ARMIES NEED FOOD; DON'T LET IT BURN

Planting and Raising of Crops Will Not Suffice; Every Care Must be Exercised Toward the Prevention of Destruction and Waste of the Food After it is Made and Housed

"Our armies need food; don't let it burn!" is the slogan adopted by the Michigan Conservation Association recently, and it might well be adopted as the slogan of every association and every individual in the country at this time. Vast numbers of associations and government agencies throughout the country are urging every hour the growing and conservation of foodstuffs. The reports so far from the Department of Agriculture indicate an enormous yield for the year. But planting and raising crops will not suffice. Every care must be exercised toward the prevention of the destruction and waste of the food after it has been made and housed.

A few weeks ago a grain elevator in Chicago was destroyed by fire and with it wheat sufficient to make 50,000,000 loaves of bread. Taking this amount of bread and estimating the amount of flour used by bakers in making bread, and figuring by the army Quartermaster Department's allowance for feeding a soldier, this wheat destroyed would furnish the first increment of the new national army composed of 687,000 men in bread for nearly two months.

Wherever there is a fire that destroys a considerable amount of property there is almost always some lack of care or else a criminal intent. Extremely few fires are "providential." Hundreds and thousands of young men have within the past few months walked into recruiting stations and volunteered to lay their lives at the disposal of the American government to prosecute this war. To those who stay at home it is but a small effort to put forth to practice the eternal vigilance that will prevent the fires which may destroy foodstuffs, every ounce of which is sorely needed at this time to feed America's soldiers. America's allies and America's women and children who must remain at home and fight the battles that are absolutely essential to "keep the home fires burning."

Appealing to city and county officials throughout North Carolina to join with the department in lending aid to a nation wide campaign against preventable fire waste, Insurance Commissioner James R. Young recently issued a letter which was sent to these officials and to a number of other public spirited citizens in the state. The letter asks co-operation in the campaign being fostered by the Council of National Defense and which has the support and strong co-operation of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and is being pushed by insurance commissioners and Fire Marshals all over the nation. The campaign also has the endorsement of President Wilson, who has issued a statement which contains the following paragraph:

"Preventable fire is more than a private misfortune. It is public dereliction. At a time like this of emergency, and of manifest necessity for the conservation of national resources, it is more than ever a matter of duty and pressing consequence that every means should be taken to prevent this evil."

In Commissioner Young's appeal to officials he points out the fact that more than $100,000 worth of bread stuffs were destroyed in North Carolina last year in preventable fires. In addition approximately a like amount was involved in machinery and equipment in plants for the making and handling of breadstuffs.

"In this time of emergency," the statement says, "loss of foodstuffs is total loss. Insurance money collected does not replace the actual foodstuffs. Our people cannot eat money. While our soldiers are preparing to fight the enemy and our allies are holding out their hands for food themselves and their dependent loved ones, it is treason for our people to allow one thing that goes into the making of food to be wasted."

The aid and support of every county and city official and every civic organization in the state is urged in this emergency fire prevention campaign. The Commissioner again calls attention to the fact that an expert fire engineer in the service of the department is available at all times for the training of fire departments for cities and towns and to give instruction in fire fighting and fire prevention means. Also an electrical expert stands ready to inspect and correct errors in electrical equipment that might lead to fires and serious accidents. The services of these men as well as the other equipment of the department are at the call of the people of North Carolina.

AIDING HOOVER BY CONSERVING FOODS FROM LOSS BY FIRE

GREATEST CO-OPERATION IS PROMISED BY WAREHOUSES, COTTON GINS, GRAIN ELEVATORS, ETC.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters has recently received its first report covering the first three months of the association's campaign toward the prevention of fire which is a part of the conservation campaign in aid of the war under the general direction of Herbert C. Hoover, President Wilson's food supply director. The report cites the fact that President H. M. Bissell, of Hartford, Conn., President of the National Board to start the work wrote letters to the governors of the cotton producing and grain growing states urging their co-operation with the National Board and its affiliated organizations for the safeguarding of warehouses, cotton gins, compresses and grain elevators, all manner of mills storage properties and such works. The strongest co-operation has been received, the report says, from all these sources.

The advisory committee of insurance officials were appointed in different sections of the country to work with state officials on inspections and safeguards. Meetings have been held in almost every state and property owners as well as state officials and insurance men attended. Great interest and hard work have resulted and the special agents of companies in every field have been mobilized for conservation work. The inspectors on this work have been given special authority in the form of a letter or identification card carrying the photograph and signature of the bearer with the proper authorization attested. Inspections have been educational and owners have been very quick to follow suggestions for improvements.

The National Board Committee has been in close contact with the activities of the conservation board under the administration of Mr. Hoover and has prepared a thorough list of elevators with their grading and specifications for fire dangers. In addition to the conservation service the National Board has furnished valuable information to the Council of National Defense in classified lists of factories capable of manufacturing munitions and other war materials.

AVOID ALL "NEAR ACCIDENTS"

Perils Which Cause "Near Accidents" Should Be Abolished With Proper Care to Prevent Reoccurence.

A "near accident" may be defined as a happening, the nature of which is dangerous to persons, but which did not result in injury owing to the fortunate absence of a man from a particular spot or to his quickness, or to the nerves or other chance, but the recurrence of which is always a peril—a peril which should be abolished by proper care.

A familiar illustration of a near accident is the case of a person caught between two trains traveling in opposite directions on different tracks, but who escaped death or injury by lying down between the tracks. There are many other such instances of escaped injury, inside as well as outside the industrial shops. Tools and materials dropping from scaffolds and roofs, but striking no one. Ladders falling or slipping with men who land unhurt, vehicles skidding and just missing pedestrians or other vehicles—all these are common occurrences.

These are but few of the many instances that will suggest themselves to the average reader, but in every instance of this kind there is a lesson from which every one should profit. "Near accidents" are a fruitful source of suggestion for precautions to be observed, and for rules to be formulated for the avoidance of dangerous practices.

Regrettable as it may be, however, the fact remains that too little attention is paid to "near accidents." It seems to require actual accidents to startle us sufficiently. This should not be so. There is just as much instruction to be had from a near accident as from an actual accident. "Safety First" work is a study and prevention of accident causes, and it should not require the theft of a horse to make you realize the importance of locking the barn.

Good safety work is seeing that there is a lock on the barn door before the attempt is made to steal the horse.

Complete Insurance Records in over 17,500 fires in buildings equipped with sprinklers indicate that over 75% were extinguished or controlled with 5 sprinklers or less. Over 90% were extinguished or controlled with 20 sprinklers or less.—Indiana Insurance Bulletin.

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The demand for good advice is not equal to the supply.

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DAY OF BACHELOR

War Brings a New Dignity to Unmarried Man.

He Who May Be Merely Tolerated in Time of Peace Is Lionized When Call to Arms Comes.

War has given the unmarried man some of the dignity which he lacked in peace. Ordinarily the bachelor is tolerated for what he may become rather than for what he is, observes a writer in the San Francisco Bulletin. Mothers would not welcome him into society nor girls take pleasure in his attentions if it were thought that he would always remain a bachelor. The hope of converting him into a married man furnishes one of the main incentives of all social activities. As this hope declines he becomes more and more a misfit in a world which prides itself on finding an exactly shaped corner for everyone of its inhabitants who is worth troubling about. His socks are not darned, his buttons are not sewed on, and the number of lumps of sugar which he lives in his coffee, the degree of boiledness which he demands in his eggs, are nobody's business but his own. He is free, a condition which in youth makes him the envy of his married friends, but in later years makes him envy them. He can go anywhere he pleases at any time he pleases without having even to argue the matter with a woman, but the reason that no woman cares what he does. He is free because no one is interested enough in him to care to put shackles on him.

There is no fixed place for him. He stands free of the burden of the benedict's endeavors, but at a cost. He sees men and women doing things for motives which he cannot understand. Social forces of various sorts perplex him because he does not see their hidden origins. What is plain enough to any mediocre husband is often a hopeless puzzle to even the most thoughtful bachelor. He cannot fully understand any intangible loyalty because he is no longer in contact with the source of loyalty—the relations between parents and children. For certain adventure he can be depended upon to furnish dash and enthusiasm, but for the steady, grinding work of everyday life he is inferior to his married neighbor. Civic progress relies principally upon the man whose interests carry over into the next generation and are not confined to his own corporal welfare.

But this somewhat pathetic figure of the bachelor is wonderfully dignified by the advent of war. The married man, in most cases, is handicapped for fighting. His business is to raise wheat and children, a necessary task, but lacking the appearance of glory. Chivalry beyond the dreams of medieval knighthood may animate the man who helps his wife take care of the babies, preparing their bottles and hanging out their clothes, but in times of war he is not a heroic figure. The demand then is not for men who have found their places in the world, but for those who have not. The wifeless, landless, footfree person is the stuff of which armies can be made with the least possible social loss. Because he was so forlorn in peace he is lionized in war. He marries war and the government sews his buttons on and darns the holes in his socks.

Knew He Had Gone for Good.

Mrs. Hannah Thompson, whose husband until recently had been employed as a Pullman porter, interrupted the proceedings in the Harlem court in a hurried effort to obtain a divorce, says a New York news letter. She was quieted down until a case then being heard was disposed of, and then questioned by the magistrate. When she had explained that her husband had left the previous morning it was suggested by the court that there was no reason to believe that he would not return, and that Mrs. Thompson had better wait before considering any such move as a divorce action. "But I knows that man ain't never comin' back," explained the excited negress. "I was in bed this mornin' when I heard him gettin' out very quiet and creepy. He put on his best clothes—new suit, straw hat, patent-leather shoes and a light coat over his arm—and I lay very still makin' out I ain't awake yet. He walks right to the door, makes a big bow down towards me and says: 'Good-bye, cold feet, good-bye,' Judge, that nigger ain't agoin' to come back."

Decline of English Agriculture.

Up to about the year 1880 all went well with English agriculture and the value of land and rents constantly increased. Then came a few wet, ruinous seasons, largely increasing imports of grain, beef, bacon and cheese from the United States and a heavy fall in prices of all kinds of farm products. What was the cause? Simply that the Western prairie lands were opened up by railroads and those big ranch owners sent their products East. What was not needed in the Eastern states was shipped to English free-trade markets, with the inevitable outcome of low prices.

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