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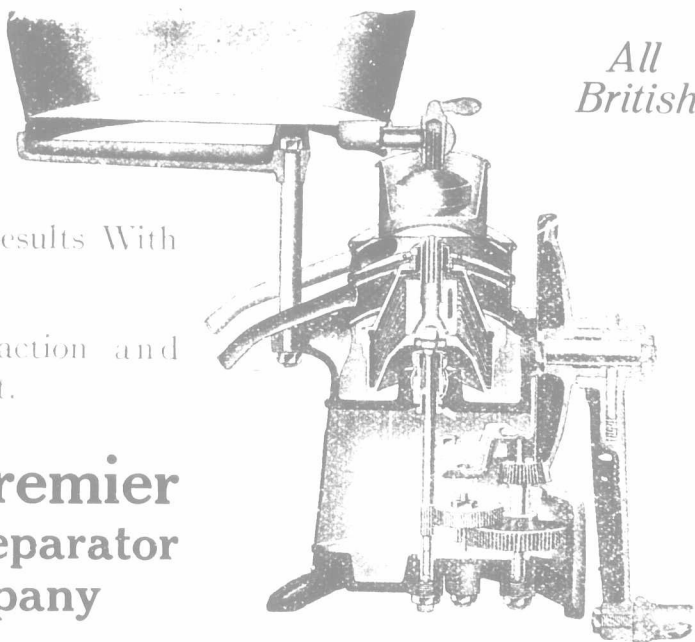
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At a recent New York sale the record price of \$15,300 was paid by C. D. Hyatt for a Chinese rug, 10 feet 8 inches long by 6 feet 1 inch wide, of the Ch'ien-lung period. At least two billion dollars was represented personally in the throng of millionaires present from New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The entire sale of 585 rugs brought \$143,667.50.

A New York bank president lately gave a wedding anniversary dinner to his friends at the Hotel Knickerbocker. The dining-halls were decorated in imitation of a scene on the Grand Canal Venice, with music, gondoliers, and real birds to match. The feast cost \$500 a plate.

In the same issue of the newspaper recording the foregoing was an editorial dealing with the serious distress in New York City because of unemployment arising out of financial troubles, and the cry of the suffering millions of Belgians echoed and re-echoed through its pages.

Amongst the victims of this revolting war, animals of all kinds have suffered terribly; done more so than man's faithful friend, the dog. A correspondent of L'Indépendance Belge, visiting the ruins of Louvain ten days after its destruction, gives a harrowing description of the fate of the dogs left behind by the departing refugees.

The correspondent says, "I will not attempt to depict the terrors and sadness of the sights which met us in passing through villages destroyed by gunfire and the wanton burning of houses. Many of these houses had been looted, and where it was impossible to carry furniture away it was taken into the street and burned, but one gets accustomed even to all these horrors.

"There is one tragedy that the most hardened cannot resist feeling compassion for—the dogs—the only living things we saw on our tour of inspection.

"In the madness of fear, hundreds of dogs were abandoned by their masters, flight anywhere was the only thought of the civil population, for they knew what awaited them should they fall into the hands of the drunken soldiery roaming about after the burning of Louvain.

"The poor terror-stricken fugitives never gave a thought as to the fate of their faithful and, in ordinary times, loved dogs, so that in hundreds of cases the dogs were left chained up. The enemy were not merciful or they would have destroyed or loosened these poor creatures.

"Many beautiful dogs fastened by strong steel chains, have thus remained for nine days without food or water. When the Belgians advanced in a final effort to drive back the enemy, a number of kind-hearted soldiers asked permission to free these poor victims of war. In this way hundreds of dogs were let loose, but to the astonishment of their liberators they made no attempt to scavenge for food and given food, for these brave fellows were willing to share the scanty rations with them—these pathetic, moved, poor little but looked with wild, eager eyes as if suspicious of their liberators.

"Sometimes a dog would put its nose outside the kennel, then a dog, but if approached retreated in haste. It was evident that these poor creatures were resigned to their fate, and only waited for death to release them from their sufferings.

"Although these dogs had been nine days without food or water, and were terribly thin, not one dead one was seen. What the ultimate end of these poor creatures was none knew. A few dogs were met that had not been fastened up and they seemed fairly well; doubtless, food in abandoned houses would serve to keep them alive for some time. Many of the more courageous dogs followed the soldiers, and were cared for as far as was possible. Many having been fed, with that sense of fidelity and devotion to their masters, ran back to stand their homes, and, if necessary, to die at their posts.

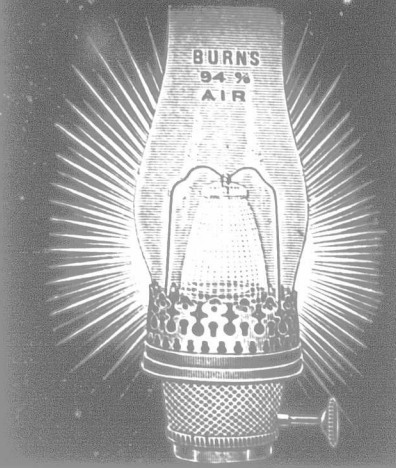
The correspondent ends by these words: "We have seen so many hundreds of refugees, so many destroyed houses, and villages, but the silent misery of these dogs seemed to touch us more than any human suffering. I hardly dare write this, but it is the truth. Our Dutch Animals.

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