

VICIOUS PEST IN HERDS DRIVING COWS FRANTIC FROM THE HEAT

Animals Run Until Exhausted When Attacked by the "Northwest Fly."

CAUSES DROP IN OUTPUT

Dairymen Alarmed by Appearance of Insect That Bites Painful Stings.

A new cow pest that threatens to diminish the milk supply seriously is reported by dairymen as appearing among the herds of this district.

For lack of better technical knowledge the bug is called the "Northwest Fly" and it is said to sting with the power of a charge of rocket.

Drives Cows Crazy.

One dairymen said to The Advertiser that when this fly attacked one of his cows, the poor animal became almost frenzied and ran about the field, tail in the air, until it dropped from exhaustion. Whenever the pest has appeared the herds have fallen off in their milk output, and the dairymen are consulting experts to ascertain the best means of exterminating the pest. So far they have been able to secure little satisfaction, as no one has been able to secure a sample of the fly.

Most Victims Known.

"It's the most vicious pest that ever attacked the animals in these parts," said one owner of a large herd. "It has played havoc with my cows and with the milk supply. The ordinary flies are bad enough, but this bug makes the poor beasts go crazy. It is something like the horsefly and attacks the cows in the tender parts."

District Representative Finn stated that he had heard nothing of the pest, but would be glad to examine the fly if any farmer could produce a specimen.

NEGRO WHO WEDDED 13-YEAR WHITE GIRL GUILTY OF BIGAMY

Proved That His First Wife Is Alive in Rhode Island.

CHILD WIFE NOT WORRIED

Spends Most of Her Time Laughing While Case Is Proceeding.

James Lawson, a colored man, was convicted of bigamy in police court today, having married a 13-year-old white girl, Margorie Robinson, Hyde Park, on January 2 last, when his first wife was living.

Lawson's first wife, according to authentic information furnished the police, is now a resident of Providence, Rhode Island.

Says He Thought Her Dead.

Lawson, in his own defence, maintained that he believed his wife was dead when he married her. He stated also that he still considered her dead, although the only information that he had ever received that she was not living was from a fellow mill employee at Guelph in 1914.

Mrs. E. McCauley, Toronto, a sister of Lawson's first wife, testified that Lawson had visited in Toronto in September last and had then remarked that he expected his wife to come over from Providence on a visit.

Mrs. Dorsey, Toronto, another sister-in-law, corroborated the evidence of the preceding witnesses.

Robb Trial Lightly.

The Robb trial appeared in court along with her mother and grandmother and seemed to regard the proceedings lightly. She was not called to the stand. She spent most of her time laughing.

W. G. R. Bartram represented Lawson and argued that if Lawson consciously believed his wife to be dead he could not be regarded as a criminal. Crown Attorney McKillop differed and was supported by the Magistrate in his contention.

No Need to Jail It was only a form of marriage that was gone through by Lawson and the Robinson girl, consequently there requires to be no annulment of the last contract.

SUSPECTED SIDE WALK 'EXPLODES' FROM THE HEAT

Cement Walk That Caused Investigation Heaves Up From the Heat.

NOISE LIKE A CANNON

Echo of Case in Which ex-Ald. Richter Figured as Man With the Stick.

The sidewalk on Dundas street between Richmond and Wellington streets showed little bomb-dimensions. Its own yesterday afternoon, and attracted the attention of the citizens. Several slabs of concrete ran, now here, now there, or whatever is the equivalent in cement of the bomb, having simply burst up under the strain of the heat. Some folks got a scare, thinking that someone was endeavoring to blow up the city's public works.

The first slab to give an intimation of trouble was the one at the intersection of a fruit store opposite The Advertiser. The slab burst up, and the slab just moved itself right, and "exploded" with a right bang. Several other pieces of concrete were broken up, but they suffered somewhat. Further up the street, there were several other places of bad construction.

Mr. Richter Was On the Job. The attention of the board of works has been called to the condition of the street and it is possible that at some time the contractor will be considered. The contractor had men at work on the sidewalk, and the walks are under guarantee for ten years, and the contractor will have to make good and the sidewalk will last at least 20 years.

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WANTS LONDONERS TO SEND DELEGATES TO WIN-WAR MEET

Secretary Wise Sends Special Appeal to Mr. Pope.

J. K. H. Pope, who was the London signer of the circular calling for a "win-the-war" convention in London on August 2 and 3, received a telegram this morning, announcing that Sir William B. E. B. M. P. P. leader of the Opposition, and Hugh Gough, M. P. Liberal member for Wellington, would be among the speakers at this convention.

Secretary Frank Wise is expecting and hoping for a large representation from London. So far as can be learned, Mr. Pope is the only representative who has as yet announced his intention of going to the session, but many more may decide to go. Mr. Pope is anxious to hear from them.

Fireman Loses Purse.—While riding on a car, a fireman lost his purse yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Fireman Thomas Tozer from central hall had the purse containing a year's salary in bills, his union card, bearing his name, for identification, and other papers. Up until noon today the purse had not been returned, although the finder would own the papers. Fireman Tozer is still hoping some honest person will find the purse and return it to him.

CHILD DIES OF DIPHTHERIA. Diphtheria, the dread disease, has again claimed a victim. A young child, Edward Wright in Victoria hospital on Monday. He was the youngest son of Mr. Wright, a well-known man in the street, and the late Henry Wright. The funeral will be private from the hospital on Wednesday. Interment will take place at Woodland cemetery.

Mercury Goes To 98.5 and Barometer at Local Observatory Falls Quickly, Indicating That Thunderstorms Are Not Far Away.

With a temperature of 98.5 in the shade, today established the record of being the hottest day of the year, coming within two degrees of the tropical record attained a year ago, when the thermometer registered 100 degrees.

One year ago today, according to the official record kept at the South London observatory, the maximum was 98 degrees.

But there is relief in sight, the precipitation in the barometer at 2 o'clock today marked the beginning of a storm, and it is expected that the rain will be here before night.

Although the last three days have been extremely hot, no persons have been taken to the hospital with heat prostration.

A slight breeze was noticeable today, but it was not the zephyr that one associates with a cooling atmosphere. It was a breeze like the one that blows from the tropics and it felt like a blanket.

How many lost their lives was not known early this afternoon.

Several Lives Lost in Accident at New York Navy Yard.

New York, July 31.—Several New York navy yard employees were drowned today when a gangplank on a new battleship snapped in the middle and hurled thirty or forty men into the water.

The victims of the mishap were mostly machinists and carpenters.

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Washed Up by the Heat Waves

The dear old elderdom quilt seems to have lost its comforting charms these nights of overworked electric fans.

Although the fat man may not know it, the excessive heat is a blessing in disguise with him. He no longer needs to wear a suit and tie, and he can run a mile without stopping and reams of fat will be left in his wake.

"Oh, how I love the beautiful sea," sang the office boy as he dipped his face into a tub of cold water for the first time this season.

"All the powder in the world will not protect us girls' physques from the ravages of the sun's rays," said our special stenographer as she mopped her face with a chamomile.

The horrors of ladies, which were long thought to be exaggerated by the erring ones, assume a terrifying aspect as the heat becomes more intense.

A gentleman from Detroit, intending to stop in London for a few days, alighted at the Grand Trunk station and asked the station master where he could get a drink.

The official pointed to a water fountain by way of reply.

"Yes, but that's water," said the gentleman from Detroit.

"I know it, the station master replied, "but you know this town was dry."

The Detroitier disregarded the question, but asked:

"Where can I get a drink, I'm dying from the heat?"

"Does this train go to Quebec?"

"I guess I'll spend my holidays in Quebec, then," the gentleman from Detroit said as he regained his seat in the train.

"The heat is awful," wrote our special correspondent in Greenland today. "The temperature registered 32 degrees in the shade last week."

A fat man of local fame stated this morning that if the heat kept up much longer he intended going into a side-show as "The Human Waterpump."

FIRE CHIEF, WHO HAS TO DRAG FOR BODIES OF PROWEL BOYS, APPEALS FOR SAFETY ZONES

Wants City To Stake Off Bathing Areas in Thames and Employ Returned Soldiers To Supervise Swimming—Tells Where Camps Could Be Located.

Fire Chief Aitken, who possibly more than any other man in the city, has seen all the horrors the appalling loss of life that has occurred in recent years as a result of the lackadaisical policy on the part of the city in allowing the children to bathe in the river where and when they will, is absolutely in accord with the plan advocated by The Advertiser of having a sufficient number of bathing centres established along the river and placed in charge of competent supervisors.

Wire Off Swimming Holes. "Bathing places should be wired off at convenient places along the river," Chief Aitken told The Advertiser today. "A small shed erected on the bank, in which the children could dress, something similar to the plan that is in use at the Birkbeck's, is needed, and the fact that place has proved so successful, and that there has not been an accident there, shows that the plan can be adopted elsewhere."

Keep Them From Danger. "You can't keep the kids out of the water. It is impossible, and the only other thing to do is to provide a place where they can go in without any danger of getting beyond their depth. The swimming centre should be placed off, and wired, so that it would be impossible for the children to get into difficulties."

Where would you suggest that the 'swimming holes' be established?" asked The Advertiser. "One could be located near the old Dexter dam, or near Beecher's Island, and another might possibly be placed near Blackfriars bridge. Parke Plaza, the north end of Colborne street, and the main branch of the Thames, are other places that should provide sufficient accommodation for the children of the city."

Can't All Go to Birkbeck's. "The city is getting larger, and the children must have some place convenient, for it is unreasonable to expect that those living in the north end will come out the way down to the south end to reach the Birkbeck's bathing place."

They will go in the water, and if there was a place provided they would go in there. There should be a man in charge, and the city could have him returned soldiers to supervise the swimming. A portable shed could be erected, and it would only be required for two or three months of the year.

It is a rather uncertain method, but it is the same grapping hook that is used in other places. It is a grapping hook that is used in other places. It is a grapping hook that is used in other places.

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FRIEND OF BOYHOOD ROBBED HIM OF \$100, CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT

Detective Down Working on Alleged "Touch" in York Street House.

STRAIGHTENS OUT BILLS

And Then Host Goes Straight Through Door, According To Visitor.

A Ridout street man has complained to the detective force that he was robbed of the sum of \$100 while in a house in the east end of York street. The citizen admits that he had been taking some of the prohibited refreshment, and had come from the same part of the country as he did.

The visitor had a good-sized bank roll and exhibited it to the householder, according to the former's story.

Straitened 'Em Out. "Let me straighten out those bills for you," said the host. Then he "straightened out" the door.

That was the last the visitor saw of his "seeds," according to his story.

Detective Down went to the house and investigated the matter, and the man accused denied having taken the money. The Ridout street man says he intends to get the money and has several witnesses to prove that it was taken.

Comes From Same Line. "They took it right under my eyes," he said today. "I admit I was easy, but I was raised on the same line as this man, and I thought I could trust him. There was another man in the house, and he stood by me. He is ready to swear the money was taken from me. After my supposed friend got the money he disappeared. That was the last I saw of him. Perhaps I shall go to the license inspector and tell him a few things."

"Dick" Wood Dies After Long Illness

Prominent Grocer Was Friend of Children and Loved Outdoors.

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Head of Fuel

cities, and asked for a free and frank discussion.

Mr. McGrath said it was too hot to make speeches, but it was the duty of the commission to get as many suggestions as possible.

The people were interested in the hard coal, the supply and the cost. Owing to the abnormal conditions, the machinery of the world was out of gear.

It had come to the time when the Government must control the situation in Canada had been given over to a certain extent. The fuel supply of Ontario, or better, the fuel supply of the province, all came from the United States.

United States Willing To Help. He had gone over the matter with the Government and its officials, and found them willing to co-operate to the greatest extent. Transportation would be facilitated to the highest degree. The Government had secured H. P. McGee of Pittsburgh, a coal expert, and a man well versed in transportation problems.

He wanted to meet the men interested in the question to get their ideas, and work out a scheme that would be most beneficial to the country. The job was a big one, and the provincial government had co-operated by naming assistants, who would look after the business of the commission.

He was a tremendous demand for coal, owing to the spreading up of industries across the border.

Will Get a Fair Deal. "I am convinced, after my interviews on the other side, that we will be fairly dealt with," said Mr. McGrath. "Our neighbors to the south will do the fair thing. The output may not be what we are used to, but it will be the best that can be done under the circumstances."

GIVES HIS BROTHER A NEEDED TROUNCING

Two brothers, one home on a brief visit, appeared in police court this morning charged with a violent exhibition of "brotherly love" at the home of the Londoner.

When the "smoke of battle" had cleared the elder brother was horsed-out both to the station.

The visiting brother explained to the magistrate that the matter was a family quarrel, and that he was sorry for the trouble.

Both brothers were released, and the visiting brother contributed all the fees for the privilege of appearing in court.

How many lost their lives was not known early this afternoon.

COLORED HORSE-TRAINER HAS MEN IN COURT FOR CRUELTY TO HORSE

Ray Walden and Guy Gray, both colored, appeared in police court today charged with ill-treating a horse owned by Walden, the information having been given to the police by a horse trainer, who resides on Trafalgar street.

Walden, who was according to the evidence, more to blame than Gray, was fined \$5 and costs and Gray \$2 and costs.

Walden admitted he had been drinking and that when the horse started to kick, he hit it with a whip.

The occurrence was in front of Smith's residence on Sunday evening, and the laying of the information by him was done so he could not stand to see a horse abused.

Magistrate Graydon commended him upon his attitude as a master, and said he took the right course.

LIEUT. MCGREGOR IS REPORTED WOUNDED

Word was received Monday by M. C. O. Gardner, of 40 Beaver street, that his son, Lieut. Norman W. McGregor, was wounded in France on July 23rd.

Lieut. McGregor enlisted here with the 135th Battalion, and later was transferred to the 1st Reserve.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE. [Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

October. Open. High. Low. Close. December. 25.95 26.08 25.92 26.01

January. 25.83 25.95 25.88 25.91 March. 25.60 25.70 25.55 25.68

May. 25.42 25.52 25.37 25.45

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. [Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Wheat. Open. High. Low. Close. July. 82.64 82.74 82.64 82.74

August. 82.22 82.32 82.17 82.27

September. 81.63 81.73 81.53 81.63

October. 81.03 81.13 80.93 81.03

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Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. Wait all dealers or send post-pay Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

BOY BABIES ARE IN THE MAJORITY

53 Male Children and 22 Female Reported in July.

For the first time in more than a year baby babies were boys by an overwhelming majority. During the month of July 73 babies were born, of which 53 were boys and 22 girls.

The old adage that the majority of babies born in war time are boys, has not been lived up to, although July did its share. There was a big falling in of babies, but the majority of the babies born in July, 1916, there were 104 reported.

There were 66 deaths, as compared with 62 last July. Of these 12 were over 70 years of age. Eight were infants. Diphtheria caused the deaths of 4 children, and scarlet fever 2. There were seven deaths from tuberculosis, and four from cancer. One person died from pneumonia, and one from typhoid fever. This case came from Port Stanley.

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