

LOSS BY FIRE ON INCREASE

Department Report Shows Gain After Furnaces Are Lighted

A large increase in the loss of property and a small advance in the number of alarms is shown today on the fire report for the month of November.

The reason for a rise in the number of blazes and an even greater number expected during the winter lays in the fact that furnaces are now going full blast in almost every home, fireman report. Overheated furnaces following the first fires of the cold snap have been responsible for several alarms.

Sixteen calls were answered by the fire department during the four week period, four of which were general. In October the total was 12.

Property loss for the past month was \$7,200 this overwhelming the loss of \$80 in October which was covered by insurance. The amount of \$6,100 was covered by insurance in the latest report which leaves a loss to owners of \$1,100. The endangered property was \$62,500 comparing with the previous report of \$83,200 worth of property in danger.

The actual hours of fire fighting on the 16 alarms was 14. The trucks traveled 51 miles going to fires. The pumpers worked two and a half hours and 800 feet of hose was laid in combating blazes. One hundred and thirty-three gallons of chemical were used and 69 feet of ladder was raised. Inspections included 92 in the business section and 112 hydrants the report says.

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WALES ONCE DUBBED "Ye ROYAL TOMATO"



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New York.—The Prince of Wales, next British sovereign, has been called most everything from the world's best traveling salesman, to its poorest horseman; but the most amusing label, revealed here for the first time, was that slapped on him by a group of irreverent New Yorkers—"Ye Royal Tomato!"

Edward heard the characterization, which swelled into a veritable chorus. For a moment, a shadow passed over his face. But it was not a shadow of anger; it was one of quizzical wonder—and soon broke out into a charming smile.

Perhaps he did not understand fully the word's imputation; but, more likely, he put the expression aside as a spicy bit of American slang. Whatever his thought, his smile snapped a tension which had become most embarrassing. The occasion was his arrival in New York bay on a visit to the United States.

Hundreds of photographers and

reporters had gone down to quarantine to meet the prince. There was considerable delay and irritation before arrangements were made for the interview and posing.

Finally, a representative of the steamship line completed the details. The distinguished visitor would meet the photographers on an upper deck, and face the barrage of their cameras.

But in the last minute hurry to clear the ship, his royal highness grew restless and dashed from his cabin to the gang-plank.

This irked some of the photographers, who had been up since early morning waiting for their "shot," and they—hard-boiled emissaries who greet all incomer-vented their views in no soft-spoken manner.

"Hey, ye 'Royal Tomato," they yelled, "stand still."

"What an oil can! 'Come on ye stiff'—Pose!"

Only a twinkle in the prince's eye answered them. Down the gangway he went, on to a launch, and off to a private yacht, which landed him on shore.

This probably was the second

time of importance that the prince wished he were anything but of royal blood. For his position kept him from doing what his sports-ness urged him to do.

Were he of lesser light in public eye, and had he no diplomatic dignity to uphold, he undoubtedly would have resented the tone of the insulter—even if he weren't entirely sure of their meaning.

For Edward is pretty handy at all the manly sports, and can pack a punch if necessary. The other time that he wished he were not heir to a throne came during the war.

He wanted to fight—not behind lines, but in front-line trenches. But those about him guarded him as carefully as they did the flag.

Each time he begged for a chance to face the enemy directly, he was ordered elsewhere. Finally he appealed directly to his father, King George V.

He wrote a beautiful letter of

appeal, pleading that whatever befell him, he must be allowed to defend his country as other men were doing. Hadn't his ancestors in medieval days fought that way—at the head of, not behind, their men? What matter if he died?

But state council ruled against such jeopardy for their future monarch.

But the prince spent four years at several fronts, despite the ruling.

His activity at these times caused both the government and his family much anxiety.

Elizabeth Street, a blind girl of Alexander City, Ala., won the Alabama state championship in a recent radio singing audition. Blind girls also won these city contests: Ruth Houpe, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Hazel Jackson, Spring-

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