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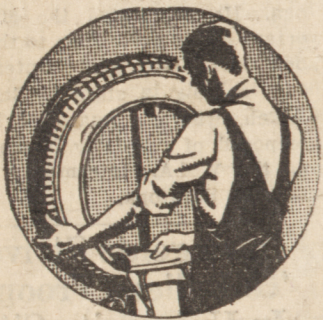
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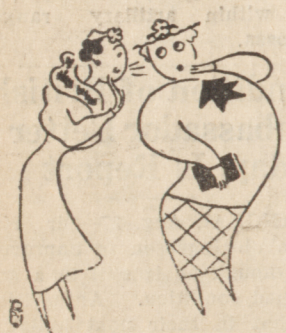
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MANY WILD LIFE SPECIES ARE FACING EXTINCTION

**U. S. Agencies Are Making Mighty Effort To
Restore Inhabitants of Land, Air and Sea;
Co-operation of All Is Asked**

(By Frederick J. Haskin)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27—Those who have heard the tale of Paul Bunyan's black duck dinner probably are inclined to feel that a touch of exaggeration was used in the relation, and perhaps that element did not enter so far as the doings of Hot Biscuit Slim and some of the other actors in the drama were concerned. But so far as the number of black ducks is concerned there is reason to believe that there was no exaggeration at all. There was a day in this county when the sky was literally darkened by fighting wildfowl, just as there was a day when one had to push the fish aside with the paddle to make headway in a canoe.

Efforts At Restoration

Those days are departed, but the United States biological survey is making a mighty effort to restore at least partially the wild population on land and in the air, while the bureau of fisheries is doing all it can to restock the streams and even the deep sea with fish.

According to Ira N. Gabrielson, chief of the biological survey, the last passenger pigeon expired in the Cincinnati zoo in 1914, ending the story of an entire avian race. It is well-nigh unbelievable that creatures once present in American skies in clouds could have been so utterly destroyed that not one representative remains. The passenger pigeon was a migratory bird capable of flying immense distances. There is evidence that these birds actually flew across the Atlantic Ocean. It is certain that they have appeared in England and Scotland as strangers, with no record of their having been transported thence by any but their own agency.

A century ago passenger pigeons were so numerous that Wilson, the naturalist, estimated one flock he observed to consist of 2,230,000,000 birds. This has been counted an exaggeration by later critics, but the writings of Audubon, describing the vast numbers in Ohio and Kentucky, can be cited in support of Wilson's statement. A century and a half before Audubon's day passenger pigeons, in uncountable numbers, so ravaged the fields of the colonists of eastern Canada that a Montreal bishop attempted to exorcise them with holy water, counting them demons. They were looked upon as a plague in the same manner that Kansas and other western farmers look upon the grasshoppers and locusts.

About five years ago the last heath hen disappeared. It dwelt in Martha's Vineyard. Since that time the biological survey, state game wardens and naturalists have kept up a persistent search of the region in the hope of finding a survivor but, so far, the search has been wholly unavailing. The heath hen has gone the way the moa and the passenger pigeon. Not even zoological institutions retain specimens of this eastern form of the prairie chicken.

Other Extinct Species

These are not the only creatures which have become extinct. Gabrielson lists a number of species which have utterly disappeared and, of course, the tragedy of such extinction is that there is no possible way to restore the breeds. The phenomenon of life in those particular forms has gone out with the finality of a dead star.

No more is the great auk seen. The Labrador duck, the Carolina parakeet and the Guadalupe caracara have departed forever. The extinction is by no means confined to the birds of the air. The same fate has overtaken mammals. The Maine giant mink is no more. The California grizzly are as completely gone as the pterodactyl. The same is true of the Gull Island meadow mouse and the Amarosa meadow mouse. There is something ironic, it would seem, in fact that these representatives of some of the largest and fiercest of mammals

the grizzly—at one end of the scale and representatives of some of the smallest and most timid—mice—at the other end have been unable to persist.

Also eternally absent are the Pacific white-tailed deer, the Merriam elk, the Bradlands mountain sheep, and the Texas mountain sheep. Each represented a sub-species once numerous. The grizzlies were exterminated largely because they constituted a menace to human life, but the other species were hunted in part for meat and in part merely for sport. There was no protection afforded, no closed season established until it was too late. The beads were gone.

There is nothing whatever to be done about these definitely extinct species. The biological survey is a preserver, not a creator. With the renewed interest in wild life protection and the availability of larger sums of public money for the purpose, long strides are being taken to meet the emergency which threatens some two dozen other species on the borderline of extinction.

The great whooping crane is nearly gone, and so are the trumpeter swan and the great white heron. It is thought that a few Eskimos curlew may be left, but the fact is dubious. The masked bobwhite may possibly have a few survivors, but it is not certain. In their last generation, unless speedy protection is accorded, are the Attwater prairie chicken, California vulture, red-bellied hawk, everglades kite, ivory-billed woodpecker, Ipswich sparrow, Bachman warbler, dusky kinglet, Laysan teal and Laysan finch, and the Florida seaside sparrow.

Refuges Increase

Among the mammals threatened with extinction, Gabrielson lists the Cuban almiqui, the California White Mountains dwarf shrew, the spotted bat, the glacier bear, the black-footed ferret, wolverine, sea otter, desert fox, kit fox, the plains or buffalo wolf. The eastern fox squirrel and the peninsula fox squirrel are nearly gone and also the key deer and the button-willow elk. The Nelson mountain sheep and the Sierra mountain sheep are fast disappearing. Among the aquatic mammal species those nearing extinction are the Guadalupe fur seal, the monk seal, hooded seal, Pacific walrus, Atlantic walrus, the Florida manatee, the gray whale, the Atlantic right whale and the Greenland right whale.

The Federal government has been purchasing various tracts of suitable land as preserves for the various species which are so sorely beset. The work has been eminently successful with some of the wild wards, but with others success is doubtful. The long-billed curlew, the Hudsonian godwit and the upland plover, in spite of protection, seem discouraged and their numbers are not gaining as it was hoped they would.

WOMEN HOLD KEY TO PEACE

Baroness Marthe Boel, president of the International Council of Women and the subject of an interesting article in the Christian Science Monitor Weekly Magazine section, believes that women could remake the world to a better pattern by uniting for the common welfare.

Discussing war, to which, in her judgment, women hold the key, she said:

"War is the most horrible thing on earth to those who pass through it. Not horrible only because men and women are torn apart and murdered—children too. But horrible because it destroys, utterly and hopelessly, all that is most sacred to man, all moral laws. Men kill in war because they must. They steal because they must.

THE SEPARATISM BOGEY

Cardinal Villeneuve's address at Sherbrooke recently, an address that created so favorable an impression in this province, has been no less happily received in the neighboring Province of Ontario. Naturally, the so-called 'corporate state' movement in Quebec has been disturbing to citizens in other parts of the Dominion and a recent statement of His Eminence is disabusing the public mind of any false conclusion in this regard has been gratifying to all Canadians who are believers in national unity and inter-racial harmony. It was scarcely to be expected that so important a declaration as that uttered by His Eminence would pass without

comment in other communities, and the Toronto Globe and Mail of a recent date gave it precedence as a subject of editorial comment. Following some preliminary reference to rumors of a separatist or corporate state movement in Quebec, The Globe and Mail quoted from the Cardinal's Sherbrooke speech, approving of it wholeheartedly in regard to both sentiment and expression. Expressing the opinion that the words of His Eminence should be of tremendous influence for the forces of co-operation and national unity. The Globe and Mail proceeded: "Especially is this true of his conclusion, in which he said: 'Divine Providence seems to have destined the English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians to co-operate in building a nation based upon Anglo-Saxon and French civilization. . . . To uphold this Canadian nation, our two great races ought not to ignore one another; they ought not to strike out one at the other; they ought not to despise or to weaken one another; they must, by their conduct on the eternal principles of justice, truth, righteousness, foster our mutual goodwill and tolerance in their dealings with one another.'

"There has been nothing, we think, certainly no statement from a similarly influential source in recent years which so clearly and forcibly pledges French Canada to the service and unity of confederated Canada. In putting Quebec in this light, Cardinal Villeneuve has left a challenge which all Canadians must accept. There is no greater task before us as communities or as provinces than that of nation-building. Surely sectional self-interest, if not common sense, dictates that, in the face of present problems, we tackle the job together."

This is the opinion of our neighbors, and it could not be more friendly remarks the Montreal Gazette. Cardinal Villeneuve in his address at Sherbrooke has rendered high service to the Dominion, and especially in his own province. His speech was given prominence and inspired editorial comment in United States as well as in Canadian newspapers. A leading article in the Buffalo Courier-Express may be cited as a fair example of the tone and substance of the rest.

It regards Cardinal Villeneuve's utterance as important and significant, coming as it does from the spiritual leader of a large proportion of Canadians, particularly those of French descent. And an expression of confidence is added that the speech of His Eminence "will go far toward a stronger unification of the many elements which go to make up the Dominion."

They lie, because lying is a necessary part of all the rest. None of these things is natural to them. They want none of them. But their morale is broken, their balance is gone. They hate each other and they hate themselves—that is war."

How well she describes it and what a wonderful thing it would be if wars could be abolished forever. But one might as well try to head off the sun's rays. So long as greed continues to be a dominating part of man, and it will be as long as man endures there will be wars and rumors of war. Idealists make the world a better place in which to live. Without their type of philosophy this universe would be a much sadder place. Unhappily, however, idealism, in most cases, runs a poor second to man's iniquity.

THE WIFE OF CHINESE RULER SAYS CHINA UNITED READY TO FIGHT

**Will Not Be Coerced By Japanese In Giving Up
Control of North China**

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 27—Japan's armies will find China no easy mark, according to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Nanking government's ruler, thereby echoing reports of front-line observers that China is ready for a long, united siege.

Chiang Kai-shek, has been "a spectacle of successful achievement in three directions, all of them wrong."

China today is a united nation, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek states in the current Liberty magazine, and will not be coerced into accepting conditions giving Japan control of great regions in the northern part of China proper. And, she adds, it was Japan's attempt to seize such regions that has made China a nation to be reckoned with.

Japan's reaction to China's new strength and unity, according to Mme.

"In China, which should be Japan's greatest dependable market, they have not only sown the seed of hatred; they have awakened a great population and inspired it to protect its hearth and homes. In their own country, political and economical conditions have been created which foreign observers describe as near-catastrophic; which have tended to shatter foreign belief in the substantiality of Japan's moral and material foundations. In the outside world, they have filled various nations with deep distrust and have awakened a dangerous and costly militant spirit."



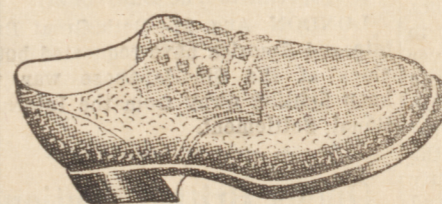
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