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Abstract of Address by C. M. Berger, Assistant General Manager, London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd., at the recent Convention of American Life Association.

In 1915, the beneficial effects of the European war, as affecting manufacturers and jobbers in the United States, were beginning to be reflected in the failure statistics and this improvement was even pronounced in the early months of 1916.

Under such favorable conditions policyholders become too optimistic and are inclined to ignore the necessity for credit insurance protection, relying upon the permanency of the present so-called prosperity. This is a false view and conditions now are abnormal. The time is at hand to discount the future and prepare for the readjustment which will be forced upon us at the termination of the war. The situation is already changing as is indicated by the August failure statistics. Many merchants have anticipated this and the resulting inquiries for this form of insurance duringthe past three months have been greatly in excess of the number received during the same period a vear ago.

Material progress has been made in the underwriting of credit insurance in the past few years. It is now possible to buy a contract affording coverage on all goods shipped during the year of the policy of the debtor occurs during that period or not. In fact the debtor need never actually commit an act of insolvency so long as the insured's account has been filed with the company before it has become more than an agreed number of days past due under original terms of sale. Payment is made by the company within 90 days after such account is received by it and there is no limit to the company's aggregate liability under the policy, the only limit being as to the amount provable on a single debtor.

This new plan is based upon the principle that the insuring company, having the ultimate loss to pay, should have the opportunity to handle the accounts against the debtor, and that it must receive the claim before it is more than a reasonable and agreed number of days past due. Indeed no plan of credit insurance, which does not contemplate the control of all doubtful and failed accounts, is feasible.

GREAT FOREST FIRES OF HISTORY.

The Northern Ontario forest fire of July 29th last takes rank as the third most serious fire catastrophe in the history of this continent. The Hinckley fire in Minnesota, 1894, was responsible for 418 lives and the buring of over 160,000 acres. The famous Peshtigo fire in Wisconsin, 1871, killed 1,500 and devastated 1,-200,000 acres of timber. In 1825 occurred the Mirimichi fire of New Brunswick and Maine, and damage of 3,000,000 acres of forest. The Clay Belt fire in Ontario, with 262 lives lost and 800,000 acres fireswept takes its place with the great disasters of history. The Porcupine fire in 1911 killed 84 persons.

It is noteworthy that Wisconsin, Minnesota, Maine and New Brunswick have taken comprehensive measures to prevent further disasters by organizing their forest patrol systems on modern lines, building trails, lookout towers, telephones etc. as well as carefully supervising settlers' clearing fires, one of the worst sources of danger. Ontario, which has given the continent its two most recent fire catastrophes has made no such move to improve her forest guarding

CHANGE IN TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN ST. JOHNS AND MONTREAL.

The following changes in train service between St. Johns and Montreal are announced by the Grand Trunk Railway System to take effect on Sunday, October 1st.

Train now arriving Montreal 8.03 a.m. daily from New York, New London, Springfield, Boston and intermediate points via Central Vermont Railway will arrive Montreal 7.55 a.m. daily (leave St. Johns 7.05 a.m.)

Train now arriving Montreal 2.10 p.m. daily except Sunday from White River Junction, Burlington and St. Albans via Central Vermont Railway will arrive Montreal 1.55 p. m. daily except Sunday (leave St. Johns 1.03 n. m.)

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

"What does Shakespeare mean by full soon?" "Alludes to a character with a limited capacity, I should say" .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

-"I hear that Laura's engagement to the young minister is off.'

"Why, yes, she told me. He was horribly jealous and so unfair."

"In what way was he unfair?"

"Every time she would make an engagement to go motoring with some other man he would pray for rain."—Liverpool Post.

A bashful young Scot had no courage to speak for himself. At last one Sabbath night he said, "Jane, do you ken I were here Monday night?" "Aye," "And once more on Friday and again last night." "So you were." "And here I am to-night." "Yes." Finally in desperation, "Woman, do you no smell a rat?"-Rural New Yorker.

A theological student was sent one Sunday to supply a vacant pulpit in a Connecticut valley town. A few days after he received a copy of the weekly paper of that place with the following item marked: -, of the senior class at Yale Seminary, supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday, and the church will now be closed three weeks for repairs."

The professor was delivering the last lecture of the term. He told the students with much emphasis that he expected them to devote all their time to preparing for the final examination.

"The examination papers are now in the hands of the printer," he concluded. "Now, is there any question you would like answered?" Silence prevailed for a moment, then a voice piped

"Who is the printer?"-New York Times.

Wife (in the cafe)—George, that brute over there has been staring at me for half an hour. Somebody ought to knock his fool head off.

George (to stranger)-What do you mean, sir, by ogling my wife?

Stranger (calmly)—I'll admit that I have taken more than passing notice of the lady. A pretty woman with a small foot always attracts my attention.

Wife—Now, George, don't make a fool of yourself and start a scene in here. The gentleman evidently meant no harm.—Puck.

Gents: The gas engine you sent me stops when theres nothing the matter with it thats the trouble. It wouldnt bee so bad if it stopped for some reason and anybody knows theres reasons enough for it to

I received the book which you sent me which is named What Makes the Gasoline Engine Go. I ain't read it because whats the use reading it when I dont care what makes the gasoline engine go as long as it goes which mine don't only occasionally, what I want to know is What Makes the Gasoline Engine Stop. If you got a book called that send me one. I want to know what makes my gasoline engine stop when everything is o k and nothing is the matter except that it must be a rotten engine. Hiram Diggs.—The Traction Bulletin.

A visitor to a Scottish village went out on the links to play golf. After trying in vain to hit the ball, he became enraged because the caddy laughed at his awkwardness

"If you laugh again," he exclaimed, "I'll hit you over the head - so there!

"Ah, weel," said the caddie, backing to a safe distance, "I'll bet ye wouldna ken the richt club tae dae it wi'!"

Boatswain (to newly-joined cadet): "Come, my little man, you musn't cry on board one of His Majesty's ships of war. Did your mother cry when you

Cadet-"Yes, sir."

Boatswain-"Silly old woman! And did your sister cry?"

Cadet-"Yes, sir."

Boatswain-"Stupid little thing. And did your father cry?"

Cadet-"No, sir."

Boatswain—"'Ard 'earted old beggar."