

The Fulton County News

McConnellsburg, Pa.

THE SLEEP OF FISHES.

Experiments have been made in an English aquarium with regard to the sleep of fishes, says Harper's Weekly. It is necessary to remember that sleep is the rest of the brain, and that the need of it will be in proportion to the animal's cerebral activity. Now the brain of a fish is ridiculously small in relation to the actual size of the animal. It is merely a double row of tiny protuberances, with a leaf-like portion corresponding to the cerebellum of other animals. Since they have so little brain tissue, the waste to be repaired by sleep is slight among fishes. The result of careful experiments has shown that among fresh water fishes the roach, dace, gudgeon, carp, tench and minnow are known to sleep periodically, like land animals; among marine fishes the wrasse, conger eel, dory, dogfish, bass and all flat fish do the like, while the goldfish, pike and angler fish never sleep, but rest periodically. Fish seem to have no preference for the night as their sleeping time. A naturalist traveling from Constantinople to London in a small schooner reported that one morning he noticed a pilot fish a few inches from the side of the vessel, swimming so steadily that it seemed to be attached to one particular spot. All day long it remained there, neither advancing nor lagging behind, and so it happened for several days. Then came a gale of wind, and the vessel was separated from its little companion. It was evident that the fish could not have slept during all this time, as the vessel was sailing quite rapidly. The captain, moreover, asserted that he had known a pilot fish to accompany a vessel thus for more than a fortnight.

England has suddenly awakened to a realization of the fact that 95 per cent of Canadian post-graduate students go to American or German universities to complete their education. Naturally she wonders why such a situation exists. Are not Oxford and Cambridge the equals of any foreign institutions? They are, indeed, but they take no particular pains to let any one know it, says the Boston Transcript. Clinging to their old conservative traditions, they are about a century behind the rest of the world in the matter of publicity, and have never been known to set forth the opportunities they offer for advanced work. On the other hand, foreign universities not only advertise themselves extensively, but they even grant fellowships to post-graduate students, often awarding them on the nomination of the college sending the student.

The report that a disease resembling trichina is rife this year among the deer in northern Wisconsin is not likely to whet the public's appetite for venison. If it co-operates with the game law in giving the deer a chance for their lives, it may be beneficial in two directions—first in conserving the deer and second in reducing the mortality among Wisconsin hunters, for the smaller the crowd of men with guns that goes into the northern woods, the fewer will be the fatal accidents whose victims are human beings. Indians say that the disease now prevailing among the deer broke out seventy winters ago, and killed many deer and many Indians. To make the flesh of deer harmless it should be well cooked.

Eighty-nine people have been killed and over 850 injured in automobile accidents in New York city since the first of the year. It is an appalling sacrifice to something which is a luxury not a necessity of life, and the more appalling since the majority of such accidents are avoidable. It is time that accident-prevention, as well as fire-prevention, be introduced in all large communities, on the principle that what is avoidable, need not occur.

While it is very well that all reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of rabies, it is not at all desirable that the public should be worked up into a frenzy on the subject. For every authenticated case of rabies there are scores and perhaps hundreds of cases of nervousness simulating the reputed symptoms of that dread disease, which, indeed, is so rare that there still are very intelligent people who are unconvinced that it exists.

Possibly the clergyman who says a successful business man cannot be honest has been speculating in Wall street.

A clergyman refers to Adam and Eve as models. Up to a certain episode they certainly did pose in the nude.

Arabs in Tunis are getting restless, feeling that their kindred in Tripoli are showing a better batting average.

Jim Hill is right. Land fertility should be conserved. Future generations will want a little something to eat.

Up near Green Bay a locomotive killed a bear which was tired of life and had no faith in the regular hunters.

Speaking of heroines, an American helmsman has married a European prince in order to reform him.

AMERICAN MEAT PACKERS BARRED

British Action Against Those Under Prosecution.

AN IMMENSE LOSS IN TRADE

British Government's Decision Due To Opposition Of The Labor and Radical Members Of Parliament To American Trusts.

London.—The British government has decided to exclude all the American meat packers against whom prosecutions have been instituted in the United States from tendering for contracts for the supply of meat to the British army and navy pending the settlement of the suits.

The agents in the British Isles of the prominent American meatpackers, who have, up to now, secured large government contracts for the supply of meats to the army and navy, have received the following notification from the War Office:

"Pending the ultimate result of the legal proceedings in the United States against certain meat-packing firms, it has been decided by the British government that none of the firms involved shall be invited to tender for army supplies."

The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and advanced radical members of Parliament to the American trusts.

The contracts given out by the War Office, which had hitherto been secured by American firms, are now expected to go to Argentine meat packers.

It was explained by officials of the War Office that the government action was in accordance with its regular policy. In case any company with which the government dealt became involved in serious litigation the government immediately refrained from giving contracts to that company until the litigation continued.

There is little doubt that the Admiralty will follow in the same lines as the War Office. The War Office usually gives contracts for short terms inviting monthly tenders from the contractors, while the Admiralty usually asks for tenders for long periods.

OVER \$15,000,000 A YEAR.

The Contracts Of American Packers With British Army.

Chicago.—J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., said that the contracts of the indicted American packers with the British Army, estimated roughly, had amounted to between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually.

Mr. Armour said he had no idea whether other countries contemplated actions similar to that taken by England.

"During the Boer War and on one or more other occasions," said Mr. Armour, "the contracts of the American packers with England amounted to more than \$20,000,000 annually, if I remember correctly. These figures, however, are simply rough estimates, made offhand."

Alfred R. Urion, of counsel for Armour & Co., after a conference with the concern's officials, said:

"Great Britain's action cut off our largest market for canned meats, which amounted to millions of pounds annually. There is thus lost a market for these products which cannot be made up in any way."

Three Burned To Death.

Johnstown, Pa.—The home of Fred Dorian, near South Fork, took fire just before midnight and three of their children—ten, eight and three years old—were burned to death. Louis Dorian, the eldest son, was awakened by smoke and secured a brother and one sister, but in going through a window cut the arteries of his right wrist so severely he was unable to save the others.

Uncle Sam Sells Sealions.

Washington.—The entire catch of fur seals of the Pribilof Islands killed by agents of the American Bureau of Fisheries during the season just closed, amounting to about 13,000 skins, was sold in London at about the same average price which the skins brought a year ago, when \$250,000 for a similar number was turned into the United States Treasury. The sale was conducted under the supervision of Commissioner Bowers, of the Bureau of Fisheries, who briefly called the result to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel.

Statehood For Christmas Gift.

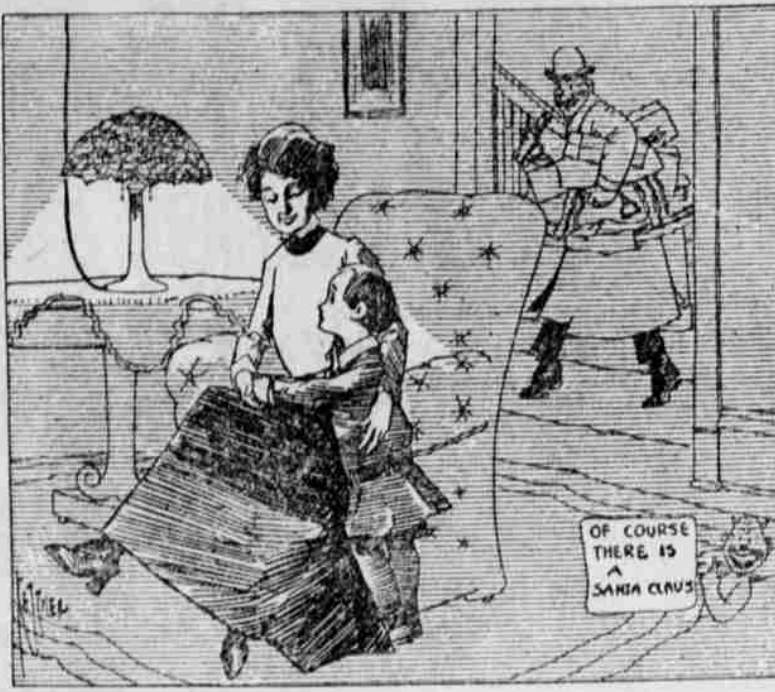
Santa Fe, N. M.—Statehood as a Christmas present is the likelihood if present plans mature. The official canvassing board completed the count of Santa Fe and Sierra counties and hope to have its final report ready by Wednesday and in President Taft's hands by December 24, so that he can issue the statehood proclamation for Christmas and enable Governor-elect McDonald and the 15 other state officers to be inaugurated January 1.

Appendicitis At Nine Weeks.

Pittsburgh.—Regie Canevin McKinney, aged 9 weeks, was operated upon at Mercy Hospital here for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. George L. Hays. The child is a son of William McKinney, of Homestead, who underwent a similar operation recently. The little one is reported resting easily and recovery is expected.

That man may clothe himself in their fur 70,000,000 animals are killed every year.

MOTHER, IS THERE REALLY A SANTA CLAUS?



THE WAY TO END TRUSTS

Clearly Define Law and Enforce It, Says Brandeis.

NO NATURAL MONOPOLIES

Testifying Before Senate Committee, Boston Lawyer Declares That Competition, Like Liberty, Should Be Regulated.

Washington.—Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, advocated before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee the La Follette bill designed to supplement the Sherman Anti-trust Law. Answering the exponents of government control of monopolistic corporations, Mr. Brandeis declared there was no such thing as a natural monopoly in industry. If the law prohibiting the practices through which existing great combines grew up should be clearly defined and enforced, he said, no trusts would arise in the future.

"Supporters of the La Follette bill," he said, "believe in competition in industry on economic, social and political grounds. They agree that only unreasonable restraints of trade should be prohibited. But they believe the law is inadequate, difficult of application and unsatisfactory in its remedy. They propose to let the law remain, but to supplement it with provisions remedying these defects.

"There are no natural monopolies in industry. Even the Oil Trust got control by ruthless and unconscionable violations of law by criminal rebating, bribery and corruption, which brought it wealth with which to destroy competitors by price-cutting and like practices. The Steel Trust acquired control, not through greater efficiency, but by buying plants and ore supplies at fabulous prices. Not one industrial monopoly is a natural growth."

Mr. Brandeis contended that it would be impracticable for the government to fix the selling price for monopoly products because of the absence of data to determine what would constitute a reasonable return on capital.

"Mr. Brandeis declared that competition, like liberty, should be regulated least it lead to monopoly and unrestrained liberty leads to oligarchy. He said he favored the strengthening of the Sherman law by the adoption of the La Follette bill and its amendments recently introduced in the Senate.

The United States Steel Corporation came in for criticism. Mr. Brandeis declared its action in "paying Andrew Carnegie three times the value of his plant" merely amounted to a bribe to get Mr. Carnegie out of the steel business.

LAUGHED HERSELF TO DEATH.

Telling Funny Stories Fatal To a New York Woman.

New York.—Mrs. Anna Sperber laughed herself to death while calling on her friend, Mrs. Catherine Phillips. The two women had been telling funny stories and Mrs. Sperber had been laughing loudly at her friend's jokes, when suddenly she sank back unconscious.

Mrs. Phillips ran downstairs to the street and found Patrolman Conlon, who sent for an ambulance, but when a physician from Bellevue Hospital arrived Mrs. Sperber was dead.

VOTED AND FELL DEAD.

Tinkle Of Bell Was Deathknell For Prince.

Pittsfield, Mass.—With the faint tinkle of the bell which announced that his vote had been cast, William M. Prince, aged 77, Republican leader and prominent business man of this city, staggered from the ballot box, clasped his hands to his head and fell dead to the floor of the booth.

FIRE SWEEPS TOWN.

Matewan Has Loss Of Over \$100,000 Today.

Huntington, W. Va.—The town of Matewan, in Mingo county, W. Va., was swept by a fire that destroyed a large portion of the business district, with a loss of more than \$100,000. This was the second disastrous fire within a year.

France had 114,283 silkworm growers last year.

CONVENTION CITY WILL BE CHICAGO

National Committee Carries Out Taft Program.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEE HEAD

Forecast Of The Proceedings At Chicago Where The Convention Will Be Held—Delegates To Be Selected In The Same Old Way

Washington.—The Republican National Convention will meet in Chicago on Tuesday, June 18.

The convention will probably last four days. After the formal meeting of the National Committee on Monday, at which the temporary officers of the convention are selected, and the preliminary roll of delegates is prepared, the convention will enter on its work on Tuesday. The first day's work is limited to the address of the temporary chairman, the calling of the roll, the election of the permanent officers and the address of the permanent chairman. This latter address is the notable feature of the day, for it is always regarded as the "keynote" speech of the coming campaign. Committees are appointed and other perfunctory motions are made and adopted, but the business of Tuesday's session is the organization of the convention.

Wednesday's session is devoted to the platform. Ordinarily there are two sessions on Wednesday, a morning session meeting at 10 o'clock and an afternoon session meeting at 2 o'clock and adjourning as soon as the platform has been perfected and adopted.

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