then either by persuasion of the individual or association, or by reporting to the proper authorities, see that the same is removed or destroyed. In this way many causes of fires will be eliminated and consequently there will be a saving of property. Let fire prevention start with a general cleaning up of a destruction or removal of all fire breeding material and the advocating of better construction in buildings. If you or your neighbors are erecting a new home or other buildings, take into consideration yourself and use your persuasive powers in the endeavor to have the building built of fireproof material."

#### Leper is Deported to Wilkes-Barre; Trip is Made in Automobile

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Joseph Norman, a Syrian, who is suffering from a well-developed case of leprosy, was deported from this city yesterday by health officials and taken to Wilkes-Barre in an automobile.

Norman, on Saturday, was sent to the Municipal Hospital, when the physician at the Pennsylvania Hospital found he was suffering from leprosy. His home is said to have been in Wilkes-Barre. He was taken there by Dr. A. A. Cairns, "in a private conveyance," according to officials of the Bureau of Health.

It was learned that the conveyance was an automobile, and that the journey from this city consumed six hours. Doctor Cairns started before dawn, and after reaching Wilkes-Barre notified Director Harte of the Bureau of Health, that the leper was at home, and that the health authorities of Wilkes-Barre had been notified of his illness.

#### Blair County Minister May Go to Dallastown

Dallastown, Pa., Sept. 15.—The Rev. J. W. Zehring, at present preaching at Osterberg, Blair county, this State, is the possible successor of the Rev. J. S. Adam as pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, vacant for about two months. The Rev. Mr. Zehring preached a trial sermon here several weeks ago and the joint consistory, of St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, have unanimously recommended him for the pastorate. The congregation will vote upon his election next Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Zehring is a native of Hanover, where his parents still live. He is married and has one child, and is highly pleased with the town and members of the congregation.

#### Mrs. Wilson's Dying Wish is Fulfilled

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson's dying wish that Congress abolish the alley slums in the National Capital was fulfilled yesterday when the House passed the Senate bill which prohibits the use of dwelling houses in Washington alleys after four years from the date of the legislation. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

A few hours before Mrs. Wilson died she told the President that she "could go away" happier if she knew the alley slums would be wiped out. Word was sent to the Capitol, and the House District committee promptly reported a bill carrying a large appropriation to clear the slums.

#### MIDDLEBURG SCHOOLS OPEN G. A. R. AT GETTYSBURG

Middleburg, Pa., Sept. 15.—Middleburg schools opened Monday with a large attendance. Thirty-seven pupils were enrolled in the high school and many of the pupils come from the adjoining townships. The Middleburg schools are in charge of the following able teachers: Principal, Professor R. M. Barton; grammar school, Miss Catherine Steele; intermediate school, Miss Blanche Klingler; primary school, Miss Sue Toole.

Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 15.—Arrangements for the annual reunion of the Southern Pennsylvania Association, of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held at Gettysburg October 15, are being made by Corporal Skelly Post, No. 9, G. A. R. It is expected that there will be at least 150 delegates in attendance and many will be accompanied by their ladies and families.

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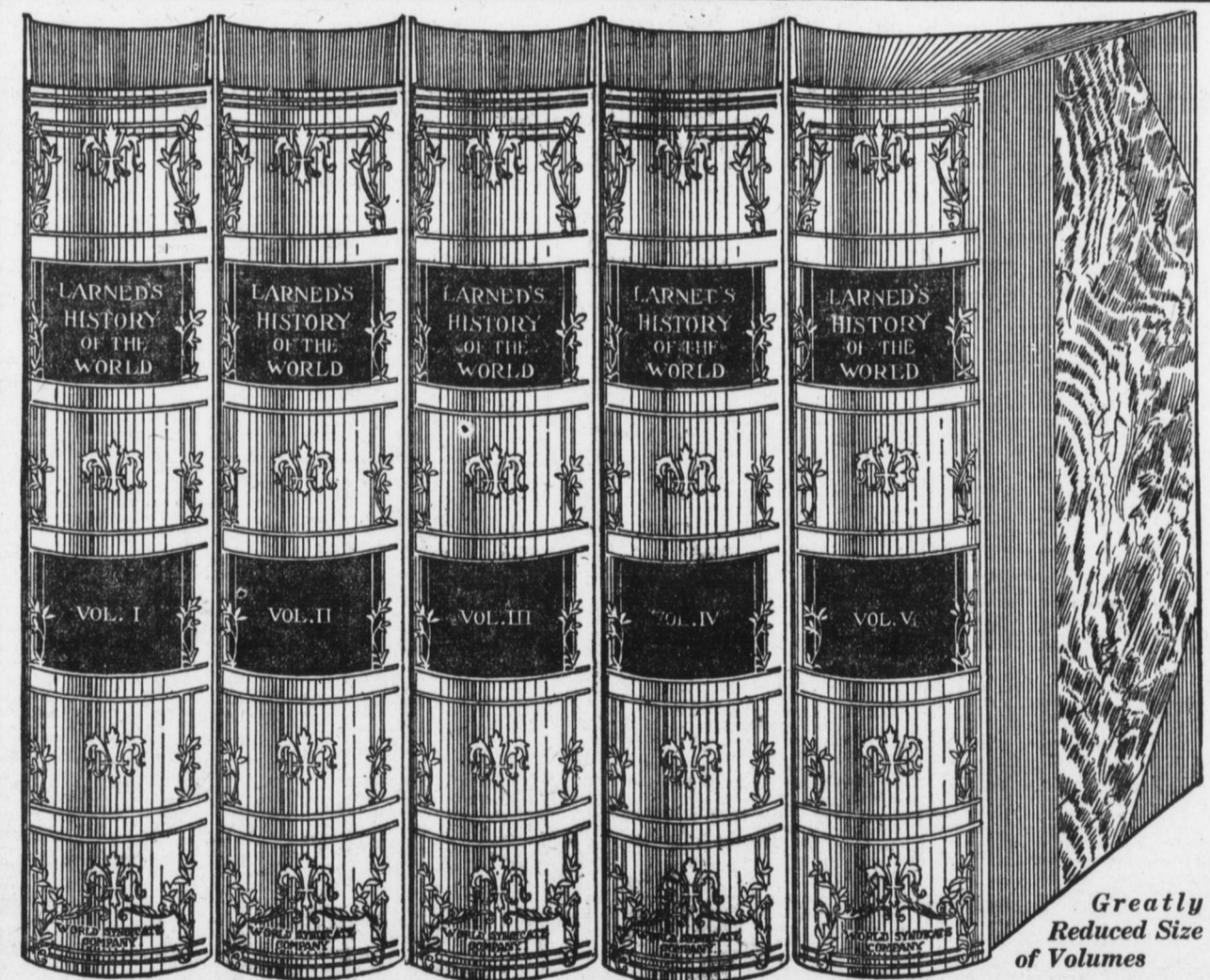
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