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NO. 5010 EQUITY
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY

Theodore A. Dorsey, and Maggie A. Dorsey, his wife
vs.
Benjamin A. Dorsey

Ordered this 14th day of December, A. D., 1917, that the account of the auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 31st day of December, inst.; provided a copy of this order be nserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters testamentary on the estate of

HERBERT B. DAVIDSON

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof lgally authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the 5th day of July, 1918, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December, 1917.

EDWARD F. DAVIDSON,
12-7-5t. Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

GEORGE A. UTZ

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Given under our hands this 4th day of December, 1917.

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other necessities of life and increasing the shortage of labor by diverting it from constructive occupations, which are so necessary in these war times, to the purpose of repairing and rebuilding property damaged or destroyed by preventable fires. With the exercise of due caution an enormous amount of labor could be used to better purpose in these critical times, and a tremendous amount of foodstuffs could be saved.

Two hundred million dollars have been going up in smoke each year, and most of this loss could easily have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable precautions. Much of the property destroyed was grain, foodstuffs and supplies of which the country and its allies are now in serious need. The citizen who cannot go to the front can show his patriotism by doing everything possible to reduce the fire waste and thus conserve the natural resources.

President Wilson, in his appeal to the public, pointed out this patriotic duty when he said: "This is the time for America to correct her unpardonable fault of wastefulness and extravagance." The preventable fire waste of the country is one of its most "unpardonable faults." The state fire marshals and other experts agree that 75 per cent of it is due to carelessness. What a crime it has been, in view of the present crisis, that over fifty million bushels of wheat have been burned during the past year, on the farms and in the grain elevators of the country! Most of this loss was due to carelessness and lack of the ordinary precaution against fire.

If property owners would clean up their premises, get the rubbish out of their attics and basements, be careful about matches and smoking, inspect their flues and heating appliances, and do the ordinary, common-sense things necessary to reduce the fire waste, they would perform a patriotic service, would protect life and property, and would pave the way for lower insurance rates.

Bearing on this subject The Commercial and Financial Chronicle, November 24, 1917, says:

"War turns abundance into scarcity, because it enormously accelerates consumption and reduces production, yet we go on burning our food and other substance, at even a more rapid rate, and although the prevention campaign is pushed more earnestly than ever considerable progress is made, the country does not awake.

Discussing this subject on the very morning of the Brooklyn dock fire, the Chronicle remarked that accounts of fires seem to attract little public attention, and an example of this lack of proportion followed, for on the next day one of the most important morning journals of this city filled its front page with the usual war matter and gave only a bare half-column, on an inside page where the reader had to hunt for it, to the wanton destruction of some 800,000 bushels of grain.

The sub-Treasury here has now an extra stock of gold, and has always been effectually guarded against burglary and riot; every safe-deposit vault is carefully made safe, for gold is called the 'precious' metal and securities are precious to their owners; now scarcity, expressing itself in high prices and in a threatened disappearance of materials, is perhaps ready to teach us that materials and food are more precious even than gold.

This apathy and heedlessness have grown out of our misleading abundance, out of failure to perceive that fire works an absolute destruction, and out of our habit of looking to insurance to take the risk and make good to the loser. Distribution of loss is not restoration, but because we have not yet been made to feel the loss we go on throwing away at least a half-million per day, as an average, by fires which could be prevented. Express this in wheat in other food stocks, in ships, in clothing, and it might attract attention; expressed in the familiar form of dollar-loss, it has slight effect upon public apathy. Yet it is a condition which has become unendurable, and therefore a remedy must be found and applied.

The one and only way to reduce the cost of insurance is to reduce the fire waste; do this and nothing could hold rates from declining, to the great benefit of the whole public, underwriters included. How are we to set about doing it?

By carrying the appeal to the final tribunal of self-interest, while not ceasing the appeal to ethical and patriotic considerations.

Imagine that all the companies simultaneously exercised their contract right of cancellation, a business panic such as the country has never known would be precipitated; the granding of credits would be halted, the desire to collect debts would be general, there would be a clamor for some form of substituted protection, and property owners all over the land would begin to examine their premises and try to reduce their fire hazards. The sudden nece... self-insurance would set ... actively at work ... touchstone reveals ... fact that everybo... insurance and ... trouble about t...

... to look after his ... shingle roofs, his ... causes of socalled 'accidental'.

As to all large structures, there are two devices of commanding value: wire glass, and the automatic sprinkler.

To take the most recent example, if there had been a proper sprinkler plant in the Brooklyn storehouses where there was, instead, an absence of any reasonable precautions, it would have done instantly what all the firemen of the city were unable to do, and would have prevented the destruction of a great quantity of food material."

FIRE LOSSES—UNITED STATES AND CANADA

REVENUE OFFICIALS TO ASSISIT IN MAKING OUT INCOME-TAX PAPERS

Farmers all over the country are making numerous inquiries about their income-tax returns.

Men of the field force of the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department will visit every county in the United States during January and February. Notice of their arrival will be given in advance.

The services of these officials in making out income-tax returns will be given without cost to all persons requesting it. Failure to see them, however, will not relieve citizens of the duty imposed upon them to file their returns not later than March 1.

Questions as to when a farmer is to make his return of the value of crops and stock, the relation of these things to income, etc., and as to employees and other matters, will all be answered by the revenue field force.

THE SOLDIERS TAKING GOVERNMENT INSURANCE

That the wise and beneficent law providing Government insurance for the military and naval forces of the United States is fully appreciated by the soldiers and sailors of the Nation is being every day evidenced.

At Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., during the month of November nearly 20,000 applications were sent to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance; 71 per cent of these was for the maximum amount of $10,000, 23 per cent was for $5,000, and 6 per cent was for lesser sums. In 16 companies every single man applied for insurance; in 5 units, 3 of them full companies, every man applied for the maximum of $10,000.

A spirited campaign of education is being conducted to furnish full and thorough information of the workings of the law to those coming under the provisions, and it is believed that the great benefits of this wise and humane provision for the soldiers and sailors of the United States and their dependents will be availed of by practically all of our fighting men.

At the close of the business day of December 20 the Bureau of War Risk Insurance had received applications to the number of 272,122 aggregating $2,359,402,000 of insurance.

THEIR HEARTS STILL WITH US

The verses printed below have been received by the Baltimore relatives of a West Virginia lad who joined the colors as soon as our country declared war against Germany.

Do we like the sunny land of France?
Well, I don't like to say—
It sure is some nice country, Bill,
But I'll be glad to get away—
For no land can take the place with me
Of the good old U. S. A.

We've got a man-sized job on hand,
To whip the cruel foe;
And where our leader points the way
We boys will surely go,
But when the fight is over,
I know we all will say
"I've done my best, now take me back
To the good old U. S. A.

We love the dear old States, old man,
No matter where we roam—
On hikes, at chow, most any place,
The talk drifts back to home,
And so it's up to all of us
To bring the foe to bay,
And then we can come sailing back
To the good old U. S. A.

Of course we all can't come back home,
World's freedom must be bought
With countless lives and sacrifice,
A thousand battles fought.
But if we never meet again
This side of Jordan's Way,
Just tell the bunch "Hello," for us,
Back in the U. S. A.

KENNETH McLEAN BOWYER,
Headquarters Co., 28th Infantry.
With the American Expeditionary Force in France, Nov. 14.

TWO BITS A DAY CLUBS

Out in Phoenix, Ariz., a movement has been inaugurated for the formation of "Two Bits a Day" ... members of which ...

Great ...

Though perhaps most of us, young and old, associate reindeer chiefly with Santa's jingling bells, still there are, besides the dear, familiar phantom reindeer, the very real reindeer who are serving a very real and much-needed mission among the people of the far North, among whom Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell works and lives his life of brotherly aid and uplift, Mary M. Davis writes in Our Dumb Animals.

About six years ago Doctor Grenfell imported from Labrador a herd of reindeer, number about 400, which during their six years in Newfoundland have increased to somewhere between 700 and 1,000. The idea of bringing them from their native Lapland was suggested to Doctor Grenfell by the great abundance of reindeer moss in Newfoundland. The reasons for the experiment are many and far reaching.

The reindeer are valuable, not only for their rich and delicious milk—which would be a boon indeed to the dwellers of that northern part of Newfoundland in which Doctor Grenfell works—but also are invaluable as beasts of burden. In every way they are as well adapted to the requirements of the North as are the Komatik dogs, which in many ways are an absolute menace to the development of the country.

WEEKLY DATA ON MORTALITY

Statistics of Principal Cities Now Issued Regularly by the United States Census Bureau.

A weekly circular giving the mortality statistics of the principal cities of the United States is now issued regularly by the United States census bureau, says the Scientific American. It gives the total number of deaths reported (stillbirths excluded), the death rate per thousand, number of deaths of infants under one year of age, and the proportion of infant deaths to total deaths.

The cities for which data are given include one-fifth the population of the country. Thus the circular is a fairly accurate index to the state of the nation's health. Its uses are manifold. It will show local health authorities how their home towns stand in comparison with other towns in respect to mortality and when a town has a bad record the publicity given to the fact should spur the authorities to seek the cause and remove it. Insurance companies will find the reports of interest. The circular is issued in Washington every Tuesday, and is distributed free of charge.

A Bad Lot.

Senator Weeks, apropos of the Luxburg, Bernstorff, Von Igel and other German exposures, said in Washington a short time ago:

"Germany seems to approve the unexampled wickedness of her sons. She reminds me of the old man at the club.

"An old man sat reading a newspaper in a club while a group of young fellows talked excitedly about the marvelous power for lying possessed by a certain Jack Courtenay. When their talk ceased the old man cleared his throat and said:

"'Gentlemen, I have just heard you decide that Jack Courtenay is the biggest liar in the United States. I am his father.'

"A young man, very red in the face, started to apologize, but the old boy said:

"'No, no; don't apologize. It isn't necessary. I merely wanted to say, gentlemen, that if you consider my son Jack the biggest liar in the United States, it's very evident that you have never met my other son, Jim.'"

Wonder World.

Surgeon Gen. Sir A. Sloggett, who has recently been made a K. C. M. G. by King George, is responsible for the following:

Mamma, it appears, was one day biting her fingernails at dessert, and little Johnny was moved to ask the reason why.

"Nervousness, dear," answered his mother. "It made me so uneasy to see you swallow your grapes whole that I didn't know what I was doing. You'll get appendicitis, if you're not careful."

A few days later, however, Johnny's mother was herself taken ill, and the case was diagnosed as appendicitis.

An operation was performed and the patient was relieved. The su... discovered that what had caus... trouble was the presence of a ... piece of fingernail in the appe...

"It was all your fault, Johnn... said. "This would never have h... ed if you hadn't swallowed ... grapes whole."

How Bombs Are Dropped.

The bomb-dropping mechanis... Zeppelin captured by the Briti... described in a recent number ... London Sphere. There are 60 ... droppers for conical bombs. Th... is slung in straps, and there ... around the neck. The ... leasing hook, and ... operated the sp... down and ... straps. Th... and dr...

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