

Rubber Crisis Threatens America; Firestone Seeking New Sources of Supply



Left, Thomas A. Edison and Harvey S. Firestone watching a plantation expert tap a rubber tree on the Edison estate in Fort Myers, Fla. Right, Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone, with a rubber plantation expert, examining a young rubber tree on the Henry Ford Farm near Labelle, Fla.

HARVEY S. FIRESTONE more than two years ago predicted a rubber shortage, and said the British crude rubber restriction act would cost the American people millions of dollars. The British colonial possessions in the Far East produce about 80 per cent of the world's supply of rubber, while American manufacturers consume about 75 per cent of the world's supply.

Mr. Firestone has just returned to Akron, Ohio, after making a survey of possibilities of growing rubber in Florida, where he was accompanied by rubber plantation experts. On one of the tours of Florida he was accompanied by Thomas A. Edison, who made some important suggestions relative to new methods of extracting the latex or sap from rubber trees, plants and shrubs.

Rubber trees growing on the Edison estate in Fort Myers were examined, as well as those on the Ford estate in Fort Myers and the Ford farm near Labelle, Fla. A great deal of time was spent on the Government's Experimental Farm near Coconut Grove, Fla., where many varieties of rubber

trees are being grown. Some of these appear to be very promising.

"Rubber is of vital importance to highway transportation," said Mr. Firestone, "and is largely responsible for our business prosperity. The British restriction act now limits production and exportation to one-half of normal production. Rubber today is about 200 per cent higher than it was when the restriction act went into effect. Rubber restriction this year will cost American car owners at least \$100,000,000, and very likely \$300,000,000. Every ten-cent advance in the price of crude rubber means an additional burden of about \$75,000,000 to the car owners of the United States."

Mr. Firestone was instrumental in having Congress appropriate a half million dollars for the investigation of new sources of rubber supply, and he sent out several expeditions at his own expense to visit rubber producing countries, including the Philippines, Central America, Mexico and Africa, and he has today in Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, a complete organization operating a plantation and making plans to produce rubber on an extensive scale.

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Lilac Time

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I WAS born in the spring when the lilacs were in bloom, and almost my first conscious memory is of a bright sunny day, when I was walking with mother in the garden down a pathway bordered with irises. There was a flowering currant in one corner of the garden, and I caught the glint of its yellow blossoms through the shrubbery, and smelled its pungent fragrance. The lilacs were in bloom, and the evening air was filled with the odor of the flowers. I was only a few years from babyhood at the time, but I never catch the scent of the lilac blossoms without recalling as vividly as if it were yesterday the beauty of the day and the details of our conversation. I can see mother's brown hair waving back from her forehead, I can feel the soft touch of her hand as we walked down the path, in my ears are the low musical tones of her voice, and the air is filled with the breath of spring, and the odor of the lilac flowers.

Mother had come that afternoon from the funeral of the mother of a little friend of mine, and she was trying to explain to my childish mind something of the meaning and certainty of death.

"And could you die?" I asked, my childish heart cold with fear.

"Yes, dear," she said, "everybody must do so, some day, and no one can tell when his time is coming."

"What would I do?" I asked, my lip quivering a little, "if you were gone."

"God would take care of you, lad," she said full of faith, "and if you are a good boy, you need not fear."

It's a long, long time ago, since that quiet evening in May, but so long as I live that will be "Mother's day" to me. I have never forgotten the simple lessons of truth and faith, and virtue and duty which she impressed upon me then, and though I may not always have followed them as I should, I never see the yellow currant blossoms or smell the fragrance of the lilac flowers without recalling the precious memory of mother and the lessons that she taught me, and I still believe that if I am good, I need not fear.

You mothers whose sons are far away from you, in college or in business, engaged in the work of the world, you sometimes feel that they have forgotten your admonitions, that they are beyond your influence, that they are drifting, perhaps, like a ship without a rudder at sea; but it is not so. The scent of a flower, a bit of color on the landscape, the touch of a hand, the intonations of a voice, will bring back to them with a rush the memories of childhood and the lessons and the principles which were then implanted in them.

There is lying on my desk now a letter from a young man in one of the big cities of the country. He has seen a good deal of the world, and might be expected, if one did not know human nature, to have forgotten most of the sentimentalities and emotions of childhood. Both of his parents have been dead for years.

"It's strange," he writes, "how impossible it is to get away from the lessons mother taught me. There is never a temptation comes to me but I hear her warning words; there is never a duty which I am inclined to shirk but I hear her old admonition, 'Run along, dear, and get it done now'; there is never a task well performed but I feel her approval."

They do not forget. They may grow careless; they may wander away for a time; but the lessons of youth will come back to them.

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Every week we hear of many returns. One this week was an answer to a want ad in the Eagle of a place for rent, coming from Columbia, Utah. They read the ads all over the country.

The little seven year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Jene Purney is doing nicely in the hospital. Last week's paper reported the accident whereby the little fellow was struck by the train and the right arm run over. The arm was taken off at the elbow.

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