

Dangerous Spider Makes Appearance In Western Canada

Bite of Black Widow Known To Cause Death in Many Instances.

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Vancouver, B.C.—Woman's in-born fear of the spider is justified in British Columbia where the murderous black widow is reported to have made its appearance.

The deadliness of this insect is indicated by a recent statement that three out of five of those bitten by it will die.

Its name is due to the curious fact that the female devours the male immediately after she is fertilized. The Black Widow is a small, coal black spider, variously marked, red or yellow, or both. The surest sign that it is of the deadly species is a mark of hour-glass shape on the under side of the abdomen. Other markings differ considerably. The body of the female when full grown may be a half-inch in length. The abdomen is technically described as being "globose."

The male is much smaller than the female. In size it seldom exceeds a length of a quarter-inch. It is usually more conspicuously marked than the female, having four pairs of stripes along the sides of the abdomen. Immature females sometimes are similarly marked.

The entomological name for the insect is "latrodectus mactans." It is common in southern United States though latterly it has been moving northward and has been reported in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, California, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Its occurrence in Washington state, was discovered after there had been several mysterious deaths. The spread of it in British Columbia became definitely established when William Simpson, of Summerland, found one in his tomato field. Mr. Simpson discovered a mature female specimen and the species was established by government entomologists.

The habitat of the Black Widow is under stones and pieces of wood on the ground, in stumps, holes in the ground and in outbuildings. In issuing a description of the spider Max H. Ruhmann, assistant entomologist in charge of the government station at Vernon, B.C., urged that it be sought and destroyed.

Big Interests Would Change British North America Act

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department has to do with agricultural matters which are common to all the provinces, while the provincial departments of agriculture deal with their own problems. But these departments can all work together. How this can be done was shown when the federal government passed egg grading regulations. These could not be enforced in the provinces until the legislatures approved and that was as it should be in order to safeguard the rights of the minorities.

PRINCESSES IN SCOTLAND



The most famous of all gatherings in Scotland is that of the Braemar Royal Highland Society's gathering held in the beautiful natural arena at Princess Royal Park, Braemar, Aberdeenshire. It is always attended by royalty and here is shown youthful royalty keenly interested. They are (left to right): PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York; MISS MARGARET ELPHINSTONE and PRINCESS ELIZABETH, elder sister of Margaret Rose.

Some people say there should be uniform educational regulations throughout Canada. If the provinces desired this it could be arranged on a basis similar to the egg grading laws.

Some of the so called big shots evidently have been led astray on this matter and some of them are trying to "put something over" which they hope will be to their own advantage. But they are playing with fire and they are liable to get badly burned. The people of the outlying provinces are being aroused gradually and any tinkering with the British North America Act will be strongly resented. Opposition is developing to the machinations of the big interests. The Stevens-Bennett affair is showing the people that the big interests are after them and any move to weaken the terms of the confederation agreement will lead to movements of secession not in one province but in several.

The big interests better get their ears to the ground for there is a rumbling and it is gradually gaining strength. It must be remembered that the people of the different provinces are long-suffering but when they come to realize the full extent to which they are being exploited their resentment is liable to be forcibly expressed.

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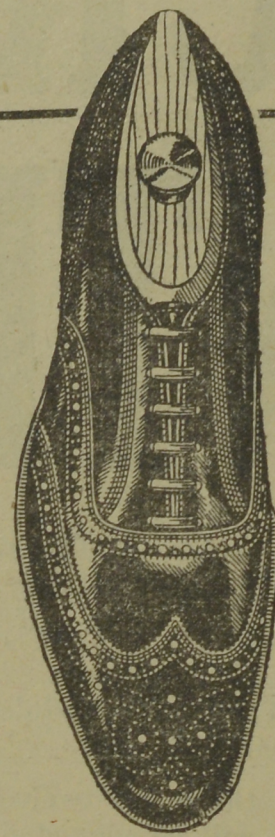
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seven year contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. This does not cut him off from amateurism, but allows him to compete in the Davis Cup play-down next year.

EDGAR CORMIER, CRACK southpaw hurler with Springhill Dodgers for the past two seasons, has been transferred to Halifax and expects to remain there for the winter and will probably be seen with one of the Halifax teams in the Twi baseball circuit next summer.

AT A MEETING OF THE executive committee of the United States Figure Skating Association, definite announcement was made that the North American figure skating championship will be held in Montreal under the auspices of the Montreal Winter Club, on February 22. The American trials will in all probability be held in New York near February 8.

JACKIE "KID" BERG, THE Whitechapel whirlwind, won the lightweight boxing championship of Great Britain when Harry Mizler's seconds threw in the towel at the end of the tenth round of a scheduled fifteen round bout.

SAMMY McMANUS AND Aubrey Webster, of last year's Moncton Hawks, Allan Cup champions, will not be seen in the amateur ranks again as it is understood that they have signed contracts with the

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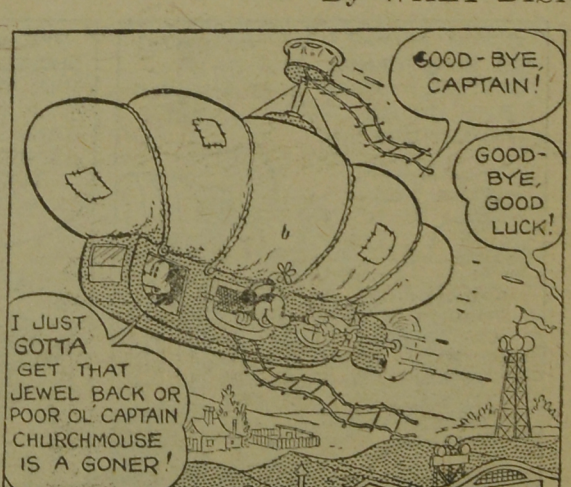
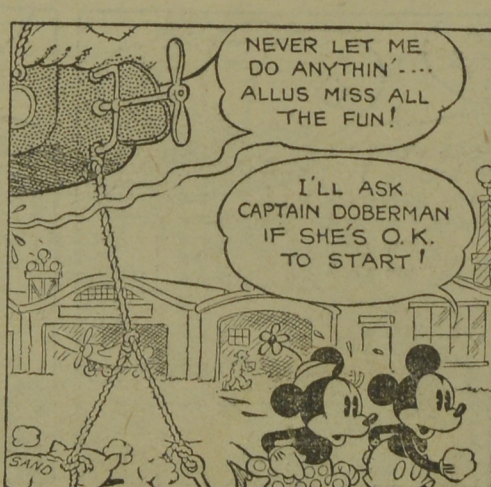
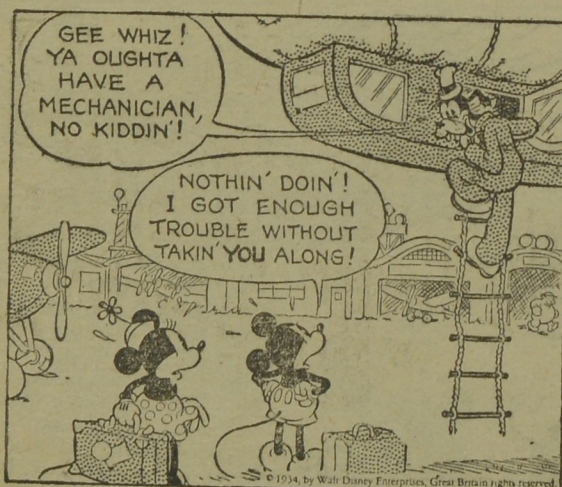
Montreal Maroons and are reported to be going places with that team, while a team-mate of last year, Bert Connolly, is with the Rangers and has made the grade in big time hockey.

THE MONCTON HAWKS ARE being whipped into shape for the opening game next week and they will be led this year by Captain Bill Miller, who succeeds Dud James in this new capacity. You will recall that last year he was voted the most valuable player in the Maritime Hockey League.

"SMOKING IS HARMFUL to teen age boys" was the theme of a talk given by Lester Patrick, leader of the New York Rangers, when he occupied the pulpit of Crescent United Church, Winnipeg, last Sunday night. He said that of the twenty-two amateurs who attended the Ranger hockey school nineteen were non smokers. He finished his talk by reciting Drummond's "The Cure of the Calumet," using the habitant accent and all the gestures of the professional actor.

WHILE GOOSE GOSLIN, THE veteran Detroit outfielder, and a friend were hunting ducks they ran up against a game warden who objected to the type of gun they were using and had them taken before a justice of the peace and fined \$20 each and took their guns away from them.

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