

FOREST PROTECTION WEEK, MAY 22-28

SEC'Y. WALLACE ASKS GOVERNORS' COOPERATION IN NATION-WIDE OBSERVANCE.

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Declaring that "we have been thoughtlessly permitting the destruction of our forests by fire," and that it "spells disaster unless the rate of burning is materially checked," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has just written the governors of all states asking their cooperation in the nation-wide observance of forest protection week, May 22 to 28.

The period was recently proclaimed as forest protection week by President Harding in response to the request of the forest service of the department of agriculture, and the secretary in his letter urges the governors to set it apart for "such educational and instructive exercises as shall bring before the people the serious effects of the present unnecessary waste by forest fires."

According to data gathered by the forest service, forest fires during the five years ending with 1920, devastated an area greater than the New England states and caused a loss of more than \$85,000,000.

Statistics show that human agencies were responsible for approximately 80 percent of the 160,000 forest fires occurring during the five-year period, and that they could have been prevented by care and vigilance on the part of the people.

In addition to growing timber and settlers' homes destroyed, there was a heavy loss of life. In the great Minnesota fire of 1918, nearly 1000 people were either burned to death or suffocated.

The forest protection week movement originated on the Pacific coast in 1920 when it was proclaimed by a number of governors in western states and generally observed by their citizens.

This year the importance of forest protection was brought to the attention of the secretary of agriculture by the forest service, and he in turn presented the matter to the president.

Cooperation in the observance of the week is expected from state foresters, commercial and business organizations, educational institutions, societies and individuals interested in the preservation of the national timber resources.

The secretary has written to the national presidents of the Kiwanis, Rotary, American Automobile association and other large commercial clubs, Boy Scouts of America and to the president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution asking that they exert their influence to have their organizations observe the week.

Following is the letter of the secretary to the various governors:

"The president on April 7 issued a proclamation designating May 22 to 28 as forest protection week, and urging the governors of the various states to set apart this week for the purpose of such educational and instructive exercises as shall bring before the people the serious effects of the present unnecessary waste by forest fires.

"Adequate provisions for the safeguarding and renewal of our forests is of vital importance to the nation. The magnitude of the area burned during this period (56,488,000 acres) is startling as it represents an area greater than that occupied by the state of Utah. Of the 160,000 fires that occurred, over 80 percent were due to human agencies, and could have been prevented by care and vigilance on the part of citizens.

"Loss of life was not infrequent as in the Minnesota disaster of 1918, where nearly a thousand persons were either burned to death or suffocated, in detecting and suppressing forest fires. The forest service of this department spends over a million dollars each year, and states and private individuals an even greater sum.

"We have been thoughtlessly permitting the destruction of our forests by fire. This spells disaster unless the

rate of burning is materially checked. The menace of a future timber shortage threatens to become a present economic fact. Not only as sources of permanent supplies of timber but also as conservators of water, forage and other natural resources, our forests are essential to our industrial and social welfare.

LOOKING BACKWARD

(From The Chronicle, April 22, 1896.)
Judge A. S. Bennett received a

telegram from Washington this afternoon announcing that the Skottowe cases had been affirmed by the supreme court of the United States. These cover a period of three or four years time in the various trials. Beginning with Judge Bradshaw, they were carried to the supreme court of Oregon, where the judgment was affirmed, and then to Washington, Mr. Bennett winning every time. The corporation's attorneys in Washington, D. C., were Senator Thurston and John P. Dillon, two of the leading legal lights in the United States. The decl-

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- Men's black calf English last dress shoes, regularly priced \$11.50, now \$6.00
- Six pair dark brown English dress shoes, formerly sold \$10.00, now \$5.50
- 20 pair men's mahogany calfskin dress shoes, formerly \$8.50, now \$5.50
- 30 pair blucher calf dress shoes for men, broad toes, regularly priced \$12.00, now \$8.00
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	Produced	Delivered to Retail Customers
JANUARY	29,883	57,208
FEBRUARY	35,305	63,603
MARCH	61,886	87,221

Total production 127,074 Tot. ret'l sales 208,032 showing that actual sales for the first three months of 1921 exceeded production by 80,958 Ford cars and trucks.

April requisitions already specify 107,719 additional cars and trucks and the estimated April output of the factory and assembly plants combined calls for only 90,000.

These facts clearly show that the demand for Ford products is growing much faster than manufacturing facilities to produce and were it not for the dealers' limited stocks, which are now being rapidly depleted, many more customers would have been compelled to wait for their cars. It will be only a matter of weeks, therefore, until a big surplus of orders will prevent anything like prompt deliveries.

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