PREVENTION OF FIRES STRESSED

Movement In U.S. - Two-Thirds of Loss Is Held Avoidable

Washington-Government officials say that the fire prevention days. week proclaimed by President Roosevelt should be the signal for he sell some? adoption of real protective measures-not just an occasion for parades of fire wagons and speeches jokes he wrote. that go unheeded.

Delving into records to assist in October 16, the Federal Fire Council headed by Lyman J. Briggs, director of the Bureau of Standards found that losses on fires in buildings amount to \$1,000,000,000 annually. In addition, 7,000 deaths are directly traceable to such fires, with the total jumping to 10,000 if indirect causes are included.

The figures do not include marine losses, ner these caused by forest fires. While marine statistics were not available, forest service officials reported 162,663 fires and \$45,373,-120 damage in 1934.

The Federal Council reports show the direct fire loss on buildings and contents have averaged around Shadbelly-Well, did she? \$500,000,000 a year, but loss in wages and production attributed to heard? They've got twins. fires increase this total about 100 per cent.

for 1933, including 25 per cent. ad- frost free fall for his crops. ditional for "unreported fires," were as low as \$340,000,000, and for 1934, \$328,000,000.

"This is significant," the council reported, "since it indicates that the Tommy. more general use of the fire-resistive building construction for major have a quarter in advance? buildings, fire prevention measures, have been effective in reducing the

by defective constuction and installa- halfback should run. tion and lack of knowledge and

flues, heating and electrical equip- where it will end. ment, and roofing, open lights, petroleum, gas, sparks, explosions, ashes, rubbish, spontaneous ignition, and matches (smoking), are thus largely preventable, and loss of life from fires from such origins could be avoided."

In his proclamation issued recently, President Roosevelt declared fires "can largely be prevented by the exercise of proper care and the use of appropriate fire-prevention measures."

Country Road

Gerald Raftery in the New York Sun

The haunted moon has fallen in the And vanished like the last ghost

of the world With all its wars and wanderings

In dust like a forgotten banner

furled.

And s'ars alone are living in the night . With dreams that stirred the

Greek and Arab men

Who watched the darkness like an acolyte

Swing up their stars into the sky again-

Aldebaran, and eagle-swift Altair,

Like Arab horses drumming down the sky-

The ever-striving Hunter, and the

. Bear-Stars that have watched th

centuries go by.

Alone and stumbling down a dark ened road.

I watched the timeless weaving of their way And half-began to doubt the path

I strode. Or that the sun would, bring

another day.

Awaiting Stork

London, Eng.-The former dancing star, Adele Astaire, now Lady Charles Cavendish, is reliably reported as expecting a baby in a few months.

The source of the information is Tilly Losch, the Hungarian dancer who has appeared in Broadway shows. ... Says Miss Losch: couldn't be happier about it."

Miss Losch adds that Lord Charles and his wife are "together somewhere in Germany and very much in love-their marriage is the most successful one I know."

A fish with a beacon arrangement on top of its head has been handed to the United States Board of Fisheries for examination. It has no eyes. A dozen tentacles are arranged in umbrelia fashion over the head, and each has a small light. It has, no scales, but has quills like a hedgehog.



Scribbler-Writing puns is a serious proposition for Jokesmith these

Dotter-What's the matter? Did

Scribbler-No, but he broke one of his ribs laughing over one of the

It won't be very long till the the precautionary campaign to start frost is on the pumpkin and the sleeves of last year's topcoat prove to be as frayed as we feared they would be.

> Hiram Henpeck-Me and my wife are going to the West Indies.

Next Door Neighbor-Jamaica? Hiram Henpeck-Naw, she made

Helping with the dishes all sum-

mer has more to do with wanting to

rush back to college in the fall than the desire for a higher education. Sourdough-I warned Billy that

that girl would play the deuce if he married her.

Sourdough - Yes. Haven't you

A farmer with hay fever this fall Direct losses have declined appre- is in a heck of a shape. He needs a ciably since 1926. The estimates frost to stop the fever, and needs a

> Tommy-Say, dad, how much am worth to you? Dad-All I have in the world

> Tommy-Well, could you let me

abut two-thirds of the loss is caused line and the best angle at which a cwt.



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Canada was second in apples with third with 690,101, Norway fourth 900,867 cwt., Australia being first with 272,389.

with 8,723 tons, Spain being second Japan fourth with £18,974.

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Canada's Trade With United Kingdom

Monthly Bulletin of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain.

Canada has first place in the British market in imports of wheat in the first six months of 1935 with 16,214,262 cwt., Argentine being second with 14,702,776, Australia third with 9,221,482, and Roumania fourth with 353,886.

Canada was third in barley with 1.453,938 cwt. out of a total of 1,-Geometry would be one of the 654,377. Imports on oats by Great most interesting studies in the high 473 in the same period two years "Examination of the fire loss indi- school curriculum if it could show ago, but the requirements from cates," the council added, "that where the fullback should bisect the Canada have increased from 695,201

Canada was first in wheat-flour with 1,946,346 cwt., Australia being The Good Book tells us where second with 773,287, France third "Losses from defective chimneys, charity begins, but no one knows with 577,205, and Italy fourth with

224,741. Canada was second in the total of grain and flour with a value of of grain and flour with a value of £7,787,902, Argentine being first with £8,848,163, Australia third with £3,072,733, and France fourth with £1,340,932.

6.124 head-

United States have been decreasing, but those from Canada have been

with 1,275,722, the United States third with 780,790, and New Zealand fourth with 277,480.

9,753 cwt., out of a total of 11,012. land third with £751,989. Canada was second with unmanufactured tobacco with 5,984,714

Canada was first in copper ore

with 1,429.

timber with £1,900,696.

Canada was second in hides and United States Leing first with £1,-

Canada was second in unwrought copper with 26,879 tons, United States being first with 28,130. In the two previous years Canada was far ahead of all other countries with that commodity.

Canada was second in pig lead with 47,292 tons, Australia being first with 92,028, British India third with 24,050, and Mexico fourth with

Canada was first in crude zinc with 48,222 tons, Belgium being second with 12,139, Australia third with 5,975. Canada was first in the total of

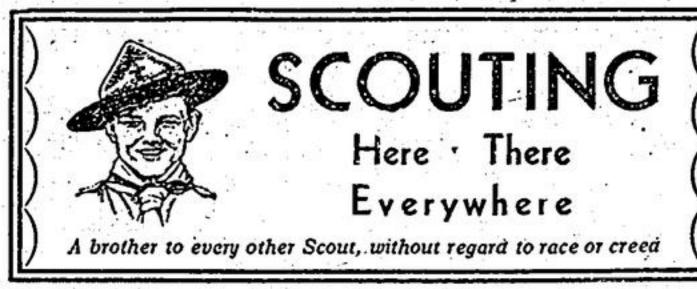
non-ferrous metals and manufactures with a value of-£3,139,484, Chile being second with £1,925,374, Australia third with £1,302,583, Northern Rhodesia fourth with £1, 246,188, and United States fifth with £1,181,057.

Canada was third in machinery with a value of £418,369; the United States being first with £2,959,-

Canada was second in newsprint with 783,788 cwt., Newfoundland being first with 982,691, Finland

Canada was fourth in the total of paper with a value of £693,611 Sweden being first with £1,325,239 Canada was first in lobsters with Germany second with £842,906, Fin-

Canada was first in rubber manufacturers with a value of £287,978 Germany second with £108,467 United States third with £82,293,



worker who gave his life during the building of the C. P. R. through Nor- Badge. thern Ontario was paid by Sudbury Boy Scouts while camping this summer. The boys erected a cross, and using the legal name for an unknown person, added the inscription: "John Doe, who gave his life in the upbuild- burg. ing of Canada. Erected by the Boy Scouts."

Nearly 5,000 Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts and Rovers took part in the annual Scout parade this year on the closing day of the Toronto fair. The boys marched through the Prince's Gate to the Grand Plaza, where they were reviewed and addressed by Lieut.-Gov. Bruce.

As usual many hundreds of boys were taught swimming at the camp of the 1st Smooth Rock Falls Troop, Ont. A dozen boys learned to swim, four Wolf Cubs passed the Cub swimming test, two Scouts won the Swim-



Tribute to a nameless construction | mer's Badge and three Scouts passed the exacting test for the Rescuer's

> As a district event Border Cities Scouts started the new season with a big Scout rally at Sheul's bush and a Cub rally a week later at Amherst.

> Further reports of American Boy Scouts visiting Canada this year include a party of 32 Illinois Scouts at Halifax, New England Scouts at Montreal and Oregon Scouts at Winnipeg and Victoria, B. C. The American lads originally had planned to attend the cancelled Washington Jamboree.

A first aid kit found new use in the hands of boys of the 1st Chesterville Scout Troop on their way home from the summer camp. Investigation of motor trouble revealed that the motor fan had cut through the rubher hose of the colling system losing the water. Out came the first aid kit, there was a good job with adhesive tape, fresh water for the radiator, and the truck was hway with little

Mr. A. G. Mackinnon, K.C., recently appointed District Court Judge at Shaunavon, Sask., is Scoutmaster of the 17th Regina Troop, of Holy Rosary Cathedral, a member of the Pro-

Vaudeville In New York

(New York Times) Vaudeville's diminishing realm in this city is now cut in two. Of eight theatres which have been showing the old-style variety along with movies, four theatres have gone over to straight pictures. The scholastics of the amusement business make a distinction between vaudeville and "stage snows." If the latter are included the eclipse is a little less complete, but it is a sad enough decline at best. -

And yet it is the case here as with so many other conquests. The pictures and the radio. which have so nearly made an end of vaudeville, have assimilated perhaps its two principal features.

Acrobats and trained animals and

magic counted for a good deal, but the backbone of a vaudeville program was the comedy teams and the dancing. Radio has taken over the comedians, and any night they may be heard asking each other the questions and springing the answers they used to work 25 years ago. Movies have taken over the dancing.

Ecstasy

From the French of Victor Hugo Under a night of stars I stood alone beside the sea, No cloud o'erspread the glowing

ously. And far beyond the bounds of earth my searching vision pressed To learn the secrets Nature holds

Heavens, no sail shone lumin-

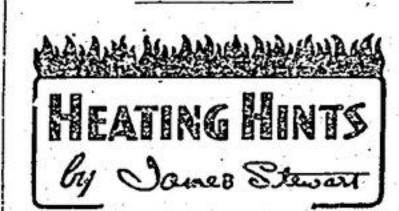
safe-guarded in her breast, Canada was second in word and The mountains, woods, the silvery stars-the soft surge of the

skins with a value of £918,851, the All seemed to speak of some strange Power that ruled their destiny. I asked the stars, infinite hosts, those glittering points of gold

That through the boundless tracts of Heaven eternally have rolled, And to the swelling waves I spoke, with white and curling crests,

To gain the secret of that force naught hinders nor arrests-And in the voice harmonious, sweet, all spoke in glad accord

Saying, "It is from One Divine-the Mighty Sovereign Lord!" Alice Kathryn Gould. Smith Falls, Ont.



DUILDING a fire is a very simple job but, as in everything else, there is a right and wrong way of doing it. From my experience, the quickest and easiest way to light a fire is this:

First of all, if there is a layer of ashes on the grates, leave it there. About two inches of ashes on the grates help a lot. Then spread about two inches

of coal uniformly over the ashes. On top of this fresh coal put a good charge of kindling, consisting of newspapers and light, wood. Be sure that

the Turn Damper in the smokepipe and the Ashpit Damper are wide open and the Check Damper closed. thestrongdraft

which is needed to ignite the fire. Now light the kindling and when it is burning freely, slowly add more coal. The kindling will ignite the fresh coal both above and below it, and you can then add more coal and thus quickly build up a good

deep fire. Occasionally you may find, when the kindling wood begins to burn, that smoke starts coming out through the crevices around the furnace doors. This is due to the fact that the chimney, being cold, does not provide sufficient draft to carry off the smoke. This condition can be quickly remedied by opening wide the slide in the fire door-or by partially or entirely closing the ashpit damper-or by a combination of the two.

vincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association, and Chairman of the provincial Board of Honour, which deals with appointments of Scout leaders and awards for Scout acts of gallantry and outstanding service.

Seven teams of Rover Scouts representing the 4th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th and 33rd Rover crews took part in this summer's annual Winnipeg Rover 24-Hour Hike Competition. The contest includes hiking equipment carried, the making of maps and notes, details of the overnight camp site and conditions of site after use.

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What "Main Street" Represents

A phrase or title invented by an author can so stick in the public mind that it becomes a nuisance. Kipling's line about Canada being Lady of the Snows never brought joy to the travel agencies.

And Sinclair Lewis's "Main Street' gave too many city folk an unwarranted sense of superiority over those who live in small towns.

The meaning of the word main is -important, essential to results, momentous in consequences. In the trade affairs of this Dominion, Canada's Main Streets are precisely that.

In the 125,000 independent stores, of which a large percentage line streets such as these, is done sixtynine per cent. of the country's retail business. The 146 departmental stores in

total business. The 8,476 chain stores, eighteen per cent. Ponder that fact. Sixty-nine of every hundred retail sales are made not by the big departmental stores; not by mail order houses in big

Canada do thirteen per cent. of the

cities; not by the chain stores. They are made over the counters of stores on the corners of country | Company, World Patent Attorneys 273 cross-roads, on the Main Streets of our villages, towns and cities. And the owners of those stores are individual citizens, not corporations.

They are Main. They are essential to results in merchandising: they are momentous in consequences. As a people we have been too ready to think that it is size that

counts; that power always must lie in concentration. Manufacturers, mesmerized by Mass Buying, have too often neglected to enquire into the importance of the well-established independent dealer; the buying importance of the

community he serves. "Remember the Maine" once roused the United States to patriotic

fervor. . "Remember Main Street" can show results too .- Maclean's Magazine.

RETURNS FROM EXPEDITION

"When tunnies refuse to bite, or the weather is too rough to go af er these giant fich, have a little revolver practice by shooting at porpoises," says Mr. W. W. Dowding, the young British sportsman, who returned to Scarborough after a tunny-fishing expedition on which he caugh: a 484-pounder. "Porpoises," says Mr. Dowding, "are very numerous, more numerous than tunny at times, and it is great sport taking potshots at them. It is just about impossible to get a porpoise to take bait on a line. The only way to kill them. is to shoot them, in which case you have very little chance of landing the fish, or of harpcoming them, which is very difficult indeed." -Scarborough Evening News and Daily Post.

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