

WAR HORSE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS IN ENGLAND

Falling Off in Breeding and Increase of Motor Traction Give War Office Reduced Number of Horses

London, April 10.—A very serious problem is arising in the army with regard to the supply of horses for war. The falling off in breeding and the increase of motor traction have been intensified by the increase of motor traction which gives the war office a reduced number of horses. The war office has been taking steps to remedy the situation by increasing the number of horses available in the country, and from all sources it is now estimated that if the first and second line armies were mobilized England would be faced with one of the most pressing of military difficulties in the supply of horses to keep them in the field. A rough census of the animals available in England made with the assistance of the Board of Agriculture, masters of hounds, county authorities and the remount staff, shows that there are about 1,250,000 available horses of all kinds. Of these fewer than 200,000 are up to the cavalry standard. To place the expeditionary force of six regular divisions and one cavalry division in the field as a commencement, 200,000 are up to the cavalry standard. In addition, 125,000 would be needed for the Territorial force.

A Serious Problem.
At the present moment England has not in hand these 125,000 to complete a war with. The problem is much more serious than that of men, as an army is immobile and passive without remounts. As replacement during the first year of a war 400,000 other horses would be necessary. In these numbers the question of a supply from abroad arises. No adequate arrangement has been announced for such a supply, and the foreign market in the next war, it is stated, will be closed against England. At the present moment prices are 20 per cent. higher than they were at the time of the Boer war. There will be a horse ring against the next nation which requires to drain the supply. That country can only be England, as the continental nations have enriched themselves from English stock. It is reported that there are some thousands fewer brood mares now in the country, and that the birth of foals has dropped by 10,000 a year.

All this, added to motor traction by many thousands, and the war office are unable to supply their registers with anything approaching the numbers necessary for war purposes. The regular army at present has excluding India, about 31,000 horses on charge, or fewer than half the number required before the war could take the field. About 18,000 are required for artillery alone. Large numbers of the animals available are of poor quality, and the type is inferior to that selected for continental armies.

FROM KITCHEN MAID TO PRIMA DONNA

Mme. Olive Fremstad, Now a World-Renowned Singer, Started Her Career as a Domestic in America

Worcester, Mass., April 10.—From kitchen maid to operatic star—this remarkable achievement of Mme. Olive Fremstad, the world-renowned prima donna, has been brought to light by the disclosure of Mrs. Charles H. Fowler, of Springfield, who claims that she introduced Mme. Fremstad to fame. Mrs. Fowler does not like to make any claim, but her one-time maid on opera singers who marry and become mothers.

The early chapters of Olive Fremstad's life are shrouded in mystery and the assertions of Mrs. Fowler are the more remarkable inasmuch as she holds the position that Mme. Fremstad now holds in the musical world. It is known that she was born in Sweden and made her appearance as a pianist at the age of six. From across the water reports have come that she continues in her native land as a "child prodigy" until she was twelve years of age. Her parents, who were fairly well to do, determined to cast their fortunes in America, the reputed land of opportunity.

After landing in this country the Fremstad family journeyed to Minnesota, and the next six years of little Olive's life have never been told to any one, even her most intimate friends. Her fortune attended the Fremstads after their arrival in this country is unknown, but it is just as certain that Mrs. Fowler claims to have met the Fremstads and to have taken Olive into her employ.

Mrs. Fowler, who is musically inclined herself, was startled one morning to hear her new maid gaily singing while busily engaged about her duties in the kitchen, and stopping to listen she claims that she was astonished at the wonderful voice of the young girl, who immediately became a great favorite in the household.

Soon afterwards at a social gathering held at the Fowler house the maid was introduced to the guests and sang for their amusement. For her age she was remarkably well versed in operatic scores and frequently sang in duets with Mrs. Fowler.

Developing a decided affection for her household, and supposing she was very well educated, Mrs. Fowler claims she made Olive a member of her family and took her into the Junior League in their church and brought her out.

When Olive Fremstad was eighteen years old she visited New York, where she sang before Damrosch and Seid. She went to Europe in 1893 to study for opera. Since then her success has been wonderful, until today she is recognized as the possessor of one of the finest voices in the world.

QUICKSILVER FIND

Prospectors in Vicinity of Prince Albert Said to Have Discovered Rich Ledge

Prince Albert, Sask., April 10.—Hannell's outfit, prospecting on the Saskatchewan opposite Lost River, made a remarkable find of quicksilver. Following up traces showing in the river bank, they came to a pocket containing some four or five tons of mercury. A ledge rich in quicksilver was discovered running back from the bank, and the prospectors think they have made a great discovery. Thirteen claims have already been staked.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S GIVING AWAY MORE

Philanthropist Hands Large Sum for Root Peace Fund to Hamilton College, New York State

Utica, N.Y., April 10.—President A. W. Striker, of Hamilton College, announced yesterday that Andrew Carnegie had given \$500,000 to the college, which fund will be known as the Billie Root Peace Fund. The fund is to be used for the purpose of drawing upon the resources of the college for the purpose of maintaining the college building. The gift makes sure another gift of \$500,000 which was offered to the college if it could raise a certain sum by July 1.

Quebec Councillor Dead.
Quebec, April 10.—Hon. Francois Cossette, M. L. C., for the division of Rougemont, died yesterday at the Hotel Dieu hospital. He was born in 1837.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEAD MAN'S IDENTITY

Roomed on Burdette Avenue But Hid Identity From His Landlord

With the knowledge of the place of residence of the man whose dead body was found yesterday morning on the beach near the Clover Point rifle range and a detailed account of his life for the past two weeks, during which time he had been rooming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, 740 Burdette avenue, the question of his real identity is as far from being solved by the police as ever. All day yesterday the body lay at the undertaker's rooms of W. B. Smith, Yates street, and was viewed by a large number of persons, none of whom could give any clue to the dead man's identity. It was not until the evening that Mrs. Sutherland, reading the description of the deceased given in the Evening Post, became convinced that the dead man was her former lodger, Dr. Robertson, who had been called to the Sutherland home on Wednesday to attend to the lodger who had fallen from an upstairs window, was called up by telephone by Mrs. Sutherland last night and informed of the possibility that the dead man and his recent patient might be one and the same. Dr. Robertson called at the undertaking establishment and immediately identified the body as that of the man he had attended.

To that extent the identification progressed but who the man is, what his real name or name or, as he is still as indefinite as ever. That he had reason for hiding his identity, his actions during the two weeks he had been residing at 740 Burdette avenue would indicate. Always reticent and saying little about himself it was not until an accident which occurred on the second floor of the house, a distance of fifteen feet. He afterwards fell from the window and landed on the ground. He was found by Mrs. Sutherland, who heard the noise of the man's body coming into contact with the ground, rushed to see what was the matter and saw her lodger lying unconscious on the ground. Dr. Robertson was called in and attended the injured man.

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REMARKABLE EXPORT OF CONDENSED MILK

United States Exported Sixteen Million Dollars' Worth to All Parts of World in Ten Years

Washington, D.C., April 10.—During the past ten years the United States exported \$16,000,000 worth of condensed milk according to reports made by customs officers to the bureau of statistics. Year by year these exports have witnessed a remarkable increase, the high water being in 1908, when two and a half million dollars worth of milk was exported to all parts of the world. Oriental and tropical countries are the chief sections in which the products of this industry are used.

Standard Oil Still Exploded.
Port Richmond, Cal., April 10.—One of the stills of the refining plant of the Standard Oil Company here exploded yesterday causing a fire that destroyed part of the works. Several persons were injured and were taken to hospitals.

YOUNG MEN WILL HELP RAISE MONEY

Y.M.C.A. Campaign For Building Fund Promises Well—Temporary Headquarters

To take up the question of perfecting organization for the campaign to raise \$100,000 for the Y. M. C. A. new building a meeting of young men will take place tonight at the association rooms.

There is a specimen of the circulars that are being issued by the management of the Young Men's Christian Association in their endeavor to line up the more youthful residents of the city.

"We count on you as a huster in this big proposition and have you on one of our list."

"Bring any other fellow that you know is or will be interested in our new building."

"We shall discuss plans and methods for the campaign and, if possible, arrange for a Young Men's banquet to start the ball rolling."

This is the spirited call that is being sounded by the Young Men's Christian Association to all who may be depended on to render help in the herculean effort that is going to be made, less than the 14th inst., hence the earnest appeal to a sum that will be sufficient to provide a handsome new structure for the accommodation of the growing and useful institution.

Preparing for Campaign.
It is assured that there will be a generous response from the young men. The women, the business men, the young men and others have been lined up solid and already have prepared themselves for the campaign. Even greater enthusiasm is expected from the young men who will directly benefit. Secretary Brace is confident that tonight's gathering will bring out the largest number of the most gratifying that has taken place since organization began.

So far the Y. M. C. A. directors have been in the best of luck. They have a number of subscriptions of a substantial character promised. The names of those who have donated are being kept in a list and the amounts will be read at the business men's banquet which will take place on the eve of the battle of the 14th inst. at the Empress hotel.

It has been decided that, during the progress of the campaign, the officials in charge will establish their headquarters in a huge marquee to be located in the vacant lot on Government street next to R. Porter & Sons' store. The use of this site has been secured through the kindness of the Hudson's Bay company management. Here the chairs of the various committees at work will gather each day, reporting progress, and inspiring competition as to what the various committees may continue with renewed vigor from day to day.

Zam-Buk Cured Her Baby
Mothers will find the following statement of more than passing interest, showing, as it does, how Zam-Buk cures the skin-diseases of children, even when the ordinary remedies have completely failed. Mrs. C. W. Bowerbank, of 126 Denison Avenue, Toronto, says:—

"Not long ago my baby's face broke out in an eruption. The spots would crack and be very irritating and sore. At other times they itched fearfully, and caused the child to scratch and rub, thus making the sores very inflamed and painful. I tried all sorts of ointments and salves, but they somehow did not seem able to remove the trouble. Zam-Buk proved very different, and a few applications gave the child relief. The sores are now healed completely."

"Since that time my little daughter has had occasion to use Zam-Buk for skin trouble. She broke out in blotches on her hands and arms, and in her case also Zam-Buk effected a cure. We now keep Zam-Buk handy as a household balm, and do not intend to be without it."

"Not only for skin diseases, but for cuts, burns and bruises, it is a fine remedy. The other day I burned my hand. An application of Zam-Buk seemed to take the fire out of it at once, and it soon healed. In the course of my experience I have tried pretty nearly all the salves and ointments obtainable, but there is nothing to come near Zam-Buk."

"Zam-Buk is Nature's own healing balm, being composed of pure herbal essences. It is a sure cure for pimples and eruptions, eczema, ringworm, ulcers, cuts, burns, bruises, poisoned sores, chronic wounds, leg piles, festering sores, and all skin injuries and diseases. Druggists carry it everywhere sold at 50c a box, or post free for price from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, 3 boxes \$1.25. You are warned against cheap and harmful imitations sometimes represented to be 'just as good.'"

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**TO FIX STATUS OF
EMPLOYEES**

New Measure to be Brought in at Next Council Meeting by Ald. Bishop to be Called "Civil Service Bylaw 1909"

An adequate classification of the city's employees and the fixing of their salaries will be introduced by Ald. Bishop at the next council meeting.

It will be called the "Civil Service Bylaw, 1909," will classify and regulate the salaries to be paid in every branch of the service and will also provide for a graduated and regular scale of increases to be paid for faithful service and training of a legal, medical, literary, technical or scientific character, or the skill and training of an accountant, or such special ability, knowledge or experience as may qualify him for the position.

Assistants to heads of departments shall imply what the term means and shall be classified as heads of departments, clerks, stenographers, and permanent employees.

Who shall fall under these various heads is defined by the bylaw. The head of a department shall mean every member of the civic service for the time being presiding over any department or who, for the performance of the duties thereof, requires professional skill and training of a legal, medical, literary, technical or scientific character, or the skill and training of an accountant, or such special ability, knowledge or experience as may qualify him for the position.

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Graded Salaries
In the matter of salaries the intention of the new measure is to establish a maximum and minimum wage according to the length of service of any employee. The minimum salary shall be that paid for the first five years of service while the maximum salary shall be calculated and paid according to the length of time the employee has served in any established position.

The city treasurer and collector, per month, \$150.
City clerk, per month, \$140.
City engineer, per month, \$200.
Water commissioner, per month, \$140.
City assessor, per month, \$140.
City electrician, per month, \$140.
Chief of the fire brigade, per month, \$125.
Medical health officer, per month, \$30.
Manager of home for aged and in-

SEVEN YEARS AN INVA

Then She Took "Fruit-a-tives" Is Now Well.

Arnprior, Ont., Nov. 27. I was an invalid for seven years from fearful Womb Troubles, falling womb, with constant pain in the back and front of my body down my legs. There was discharge and this made me sleepless, restless and miserable. I was obliged to be in bed month after month, but their several doctors, but their treatment did me no permanent good.

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**NEW YORK HONORS
DEAD DETECTIVE**

Flags Half-Masted as Ship Brings Home Remains of Man Murdered in Sicily—Fund for Widow

New York, April 10.—Flags flying at half-mast above the city hall and police headquarters in Mulberry street yesterday marked the arrival, in the steamer Slavonia, of the body of Lieut. Joseph Petrosino, of the New York police department, who was assassinated in Palermo, Sicily, on March 12, while engaged in a specially important task of protecting America against Sicilian criminals. These flags will fly for some time in testimony of the city's tribute to the memory and services of the dead detective and the police department. City officials, Italian societies and citizens, unite in giving further expressions of tribute to Petrosino on Monday, when his funeral will be held. Many flowers, including a wreath from Mayor McClelland, have been sent to the Petrosino home, and a movement is under way to provide Mrs. Petrosino and the late detective's children with a home and ample funds.

**SETTLER'S DEATH WAS
CAUSED BY FOUL
PLAY**

Morris Had Considerable Money in His Possession—Chemical Analysis of Stomach Has Been Ordered

Milestone, Sask., April 10.—Foul play is believed to have caused the death of Chas. J. Morris, who was found burned to death on Monday.

The postmortem showed that the arms and legs of the deceased were consumed and the skull fractured in two places, a small piece of bone having been forced into the brain. No evidence of death by strangulation was found in the lungs. The body was found in a rigid condition which might indicate death by strychnine. The stomach has been sent to Regina for chemical analysis as a suspicious mass was found therein. There were blood clots on the brain, lungs and liver.

Ernest Morris was the last person to see his brother alive on Monday night. The victim had considerable money in his possession that day and was in town. Morris came here from Missouri a few years ago. He was thirty-four years old and had an excellent reputation.

Shot in Mistake for Burglar
San Francisco, April 10.—Mistaken for a burglar while at work in his office early today, Albert Svenson, manager of the Swedish-American Mercantile Company, was fatally shot today by Police-man Mulvaney. Svenson did not throw up his hands quickly enough.

No Suspension of Mining
Philadelphia, April 10.—The union mine workers say that as far as they are concerned there will be no suspension of mining. President Lewis suspended a statement this afternoon giving the mine workers' side of the controversy. Great stress is given to the strike commission's award in not providing for the signing of an agreement with the United Mine Workers.

**Had NARROW ESCAPE
IN FIERCE FIRE
ON SHIP**

Large Number of Chinese and Japanese Narrowly Escaped Being Burned on Ship Tacoma

San Francisco, April 10.—A fierce fire raged for some time today on the ship Tacoma, of the Alaska Packers' Association fleet on which, in addition to the crew, were 250 Chinese and Japanese to be employed in the northern canneries. Flames were first discovered in the hold, which soon was filled with smoke, arousing sleeping Asiatics to a desperate fight for life. Arthur Born, ship's cook, was suffocated by smoke that filled his cabin, and rescuers who carried his body to the deck were unable to resuscitate him.

A crew of watchmen prevented the Orientals from leaving the dock, and the fire after damaging the vessel to the extent of about \$6,000 was extinguished by a bucket brigade. The ship, which was to have sailed today for the fishing grounds, had a narrow escape from destruction.

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**POWDER EXPLOSION
KILLS SIX P**

Fine Building Demolished by Explosion in Wayne Powder Works

Faterson, N.J., April 9.—Six are reported to have been killed in an explosion in the Wayne powder plant at Wayne today. The explosion ported to have demolished five of the plant.

Roosevelt at Port Said
Port Said, April 9.—The Admiral with Theodore and the members of his party on board here at 6.30 o'clock this

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