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A PROCLAMATION

CLEAN UP WEEK.
To All Officials and Citizens of North Carolina:
As your State official charged with the prevention and suppression of fires, I would proclaim the first week in May as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
and invite and urge upon all officers, especially those charged with the duty of protecting the lives and property of our cities and towns to co-operate with me in using the first week in May as "Clean Up Week" for the removal of all trash, rubbish and in fact everything from their premises that is liable to cause or feed a fire.

Untidy conditions and carelessly kept premises, whether in our homes or business buildings, are responsible for much of our loss by fires.

FIRE WASTE.
Our fire waste is immense—startling. The fire insurance companies pay annually in losses in North Carolina over \$2,500,000. Add to this the loss not covered by insurance, certainly \$1,500,000, and we have an annual fire waste of \$4,000,000, to say nothing of the loss of life, or the cost of fire premiums, fire departments and other means of fire loss prevention. Why should every family lose on an average from \$10 to \$15 annually when it can be prevented by the exercise of ordinary care.

APPEAL.
Let every Mayor and his associates observe this week looking after the conditions of their buildings and all means used for fire protection and prevention.

Let the chief of each fire department and his men examine their fire apparatus to see that it is in proper condition and inspect all premises in their city or town.

Let each business man examine his premises and remove all trash and rubbish and inspect all heating apparatus.

Let each woman inspect her home, clean out the basement, attic and all closets. Remove all trash and rubbish from the premises and see that the chimneys, flues and pipes are sound and safe.

CIVIC BODIES.
Let every Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Woman's Club, Troop of Boy Scouts, as well as all school children under the lead of their teachers observe this "Clean Up Week" and make it a memorable and profitable one in the history of their city and homes aiding in the prevention of fires and loss of life.

James P. Spring
Insurance Commissioner.

Write for supply of literature.

STARS AND STRIPES HONORED IN PARIS

AMERICAN FLAG IS FLUNG HIGH TO BREEZES IN FRENCH CAPITAL.

WAS "UNITED STATES DAY"

Great Day in Paris.—Twenty-one Guns Are Fired and Procession Marches to Statue of Washington at Foot of Which Bronze Palm is Laid.

Paris.—The Stars and Stripes were hung to the breeze from Eiffel Tower and saluted by 21 guns. This marked the opening of the ceremonies of the "United States Day" in Paris. The French Tri-Color and the Star Spangled Banner were at the same hour unfurled together from the residence of William G. Sharp, the American Ambassador in the Avenue d'Eylau, from the City Hall and from other municipal Government buildings.

It was a great day for the Red-white and Blue. Over all the Capital, street vendors did a thriving trade in the colors of both Allies, while 40,000 American flags, handed out gratis by the committee, were waved by the people who thronged the vicinity of the manifestations.

Jules Cambon, General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; General du Ball, Military Governor of Paris; the members of the committee and others were received at 1:30 o'clock by Ambassador Sharp at his residence where they proceeded to the Place d'Anvers, where a bronze palm was deposited at the foot of the top of Eiffel Tower.

Members of the American LaFayette lying corps, a delegation from

Who Am I?

WASHINGTON WELCOMES ARTHUR BALFOUR AND PARTY

Greeted at Station by Lansing and Other Officials—Soldiers Guard.

Washington.—The American capital extended a simple, but heartfelt welcome to the British minister for foreign affairs, Arthur Balfour and the other members of the British commission which has come to Washington to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it, namely a successful war.

There was no music to greet the visitors, the original plan, including the presence of the Marine Band, having been amended to conform to the view expressed by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that this was a grave and serious event in American history, and not to be lightly treated, or regarded as a social affair.

On the Union Station plaza were gathered some 6,000 people waiting patiently for a glimpse at the nation's guests, restrained at a proper distance by hundreds of blue-coated policemen, and by two troops of the Second cavalry, commanded by Colonel Fenton, part of the garrison at nearby Fort Myer.

Within the station lines had been drawn separating the traveling public from the space at the eastern end of the concourse across which the visiting party was to pass on the way from the train shed to the president's room. All of the police captains of the district had been ranged here in a double line as a guard of honor to keep back intruders. Two score newspaper men, standing to the east of the concourse, were the only unofficial persons permitted in this section of the station. Detectives swarmed everywhere through the crowds and at various angles where any danger might lurk. Altogether, the precautions taken to insure the safety of the nation's visitors exceeded anything ever known in the history of the District.

BIG BRITISH GUNS HAMMER GERMAN LINES.

Apparently a big battle is brewing along the front between Arras and Lens, where the British guns are again hammering the German lines. Except for this artillery activity and some gains south of Loos and between Arras and St. Quentin, in the region of the Havrincourt woods.

Likewise on that part of the front held by the French, artillery duels predominated, being intense between the Semme and the Cise.

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FOOD CONTROL IS PUT UP TO SENATE

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION IS PROPOSED.

ASKS FOR AN APPROPRIATION

Secretary Houston in Communication With Senate Asks For \$25,000,000 to Put Plan Into Operation.—Wants to Fix Prices.

Washington.—The Government's program for food control during the war was put before Congress by Secretary Houston in a communication to the Senate asking power for the Department of Agriculture to take direct supervision of food production and distribution in the United States and requesting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for putting the plan into operation.

Authority was asked for the Council of National Defense, in an emergency, to buy and sell foodstuffs and to fix minimum or maximum prices.

As outlined to the Senate, the Government's plan is first to make a complete survey of the country's food supply to determine its ownership and distribution, then if necessary to license and control the operations of all concerns engaged in the manufacture of foods or feeds, agricultural implements and all materials required for agricultural purposes. Authority is sought for the Agricultural Department to take over and operate the concerns if it appears at any time that course is demanded by the public interest.

Giving the Government power to deal directly in foodstuffs probably would make its application unnecessary, Secretary Houston declared, as its very existence would tend to keep conditions normal. Market grades and classes for farm products, Secretary Houston said, is one of the chief needs of the country to insure proper conditions in producing and marketing farm products.

Authority also was asked for the Department to require of transportation companies preference for the movement of farm machinery, seeds, fertilizers and materials that enter into the processes of food production.

The Department wishes to allow its market service division to assist in obtaining routing of foodstuffs to relieve congestion on transportation lines.

In its plan for an investigation of the present food supply, the Agricultural Department has arranged for the help of the Federal Trade Commission, which, with the Department, was directed by President Wilson early in the year to make an inquiry to ascertain the amount of food stocks and determine if the anti-trust laws have been violated in food production, storage and distribution. As soon as Congress makes the necessary appropriation for this specific inquiry, the Trade Commission will proceed.

Some officials believe the Trade Commission has enough power to make unnecessary the use of extreme legislation in regulating the control of food, although additional powers should be given for an emergency.

Officials of all Departments and divisions of the Government realize that the facts of the situation existing must be learned before expedients can be planned.

STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE FRENCH

Driving Back Germans in Soissons and Rheims.

Steady progress is being made by French troops in driving back the Germans in the regions of Soissons and Rheims. In a new offensive, the French also have captured the German Second line in the Argonne forest. German counter attacks on the Vesucio plateau, south of Loos, have been repulsed.

Since the beginning of the French offensive last Monday, more than 19,000 Germans have been taken prisoners. Guns captured exceed 100, not including machine guns.

INCIDENTAL ROUTE OF BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

Birmingham, Ala.—The official route of the Bankhead Highway from Washington, D. C., to Little Rock, Ark., will be set by a pathfinding committee, which will make the trip in the next 30 days, the Bankhead Highway Association in convention here decided. Points to be reached by the Bankhead Highway include Lynchburg, Va., Reidsville, Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C.; Atlanta, Ga., and Holly Springs, Tenn.

MANY GERMANS IN THE COUNTRY ARE BEING WATCHED.

Washington.—Approximately 3,000 German residents of the United States are under close surveillance, Department of Justice officials announced, because of their activities in behalf of the German Government. The Department's field force of officers is keeping so close a watch upon the suspects that it would be possible to arrest virtually every man under suspicion within 24 hours.

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LOSS BY FOREST FIRES IN NORTH CAROLINA

What shall North Carolina do about the great loss by forest fires? This is a real live question and one on whose answer much depends. During the five year period from 1909 to 1913 the average number of fires reported per year in North Carolina was 638. These fires burned each year about 415,000 acres at an average loss of \$650,000 and two lives.

The cost each year to private individuals of fighting these fires was about \$20,000. The losses and costs should be stopped if possible or at least greatly reduced. This can be done by the exercise of ordinary care especially at this season of the year when fires are so likely to get out and spread.

The Insurance Commissioner appeals to all citizens not to start outside fires on windy days or leave them to be fanned into flames or spread by winds rising during the night. Fire is used too promiscuously and carelessly for burning new lands being opened up as well as other lands covered with vegetation. Hunters, teamsters and smokers must exercise more care with their fires and matches.

All cases of careless as well as intentional starting of fires that damage lands and forests should be reported to the Insurance Commissioner so that they may be investigated and, where the evidence justifies it, vigorous prosecutions instituted.

The loss from these causes since 1913 has been even greater each year.

Objective View.

1. The adoption by municipalities of the Standard Building Code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to the end that fire resistant building construction may be encouraged, the use of inflammable roof coverings prohibited, adequate exit facilities from buildings assured, and interiors so designed and fire-stopped as to make easy the extinguishment of fires therein.

2. The adoption by all States of minimum building requirements for the protection of state and county hospitals, asylums and similar institutions outside city limits and of small communities in which the establishment and enforcement of a building code is impracticable.

3. The adoption of the Association's suggested ordinance providing for the systematic inspection of all buildings by city fire marshals or local firemen to insure the vigorous enforcement of rules for cleanliness, good housekeeping and the maintenance of safe and unobstructed exits, fire fighting apparatus and other protective devices.

4. The enactment of ordinances similar to that of Cleveland, Ohio, fixing the cost of extinguishing preventable fires upon citizens disregarding fire prevention regulations, and a more general legal recognition of the common law principle of personal liability for damage resulting from fires due to carelessness or neglect.

5. The wider general use of the automatic sprinkler as a fire extinguishing agent and life saver and the more general adoption of the fire division wall as an important life-saving exit facility.

Little Jack Horner hid in a corner, Smoking a cigarette. When he threw it away it lit in the hay And the barn burned to ashes, you bet.

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STANDARDS USED IN FIRE PREVENTION

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST FIRES

Associations Activities Provide For an Opportunity For Every Man to Perform Some Sort of Service.

The National Fire Protective Association is an organization formed with two well defined objects in view, and to a large extent its work has divided in a natural way, but with full cooperation between the two branches. The technical branch has performed a splendid service in giving to the country standard specifications for anything relating to fire prevention or protection. These standards are revised whenever necessary and others are prepared to meet new conditions. It is well to here emphasize the fact that members have contributed their experience and skill to the preparation of these standards without hope of reward other than the satisfaction which comes to those who know they have contributed to a worthy cause. The educational branch is performing a service, the value of which cannot be overestimated. It is leading a general campaign against waste by fire. From this brief statement of the Association's activities you will see that there is an opportunity for every man to perform some sort of service.

—Pres. Chas. E. Meeks.

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SOLD IN TOWN

NOTICE!

To Whom It May Concern: A notice is hereby given that Richard Neville, residing in this county for the last five or more years, has this day filed his petition in the Superior Court of this county, praying to be restored to the rights of citizenship according to law. He was convicted of larceny on March 6, 1911, and was pardoned by the Governor before his term of sentence was to begin. This application will be presented to the Superior Court on the second Monday before the first Monday of September, 1917, which will be the 20th day of August, 1917. This the 6th day of March, 1917. J. D. KENNEDY, C. S. C., of Aitmore County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of J. Zeb Weller, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before April 16, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons due said estate will make prompt settlement with the undersigned. J. M. FIF, Adm'r. April 11, 1917-6t.

UP-TO-DATE JOB PRINTING DONE AT THIS OFFICE. GIVE US A TRIAL.