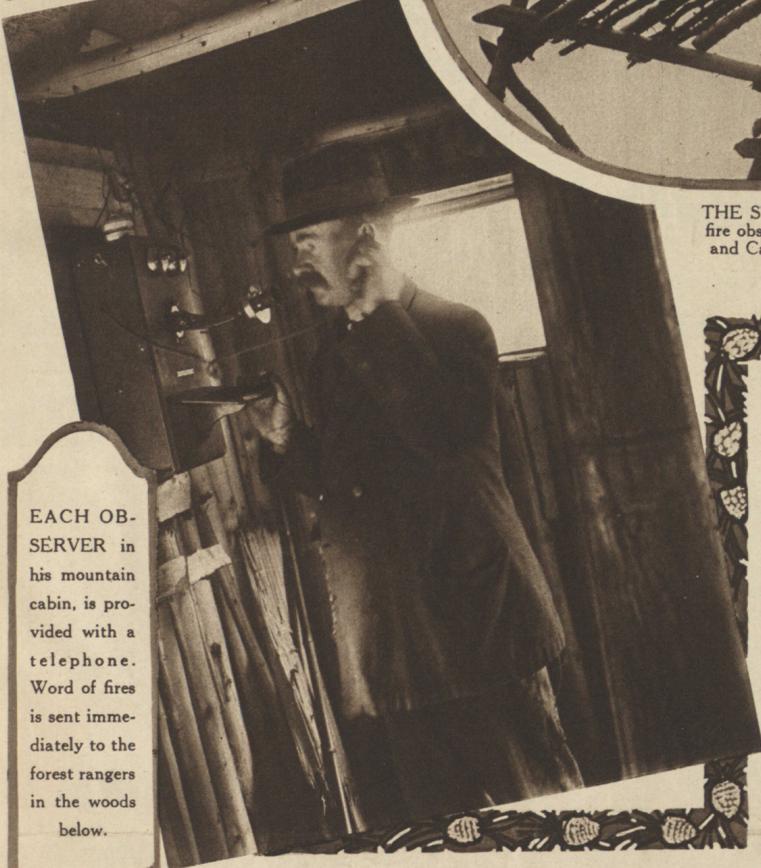


THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION keeps fire observers on fifty mountain tops in the Adirondacks and Catskills. They are on duty every day throughout the dry season.



EACH OBSERVER in his mountain cabin, is provided with a telephone. Word of fires is sent immediately to the forest rangers in the woods below.

What the State Is Doing, on Behalf of Farmers, Sportsmen, Vacationists and All of the People, to Prevent Forest Fires In the Wonderful Woods of the Adirondacks and the Catskills.

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TOWERS HAVE been erected on many mountain tops to afford a clear view over the trees. Some of these are of steel, with glass-enclosed tops.



FIGHTING A FOREST FIRE is not, as popularly supposed, so much a matter of water as of shovels, picks and hoes. A bank of fresh earth will often check a stubborn blaze when nothing else will.



A TRAINED OBSERVER, armed with powerful glasses, is quick to detect the difference between the smoke of a camper's cook fire and that of an incipient blaze which may soon sweep his territory.



THE DISTRICT RANGERS are provided with automobiles for getting them speedily to the scene of fires. Enough fighters can be piled into one car to check any small outbreak.



FOREST RANGERS ARE located in cabins at convenient intervals in every district. Thousands of dollars in standing timber have been saved by their work.