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Gen. Robt. E. Lee,
whose monument was unveiled on Gettysburg battle-
field this week.

SAFEGUARD THE NATION'S PRECIOUS FOODSTUFFS

By Lt. Alfred Flanagan, Fire Marshal
of Texas

These are wet times; he who controls and protects our food supply now is a patriot, just as much as the man holding the gun. On the food supply of America depends the success or failure of the Atlantic conflict. Let us take the sixth chapter. The 45th article of an armistice proportioned to the total amount of all day labor to-day before.

Are You Doing Your Duty?

It is the duty of the elevator manager to see that the caried materials and all others engaged in the protection of raw material and finished products—such as "dustmen" at ports—to safeguard the precious foodstuffs to growth, the lumber, raw materials, the elevators and the warehouses.

Have you safeguarded your business so that not one grain of wheat, nor one barrel of oats, nor one yard of lumber shall be carelessly and needlessly wasted?

Speeding Up, Spills Caution.

We have measured, and the demand for needed products, means the speeding up of all industries, the work of the men and the overworking of machinery. The speeding up process means that buildings will be raised the strain of normal work being relieved with double and triple loads. The consequence is that the floors cease to be level, and the hazards are created. The wheels move with increased speed, shifting gears out of alignment, units in motion, friction begins to heat in the гард of fire, fire safety, money loss, delay?

Examine Your Water Supply.

Water, in cases where the water comes through huge pipes with their miles of tight joints, have been half filled with water reducing the weight and decreasing the velocity of the remaining water. Have you tested your water? Is it all right? Are your chemical extinguishers polished like new? Have they not been tested since the nozzles are out of order? What about your plant? The chemical fire extinguisher is efficient, no question about that. Today must be reliable, every 12 months, and if there is doubt at this time as to this last, do it now, recharge them at once, and on the date of the recharging make it attached to the extinguisher.

Standpipes and hose equipment should be tested and the nozzles examined to see that there is an unobstructed passage from water supply to exit from nozzle. See further, that the way to and about the hose "nozzles" is unobstructed and the equipment cleaned for action on every floor.

What About Fire Buckets?

Water barrels and fire buckets are often sadly neglected. The former are half filled full of sooty cinders and sediment, and the signs pointing to them are lost or out of place. A fire bucket should never be used for any purpose other than to carry water to a fire, and it should always be returned to its place. The buckets

should be of the combination type, painted red and marked "for use only."

Stock should not be piled in front of windows, for the fire department may have to work there, nor in stairways, nor on the way to fire escapes. Elevator shafts are floors through which may find its origin and road from floor to floor. Keep shafts clean and unobstructed, the basement, which is the last stop. Remove all inflammable things from the other-way offices. Remember, too, that certain kinds of dust are as explosive as black powder.

Beware of Strangers!

Doorkeepers and night watchmen are necessary at this time. Don't permit persons unknown to superintendents or employees to wander about at will. It is dangerous. Follow the advice of the federal and state insurance companies, for they not only have your interest at heart but they are of the flying corps that protect the "Stomach Ammunition," the living and thousands of women and girls employed in the assembling and packing of foodstuffs of America.

Organize Against Fire.

See that the "No Smoking" sign is obeyed. Matches should not be taken in your plant. Electric torches are cheap, safe, efficient.

Every man who is engaged in any business of vital interest to the country should see to it that his employees are organized into a fire-fighting unit, with a definite assignment of duty for every man on every floor. There should be a detail to see that the women and girls are taken from the building in safety. The man who is at the nozzle should be coached how to apply the water. In many cases great damage is done by untrained men of the stream than by the fire chief. This is wheat, cereal, and the like, go back to score them.

To The Fire Box.

On all exit doors have a sign, plain and in large letters, "This way to nearest fire box." Fight your fire in at the department arrives, and then surrender the fire to the skilled men.

Questions For You to Answer.

Is your water supply clear of obstructions and adequate?

Are your fire barrels and hoses in place with the barrels filled?

Do you and your employees know where the nearest fire box is, and how to turn in an alarm?

Is your force of employees organized and drilled to handle the plants for fighting equipment?

What business is it to clear the buildings of women and girls?

Are your porters strangers to wander about your buildings unattended?

Have you a night watchman?

Are your chemical extinguishers inspected and operative?

How about your standpipes and hose equipment; the nozzles; the immediate efficiency of all?

Are your stairways and areas clear?

Is the way to the fire escape unobstructed?

Have you metal containers for refuse from shop and factory, and are they emptied each day?

U. S. Soldiers To France.

Washington, June 2.—The United States will send 180,000 troops to Europe before winter according to plans being worked out by the army general staff today. Approximately 140,000 will be National Guardsmen.

The guard regiments will be given a short period of intensive training at their state camps and the federal divisional encampments and then will be sent to France to complete their preparation behind the lines. The entire command will be under Major General John J. Pershing.

Present plans of the general staff call for sending of five divisions of national guard to France by the end of September. The movement is expected to begin August.

A Rich Editor.

The Lumberton Tribune says:

The editor of The Tribune always did like gardening, and usually has a plenty of vegetables all during the seasons. This year we were late planting, but are now eating plenty from our own garden every day we have cabbage, Irish potatoes, beans, beets, turnips, and will have other kinds of vegetables, including green peas, in due time. Unless something happens to destroy our garden, we will not have to spend one penny for vegetables during the entire summer and fall, and we expect to eat them every day. We also have several dozen spring chickens that will soon be to fry, and get all the milk and butter from our own cow that we need. We keep a dozen or so hens and are never without eggs. We are not telling this to boast at all, but to show what can be done in town on a very little ground.

Use Jury Wheel System.

Washington, June 4.—Regulations to govern exemptions under the selective draft are being worked out by Provost Marshal General Crowder with a number of prominent lawyers, although the plans are not yet completed, it is probable that the jury wheel system will be followed in selecting those who are to go into the army of 180,000, and not into the camp of 200,000, two thousand registrants in each county will be considered. As each individual draws his lot, his claim for exemption will be passed upon and if he is exempted, another will be drawn to fill his vacancy.

This will take less time, exemption limits in each county and for each day will be known.

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