

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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THESE FIRE FIGHTERS ALWAYS BUSY: NEVER RESPOND TO ALARMS

CHICAGO—Five fire-fighters who never ride an engine in its wild dash through the streets, never climb a ladder, and never get their pictures in the papers, spend their days in the Underwriters' Laboratory here in the grim task of combating the fire demon. Scientifically and deliberately they go about their tasks, always in the moist atmosphere of a hydraulic laboratory. They are three engineers and two mechanics who test every thing invented for handling water for fire protection. Inventions and improvements are sent to them each day in the fight against the great destroyer. Valves and tanks will a huge room, 450 valves of all sizes from tiny ones with a bore of one-thirtieth of an inch to great pieces of mechanism which require the lifting power of a 24,000-pound traveling crane to swing into place. A 50-foot straight length of rubberized fire hose throwing a stream through the standard one and one-eighth inch nozzle loses thirteen pounds of pressure, they say, and their minds are filled with the analysis of just what water backed by air pressure will do. Much of their work is done on a platform built atop a 25,000-gallon concrete cistern and tow 4,000-gallon pressure tanks. At present they are working on pipe valves controlling the flow to sprinkler heads. One giant valve is so arranged that the air pressure above it will hold back water with a pressure six times greater, yet the moment one tiny sprinkler head is melted will release a flow of water that will send a spray over the area immediately about the fused sprinkler head. That system is designed for use in buildings in which pipes of water would freeze. In the other system the valves are so arranged that while the pipes are filled with water, pressure is held back until a fused sprinkler head automatically warns that pressure is needed to throw a spray on a burning area, when, also automatically, an increased pressure is admitted to the pipes. In each instance the fusing of a sprinkler head sends two alarms one to a siren in the building and the other to a telegraph station, which in turn sounds a city fire alarm. Each of the sprinkler heads is wired electrically and the fusing, at a very low temperature, permits a telegraphic contact which sounds the alarms.

Long Rides to Work Lessen Efficiency of Workers

GENEVA, June 29.—The International Labor Conference, endeavoring to give workers the undiminished enjoyment of their spare time, has recommended that public and private transport authorities cooperate with workers organizations to the end that the laborer be moved to his job, and home as quickly as possible. The conference also recommended that the treatment of accidents in the work place be made more efficient and that the maximum for those who are injured be further advanced.

American Workers Speed Up, They Love Sports

BERLIN—Dr. Riessensahn, professor in the Berlin Technical College, declares no European workmen can compete with American workmen in speed and intensity of labor. Basing his statements on observations made in the United States last year, the professor attributes the superiority of American workers to the American devotion to sports. Even where there is no boss to supervise them, he says, the American workers keep up a stiff pace, and this speed is general throughout America. American sports give men the disposition to "work with delight, buoyancy and rhythm."

SOUND MONEY HELPS CUPID

BERLIN—The stabilization of money in Germany has caused an inflation of love. The number of marriages has steadily increased since the Rentenmark landed on a firm basis in 1924, and is rapidly approaching pre-war figures. Prices of furniture are higher than before the war, but since young couples today know their money has a stable value, they are willing to take the plunge into matrimony which looked fog uncertain in the days when their paper money was dropping every hour.

Your Summer Vacation

will be more enjoyable if you receive your home town newspaper daily to keep you in touch with local news. Before leaving on your vacation mail a post card giving change of address or telephone circulation department, number 23 or 583, and paper will be mailed to your vacation address without extra charge.