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## ANTS AMONG GREATEST OF WORLD'S TRAVELLERS

Tiny Insects Take Tours to Uttermost Parts of Tropical and Temperate Zones—No Household in U. S. Free From Them

WASHINGTON, July 2—The household ant, which at this season of the year makes its presence insistently known from lowly rural cottages to the upper floors of big city skyscrapers, may be regarded as among the greatest of world travelers. To these tiny creatures the greatest distances appear to mean little and they count much of the world as their empire. They do not travel long distances by their own efforts, under their own power, but take what might be called Cook's tours to the uttermost parts of the tropical and temperate zones.

It is doubtful whether there is a household in the United States which has not been visited by ants either in relatively small tourist parties or in large colonies. Yet there is only one indigenous North American species which lives in houses. All the other are travelers from far places. True, once in the United States, they, like so many other immigrants, elect to stay. If one could speak the language of the ants he probably would discover that there are proud families whose ancestors came over on the Mayflower.

For that is how they get here. They come on sailing ships and on steamships. It would not be surprising to find that latterly, some have reached this country in airplanes and Zeppelins. They might be called the insect supercargoes of world trade for they are the escorts of world commerce. It is not so much the queer savage ants, the carnivores, which travel so widely. They stay in their own countries, nearly always on tropical climate. The world-traveling ant is chiefly of the type which seeks to put up indoors—at a sort of hotel, if you please—and make itself at home as the household ant.

To run over the picturesque names of the more common species gives an insight into the scope of their travels and the variety of their origins. The most familiar ant in North American households is the little red ant or Pharaoh's ant—also not infrequently called the picnic ant, because of its apparent pleasure in always turning up at picnics. This is an old world creature which traces its ancestry back to North Africa, to Egypt—hence its name.

For the most part, household ants are not especially destructive. Objection to them arises from the annoyance one feels at finding them running all over the food in the larder. The harvester ant seems to have originated in the Madeira Islands, and while it is only a nuisance as a house hold pest it does cause damage in fields and orchards. Then there is the Argentine ant as a representative of South America.

Going across the world, it is found that the crazy ant comes all the way from India. The crazy ant got its name from its habit of running hither and yon with great speed and apparent aimlessness, but the fact that it continues to occupy considerable house room in North America indicates that it knows what it is about. From still farther east comes the Cochin China ant, not yet very common here, but due to become a regular roomer.

The single indigenous North American household ant is the thief ant,

which got its name from the circumstance that it steals and feeds upon the larvae of other and larger species of ants. The carpenter ant is a North American species, but it appears in houses only occasionally. It is capable of doing damage by eating wood work. Usually, however, it prefers wood already partially decayed and seldom attacks sound timber. The carpenter ant is not to be confused with the white ant or termite.

The garden or lawn ant also is North American in origin. It is the type which builds the symmetrical fine-grained craters which appear on lawns and sometimes bare surfaces. The European meadow ant is an old world cousin with similar habits. While living outdoors, these species will make forays into dwellings in search of food.

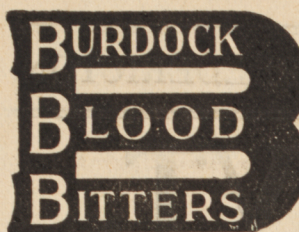
As Jean Henri Fabre, the great French naturalist, told in his works, the ant presents a perfect form of communal life. The government of the colonies, the systems of reproduction and of sustenance present models of rules of action far superior in sheer efficiency to anything man has devised. One reason that household ants become such nuisances is that these insects have so remarkable a loyalty in communal spirit. When a scout ant finds food, it hastens back to its colony and leads foraging parties. The food may be taken back to an outdoor colony piecemeal, or, if the find seems to be a sort of promised land, the whole colony may move to its approximate site and there make the most of it.

Engineers and architects of the human species have accomplished wonders with their structures, rearing buildings to the skies, and throwing beneath rivers and mining and quarrying the earth. Yet their habitations are not better adapted to their uses than are those of the ants to theirs. The amazing thing, though, is that man has devised all manner of tools and machines, automotive and mechanical devices to aid him. The ant works with no tools of any kind but its own small body. To be sure, no giant of the human species ever lived who possessed strength comparable in relation to weight and size to the ant. One ant or a group can move bodies and transport them substantial distances without the aid of lever and pulley, of wheel and axle, of steam or electricity, when bodies of equal relative weight would remain inert to man without those mechanical aids. The only mechanical principle the ant uses is the inclined plane, but lack of that probably would not stop him.

GREAT BRITAIN—Prime Minister Baldwin refused to consider farmers' protests against the tithes bill, and a large group of agriculturists voted to petition the King to withhold his consent if it passes Parliament.

UNITED STATES—Congressional efforts to set up a railroad retirement system were blocked in the courts for a second time when the United States District Court ruled the 1935 Railway Pension Act and its companion tax measure unconstitutional.

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## FIRST OF JULY WAS 36TH ANNIVERSARY C.N.R. LIMITED

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Que., July 1—Railways like Kings, quintuplets and other famous personages, have their birthdays and state occasions and thus July first notes the thirty-sixth anniversary of the first running of the "International Limited" train of the Canadian National Railways, which has been in continuous daily operation between Montreal and Chicago since July 1, 1900, and is still going strong. During the 36 years the "International Limited" has travelled 27,916,149 miles carrying approximately 2,572,000 passengers on its 26,298 trips. Over part of the route there are severe winter conditions of frost and snow which render steaming difficult and yet, despite this annual handicap the train has a record of 82.3 per cent. "on time" performances during the entire period.

An "International Limited" starts every afternoon from Montreal. Its opposite number leaving Chicago the same evening, each train traversing 849 miles between terminals. En route the train serves large centres such as Toronto and London, and important communities in Michigan and Indiana. At Sarnia it leaves the Canadian border to enter the St. Clair tunnel and emerges at Port Huron, on the Grand Trunk Western lines of the Canadian National Railways, to continue its run to Chicago. Allowing for "dead time" caused by necessary station halts, the train maintains an average speed of 52 miles per hour. To attain that average and to take up time spent at stations for the movement of passengers, the train must operate at a much higher actual speed with sprints of over 80 miles per hour, and there is a record of 87 miles per hour clocked off on certain portions of the line.

Locomotive No. 6400, the largest stream lined steam locomotive in the world and Canada's first streamlined engine, recently delivered the National system for test runs, is expected to shortly have the distinction of hauling the "International Limited." This scarlet gold and olive colored streamliner will not have the slightest difficulty however in maintaining the operating tradition of this famous train since the new mammoth of the rails is capable of a speed of over 100 miles per hour.

WRONG BY \$1,500,000

MONTREAL, July 2—City tax experts erred more than \$1,500,000 when they estimated returns from Montreal's 2 per cent. sales tax and income tax, it was indicated today by figures released by L. F. Philie, Director of Finance. Experts had set \$6,535,000 as the amount the taxes would raise; the actual amount netted \$5,977,214.

## City of Fredericton NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Roll for the City of Fredericton for the year 1936, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer, for collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of the respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton. A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JULY NEXT, after which date interest at the rate of one-half per centum per month will be added and execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided.

Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 1936.

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