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ary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson:

Assertion; act of maintaining, or stating positively. "Can you furnish proof of your assertion?"

Significant; important, as pointing out something weighty; expressive or suggestive. "Here is a significant paragraph."

Peremptory; not admitting of de-

bate or appeal; conclusive. "His voice was sharp and peremptory."

Insuperable; incapable of being surmounted. "They were thwarted by seeming insuperable difficulties."

Detached; separate; unconnected. "I wish to be totally detached from all factions."

Vivid; producing distinct and life-like mental images. "He has a vivid imagination."

Henry Carlson, nursery foreman of Glenview, and Joseph Hunderoff, farmer of Techny died last week following serious injuries in an automobile accident on Sanders road just north of the Cook county line Sunday night, Nov. 16.

Before it will be possible to have a United States of Europe we will have to develop at least one European George Washington to go with it.

## ANCIENT FIR TREE RINGS TELL STORY

### Douglas Pine Cut in Oregon Is 400 Years Old in Columbus' Time

A Douglas fir tree that was 402 years old when Columbus discovered America in 1492 did not tell its great secret until recently when, cut down in its 839th year, it lay upon its death bed, preparing to give up its ghost into 44,000 feet of lumber.

And then its story was not of the Christian crusades upon Jerusalem, when the tree was a mere stripling a decade old. Nor was it of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Nor the landing of the Pilgrims. Nor Cornwallis' surrender to Washington. Nor Napoleon's Waterloo. Nor the first sawmill, nor the first Atlantic cable.

#### Charcoal Within

Its great story of the past, told more vividly than mere words could express, lay in the growth rings of the tree. In this living vault were charcoal records proving that the fir survived 12 different forest fires during the first 400 years of its life.

After being felled for the sawmill at Veronia, Ore., the tree, 10 feet in diameter at the base and stretching 230 feet in its length, was carefully studied by an expert.

According to his findings, reported to officials of the American Game Protective association, the tree definitely established the fact that fires were a menace to forests long before white men settled in this country.

#### Lightning Caused Fire

Since the consistent fire hazard then must have been lightning, the officials estimated from statistics that a tree today is in exactly 99 times more danger from fire than it would have been then.

"In 1929 forest fires numbered 134,895, of which lightning started only 1 per cent," officials said. "This year, one of the driest in history, might be expected to prove even more disastrous if it were not for encouraging reports of drastic preventive measures and evidence of a growing public sentiment for caution."

"If that fir had stood long enough," they said, "it might some day have been safer than it was in 1492."

Caught by a posse of deputy sheriffs and constables after a long automobile chase last week, two prominent Barrington men were arrested and fined for shooting poultry and for killing a cock pheasant.

Edward Olson, 1525 Laurel avenue, Waukegan, suffered a fractured leg when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into the side of an automobile at the intersection of Judge street and Grand avenue in that city at 6 o'clock last week.

Everett C. Yaste, former secretary of the Community Chest and later of the Associated Builders of Lake county, last week waived extradition in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as Deputy Sheriff Edward Dunne sought to bring him back on a charge of embezzling \$1,100 from the Associated Builders.

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