

WOLVERINE NOW NEARLY EXTINGUISHED

(By the Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—The Sierra Nevada wolverine, known as the "mountain lion," and famed for his fierce and bloodthirsty disposition, is making his last stand in the high Sierras, according to Walter Fry, head of the nature guide service, Sequoia National Park, California. The wolverine, Mr. Fry says, is being killed off by man his natural enemy, and by his own gluttonous habit of killing and eating the porcupine. The latter's quills penetrate the wolverine's intestines, causing him a death of agony in from seven to ten days.

"The wolverine," says Mr. Fry, "is by far the largest and most formidable of the weasel family. It is a strong, heavy-bodied animal, seldom weighing more than 125 pounds, or exceeding 22 inches in height or 40 inches in length. The wolverine, commonly speaking, is not an aggressive animal, but will fight desperately when attacked, or for the care of its young."

It is known to be such that as a great, dying, if never, but never falling back. He fights as long as a single spark of life remains.

"Mountain lion, bear, and mountain coyotes, whether coming singly or collectively upon a wolverine, seem to fully realize his ferociousness and quickly give way to his path. The wolverine not only expels the larger animals to leave him alone, but requires them to give up their own prey and permit him to satisfy his voracious appetite. I have witnessed him mane leave a carcass when a wolverine appeared, giving him free rein to devour the remains."

"The wolverine has no winning bursts of speed to catch his food supply, nor has he the gift of stalking his quarry. His lack of speed and skill has forced the animal to be a scavenger and eat anything in the way of flesh that is captured or found dead. He often follows the trap lines of fur trappers, eating or destroying the catches, bats, and, at times dragging away the traps."

"He will invade a ranger's or trapper's cabin by tearing a hole through the roof or side-wall, destroy the food contents, and what he cannot eat or carry away, he will destroy in a manner that renders the food unfit for use. He will expend a surprising amount of labor in carrying off and burying foodstuffs and articles for which he has no use."

"However, despite the destructive nature of the wolverine, Mr. Fry says the animal should not be exterminated. He argues that steps be taken immediately for the animal's protection. He says:

"These animals have played an important part in helping to save the larger game animals during the attacks of contagious diseases by consuming as food the dead and sick animals, thus preventing the spread of the contagion. At their present rate of extinction they will soon go down and out and will join in history the mastodon and mammoth of the past."

American Products Find Growing Market in Japan

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, July 28.—The growing popularity in Japan for foreign shoes and clothing has opened up a new market for American goods and machinery. American representatives here are doing an increasing business. Some years ago Japanese society, following the lead of the Empress and ladies of the court, adopted European dress, but latterly, although the court continues its use on state occasions, the women of Japan have returned largely to their picturesque kimono and obi as more becoming.

On the other hand, they are dressing their boys and girls in foreign dress as it is easier to keep clean and gives the children greater freedom of action in their sports. Several of the big shoe factories, including those at the army and navy arsenals, are installing shoe machinery to take the place of hand labor. Some of them had this machinery before, but it had fallen into disuse and is being reinstalled.

There also is a big demand for spinning machinery, but the manufacturers are holding off for the present, as they consider that too long credits are being asked.

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WASHINGTON CITIES ABOLISH FIREWORKS

(By the Associated Press)

SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.—A movement to do away with fireworks in Spokane has been initiated by the Chamber of Commerce and is now being considered by the city commission. The commissioners expect to vote on a proposed ordinance within a few weeks, if it is said.

C. T. Fredericks, chairman of the fire and accident committee of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced the measure, declaring that Spokane would follow the lead of Portland and Seattle in prohibiting the sale or use of fireworks in celebration of the Fourth of July.

The committee failed to get across a similar proposal last year, but it is felt that a vote can be had this year as a result of the death of a little girl from burns caused by fireworks. Two of the city commissioners are quoted in definite approval of the movement.

Modern Churches Overstocked With Pulpit Repertoire

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 28.—The modern church is too often overstocked with pulpit repertoire," Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the United States, declared recently in addressing the Baptist World Alliance on the topic "The Home Churches and the Mission Board Facing the Future."

"We are tempted to talk about too many things which we may well leave to the paragraphs of the newspapers, to the writers of cheap novels, to the politicians and the good-bay orators," the speaker continued. "Christ crucified for sinners is our message, and this spoken with plainness and passion illustrated in life and ordinance will give us secure mortgage on the future."

"Foreign mission work is the greatest task of our denomination today. The true apostolic endeavor is not in facing toward the apostles with history as a guide, but in facing toward a lost world with the New Testament as a chart. We shall ground our witness in a divine authority and make it effectual by making our appeal not to the historic past but to the ever-living and ever-present word, and by applying it to the needs and problems which are before us."

"The Baptists of the world today must set themselves to the task of world missions, and in this attitude endeavor rightly relate themselves to the future or be false to the best things in their history. If we want great churches at home we must set before them great and holy tasks."

"What is the future to be faced? The future before any people is never something which comes from nowhere. It is always the lengthened shadow of glory of the past. Today is time's conjunction with which it connects into one sentence of history our yesterdays and our tomorrows. The world faces a future which religion has colored by its culture and its successes, its faiths and its heresies, its deeds and its doctrines. The religious questions, tasks, problems, and issues of the future have their pedigree in the religious systems, cults and creeds of Christianity, therefore, an opportunity to correct its own mistakes and benefit by the failures of other religions, and to finish its unfulfilled tasks."

"We must, therefore, in the first place, to deal effectively with the world situation which confronts us, face our future with a spiritual temper, the missionary abandon, the uncalculating faith and the absolute contempt for personal hazard which have characterized the people who in the past have borne our name and by which these have subdued kingdoms and wrought righteousness."

"Again, the home churches and boards must dispatch to the foreign fields men with the missionary message and who will wield the sword of the spirit with a gallant courage. We should know this message by heart. If we do not yet know after 2,000 years exactly what the Christian missionary message is, our state is full of pity. We have no mission if we have no message."

Ordinarily I am not curious or inquisitive, but I have wondered many times what was under some of the marcel waves I have seen, says Tom Wash.

Says English Are Not A Dull, Peopless People

By LUTHER A. HUSTON, International News Service Staff Correspondent

LONDON, July 28.—This stuff about England's being dull and the English people so slow and phlegmatic that they verge upon the stupid is all wrong, in the opinion of Sir Sidney Low, one of Great Britain's most versatile writers.

The English are not dull or stupid, Sir Sidney says, and their land is bright and merry and full of possibilities for amusement.

The appearance in London of a play in which some of the alleged conventional peculiarities of the traditional Englishman are satirized drew a defense of his countrymen from Sir Sidney. The fact that a traditional American satirized in the same play is passed over lightly by him. After paying a little attention to the prevailing French idea of the English, Sir Sidney turned to the American viewpoint and said:

"Our kinfolk beyond the ocean are impressed by another of our deficiencies. We are not only dull but likewise slow. We don't get a move on! Our work may be solid, trustworthy, sound; but we spend too much time over it; we are ultra-conservative; we lack the priceless gifts of hustle and pep."

"That the way we talk, too; it takes an Englishman as long to jerk out a monosyllabic sentence as it would take an American to make a Fourth of July oration. An Englishman is thinking about doing something while an American is doing it."

"I will not say there is any conventional criticism of our friends from abroad; but most of it is mere convention, and a great deal of it is wildly, even ludicrously wrong."

"The English are not dull people, nor are they a sad or solemn people. It was Merric England in the olden time, and on the whole, in spite of all its cares and trials and discontents, I think it is Merry England still. While of all the nations of the earth plays so constantly and so variously as the English?"

"Others have taken to our sports and sometimes beat us at them, but they are apt to make them a business rather than a jolly game, as we do. We can fashion a game out of anything—of our politics, our business, our private and public troubles, our triumphs and reverses."

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enough. Heaven knows it could not be taken lightly by any body. Yet we managed to meet it smiling, and we kept some spice of humor in it to the end.

"We play in between our gravest concerns," the statesmen get a round of golf while the fate of nations is in the scales. They do it at solemn conferences, as at Cannes, where Lloyd George took M. Briand out on the links. The French were a little scandalized, 'frivolous' they exclaimed. Possibly. Compared to the French or the Italians or the Irish, I think the English are a little frivolous, but frivolity is not dullness."

"London, the foreigner is told, is a dull capital. I wonder what the teller means? I do not know any other great city where a man may amuse himself more freely. Our theatres and music halls are more numerous than those of Paris and are cleaner, brighter, better kept and more attractive. It is true the plays are not always of the first quality, nor are those of Paris, Berlin or New York. If you want to dance you can have every facility. You do your steps in the most select and exclusive company at the club, where you will see princes and duchesses take the floor, and assist at a cabaret show that is daring and clever, without the slightest trace of vulgarity; or you can go to a suburban resort, where you pay a small sum for admission, and hire yourself a partner for sixpence."

"There are, of course, night clubs in London—as elsewhere—that are not exactly Sunday Schools. But I doubt if there is any other capital where one can dance so often and, on the whole, so pleasantly and decorously at club, hotel or hall. And you may cheer yourself with a little fermented liquor without breaking the law or paying for the stuff as if it were cement rubies."

Having demonstrated that the English are not dullards who take no pleasure as they pass down life's vale of tears, Sir Sidney proceeded to tell why it is that so many of them seem to be that way.

"The English are not dull or stupid, though they are a little inexpressive, which is, why foreigners sometimes think us cold and stiff," he said. "In reality we are extremely sentimental. But we shrink from putting our emotions into speech and cultivate an excessive reticence. We do not enjoy conversation and conduct it in indolent or

stagnant fashion. We get hold of some verbal cliché and apply it indiscriminately. 'Ripping,' or something of that kind, will serve alike to convey the feeling aroused by a good cigar or by the Nile sunset, trailing its banners of crimson and gold over Tut-Akh-Amen's tomb.

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Pioneer Days Recalled.
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Cullaby's grandfather was said to have been in a wreck on the coast. He married a Tillamook Indian girl. The mound beside Cullaby lake was their home, and the salmon came in through the Neacum and Wahlanu rivers at that time, furnishing trapping for the family. Cullaby prepared his own grave beside the lake before he died of tuberculosis, a city that has gone to sleep.

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Court Adjourns August 1.
SALISBURY, Ore., July 28.—Members of the supreme court will enter upon their annual vacation August 1, according to an announcement made here today. The court will resume consideration of cases September 1.

It was said today the court will hand down a number of important opinions prior to adjournment last month. Among the opinions will be one involving the elimination from the ballot of the state income tax law referendum measure sponsored by the Oregon Income Tax Referendum League.

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