

FIRES TAKE BIG TOLL OF LIVES, REPORT SHOWS

Insurance Commissioner Says Much is Accomplished by Press in Preventing Needless Waste.

New York, Jan. 10.—Fires in the United States take an annual toll of more than 15,000 lives and cause a property loss of approximately \$250,000,000, according to statistics read at the opening here yesterday of a conference between representatives of the Fire Marshals' Association of North America and the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

These statistics, compiled from reports of marshals from various states, were presented by Colonel James R. Young, insurance commissioner and fire marshal of North Carolina. He added that most persons killed or burned to death were women and children.

I. A. Fleming of Columbus, O., president of the Fire Marshals' Association, reported that more than 93 per cent of the fire prevention orders issued by states had been obeyed. He asserted that more had been accomplished in the last two years toward reducing fire waste than in the 10 years preceding.

Termining newspaper reporters "machine guns" and editors "heavy artillery" in the fighting against fire, he continued:

"The finest asset for a fire marshal is a friendly press. Newspapers are most eager to give facts if related to real conditions. Just as in the recent conflict where the rapid fire of the machine guns accounted for a great percentage of the casualties, so daily attacks in the newspapers against careless fires strike the bulls eye of the public attention."

"Newspaper men are sharp. They are also loyal. We should do everything in our power to cultivate their friendship and command their respect. They know whether or not we are four flushings or whether we're playing square. Public sentiment is moulded in printer's ink. Therefore, the more said in the papers about carelessness and its cure, the easier it is to convince the public that something must be done at once to stop our needless and enormous fire waste."

Three Years Needed to Restore Mines in Devastated France

Washington, Jan. 10.—Three years will be required to bring the coal mines of northern France to full production and to efface the devastation wrought in the coal fields by the retreating Germans, said a report yesterday to the fuel administration by the special commission which has completed a study of conditions abroad.

The great reserve stocks in France are gone, the commission reported, the stocks of public utilities have reached a dangerous point and the entire nation needs relief.

New Jersey Legislature Deadlocked in Election

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 10.—A committee of republicans and democrats representing the newly elected members of the house of assembly failed, after a conference here last night to break the deadlock over the speakership and clerkship of the house resulting from the tie membership in that body. The fight will now go to the floor on the issue when the legislature meets Tuesday and both sides will contend for the office and the control of the assembly.

The situation is similar in the senate where the republicans who are in the majority have deadlocked over the selection of a president. The republican senators are to confer Saturday in an effort to effect a compromise.

Russ Radicals Denounce U. S. Censorship on Papers

New York, Jan. 10.—The censorship exercised by the United States government over radical socialist newspapers was denounced by Alexander Bralovsky, editor of the Workman and Peasant, at the closing session here yesterday of the convention of representatives of Russian workmen's and socialist societies.

Following his address a collection was taken for the purpose of establishing and maintaining additional Russian newspapers and founding schools.

Other speakers assailed the government for "interfering" in Russian affairs and criticized prevailing wage scales.

Senator Proposes U. S. Cemetery for France

Washington, Jan. 10.—Establishment of a cemetery in France in which would be buried the bodies of American officers and men who lost their lives in the war is provided in a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Spencer of Missouri and referred to the foreign relations committee. The measure carries an appropriation of \$500,000 and provides that its enactment shall not prevent the return to the United States of the bodies of officers and men whose relatives desire them brought home.

Lad Returns from France as Stowaway Upon U. S. Transport

Newport News, Va., Jan. 10.—Among the 3,400 officers and men who yesterday arrived aboard the transport Finland were Brig. Gen. W. S. Thayer, medical corps, formerly connected with the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore; Brig. Gen. M. D. Cronin, who commanded the 173rd infantry brigade; Lt. Charles W. Drew, 13th aero squadron, second pursuit group, first American army, whose home is in Philadelphia; Lt. Fesselmeier, of New York, an aviator; Lt. Col. Guy Rowe, 38th division; and Lt. George P. Atkinson, of Rio, Tex., attached to the aviation corps.

One passenger who was not listed because he was a stowaway was 16 year old Joseph Richards, son of a former New York college professor. This boy saw his mother and father shot down in their home when the Germans took Rheims. Young Richards was taken prisoner at Rheims and later with other prisoners forced to dig trenches at Chateau Thierry. He and a number of other prisoners fell into the hands of the Americans when 4,000 Germans were captured at Chateau Thierry.

Greeks Will Fight to Last for Freedom, Says Former Officer

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Speaking on behalf of 3,000,000 Greeks under foreign rule, Dr. John N. Metaxa, former governor of Salonika, and a personal friend of Premier Venizelos, in an address at the University of Pennsylvania yesterday predicted that if the peace conference failed to right the wrongs done Greece, the struggle of unredeemed Greeks for reunion with their motherland would continue until Greece became one of the free nations of the world. The topic of the address delivered by Dr. Metaxa was: "Shall Greece Be Sacrificed to Secret Treaties?"

Referring to the secret treaty of April 30, 1915, by which Italy is to have the 12 Greek islands of the Dodecanese, besides territory in Epirus and a sphere of influence in Asia Minor, Dr. Metaxa said:

"Thus we see that in the year 1915, a secret treaty, between the great world powers considers human beings as goods and chattels. From being the property of the Turk, they become the property of the Italian. The exit of the Turkish gendarmes heralds the entrance of the Italian carabinieri."

Berlin, Jan. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is reported that Polish forces have recaptured the village of Nakel, northeast of Posen, and that the city of Bromberg, just to the east of Nakel, is threatened. German troops have recaptured the village of Kolmar, further west.

Polish Forces Take Village of Nakel and Threaten Bromberg

German aviators have bombed a flying station near Posen, which was captured by the Poles on Sunday. The Polish authorities have issued a warning that they will not be responsible for the lives of German citizens if the attack is repeated. The inhabitants of Tilsit have issued a protest against Polish occupation of German territory.

South Dakota Objects to Hearst Being on Committee

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 10.—The house of representatives yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution which memorialized congress to "lead troops returning from Europe" at some port other than New York. Representative Dalthrop, in introducing the resolution said that it was desirable to use some other port because the mayor of New York had placed William Randolph Hearst at the head of the committee of reception to returning soldiers.

PUBLIC MEMORIAL MEETING for the late THEO. ROOSEVELT at Muny Auditorium SUNDAY, January 12 8 P. M.

Manufacturer of several nationally advertised products with almost perfect distribution among hardware and housefurnishing trade, wants several men capable of increasing this business; also to complete distribution on new advertised line. Exclusive territory. Write fully, home address, age, experience, acquaintance, health, habits, salary expected. Salesmen calling on hardware trade preferred. Send photo—we'll return it. Inquiries held confidential. Ground floor chance for right man. Advise when our representative can interview you. Address Postoffice box 195, Station C, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Wapid Lenape! Yenges! Yankees! Yanks!

The origin of names and words is an interesting study. It is stated that the Red Man used the words "Wapid Lenape" as a name for the first white men who landed on America's shores. When the English came in fairly large numbers the Indian, in his effort to speak their language, called the English Yenges, and then the change to Yankees was easy, but it remained for this world war to find the name "Yanks," by which our boys will always be known—a name which will be a synonym for bravery and courage—while history remains and while the world lasts. How the cataclysm has affected our lives, our habits and our fortunes. Everything we eat, use and wear have felt its influence—nowhere to a greater extent than in the Linen and Cotton trade.

We were, indeed, fortunate in our contracts and purchases and thousands of our customers have reaped the advantage in this, the

Greatest of All Our Linen and White Sales

Here Are a Few Linen Specials for Saturday

Hemstitched Lunch Napkins, **\$2.98** instead of \$4.50.
 Hemstitched Lunch Napkins, **\$4.50** instead of \$6.50.
 Hemstitched Lunch Napkins, **\$5.25** instead of \$7.50.

10 Only. All Linen Cloths, 68x68, at **\$2.98** instead of \$5.00.
3 Only; Sets. Cloth 72x90, Napkins 24x24, for **\$23.95**. The Napkins alone were **\$15.00** per dozen.
9 Only; Sets. Cloth 72x90, Napkins 22x22, for **\$25.00**. The Napkins alone were **\$18.75** per dozen.

\$2.00 Unbleached Union Damask, on Saturday, **98¢** per yard.
\$1.50 Bleached Mercerized Damask, on Saturday, **98¢** per yard.
\$3.00 Bleached Union Damask, on Saturday, **\$1.98** per yard.

You will please observe: We are getting down to limited quantities of many numbers—this will be notice to the wise that tardy attendance may be costly.

Soon The Most Remarkable of All Undermuslin Sales

will be history. Never so many pleased customers—never so many sales—never before such volume. Lots are being reduced rapidly and very many of the numbers cannot be replaced. Some day the market will decline and then there may be lower prices, but in the words of the song that won't happen "for a long, long time."

Reclassification of lots for Saturday places in one group a lot of PETTICOATS, white and colored, muslin and longcloth in white with flounces of lace or embroidery—also colored Sateen Petticoats, Heatherloom Twills, Blacks pleated and fluted. The material alone at present prices would total more than our asking price for Saturday, \$1.98 each.

NIGHT GOWNS, made from sheer and from white fabrics, short sleeves or no sleeves at all. Low-neck or high, lace edged. Tailored or embroidered. Lace insertions or insets. It will pay you to lay in a summer supply at Saturday's price of

\$1.50 each

Stationery Sale Saturday

There is nothing so welcome to the absent boy or girl, as a letter from home. Writers, Poets, Soldiers, Sailors, Rich men, Poor man long for letters. I wonder how many readers of this ad have read the stories of the joy on the part of those who get letters and the wistfulness and sadness of those who don't when the mail is distributed Overseas—whether at field or at foot, at home or abroad, in camp or with the army of occupation, they all love to get letters. We are going to help the good work along with a final sale of stationery Saturday. All the odds and ends, Correspondence Cards and Letter Sheets left over from our special sale, will go at **19¢** a box. We desire to make a clean sweep; don't want to see a single box left at 6 p. m. Saturday. The sale starts at 9 a. m.

We Thought the New Year Might Bring Wisdom

but find the foolish season on pricing Toilet Articles is still on. What care we whether we sell at less than cost or not. "Sure its the quantity we sell" that counts, so here goes and we'll match any other foolish prices, if we have the goods.

Woodbury's Facial Soap, **19¢** a cake; Jergens' Lotion, **23¢**; Non Spl, **33¢**; La Perla Castile Soap, **7¢**; Mentholatum, **17¢**; Tooth Brushes, **10¢**; Wright's Silver Cream, **17¢**; Palmolive Shampoo, **39¢**; Palmolive Vanishing Cream, **39¢**; Surgeon's Soap, **8¢** a cake; Kilpatrick's Rice Powder, **19¢**; Carnation Powder, **10¢**.

Envelope Chemises

You'll want for warmer days. These are of Soft Nainsooks, Batiste or Mull, neat and dainty, and from present outlook impossible of replacement. Saturday's price—

\$1.29

HERE IS AN OLD TIME SALE OF **Silk Stockings**

Made from pure silk with lisle welt and sole, in black and white. Saturday, starting at 9 a. m., **\$1.00** per pair.

Some one wisely remarked that "LIFE IS ONE DAMP THING AFTER ANOTHER." Here we are taking our yearly inventory while our wonderful

White Sale Is Running Full Blast

We are putting the proceeds of our Ready-to-Wear stock in the Money Drawer, rather than listing the Garments on stock sheets. We are considering neither Cost nor Profit. We would like to clear the decks absolutely, LOCK, STOCK and BARREL and if cut prices will do the business, soon the places which knew the Garments once will know them no more forever.

For instance—FURS, FUR COATS—Read, mark, learn and you will digest the values—and appreciate the bargains.

One Natural Rat, 32 inches long, **\$139.75** instead of **\$175.00**.
One Natural Rat, 36 inches long, **\$147.50** instead of **\$225.00**.
One Seal and Muskrat Combination Coat, **\$174.50** instead of **\$275.00**.
One Jap Mink Coat, ¾ length, **\$275.00** instead of **\$395.00**.
One Mole Skin Coat (a beauty), **\$295.00** instead of **\$600.00**.
CLOTH COATS and Coats of Plush and Velour, all of the **BETTER SORT**.
\$57.50 for elegant Coats, fur trimmed with beaver, marten, etc.; were up to **\$115.00**.
\$45.00 for Coats of Plush, Velour, Kersey, etc., formerly sold up to **\$87.50**.
\$35.00 for Coats of Broadcloth, Velour, Plush, Pom Pom, etc.; sold up to **\$75.00**.
\$25.00 for Coats of Burmah Cloth, Plush, Velour, some fur trimmed. Sold up to **\$57.50**.
\$15.00 for Coats of Kersey Mixtures, Tweeds, Broadcloth, sold up to **\$29.75**. Women can be fitted up to size 52.

Saturday we will endeavor to clean out

Children's Winter Garments

When one reflects that Winter is only 3 weeks old, one can appreciate the timeliness of such a sale. Coats at **\$5, \$10, \$15 and \$25**. About 150 all told. Children's from 2 to 12 years, in Chinilla, Velour, Velvet, Corduroys, Plushes, etc., in 2 Lots. **\$5** for Coats which were up to **\$12.00**, and **\$10** for Coats which sold up to **\$22.50**.

In the Juniors are Coats for bigger girls and smaller women. Stylish, splendidly tailored garments, in wool, Jersey, Melton, Velour, Zibelines, suited to those from 14 years up. All the wanted colors.

COATS sold up to **\$32.50**, for **\$15.00**. **COATS** sold up to **\$59.00**, for **\$25.00**.
SUITS for Juniors, 2 divisions. Sold up to **\$30**, for **\$13.75**. Sold up to **\$57.50**, for **\$24.50**.

We don't care two twists of a lamb's tail what the former prices of our Children's Hats were. Saturday you pick at **\$1.95** each.

SATURDAY will stage a sale of **WHITE DRESSES** of special moment. Dresses of muslin, lawn, batiste, organdy and net. Choice designs with lace insertions and trimmings. 6 to 14 years, at **\$8.50, \$5.50 and \$3.50** 14 to 17 years, **\$10.50, \$8.50 and \$5.50** All Underpriced.

HOUSE DRESSES

We overheard one of our salespeople say a day or two ago, "My, what seeds of house dresses we have sold this week past." We said to the manager, "Better put the balance in the money drawer" and so we made 2 lots for Saturday.

I. Contains several dozen aprons and dresses, including Red Cross and Bungalow Aprons, at **95¢** each.
 II. A big lot ofingham and percale dresses, fitted and loose lines, all colors; some were **\$3.50**; all to go at **\$1.95**.

MEN! HERE ARE A FEW **Hot Ones for You Saturday**

First, a remarkable offering of Men's Underwear; Union Suits, Shirts and Drawers, all wool, part wool, mercerized and part cotton. Garments which sold up to **\$5.00**, at **\$2.65** each. Before the war you may have seen such values, but not since. Odd lots of men's socks to close out on Saturday. Cotton, in black, white and colors, at **29¢** a pair. Lisle, in colors and fancies, **39¢** a pair. Silk, in colors, fashioned feet, **79¢** a pair.

Knitting Yarn

Is not quite as much in demand as it once was, but thousands of women will continue to knit, for thousands of our boys and girls will continue to wear and want sweaters, etc. We have some yarn to sell and on Saturday will offer Khaki and Olive shades. Mixed Wool Yarn, **25¢** a skein; was 69¢. All Wool Yarn, **50¢** a skein; was **\$1.00**. All Worsted Yarn, **75¢** a skein; was **\$1.25**.

Special From Cobb

We have a little corner here for just a card from "COBB." If not too late, Cobb says, "Wish everybody a joyous and prosperous New Year for us." Will you please consider it wished. May we remark also, Cobb's candy business has grown enormously the past year and starts in this year of grace bigger than ever. Saturday Some Sweet Specials. May we not ask you to come in the morning.

Corsets---3 Lots

With a view to concentration of stocks and better using of space, we will drop out for the present at least the "KABO" brand of Corsets. These are so well known that comment as to grade and style is unnecessary. They go in 3 lots—

\$1.98 for Corsets which sold up to **\$3.00**.
\$3.98 for grades sold to **\$5.00**.
\$4.98 for grades sold to **\$7.50**.

Best Time For Shopping

Now for a few pleases. Please come in the morning. Please bear with us if there should be a little delay in serving you. Please carry your own packages if possible. Reasons for the pleases. Morning is best for shopping; stocks are in order, help rested and ready, lots of new help causes a little delay sometimes as they don't know stocks quite as well as the older help. Delivery department loaded down, buried with packages from the biggest business in our experience.

\$5.00 Shoes for Saturday!

The Great Shoe Sale Continues, Starting at 9 A. M., Ending at 6 P. M.

The biggest \$5.00 of shoe leather seen since before the war started in 1914. Truth is, we never saw such values, and it will be a long, long time before you do, if ever. Shoes that retailed at \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$15

for \$5.00 per pair.

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