

POULTRY PRIZE WINNERS

Names of Exhibitors Winning Honors at Wilmington Corn Show—Many Varieties of Birds.

Names of prize winners in the recent poultry show at the Southeastern fair were announced yesterday. The prize list indicates the variety of birds shown and also the number of exhibitors, many of them being birds from Virginia and South Carolina. The list follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks. First cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 2nd cock, J. L. Parrott, Kinston; 3rd cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 4th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 5th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 6th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 7th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 8th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 9th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.; 10th cock, R. R. Hickson, Cheraw, S. C.

White Wyandotte. First cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 2nd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 3rd cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 4th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 5th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 6th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 7th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 8th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 9th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary; 10th cock, Marion B. Helvin, Cary.

White Leghorns. First cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 2nd cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 3rd cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 4th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 5th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 6th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 7th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 8th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 9th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington; 10th cock, A. G. Ahrens, Wilmington.

Black Brahmans. First cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 2nd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 3rd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 4th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 5th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 6th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 7th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 8th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 9th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 10th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte.

2nd cock, G. A. Bishop, Wilmington; 3rd cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 4th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 5th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 6th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 7th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 8th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 9th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson; 10th cock, G. T. Fulghum, Wilson.

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Partridge Cochins. First hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 2nd hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 3rd hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 4th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 5th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 6th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 7th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 8th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 9th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 10th hen, R. Sanderson, Burgaw.

Brown Leghorns. First cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 2nd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 3rd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 4th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 5th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 6th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 7th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 8th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 9th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 10th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte.

White Leghorns. First hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 2nd hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 3rd hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 4th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 5th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 6th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 7th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 8th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 9th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington; 10th hen, A. O. McEachern, Wilmington.

Black Minorcas. First cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 2nd cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 3rd cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 4th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 5th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 6th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 7th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 8th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 9th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 10th cock, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson.

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Bronze Turkeys. First gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 2nd gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 3rd gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 4th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 5th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 6th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 7th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 8th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 9th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 10th gobbler, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton.

Muscovy Ducks. First drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 2nd drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 3rd drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 4th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 5th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 6th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 7th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 8th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 9th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington; 10th drake, J. E. Bunting, Wilmington.

Toulouse Geese. First gander, J. F. Mann, Wilmington; 2nd gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 3rd gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 4th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 5th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 6th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 7th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 8th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 9th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 10th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson.

2nd pen, J. J. Barden; 3rd pen, J. J. Barden; 4th pen, J. J. Barden; 5th pen, J. J. Barden; 6th pen, J. J. Barden; 7th pen, J. J. Barden; 8th pen, J. J. Barden; 9th pen, J. J. Barden; 10th pen, J. J. Barden.

White Orpington. First cock, R. J. Gregg, Marion, S. C.; 2nd cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 3rd cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 4th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 5th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 6th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 7th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 8th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 9th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 10th cock, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington.

Rose Comb Orpington. First hen, R. J. Gregg, Marion, S. C.; 2nd hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 3rd hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 4th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 5th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 6th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 7th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 8th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 9th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington; 10th hen, Buena Vista Farm, Wilmington.

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Black Treasted Game. First cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 2nd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 3rd cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 4th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 5th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 6th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 7th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 8th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 9th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte; 10th cock, Nevins Poultry Yards, Charlotte.

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Burgaw; 3rd gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 4th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 5th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 6th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 7th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 8th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 9th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson; 10th gander, Mrs. R. Sanderson.

First goose, J. F. Mann, Wilmington; 2nd goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 3rd goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 4th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 5th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 6th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 7th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 8th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 9th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw; 10th goose, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw.

Pigeons—Carneau—First pair, W. D. Thomas, Warsaw; 2nd pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 3rd pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 4th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 5th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 6th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 7th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 8th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 9th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington; 10th pair, T. L. Huggins, Wilmington.

Guinea Pigs. Best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 2nd best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 3rd best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 4th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 5th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 6th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 7th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 8th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 9th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne; 10th best pen, H. V. Holmes, Castle Hayne.

Eggs—Best dozen brown eggs, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 2nd dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 3rd dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 4th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 5th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 6th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 7th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 8th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 9th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 10th dozen, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton.

Special Sweepstakes. Best cockerel in show, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 1st Rose Comb Black Minorca, \$5 cash; 2nd, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 3rd, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 4th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 5th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 6th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 7th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 8th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 9th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 10th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.

Best solid color bird in show, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 1st Single Comb Minorca hen, \$50 cash; 2nd, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 3rd, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 4th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 5th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 6th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 7th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 8th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 9th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson; 10th, E. A. Oettinger, Wilson.

Progress cup, given by Honnet, 1867—William H. Clum, Rahway, N. J.; on Black Java Cockerel; 2nd, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 3rd, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 4th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 5th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 6th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 7th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 8th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 9th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.; 10th, J. W. Abbit, Port Norfolk, Va.

Fugings cup, given by Geo. W. Huggins, Jeweler—Best pen ruffled Cochins in show, won by Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 2nd, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 3rd, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 4th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 5th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 6th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 7th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 8th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 9th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.; 10th, Mrs. R. Sanderson, Burgaw, N. C.

McEachern cup, given by Joan S. McEachern, Sons—Best pen Nite Plymouth Rocks, won by Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 2nd, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 3rd, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 4th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 5th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 6th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 7th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 8th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 9th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton; 10th, Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton.

A. O. Schuster cup, given by A. O. Schuster, Jeweler—Best pen Single Comb Black Minorcas, won by E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 2nd, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 3rd, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 4th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 5th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 6th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 7th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 8th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 9th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson; 10th, E. R. Oettinger, Wilson.

NOW IS THE TIME TO DEAL WITH DISLOYAL

Gerard Declares That the Day of Repentance for Them is Past. Firm Action Necessary.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 13.—The time for repentance of disloyal Americans and pro-German sympathizers has passed and the day is at hand when every person must decide whether he is for or against America, declared James W. Gerard, in an address at a food conservation mass meeting here today. "Americans are to be congratulated on their efforts to induce Germans in this country to be loyal, but there are still many under the protection of the American flag who are snakes in the grass," said the former ambassador. "We should 'hog-tie' every disloyal German-American, feed every pacifist raw meat and hang every traitor to a lamp-post to insure success in the war. And our traitors are not all German-Americans, but some men high in public life are aiding the Prussian cause. There is no dirtier chapter in American politics than the crusade of these men, whose names you know."

U. S. HOUSING RECOMMENDED

Localities Must Be Helped if War Work is Not Curtailed.

(Washington Post.) Government aid, financial and otherwise, in quickly relieving the housing problem which in many communities is hindering war work, is recommended to the national defense council by its committee on housing. The report has the approval of President Wilson. The committee asserts that an organization of "reasonable permanency and authority" is necessary to administer quickly and effectively such purposes and it recommends that the organization be granted broad powers to conduct building operations, to deal in real estate and securities and to borrow and loan money. The committee further suggests that the government loan funds for housing at low rates of interest to communities needing this aid. It also recommends that in future government agencies making war contracts give due consideration to the labor supply and housing conditions and that future contracts be distributed as far as possible to prevent undue concentration of workers in any one locality. "The situation may be well instanced by one New England manufacturing city where sixteen concerns are engaged upon war contracts. It was disclosed that nearly 10,000 additional men for whom there now exists practically no living quarters, will be required by January 1, if the plants are to run to their full capacity. "One great steel company, already mainly employed with government contracts, has extensive additions to its present plant approaching completion. The testimony disclosed that unless immediate provision be made for necessary housing, the possible production of guns, gun carriages and other munitions will be curtailed fully one-third. "The Battle of the Somme" Extra attraction Grand today.—Adv.

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FREIGHT TRAFFIC INCREASES

Fifty Per Cent More is Hauled Than in 1915. (Railway Age Gazette.)

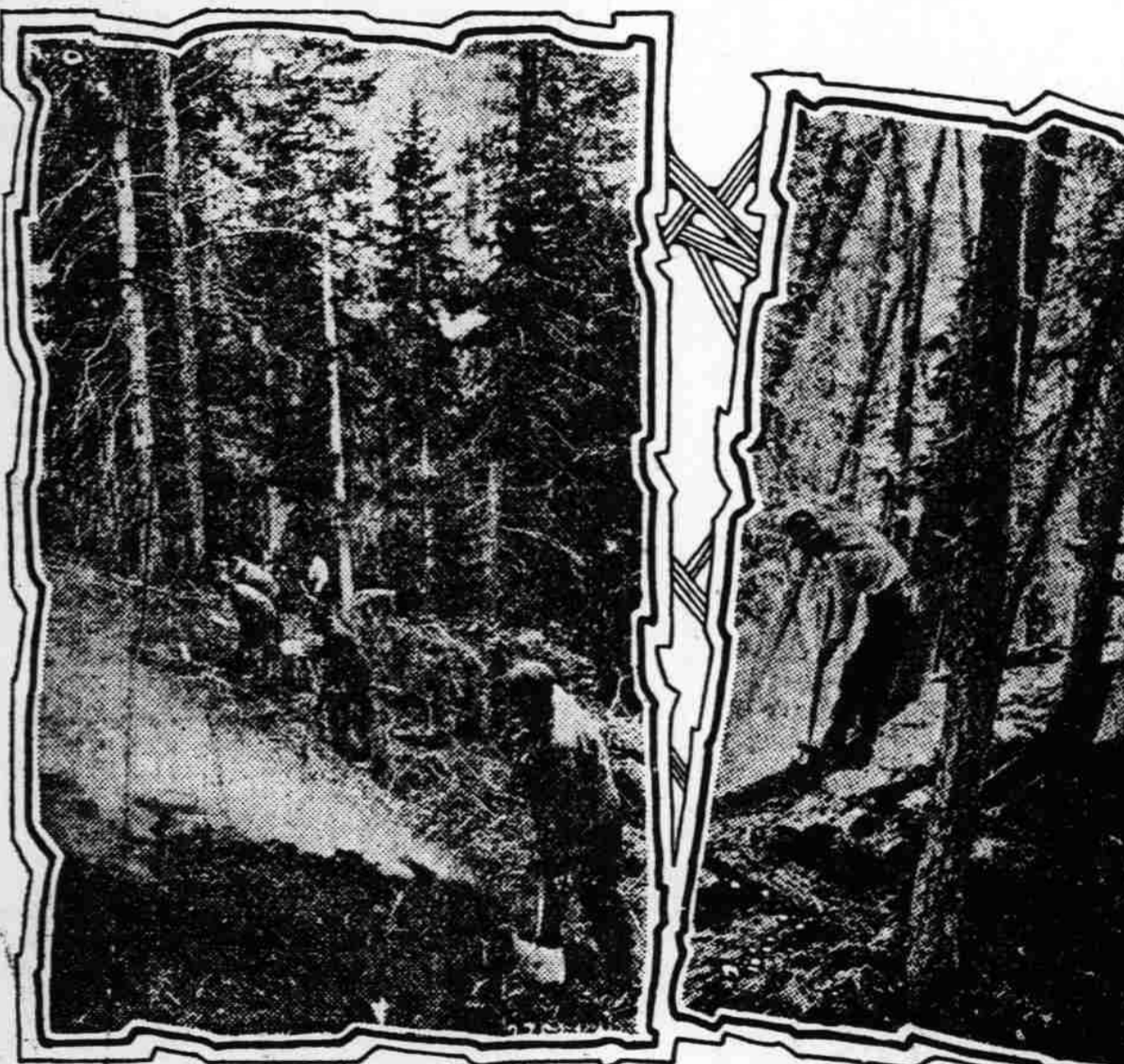
The magnitude of the increases which have taken place in the freight traffic of the railways of the United States within the last two years, and of the advances in efficiency which have had to be achieved in order to handle it, were shown in a striking manner by R. H. Ashton, president of the Chicago and Northern, in an address before the St. Louis Railway club at West St. Louis. "At the present rate of movement," said Mr. Ashton, "the railways will handle 510,000,000, or 52 per cent more tons of freight in 1917 than they did in the fiscal year ended on June 30, 1915. On the basis of the present number of tons handled per train, it would take 720,000 freight trains, containing 18,000,000 freight cars, merely to handle the increase in tonnage over 1915. If all the cars required to handle this increase in tonnage were made up in a single train, that train would be 138,000 miles long." Mr. Ashton gave another striking illustration to drive home the same point: "The increase in the freight traffic of our railways in 1917 over the year ended on June 30, 1917," he said, "will amount, at the present rate, to as much as the total traffic handled before the war by all the railways of Germany, France, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Roumania, Holland, Canada, South Africa, Mexico, Japan, Brazil and South Wales. In other words, the ton miles of traffic handled annually in those 14 countries before the war was 141,000,000,000 ton miles, and at the present rate the increase in ton miles handled by our railroads will be just about 141,000,000,000 ton miles."

WHEN THE WAR WILL END

Somebody Knew Somebody That Told a Man Somebody Knew. (Via Charlotte News)

Absolute knowledge have I none. But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son, Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street That he had a letter just last week Written in the finest Greek. From a Chinese Coolie in Timbuctoo. Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown. That a man in Klondike heard the news. From a gang of South American Jews, About somebody in Borneo. Who heard of a man who claims to know. Of a swell society female fake. Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her seventh husband's sister's niece. Has stated in a printed piece, That she has a son, who has a friend. Who knows when the war is going to end. "The Battle of the Somme" Extra attraction Grand today.—Adv.

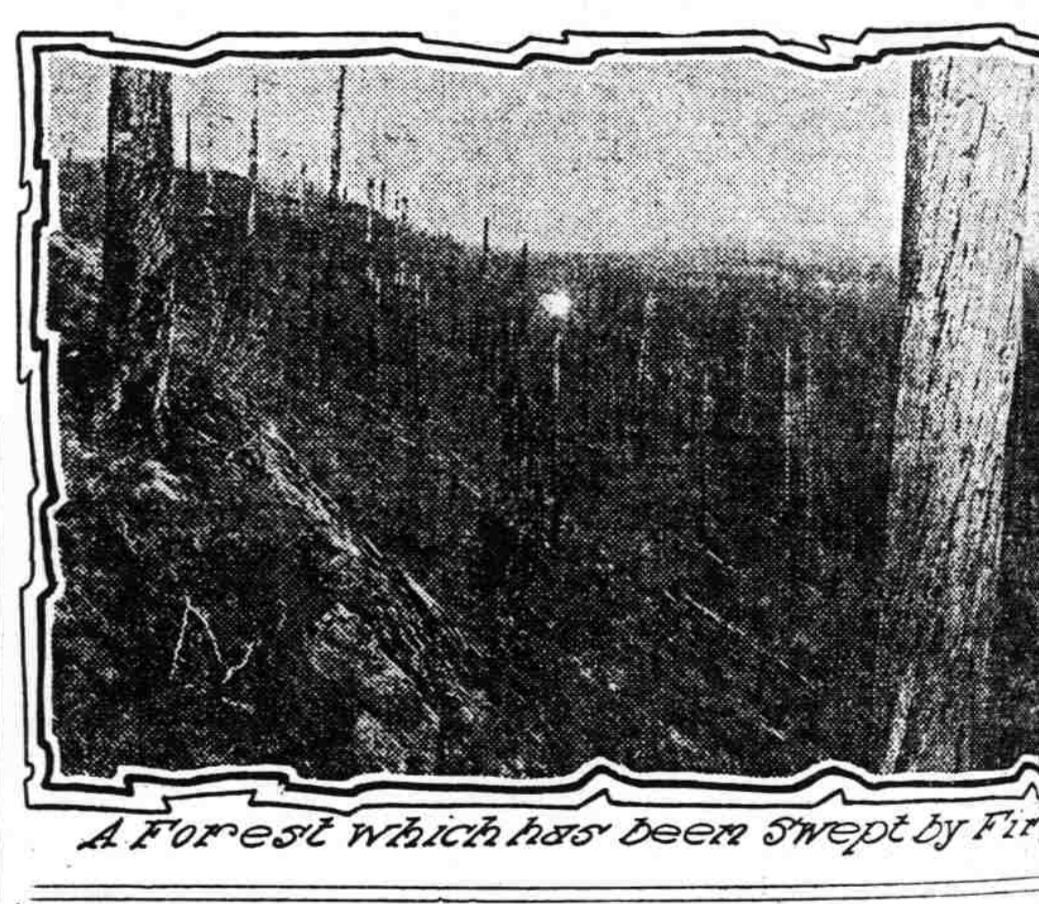
TRENCH WARFARE AGAINST FOREST FIRES



The Rangers have Learned to Dig In When Fighting Fire



More than Four Million Acres were Burned Over in the National Forest Fires of 1910 Alone



A Forest which has been Swept by Fire

Great Fires of 1910 Burned Over Immense Tracts—Lessons Learned Then Have Prevented Later Outbreaks = Hard Work and Steady Nerves Needed in Service.

BY JOHN L. COBBS, JR.

TRENCH WARFARE is not confined to the shell-torn battlefields of Europe, nor is it the innovation that it is commonly thought to be. Long ago the rangers of the Forest Service found that only by "digging in" could they check the ravages of the fires which yearly sweep our forests. Each summer for the past ten years or more has seen a trained host of men fighting in trenches in our own country against a foe as ruthless as the Hun. Nor is there any prospect of a lasting peace. The intensity of the fighting varies with the season. Some years when the forests are kept damp by evenly-distributed rains, it takes the form of general engagements, but of a sort of guerrilla warfare, in which the rangers quickly and with comparative ease put down all the outbreaks which take place. Such seasons serve to keep the men in trim and to perfect the organization against times when no rain falls for weeks, when fires spring up on all sides, when the smallest blaze is a formidable danger, and when the fighting becomes in-

waste. But in 1917 the lines held. That is why the progress of the battle was not noted in flaming headlines, and the public knows little of the menace that was beaten off. But in severity of the ordeal there was not much to choose between the two years. Discipline and experience did it. Much has been learned since 1910 about trench warfare in the woods. It takes generalship of no mean order to direct a campaign like that of last summer to a successful ending. The means used must be adapted, with quick and sure judgment, to the conditions on each field of contest. Making the Trench. A fire trench may be four inches deep and a foot wide, or it may be two feet deep and four feet wide. It all depends upon the terrain and the severity of the attack which the trench must withstand. The twigs, leaves and half-decayed logs on the ground will burn; dirt will not. Accordingly the trench must be dug well down into the mineral soil, so that

the fire will die out for lack of fuel. On peaty swamps, where the accumulation is centuries old, this sometimes involves the construction of sizable ditches. The small brush near the line must be cleared away, the roots of trees uncovered by the trench must be cut out, so that by no means can the fire eat its way across. Fire Jumps Trench. A single line of trench may stop a fire, but very often it does not. A double line is better, while a triple line makes it just that much harder for the flames to cross. The first trench is the emergency defense. It is built under high pressure as swiftly as may be. There is a grim race between the fire fighters and the advancing flames to reach the vantage points. As the trench is completed men are assigned to patrol given sections. They widen and deepen the trench, cut out logs and brush and otherwise strengthen it against the flames. But even with these precautions the first

line trench must not be expected to check the flames. Sparks may be carried across by the wind; a falling tree may scatter fire far and wide. At such times it may be necessary to abandon a section of trench and drop back. But this is done by connecting the new line with the old, and allowing a salient to project into the defensible. With slow-burning fire in a forest where there is a deep deposit be required. In locating his fire trench the ranger takes advantage of the lay of the land. He follows the tops of ridges and mountains, and connects with cliffs and ledges across which the fire cannot pass. He thinks in terms of forests rather than of single trees. There may be a watershed of some nearby city or irrigation project which must be protected at all costs. Very often he will have to sacrifice considerable amounts of less valuable timber to do this. Small Arms. The fire fighter's small arms con-

were employed by the Forest Service in the States of Montana and North Idaho alone for weeks. The daily expense of fighting the fires in this one region was for a time over \$15,000, and the total for all the National Forests over \$800,000. The Forest Service must plan the distribution of its forces, and the method of attack and defense. Under him there are assistants who have charge of the different crews. A system of communication is established by which the various forces report to headquarters. By a prearranged plan the experienced men take charge of actual fighting, while in distant camps and supplies, while in distant cities recruiting offices are opened to secure a sufficient supply of "man-power." At times of severe fires, like the past summer, picked forest supervisors from a distance and members of the District Officers of the Forest Service drop all other work and which come a sort of general staff, which directs the operations on all the fronts. Plans Worked Out. For every National Forest there is a carefully worked-out fire plan which outlines the campaign against any fire situation which can be foreseen. The roads and trails are located as to facilitate the movement of fire-fighting forces into dangerous sections. Fire lines or near stands of the tops of ridges or near stands of valuable timber. Supplies of tools and provisions are placed at strategic points. Arrangements are made with nearby ranchers, miners and settlers to assemble at a given place when notified to do so. High on the tops of the loftiest peaks keen-eyed lookout men keep constant watch for the appearance of the enemy. At the first sign of danger the news is flashed out by hand, and a flying squadron is dispatched to the attack.