

THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY
BETWEEN U. S. AND CANADA
IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

(By Jack Miner)

Ever since 1916 when the Migratory Bird Treaty between Canada and the United States was enacted, the people of the Continent knowing I was whole heartedly in favor of it, have been continually sending me letters asking questions regarding my views on the matter. I wish to make the following statement for the press regarding it.

The migratory birds of this Continent know no boundary line. They breed in Northern Canada and winter in Southern United States. Therefore I say we people especially we hunters and conservationists, should know no boundary line in affording protection and not allowing them to be ruthlessly slaughtered. That is the great aim of the treaty, so that both Countries arbitrate laws to govern the killing of birds.

For instance, take our wild native Whistling Swan, which in 1916 were nearly exterminated and were fast becoming extinct. Some officials estimated in 1916, when the swan were seen in their winter quarters that there were less than 1,000. Today it is estimated there are 25,000 on the Continent. The treaty gave these birds absolute protection. How foolish it would have been in this case for Canada to have prohibited the shooting and the United States allowed them to be shot, or vice versa, but the treaty arbitrated laws giving them absolute protection.

Market Hunting

Another important thing the Treaty did was to stop market hunting, which I think all of we true sportsmen feel is absolutely right. Why should anyone be allowed to slaughter and exterminate game which belongs to all of us? Or in other words, why should anyone be allowed to commercialize game? One systematic market hunter would kill as many birds as perhaps several hundred sportsmen. Before the Treaty it would have been unwise for any State or Province to have prohibited market hunting, when any neighboring State or Province was allowing it. The Migratory Treaty came along and gave us all equal rights in both Canada and the United States and wisely stopped the market hunting in both countries.

The wisest thing in my estimation, that the treaty did was to prohibit the spring shooting of these birds and practically the only little complaint I have ever heard regarding the treaty was that it prohibited spring shooting. First of all in the spring birds have paired off, the nesting season starts, and eggs are developing and if there is ever any sane time to prohibit shooting it should be at this season of year. How many of we human beings kill off our hens in the spring of the year when they are nesting, or getting ready to nest? How many of us kill off our turkeys, tame ducks and tame geese in the spring of the year when they are nesting? Such being the case it certainly applies to our wild migratory fowl. Ontario was practically the first Province to prohibit spring shooting some thirty eight or forty years ago, thus it naturally made Canadians glad to see the Migratory Bird Treaty prohibit spring shooting all over Canada and the United States; because, how foolish it was for one State or Province or Country. Thus I say the Migratory Bird Treaty wisely prohibited the spring shooting in both countries.

To those parts of Canada that do not have good fall shooting, and complain of birds piling up in the South, let me say, establish a Sanctuary and you will find these birds will congregate at your Sanctuary for food and protection in the spring of the year, and in fall will return with their families to your Sanctuary. This system will give the ninety per cent. of bird lovers who like to see birds alive, first chance to see them in Sanctuary and will increase the hunters' chances around outside of Sanctuary a hundred fold. For illustration, here in Essex County when I used to do considerable shooting I never saw a wild goose on the ground in the fall until 1915. And what happened? My Sanctuary was well established and birds were coming in spring, and they

started to come back in the fall and the results are that I doubt if any County in Canada has had better fall goose shooting through the fact that this Sanctuary is here and no shooting is allowed within one mile of its borders. Thus I say to you people who do not have any birds in the fall, establish a Sanctuary and feed birds in spring and they will return to your County in the fall.

The Migratory Bird Treaty is a Federal Act and not only a Federal Act, but a treaty between two countries, therefore the Provinces have no jurisdiction over it. This is rightly to because birds do not belong to any one State or Province, or even to one Country, they belong to the people of Canada and the United States therefore, they are Federal property and only Federal property can rightly and justly be governed by Federal laws. Hence it is up to the law abiding citizens of both countries and Provincial authorities to cooperate fully with the Department of Interior at Ottawa, has control over Migratory Treaty in Canada and help to see that the Treaty is enforced, and offer suggestions to which I am sure, they will gladly give whole hearted consideration.

At the present time the Treaty allows any State or Province three and a half months open season which is unjust to the Canadian sportsman and the sportsmen of Northern United States. My tagging system has proven that ducks and geese are in the Southern States only three or four months of the year and three and a half of these months are open season, which is wrong.

We only allow ten or fifteen days open season on upland game such as quail, pheasants, partridge, prairie chickens, grouse, moose and deer, so why should we allow a three and a half months' open season on migratory waterfowl? My friendly suggestion to the Department of Interior, Ottawa, and to the Biological Survey, Washington, which bodies have full control of enforcing the Treaty, is to reduce the open season on migratory waterfowl to two months or less and have a uniform bag limit of fifteen duck per day and thirty in possession. How can any man be considerate of the other fellows' North American rights and privileges and want more?

A NATIONAL JOAN OF ARC FETE OBSERVED

Paris, May 18—Only because she had the features of St. Joan, 18-year-old Simone Genevoix has risen from the unknown mass of women to become one of the most popular of French moving picture actresses.

Mlle Genevoix never acted until a few weeks ago, and she was known to her fellow-townfolk as a quiet and demure young girl who some day would make a good wife for one of the town's beaux. But French producers discovered she resembled Joan of Arc even in mannerisms, and today she is among the most praised of French actresses.

Mlle. Genevoix is appearing in the new French film, "The Wonderful Life of Joan of Arc," which purports to be an authentic reproduction of the Maid of Orleans's life, and historians and critics have acclaimed her interpretation as superb.

The picture was produced in connection with the 500th anniversary of Joan's life being celebrated this year, and is hailed as the most successful French production of the season. The producers gave the young actress credit for its success.

Mlle. Genevoix was chosen from among 1000 French girls who entered a contest staged by the producers. When it was found she was like Joan in almost every respect, she received a chance to act, and her success won her the lead in the picture.

A National Joan of Arc fete was observed throughout France yesterday with elaborate ceremonies here and in other large cities. Paris was gay with flags, and a military parade

MILLIONAIRE
EX-SERGEANT
CUTS BIG SWATH

Casino towns like Deauville do not spring into existence automatically. Nor do they maintain their position without inspiration and guidance, says "The Daily Mail."

Deauville was invented, so to speak, by the late M. Cornuiche, but for the last three years it has owed its entire success to a man who was a sergeant in the French army during the war and to this day wears an almost invisible little ribbon in his buttonhole, denoting the Medaille Militaire.

His name is M. Andre. He is forty-nine, very quiet, very patient, with curly dark gray hair, large brown eyes and a daily schedule of work which begins at 9 a. m. and continues until 5 a. m. next day.

Actually M. Andre is the managing director of the two companies which control the casinos and main hotels at Deauville and Cannes, which have a half interest in Ostend and a very large interest in Aix-les-Bains and Pau.

He has sunk \$1,500,000 in La Baule, which he hopes will become the Biarritz of Northern France with a season beginning when that of Deauville ends. If M. Andre decided to sell out his investments and interests for cash he would be worth at least \$10,000,000.

Yet eight years ago all he owned was a small gambling club in the Boulevard Haussmann in Paris, which was furnished with a single chemindefer table at which only the usual number of gamblers—nine in all—could play.

To-day this club, which has migrated to larger premises, has fourteen tables and takes more money than any casino in France. It was this club then, that founded his fortune.

M. Andre has unlimited powers at Deauville. It was his idea to have the new race course which has just opened. It was his idea to have the new golf course, which will be ready next May. And yet, though he is the genius of the place, not one in a hundred of the people who see him in the casino every night have any idea of his identity. He dislikes any public attention. He never gambles. He has a devoted wife, and if he goes on at his present rate he will be worth \$50,000,000 by 1931. He began without a penny.

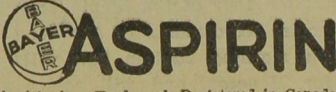
Then there is the type of next-door neighbor who borrows your lawnmower and mows exactly up to the lot and not a fraction of a millimeter over.

was led by Gen. Gouraud military governor of the city.

Minister of War Paul Painleve and other government officials took part in ceremonies here, during which a wreath was placed on St. Joan's statue in the Place de Rivoli, and a plaque was unveiled in the Place.

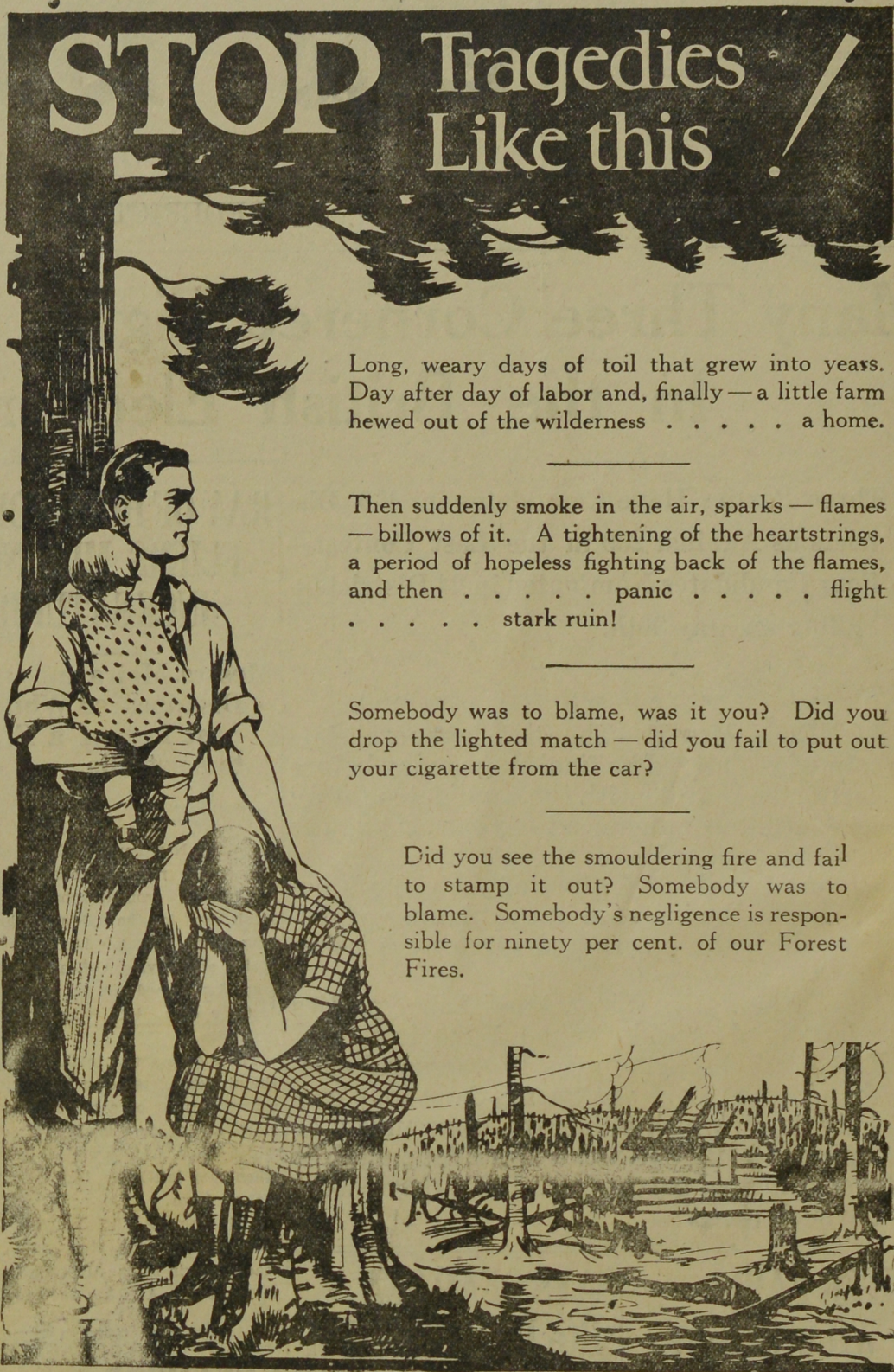


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