

FIFTEEN THOUSAND LOSE LIFE IN FIRES LAST YEAR

APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THOUSAND WERE INJURED PERMANENTLY AND MADE PUBLIC CHARGE ON CITIZENSHIP.

Boston.—Last year nearly 15,000 persons were burned to death with approximately 20,000 injured, a large percentage of whom were injured permanently, and made a public charge on our citizenship, T. Alfred Fleming of the National Board of Fire Underwriters of New York City, told the automotive section of the National Safety Council congress are recently.

A classification of these losses shows that over 70 per cent are women and children of school age and under. This classification shows that the home and the school have been neglected in our great scheme of safety education. It also shows the effectiveness of the general campaign of safety in the shop and factory.

"Co-incident with this loss of life, the destruction of property during 1920 as quoted by Mr. W. E. Mallalieu, general manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, almost doubled that of any previous year of our history reaching an enormous total of over \$505,000,000—which does not include the stupendous losses in forestry 90 per cent of which is due to carelessness of citizens. This waste of our national wealth of nearly one and one-half millions a day is paid for by every citizen of the nation. It is generally considered that these losses are borne largely by insurance companies. As a fact the insurance companies are only collecting and distributing agencies and of necessity are compelled to require increased losses. Every product purchased for the home or for the factory has in its cost to the consumer an amount to cover the insurance and overhead cost.

It is the largest and most unnecessary leakage of the country's resources, and is almost entirely avoidable and unnecessary.

Paul C. Redington, of the forestry division of the United States, in an address in California recently stated that of 20,244 forest fires caused by campers last year, 76 per cent, or over 15,000 were due to smokers' carelessness. It would seem that the only way to obviate these tremendous losses of life and property would be to conduct the longest possible continuous campaign of education for their elimination.

"The sections where safety has been most neglected are in the home and school. It is an appalling fact that not one business man out of every 200 has ever applied the knowledge of safety he has used in his factory to his home. He has forgotten to call a "cabinet meeting" of the members of his family and servants to instruct them how to turn in an alarm, how to extinguish a fire in its incipency, how to avoid danger from articles used in the home and how to use the extinguisher he has installed. In other words, financial value in production has 1,000 per cent more care and oversight than the priceless jewels of human life in the home, and yet the nation is only as large or as strong as its homes.

"Similar negligence is shown in the care, maintenance and construction of our schools. A very small percentage of the members of our present boards of education have assumed more than the financial burden of school activities while they are equally responsible for the moral and physical safety of each child under their care. There is a great disregard of properly established rules in the construction of new buildings and the remodeling of old structures. It has been found by experts that over 90 per cent of the school buildings are more unsafe either structurally or in maintenance than the Collinwood school when it burned, causing the death of 130 children and three teachers. Over five schools burn in the United States for each day of the year. Trifles due to carelessness or through thoughtfulness are the cases of the largest percentage of fire casualties and conflagrations.

"It has been said by an eminent authority that 70 per cent of our

SHOOTS WIFE DEAD AND KILLS HIMSELF

Wife of George Brennan, Said To Have Been a Gambler, Slain In Home

New York, Oct. 1.—George H. Brennan, who, according to the police, operated for years on transatlantic steamships with the notorious gambler "Doc" Owens, shot and killed his wife, Marie Brennan, in the latter's apartment, 327 Central Park West, yesterday afternoon and then killed himself. Brennan was 70 years old and his wife, from whom he had been separated for five years, was some years younger. There are several grown children.

Brennan entered the apartment house at 1:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon and told George Walker, negro telephone and elevator operator, to announce him to Mrs. Brennan as "Dr. Albertson." Walker delivered the message as ordered. Mrs. Brennan expressed some doubt as to the identity of her caller, but suggested that he be sent up.

He was taken to the fifth floor. Miss Mildred Gordon of 50 West Sixty-seventh Street, who was visiting Mrs. Brennan, admitted him to the apartment. Brennan was ushered into the living room and Mrs. Brennan was summoned from the kitchen by Miss Gordon, who withdrew to another room.

"I had hardly closed the door when I heard Mrs. Brennan say excitedly, 'Don't do that.' Miss Gordon told the police. 'Then I heard two shots in quick succession, followed by another. I rushed out of the apartment and down to the first floor and called Dr. David Lazarus.'

64 BOWLS OF PUNCH

126 Bottles of Port and 48 of Sherry Drunk By 54 British Soldiers

Dr. H. R. Benson of Lincoln, England, who is a well-known traveler on the Atlantic, searching the records of the Bull Inn at Market Deeping, learned how many bottles of good liquor were consumed at a dinner by fifty-four local volunteers on August 13, 1813, while the Napoleonic wars were in progress.

The party sat down at 4:30 p. m., and most of them arose from the table before 10 o'clock. They were charged by the landlord of Bull Inn for 126 bottles of port, 48 of sherry, 64 bowls of punch and 20 bowls of negus. Flagon of ale and porter were not charged on the bill because the malt liquor was included in the estimate for the dinner.—Exchange.

loss of life is due to unprotected vertical openings. I firmly believe this is true. It is the vertical opening left unprotected that allows the fire to be spread through the building or the adjoining area. Lack of proper fire windows, shutters, water curtains, open stairways and elevator shafts, lack of fire doors between divisions or of main buildings. This is what traps the workman at his bench or the clerk making her sales.

"The above coupled with improper fire exit facilities, spells the death sentence of thousands. It is a travesty on the present high standards of mental development to note the useless sham involved in 90 per cent of our present exit facilities. Fire escapes constructed against the sides of buildings and passing ordinary glass windows, eliminating their utility after the first puff of flame from the window below, spiral slides erected inside of a steel enclosure, frequently found locked with a padlock at the exit door below, only prepare a more horrible death by roasting while deluding many with surroundings of apparent safety. I personally found three of these traps locked with Yale padlocks, whose keys were lost—even while twenty-eight rooms of the school they were supposed to serve were in session.

"It is the duty of every employer to help every member of boards of education and every home owner to realize that he personally must assume the liability and provide 100 per cent safety to those for whom he is responsible."

WOMAN HUNTS BIG GAME FOR 'NERVES'

London.—If you're a woman troubled with "nerves," try hunting the lion and the gentle rhinoceros for a cure.

Mrs. Alexander Daiziel, of New York, did it. She is now in London on her way back from a perilous trip through the East African jungle.

Mrs. Daiziel's quest for health was not exactly healthy for the inhabitants of the jungle, for her "bag" included one elephant, two rhinoceros, three hippopotamus and seven lions.

"It was really a health trip from first to last," said Mrs. Daiziel.

"Big game hunting always appealed to me, and when the doctors said I had to take a trip for my health—something that would take me out of myself—there was no doubt in my mind what that something would be."

Mrs. Daiziel had one thrilling encounter with a rhinoceros that she is not likely to forget.

"We were journeying through the jungle tunnels connecting the water holes when Sir Charles Ross, who accompanied us, hit a rhinoceros as it lay asleep.

"The wound was not mortal and the animal disappeared among the bushes. I was some way behind and thought it would be better to take cover, but before I had gone far I heard a thundering noise and the pain-maddened animal charged down on me, sending myself and two natives headlong into the prickly bush by the force of the impact as it brushed past us. If we had been right in its path I shudder to think what would have happened to us."

Another time she shot a lion just as it leaped at her. It struck the ground dead.

Mrs. Daiziel thinks that big game hunting is an ideal sport for women.

"I know of nothing better for nerves," she said, "and now in the future when I feel that I want a rest and a change I shall fly from the noise and the hustle of New York to seek peace and quietness in the African jungle among the lions and other inhabitants."


No Acorn.

In Ohio they tell a story of a man who brought for entrance into a college there a student, his son, for whom he wished a shorter course than the regular one.

"My boy can never take all that in," said he. "He wants to get thru quicker. Can you arrange it?" "Oh, yes," said the president. "He can take a short course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak he takes a hundred years, but he takes only two months to make a squash."—Yorkville Enquirer.

According to the 1910 census the center of population was in the city of Bloomington.

A justice of the peace, of Phoenix, Arizona, has announced that he intends to fine all who are convicted of speeding when tried in his court \$1 for every mile an hour they are traveling when arrested. The first speeder convicted paid \$62.



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DESTROY STALK EARLY TO FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL

Clemson College, Oct. 4.—The first frost. It is a well known fact that the weevils developing late in the fall are the ones most likely to survive the winter, as they are not worn out by long flights and the rearing of the young as are the older weevils. For this reason, development of weevils in late fall must be prevented as the first step in making the next cotton crop.

Therefore, we should start now a cleaning campaign such as South Carolina has never before witnessed. The boll weevil is a pest with a terrible amount of fight, and to meet this situation our farmers must develop the best fighting spirit of which they are capable.

Early walk destruction and clean farming with cover crops, constitute the most powerful gun that can be used against the pest at this time. Whatever method of cleaning is employed, one thing is certain: The weevil's winter hotels must be destroyed. In the words of General Neville before Verdun, "They shall not pass."

In other words, will the farmer choose to destroy the weevil this fall or have the weevil destroy his cotton next season? The earlier the stalks are destroyed the fewer weevils will survive the winter. In infested fields it is common to find weevils at the rate of five thousand to twenty-five thousand per acre at the time of

NEGRO KILLS AGED MAN

Greenville, Oct. 1.—G. W. Smith, fifty-six, night watchman was instantly killed in the suburbs of the city at 5 o'clock this afternoon by a negro, Will Hood, a former prisoner in the city stockade. Hood was being pursued by officers when Mr. Smith got into his path and was instantly killed by the negro, who fired three shots into the aged man's heart.

Hood was himself seriously, if not fatally, injured by officers joining in the chase, more than forty shots being fired. Eugene Beach, negro, who was with Hood was also arrested and both are being held in the county jail tonight. Talk of mob violence may cause Beach to be transferred to Spartanburg for safe keeping. Officers stated Hood and Beach are alleged to have entered a store at a local mill village this afternoon and were being pursued by a number of officers and citizens, Mr. Smith hearing of the chase, stepped into his back yard at 32 Alonded street when the negro pulled a gun and fired four times, three bullets pierced Mr. Smith's heart and the fourth entered his arm.

As Mr. Smith fell mortally wounded the officers began firing and Hood was seriously wounded before being captured.

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