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AN EXPENSIVE PEST

At last the international rat conference is to take place. In August, 1914, scientists of a score of more nations were to meet in Copenhagen to declare war on the rats. Then men began to fight each other and the rats got a reprieve.

The conference will meet in Paris this month and will be addressed by some of the foremost scientific men of Europe. Prof. Leon Charles Albert Calmette, sub-director of the Pasteur Institute, who has made a life study of the causes of disease, is one of the chief accusers of the rat as a distributor of germs.

"Rats are traveling salesmen for microbes," said Dr. Calmette and Dr. Roux, who is also connected with the Pasteur Institute, added, "It would be impossible to spend for the extermination of rats a sum equivalent to the damage they cause."

The scientists who are to gather for the conference will discuss the possibility of spreading disease germs destructive to the rodents but harmless to human beings. It is said that this method of killing rats has been practiced successfully in Denmark.

Statisticians estimate that the economic loss due to rats amounts annually to \$1,000,000,000 in the United States, \$40,000,000 in France, \$50,000,000 in Germany, and \$75,000,000 in Great Britain.

Have just heard a rumor to the effect that if Heeney whips Tunney, Jack Dempsey will return to the ring. Just how does Jack figure he may be able to lick the man who licks the man he can't lick, if y'unnerstan' we mean.

Philip Hale in the Boston Herald quotes a school boy who wrote: "Henry VIII had an abscess on his knee which made walking difficult." In these days Henry would have used a sports model.

Helen Rowland wonders what is about a middle-aged man that makes him so attractive to the modern girl? Perhaps it's because he lacks a lot of the resiliency of youth, Helen, and is not so snappy.

The Great Orator thinks that the "broken gas line" mentioned in so many of the aviation dispatches is when somebody interrupts your speech.

It is an almost incredible story that comes from Paris, where the fashions originate, that a would-be suicide was kept afloat in the Seine by her skirt.

The further argument is advanced that the 3 year old Seattle baby shouldn't be allowed to smoke cigars because children of that age are so careless with matches.

Well, the London pianist who played "Always" 1,000 times before collapsing has given us an entirely new notion of how long always can be.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast and this neighborhood is sowing grass seed on the bare spots again this year.

The old-fashioned boy who would fight at the drop of a hat now has a son who wouldn't be seen wearing one.

Spring is the season when a man is most likely to run things around his home—such as the lawn mower and spraying machine.

"More times than not," said the Pessimist, "woman is given credit for uncanny intuition when it's nothing but chronic suspicion."

A man in the Southwest has just yawned himself into a hospital, notwithstanding that the Bunion Derby passed through there a month ago.

WILD HORSE HERDS ARE NEAR EXTINCTION

Mexico City, May 22—Gone are the days in Mexico when horses were to be had by anyone able to capture and tame wild ones from masterless herds roaming the land.

The Mexican revolution practically wiped out the already dwindling numbers of wild horses in this country. Perhaps a few may still be found in very inaccessible regions, but they are so scarce and so difficult to find it is no longer worth while to hunt them as a profession.

Many years ago only laziness, clumsiness or poverty could explain a person's failure to own a horse in Mexico. Anyone with the skill and ability to do so could help himself from wild herds or buy animals from those who had captured them. The supply was so abundant that hunters could be choiced about the points they desired in their catch. The government once commissioned a wild horse contractor in Chihuahua to supply 5,000 cavalry mounts. He replied: "What color do you want?" The story goes that his men caught that number of the required color.

SECRET PASSAGE IN DICKENS TALE PUZZLES LONDON

London, May 22—What is hidden under the slip of paper which Charles Dickens himself pasted over a passage in the middle of his manuscript of "Edwin Drood."

There is a minor mystery within the larger and still unsolved mystery of the conclusion which Dickens had intended for his novel had he lived.

Attention was directed to this pasted slip by Percy T. Carden in his last discussion before the Dickens Fellowship. Mr. Carden went so far as to say that "it is possible to lift the corners and see a few odd words, but apparently impossible to obtain permission to remove the 'cardboard' altogether."

C. A. Palmer, custodian of the Dickens manuscript at the Victoria and Albert Museum, says the question of lifting the slip of paper—it is hardy cardboard—has been considered more than once.

"There are only a few lines hidden, and there is nothing to indicate that they should show anything vital. The slip is itself written upon and seems to be merely a revised version of what is underneath," he said.

In reply to a suggestion that X-ray treatment might be attempted, Mr. Palmer said that idea had been under consideration.

Guests at the Windsor

W. P. Fullerton, St. John; H. H. MacMichael, St. John; H. K. Bamford, St. John; R. F. Brewster, St. John; R. L. Riley, St. John; J. E. Ledoux, St. John; L. Mallette, St. John; C. F. Dixon and wife, St. John; W. S. Charlton, St. John; T. G. Boyne, St. John; M. J. Buckley, St. John; C. Scott, St. John; J. G. Sanderson, Toronto; G. S. Carter and Wife, Boston; Miss Hazel Boyd, Boston; J. E. D'Eon, Digby, N. S.; M. L. Hayward, Hartland; G. R. Crosby, St. John; E. Oldham, Woodstock; R. Brown, Woodstock; J. Nugent, Moncton; E. Warren, Montreal; H. S. Estabrooks, St. John; G. D. Horten, St. John; E. R. Wasson, St. John; J. Hickson, St. John; A. B. Snow, St. John; G. P. Leonard, St. John; F. R. McMullin, St. John; F. F. Palmer and Wife, Hartland; R. P. Plumer, Hartland; A. J. Burke, Hartland; G. H. Knox, Houlton; J. F. Viollette, Van Buren, Me.; B. M. Langille, St. John; G. A. Stephenson, St. John; J. White, Amherst; W. L. Lowther, Moncton; K. Hilbrand and Wife, Doaktown.

Musical Program

On Friday evening next, May 25th, the Sacred Heart Band of River De Loup, will broadcast a musical program from the Canadian National Railway, station CNRA, Moncton, N. B. The band has twenty-seven members and it is anticipated that a good program will be sent via the ether.

Some gurgles sound to us more like gargles.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

To save gas, ride in a porch swing.

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China's population is said to increase ten million a year. But why reduce it at the risk of innocent bystanders?

There is no use talking about the weather when there are enough beautiful words in the dictionary to describe it.

Gene Tunney has gone into training. A few weeks later there will be something in the papers about a cut over his right eye.

Nature lovers can't look at a ravine whose beauty has been marred by loads of empty tin cans without wondering how many cold dinners and bridge parties they represent.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. Davis, manager of the John Robinson's Circus, which will show in this city on the 29th of this month, is at present in the city, arranging for the show here. He is registered at the Barker House.

W. J. Kirk, of Toronto, is a guest of the Barker House.

A. S. Dunn, of Toronto, is a guest of the Brker House today.

A. S. Gunn, of McAdam, N. B., is a guest at the Barker House.

Leo Kennedy, of St. John, is a guest of the Barker House today.

J. V. Kierstead, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House today.

RUSSIA IS OPPOSED TO INTERVENTION

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Moscow, May 22—Russia's attitude towards Japanese intervention in China is "strongly negative," Georges Chicherin, foreign minister, said in a press interview. "We cannot approve any intervention, particularly in China," Chicherin said.

Ottawa, May 21—Sixteen inmates of sixteen years, or under, fifty-seven of seventeen years and sixty-nine of eighteen years are confined in Canadian penitentiaries, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, stated in the House of Commons today.

NOTICE OF SALE

In the Matter of the Estate of Howard Underhill of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, and Province of New Brunswick, an absconding, concealed or absent debtor.

Pursuant to an order made by the Honourable A. R. Slipp, Judge of the York County Court, bearing date the sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1928, there will be sold at public auction in front of the Court House for the County of York, in the City of Fredericton, County of York and Province of New Brunswick, on Saturday, the second day of June at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises of the above named Howard Underhill and bounded and described as follows, to wit:—"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Fredericton in the County of York, bounded and described as follows:—Commencing on the Southerly side of University Avenue at the North-easterly corner of Lot 3, Block A hereinafore described to Miles B. Dixon, thence South 38 degrees 15 minutes East 155.5 feet thence North 51 degrees 45 minutes East 61 feet, thence North 38 degrees 15 minutes West 165.5 feet to University Avenue, and thence South 51 degrees 45 minutes West 61 feet to the place of beginning, being known as lot number Four in Block A in plan of survey of Shore property in the City of Fredericton made by Deputy W. E. McMullen in the year 1909."

Together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner appertaining. Dated this Sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1928.

JOHN B. HAWTHORNE, High Sheriff in and for the County of York.

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Fredericton Junction and at the office of the District Superintendent of Postal Service, St. John.

H. W. WOODS, Dist. Supt. of Postal Service. District Superintendent's Office, April 25th, 1928.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed tender, marked on the envelope "Tender for Warehouse and Office Building" will be received by Mr. R. G. Fulton, Chief Commissioner of The New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, Fredericton, N. B., or the undersigned, up to 12 o'clock noon, Standard Atlantic time, Tuesday, May 22nd, 1928.

Each tender shall be accompanied with a certified cheque for \$5,000.00 made payable to The New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, Fredericton, N. B.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of The New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, Fredericton, N. B. where information may be had from

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