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'SWAT THE FLY' HE'S A DANGER TO YOUR LIFE

Medical Men Tell the People How To Exterminate Pest

CLEANLINESS IS FIRST PRINCIPLE

Screen Windows, Cover All Food Then Go After Him

"Health is a thing wealth cannot buy." Health and comfort are the two greatest assets of life, and assuredly the greatest enemy of both during the best season of the year is the common—too common, unfortunately—house and stable fly.

Then swat him. But swatting is an energetic occupation, and the warm weather is conducive to anything but energy, so it is to the advantage of everyone to adopt the easiest way of getting rid of this pest.

St. John's is no more immune from flies than any other city, and its citizens are as anxious as people in any other city to be healthy and comfortable. Medical men have collected information showing just what the fly is and what to do to swat him.

Flies emanate from dirt of any kind. Little eggs laid in a day are wriggling before night, and in four or five days they grow a shell and proceed to produce wings, legs, and every other requisite necessary to the regular equipment.

Rapid Increase They inhabit dirt or anything dirty and multiply at an enormous rate. Entomologists have investigated the multiplication of flies and it is estimated that in four months one fly will produce 5,598,720,000 others.

The insects are never clean. They are agents transmitting disease and have been proven to carry germ of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, cholera, dysentery, and sometimes infantile intestinal diseases and ptomaine poisoning, the two latter originating in fly-infected milk. The little, scaly body are covered with bacteria ranging in number from 550 to 6,000,000 per fly, so that the damage even one insect can do by settling in a room or on food can be imagined.

Swat the Fly Hints for ridding the home of the fly are simple and effective:

Screen all windows and doors with sixteen-mesh wire, screen all food, then swat each fly that puts his head inside the house, or if you do not want the recreation of swatting him, hang up a fly paper. Then keep every place scrupulously clean!

In milk rooms, special care must be taken, and besides the screening, it is well to place saucers of fly poison in different places. The poison that is acknowledged to be very effective can be made by adding to two tablespoonfuls of formalin, a mixture of half a pint of milk and water. Place pieces of bread in each saucer and pour in the poison.

His Hunting Ground But it is in the environs of the house, and not so much inside, that the happy-hunting ground of the fly exists, but even here he can be forced to meet his Nemesis.

Attack the breeding places of the fly. Cover up garbage in tight, covered, metallic cans, disinfected from time to time. Sulphate of iron, kerosene oil, or lime are good disinfectants with which to sprinkle the garbage cans, and the first-named can be used either in solution of 2 lbs. to the gallon, or in the form of the dry sugar.

Where there is a stable, there is added joy for the fly. Keep the stable disinfected with sulphate of iron. The disinfectant is not expensive, as specified above, works out at about one cent per horse.

Putting aside all questions of comfort, for the health question is the most important, there is hardly likely to be any negligence to take all possible precautions, if this little phase is remembered: "Fifth-Flies-Fever-Death."

EXPRESS ARRIVES The express arrived at noon.

LOST OWN LIFE RESCUING SON

Boy Was Saved But The Brave Mother Was Drowned

Montreal, July 13.—Mrs. William J. Laverly, 430 Manca St., Montreal, was drowned yesterday while trying to rescue her 11-year-old son from drowning. The boy had been using water wings in the water, but the wings got out of place and he was in imminent risk of his life. He was saved by Dr. and Mrs. Meighen, of Montreal.

SENT THANKS BY WIRELESS

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught Further Expresses His Appreciation of the Kindly Welcome Given Him by Our People During His Visit Here

Yesterday His Excellency the Governor received, via Cape Race, a wireless message from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, now en route to Quebec on H.M.S. Essex.

"On leaving Newfoundland," wireless H.R.H. "I desire to express to you my cordial appreciation of the hospitality extended to me by Lady Davidson and yourself and to the admirable arrangements made by yourself and staff. Pray again express my sincerest thanks to the people of Newfoundland for the splendid welcome given to me during my visit and for the time and trouble taken in organizing the various receptions. I carry away the pleasantest memories. Last night's illuminations were the culminating point of what was for me a memorable week. We have passed through some hours of fog. All clear now.—ARTHUR."

Governor Davidson immediately had a reply forwarded by wireless saying: "On behalf of all in Newfoundland I tender my respectful thanks for Your Royal Highness's kind message of farewell.

"Your gracious kindness has established Your Highness in the hearts of us all. The hearty send off of last night was a spontaneous expression of public feeling.—DAVIDSON."

INCEMORE WAS FOUND TO BLAME FOR COLLISION

In which She Damaged The Liner Kaiser William On June 17

MADE A MISTAKE IN GIVING SIGNAL

That She Was Stopped When She Was Really Steaming Ahead

London, July 17.—The British Admiralty Court to-day found the British steamer Ince more responsible for the collision of June 17th, with the German liner Kaiser William II., just before the liner left Southampton for New York.

The judge in giving his decision, said he found the Ince more, had made a mistake in giving a signal that she had stopped in a fog, when as a matter of fact she had not stopped. This, he said, had misled those on board the Kaiser, and had caused the collision, which resulted in considerable damage to the German ship.

"AT HOME" ON BOARD THE FRENCH CRUISER

There was an 'At Home' on the French cruiser yesterday afternoon. Among those present were the Governor and Lady Davidson, Premier and Lady Morris, the French Consul, Mr. and Mrs. Tasker Cook.

Portia left Trepassay at 9.15 a.m. She is due at 7 p.m. Prospero left Twillingate at 8.45 a.m.

WORKING HARD TO ACCOMPLISH PEACE IN MEXICO

United States Government Hopes to Bring the Warring Factions Together

AND TO SECURE AN ERA OF QUIET

Trying to Get Emilio Zapata To Lay Down His Arms

Washington, July 18.—Every influence of the diplomatic agencies at the disposal of the United States Government is working for immediate peace in Mexico.

The Washington Administration is convinced that, with the elimination of Huerta, the various factions in Mexico can be quickly drawn together to aid in this and to assure the restoration of normal conditions without further bloodshed. Officials here are exerting themselves to smooth the way for a new and stable Administration of Mexico which shall be recognized by the Powers of the world.

Advising Zapata. Not only is the United States Government counselling General Carranza to arrange with Francisco Carbajal, transfer of the Government of Mexico City to the Constitutionalists without further fighting, but the Administration is indirectly in communication with Emilio Zapata, leader in Southern Mexico.

Zapata, according to reliable reports to the State Department has 24,000 men. They would constitute a serious menace to the new Government of Mexico City if they remained in revolution. It is not known yet, however, whether Zapata will lay down his arms in favor of Carranza. General Huerta, who recently resigned as Provisional President of Mexico armed at Puerto, Mexico, last night accompanied by General Blanquet, his Minister of War.

SUFFRAGETTE SLASHED PICTURE

London, July 17.—A militant suffragette to-day slashed with a butcher's cleaver the portrait of Thomas Carlyle, by Sir John Millais, which hung in the National Gallery.

The woman, who gave her name as Annie Hunt, was arrested.

PRESENTATION TO SHACKLETON

By Queen Alexandra And The Dowager Empress Of Russia

London, July 17.—Queen Alexandra and her sister, the Dowager Empress Maria, of Russia, visited Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic ship, "Endurance" yesterday, presenting him with a Royal Standard and a medallion of Christopher, the Patron Saint of Ferrymen.

BONAVENTURE STUCK IN ICE?

Unusual Quantity Of Ice For the Season is Now Reported

Halifax, July 14.—It is reported that the chartered Government steamer Bonaventure which sailed from Halifax some days ago, is caught in the ice in the Straits of Hudson Bay. Reports of late have indicated unusual conditions in that vicinity this year and it was expected that the passage of steamers to Hudson Bay would be considerably delayed this season.

The Government steamer Minto, sailing for the Hudson Bay with aid to navigation, will not get away from Halifax until the 20th, by which time the passage is expected to be clear of ice.

PROVIDE HOMES FOR WORKMEN

Toronto, July 5.—Mayor Hocken intends to place a proposal before the board of control whereby about 700 acres of suburban land may be purchased by the city and resold to working class citizens in the centre of the city.

This is the step advocated by the Toronto labor men, and is in line with the legislation obtained by the city at the last session of the provincial government.

SIX WERE KILLED IN A COLLISION

Between An Electric Train And a Freighter In Virginia

Norfolk, Va., July 17.—Four men and two women were killed and a number of people injured to-day, when an electric excursion train crashed into a Virginian railway freight train, at a grade crossing near the city.

MORE LIKELIHOOD OF EFFECTING SETTLEMENT

Asquith Gets Into Touch With Unionist Leaders Over Home Rule

SPENT WHOLE DAY IN CONFERENCE

What Government is Understood To Be Willing To Concede

London, July 18.—The Government are making strong efforts to reach a settlement of the Ulster problem.

Two cabinet councils were held yesterday, Premier Asquith had an audience with the King and was in communication with Bonar Law, the Unionist leader, but without definite result.

Negotiations will be continued on Monday, and it is understood that the prospects for an agreement are much improved.

Situation Promising. London, July 18.—Altho' no decided step has been taken which promises a solution of the Irish deadlock the fact that the chief bone of contention is now over the exclusion of the two counties indicates that the parties are at least nearer a basis of settlement.

According to Liberal information the Government have decided to allow voting en bloc by the four counties of Antrim, Down, Londonderry, and Armagh, on the question of exclusion, but Tyrone and Fermanagh are the subjects of dispute, especially the former whose population is 44.6 protestant and 55.4 Catholic.

What It Will Do. It is hinted that the Government may be ready to abandon the time limit in return for the Unionist abandonment of the "Clean Cut" exclusion demand of Ulster. The Council so far absolutely refuse to recede from the demand of the "Clean cut."

A minority of the Ministers, including Churchill, Grey, Harcourt, and the Marquis of Crewe are said to favor a "Clean cut," but the majority led by Asquith with Lloyd George decline to consider it, as being against Redmond's wish.

EXPORT TAX ON FRENCH TITLES?

Paris, July 16.—The suggested taxing of American girls who marry titled foreigners is responsible for the idea that Frenchmen with titles who marry American beauties should be liable to a heavy export duty.

The following scale of taxes is advocated: Duke . . . . . \$1,000,000 Prince . . . . . 500,000 Marquis . . . . . 250,000 Baron . . . . . 150,000 Count . . . . . 100,000

PRISONERS SIGN PETITION AGAINST LIQUOR

Seventy Per Cent. Say That Strong Drink Caused Their Ruin

STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST TRAFFIC

Many Prisoners Offer To Give Testimony Before Any Commission

Philadelphia, July 16.—Out of a total of 1,478 prisoners confined in the Eastern Penitentiary, 1,008 have signed a petition which will be submitted to the next legislature, asking State-wide prohibition.

The petition is probably the strongest sociological argument ever made against the liquor traffic. Without a word or even a suggestion from Warden McKenty, the prisoners confined signed their names and in many instances volunteered to go before a legislative committee and tell how the drink has wrecked their lives.

The vote was taken on Independence Day and has just been made public. On each petition was an appeal to make Independence Day memorable by signing the petition.

Unique Document. "It is a unique and the most manly document ever sent from a penal institution," was the terse comment of Warden McKenty last night. "It is an appeal to decent men serving in the legislature to come to the aid of men unfortunate confined in the institution. Seventy per cent of the prisoners claim that their downfall is due to rum. It is certainly a wonderful argument against the liquor traffic."

Prison Paper Starts Crusade. Three months ago the Empire, the little paper published by the convicts started a crusade against drink. Letters began to flow in telling the personal stories of prisoners, who claimed that were it not for whiskey they would not now be serving time in prison.

The editor of the paper, himself a convict, was so impressed with the letter that he drafted a petition and sent it around the prison for signatures.

He said tonight: "I am greatly pleased with results. It proves, and conclusively too, that the great majority of state prison convicts were brought to ruin through the saloon evil. If the legislature desires evidence we are ready to supply witnesses. Think of it! 70 p.c. of the men here assert that rum caused their downfall. Think of the wrecked homes, broken hearted mothers, wives and sisters."

The Empire's editor has a bulk of letters that relate the personal experiences of convicts. Here is one written by a man serving ten years:

Writes His Experience. "I am serving a long sentence for manslaughter. Years ago I became involved in a saloon fight. One man was killed. My dear wife was forced to suffer a worse fate. She has struggled along with the little ones while I have been locked up. Her heart is broken, but good woman that she is, she keeps up the struggle for existence. Rum caused my downfall. Why should the sociologists and so-called earned men who are interested in penology go outside a prison for facts? The facts may be obtained in any penal institution.

Another prisoner writes: "I have signed the petition. I only wish that some strong man in the legislature will push the bill for state-wide prohibition through. Any man with a spark of Christian charity in his heart should visit this institution, hear the stories of prisoners and then go out and swat the saloon keeper."

An interesting phase of the vote concerns the women prisoners. Thirty-three out of a total of thirty-five were requested to sign the petition. Not one refused and many volunteered to appear before a legislative committee and offer evidence in support of the argument that the liquor traffic is responsible for 70 p.c. of crime.

French Warship Leaves

The French warship Friant sails for St. Pierre and the Banks this afternoon.

NEW PASTOR AT JUBILEE CHURCH

What Sydney Record Has To Say of the Rev. J. W. Bartlett

Rev. J. W. Bartlett, the new pastor of Jubilee Methodist Church, made his initial appearance in the pulpit yesterday, speaking with genuine eloquence, and he made a favorable impression on his congregation. The Rev. Mr. Bartlett comes as the ablest speaker the Newfoundland Methodist church possesses.

BOXING MANIA GRIPS LONDON

And Pulpit and Press Deplore the Revival of This Form of Sport, Especially the Patronage Accorded it by Members of the Fair Sex

London, July 18.—The revival of prize boxing with the keen interest displayed by both sexes in the recent encounter is evoking much comment from press and platform.

These contests have undoubtedly been featured by the press to an unusual extent. So eager have people been to gain admittance that prices have ranged from one to fifty dollars.

Speakers at the Wesleyan Methodist Conference at Leeds deplored the revival of pugilism and the especially the feminine patronage accorded it. The Daily News editorially referring to the pugilistic mania declared that it was time to protest when the profession was the subject of a report from the King and when the Times devoted a column to it.

SIR GEO. FOSTER IS COMING HERE

Ottawa July 18.—Sir George Foster leaves on Tuesday for Rimouski to welcome to the Dominion the Royal Commission and accompany them to Newfoundland. A Government steamer will be provided for the trip.

MERSEY DOCKS STRIKE EXTENDS

London, July 18.—The latest development in the Mersey Dock strike occurred its members to refuse to handle goods touched by the "blacklegs" on or after Monday.

The intervention of the carters would seriously extend the dispute.

ENDOWS CHAIR AT DALHOUSIE

Halifax, July 18.—The Governors of Dalhousie College have announced the gift of \$30,000 from Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Campbell for a chair of anatomy as a memorial to their late son Dr. Campbell.

A further sum of \$30,000 will be provided by Dr. Campbell to make the fund complete.

PICTURE OF DUKE FOR INSTITUTE

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught before his departure left his signed portrait with His Excellency the Governor as a gift to the King George the Fifth Seamen's Institute. It will be placed in the Grenfell Hall with those of Their Majesties the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, and H.R.H. Prince Albert.

SHOULD BE PUNISHED

Early this morning some persons deposited three loads of refuse, including a quantity of cod heads, in the old railway yard, Fort William. On "clean up" day the R. N. Co. had the place cleaned, but now it is as bad as ever. Some effort should be made to ascertain the guilty parties, and they should be prosecuted.

Perhaps the R. N. Co. might fence off the place which would prevent a repetition of this morning's act. It is useless for any individual or company to keep the city clean if such conduct is permitted.

WERE ARRESTED FOR FLYING OVER PANAMA CANAL

Journalists Were Seeking Material For a Magazine Article

ON POSSIBILITY OF DESTROYING CANAL

By Dropping Explosives On It From a Flying Machine—Action a Surprise

San Francisco, July 16.—For the first time in the history of the U.S., a charge of violating the War Department rules by photographing government fortification has been filed here by U.S. District Attorney John A. Preston, acting on instructions are Charles K. Field, editor of Sunset Magazine, Robert J. Fowler, an aviator, Ray S. Dunham, a photographer and Riley S. Scott, a writer.

The arrests were caused by the publication in the magazine of an article bearing the title "Can the Panama Canal be destroyed from the Air" written by Scott and illustrated with photographs taken by Dunham showing the fortifications on the island of Naos at the Pacific end of the canal.

All the defendants are astonished at their arrest and each has declared they had no intention of violating any law of the States or of divulging any of Uncle Sam's secrets. The penalty is given in the statutes as ten years' imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, if the disclosures in violation of the law are made in foreign countries, or \$1,000 if they are made in the United States.

President Wilson recently issued an executive order making it a crime for aeroplanes to fly over the canal zone.

LOTS OF PEOPLE AFTER FORTUNE

Of Man Who Recently Died Leaving Estate of \$6,000,000 Unwilled

Montpellier, France, July 15.—The inhabitants of the little village of Fraissinet-de-Fourques are in a state of feverish excitement over the news that a former resident of the village named Combemale, who left many years ago to seek his fortune, had recently died in California without issue leaving an estate valued at 30,000,000 francs (\$6,000,000).

There are many families of that name in the region, and all are searching among their private papers and the public records for some evidence by which to establish their relationship, with the object of setting up a claim for the millions.

HAS CONTRACT TO BUILD BANK

G. W. Barrett, who has been in Newfoundland for the past month returned home Saturday. Mr. Barrett returns to Curling to-morrow where he will superintend the construction of a building for the Bank of Montreal.

The bank has had two wooden buildings destroyed by fire, the last one being burned shortly before completion. The new building will cost \$20,000 and will be of concrete. Mr. Barrett secured the position in competition and is now receiving the congratulations of friends on his success.

The building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of the winter.—Sydney Record.

SOME FISHERMAN

Mr. O. W. French, of Boston, who spent a day fishing at Salmonier, landed 31 splendid fish.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Fresh South West early winds, a few scattered showers, but partly fair and warm, to-day and on Sunday.