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## War Adds Little Terror To Natives Of Tripoli

Washington, March 23.—Tripoli, the highly inflammable land of Arab and Berber, has exchanged its peace time industries for the industry of war, and, according to a statement just prepared by the National Geographic society at Washington, the newer industry adds little to the normal hazard of Tripolitan life. The statement reads:

"Dinner is the daily bread and meat of the dweller in Tripoli, and, in this and fringed with narrow strips of wild fringed with narrow strips of coastal vegetation, even the principal native pursuits for wealth and happiness are accompanied by hidden terror and grave risk. The three principal sources of income to Tripolitans are those of sponge gathering, of esparto picking, and of carrying on the trans-Saharan caravan trade.

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tured clumps. And in the heart of these clumps, ever and again, turks his danger in the form of his arch enemy, the deadly viper. In the clumps, also, are hidden the venomous North African rock scorpions, whose stings now and again prove fatal. It is the poisonous vipers, however, that make the work of esparto picking a sporting game with death.

"Of the \$2,000,000 of export trade enjoyed by Tripoli before the war one-fifth of it was produced by the sponge divers, more than one-third of it by the esparto pickers, and considerably more than one-sixth was brought over the wide, treacherous desert from the Soudan. Many caravans, some of a few and some of a thousand camels, fitted out in Tripoli, and undertook the danger fraught journeys to the great marts of Soudanese trade—Timbuktu, Kano, Kainem, Kuka, Bornu, and Wadi. These journeys sometimes last two years around, and brought their undertakers into every species of danger that the desert affords. Robbers infest all the lanes across the desert, and besides these, all the laner desert lies subject to the veneful caprice of the masked Tuaregs, the strange people who are at war with all who cross their paths and do not pay a sufficient tribute. The bones of the camels and men of a myriad of caravans of the past bleach along the desert trails, caravans that mostly came to harm at the hands of marauders, but there are some among them destroyed by thirst, by the sand storm, or by the water of wells poisoned in inter-tribal wars. Of all these risks Tripolitan traders, the caravan trade is the most risky; and the old caravan men will find little in the newer industry of war for which their peace time labors have not fully prepared them."

### SAFETY-FIRST LEGISLATION

Safety-First Association Meeting at Detroit Adopts Resolutions That Should Be Interesting to All.

At the meeting of the Safety First Association of America at Detroit last month, resolutions were adopted recommending the following legislation: Providing for the examination of operators of motor cars, physically, morally and mentally, prior to the issuing of auto-photographic licenses; prohibition of sale of firearms except upon police certificate; free distribution of tetanus serum by state at convenient stations; enactment of laws providing for the sale of poison only in receptacles which can be distinguished by their form, in the dark; exile of the roller towel and public drinking cup; legislation to prevent the pollution of sources, where drinking water for cities is obtained; public baths controlled by the municipality; dental inspection of school children; legislation making it a penal offense to throw lighted matches, cigarettes or cigars from or in a building, except in the proper receptacles; prevention of promiscuous spitting in public places; standard position for automobile license plates; transparent illumination of auto license plates in front and in rear; standard gear-shift principle for automobiles; headlights throwing rays 150 feet ahead but not more than 42 inches above the ground; placing of scratch paper of book matches on closed side; prohibition of manufacture of "struck-anywhere" matches; safety zones marked with white lines for every municipality; legislation making it possible to revoke chauffeurs' licenses for six months if operating car while intoxicated, and permanent withdrawal of license for second offense; legislation against railroad trespassers.—Indicator.

### MOTION PICTURE SCREENS

Machine Should Always be in Rear, Better Fire Protection is Therefore Offered.

The Board of Commissioners of Nashville, Tenn., has promulgated a new regulation governing motion picture theaters, which requires that the machine booths be hereafter placed in the rear of the house and the screen at the front end.

While this provision of the building code does not apply to existing theaters, it does include such as may be remodeled, as well as regular theaters or other buildings or rooms which may be "used for the purpose of operating a motion picture show." Added to the requirement that it shall be on the ground floor, "shall front on the public highway and have ample means of exit at either end of the room in which the people congregate," this may be the means of decreasing materially the value of property not situated favorably in these respects.

Every ordinance or building code change of this or similar nature affects the desirability of real property for, or in respect to, fire insurance liability, and its probable effect upon the business prosperity of the occupant or lessee should be weighed carefully. The moral effect upon the community not infrequently causes the abandonment of well-equipped and wholly safe risks, due to the withdrawal of patronage to the supposedly safer establishments. The possibility of such an event must be anticipated also.—Safety Engineering.

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## HEAVY SNOWS IN NATIONAL FORESTS

As Result of Heavy Fall Forestry Business Is Materially Affected.

Washington, March 23.—According to forest service officials the unusually heavy snowfall which has signalized the past winter in most of the west has materially affected national forest business. Timber sale receipts have decreased in some regions because logging and milling operations have been hampered by deep snow and exceptionally cold weather. The same factors have given stockmen using the national forest ranges much concern, although as yet there have been no severe livestock losses reported. The foresight of the stockmen in providing winter feed, which is now generally practiced, makes a recurrence of the former immense losses very unlikely. The damage caused by the snow and resulting slides and floods to forest service trails, telephone lines, and other permanent improvements are not yet known, but undoubtedly are heavier than usual and their repairs will make much spring work for the rangers.

Most of the railroads in crossing the mountains of the northwest run for considerable distances through the national forests. Reports from the forest officers show that some of the roads have had a strenuous struggle with the snow to keep the lines open. The great rotaries have had hard work to plow through the huge drifts. Snow slides have swept down the steep slopes, filling the cuts, burying the tracks to a great depth, and not only blocking all traffic but in several cases destroying life and

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property. These slides usually occur on slopes where fire has destroyed the timber, leaving nothing to hold the snow in place, according to the forestry officials, who assert that a thrifty stand of timber on the mountain sides is the best possible safeguard against these destructive avalanches.

The deep snow is not without its beneficial side, say the forest officers. It will lie long on the slopes and ridges, keeping the ground moist until late in the spring, and thus greatly reducing the danger of early for-

est fires which sometimes occur with serious consequences. A spring fire usually destroys little timber, either green or dead, but sweeps rapidly over stump land and old burns, feeding on the dead vegetation of the preceding year. Its menace to property and life in remote settlements has been demonstrated more than once and must not be underestimated. By keeping the ground moist until it is covered with green vegetation through which fire will not run, the great snowbanks become active agents in preventing spring fires.

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