

EPIZOOTIC IS BLAMED AGAIN

**Professor Believes Foot
and Mouth Disease Ex-
terminated Three-Toed
Horses.**

SPOKANE, Wash., (AP).—The theory that the prehistoric three-toed horse, known to have roamed the American continent in great numbers at one time, may have been exterminated by the foot and mouth disease has been advanced by Professor T. A. Bonser, curator of the Spokane public museum and head of the department of biology at the North Central high school here. According to Mr. Bonser the only logical explanation of the animal's complete extinction is that an epizootic swept over the entire continent.

"We know that the foot and mouth disease is highly contagious," Mr. Bonser said. "On the other hand, we know of no animal malady that might effect the destruction of an entire species of animals of this type. We have no way to determine exactly what this malady was, but we know that the conditions were favorable for its spread, and the theory that the cause was the

foot and mouth disease is easily tenable.

"When the white man came to America there were no horses here. The Indians had no legends to indicate that they had ever known of such an animal. Still we know that once horses were abundant on this continent and particularly in the Indian Empire."

Abundant fossil remains found in this region indicate that the three-toed horse once thrived in the Indian Empire, Mr. Bonser said.

Palestine Exhibits Show Much Versatility

LONDON, (INS).—One of the most interesting exhibits at the British Empire Exhibition, which opened at Wembley Park in April, is the Palestine Pavilion, where the extent to which Jews of the world have succeeded in establishing a national home in the ancient land of their fathers is portrayed.

Sharp contrast between the ancient and the modern is seen in the Palestine Pavilion. One of the features is a booth where Yeminite Jews produce filigree jewelry similar in type to that found in tombs dating back to early days of Bible history. At another booth in a model of the modern power station at Tel Aviv, while still another demonstrates the process of making alkali bricks from sand.

Palestine's agricultural resources are on exhibition in the form of an imposing display of the various

cereals grown in the country. Palestine oranges had the honor of being the first to appear on the exhibition grounds, the season being earlier there than in South Africa.

The chemical section of the government geological exhibit focuses attention on the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea, which, it is estimated, contains potash deposits worth \$40,000,000,000.

MARRIAGE QUICKLY ENDS THIRTY YEAR ROMANCE

CINCINNATI, O. (INS).—After thirty years a courtship which began in childhood landed on a reef here recently when Mrs. Ida Mae Hobson, forty-one, obtained a divorce from Frederick Hobson.

"I met Hobson when I was only nine years old," Mrs. Hobson told the court. "He courted me until four years ago, when I finally consented to marry. Our happiness was short lived. He deserted me evenings, and I spent every holiday alone."

Extreme cruelty was the charge upon which the decree was granted. Hobson did not appear in court.

Gibbons Develops Punch.

CHICAGO, (AP).—Tommy Gibbons, 31, Paul light heavyweight, who meets Georges Carpentier, French ring idol, at Michigan City, Ind., May 31, is developing a short punch he believes will puzzle the Frenchman. He tried it Tuesday in workouts of two rounds each with sparring partners.

MORONS FILL LEADING JOBS

**"It Is to Laugh," Says
New York Psychiatrist
in Commenting on Con-
ditions.**

(By MARGHERY REX)

NEW YORK (INS).—The Little Red Hen was a moron.

"Remember?" In the nursery rhyme it was the Little Red Hen who said "I will" when various asked who would attend to her chores. She did all the work of her world.

She must have been a moron, since we lately learn that—

"Most of the work of the world is being done by people who grade less than morons."

Authority for the statement is Dr. William A. White, head of St. Elizabeth's hospital, a government institution at Washington for mental cases. Dr. White told the Mental Hygiene conference, in session at Buffalo, that the moron is a high grade type of person with a wide range of possibilities, needing nothing but a few lessons to make him what you might call a world beater.

More men and women, presumably of this class, should be trained in medicine and hygiene so they could fill plenty of \$10,000 jobs which are simply crying their eyes out to be filled, take it from Dr. White.

Sees Dr. White as Jester

But Dr. Gregory Stagnell, of this city, prominent psychiatrist, thinks Dr. White is fooling. Thinks he means that people in \$10,000 jobs aren't morons, but simply act like morons.

"Ten thousand dollars' indicates executive jobs," says Dr. Stagnell. "Morons can't be executives. They have no initiative. They must take orders."

As far as big business goes, morons just haven't the head for it, Dr. Stagnell insists.

"They have no initiative because they don't possess cerebral function."

"Morons can do things under direction. They are good at work which we call 'duplicative,' that is, work which through repetition tends to become automatic."

"Dr. White must have been joking. I know him and have been talking to him lately and I am sure knowing him as I do, that he could not have said that seriously. He must have been speaking figuratively, meaning that most people do their work in a moronish fashion."

"Of course, if a person of great potentialities does not use them, a moron could do his work as well."

What a Moron Is

Moron, meaning a feeble-minded person of higher intelligence than an imbecile, is a perfectly good scientific word which is much misused in slang sense. Dr. Stagnell protests. He says that a Dr. Goodard, who has been conducting some work with the feeble-minded in a Pennsylvania colony, reports that they show only adolescent intelligence and are not able to get up and do things for themselves, much less draw \$10,000 a year salary.

For example, Dr. Stagnell cites the ability of morons who can work in carriage and auto factories but who could not drive a car, a job which requires dexterity and quick wits.

Morons doing work is no news to any observing person. Still it is difficult when a waitress asks you six times if you want tea or coffee to think she is even a moron of the better sort. A worthwhile moron need ask only three or four times to get the idea.

Repetition is always the mark of an industrial moron and it should be, since duplicative work is their forte.

Few Examples

Since there are supposed to be so many morons in the world, and since they are said to be popular, they must mean the same thing as mediocrity which the ages say promises sure-fire success. Working morons, however, do not annoy us nearly as much as those whose talents are not under the direction of a foreman.

For instance, there is the moron who asks on a rainy morning, "Did you order this cold spring weather? I'd send it back and get them to return the money if I were you?" On second thoughts we may be doing the morons a great wrong. That sort of remark is the special prerogative of the low grade imbecile, probably copied from the complete idiot.

Another instance of the working moron is the person who cries in a rising elevator "Three out!" The "out" is a greater puzzle than the most spookily staged mystery play.

But according to Dr. White, employers simply are gluttons for morons on the payroll. As far as lack of cerebral action goes, the bosses must have moron of it all the time.

MAGNETIC LANDING FIELD FOR AIRPLANE TESTED

LONDON, (INS).—Magnetic landing fields for airplanes are foreseen by Prof. A. M. Low, noted British scientist.

Airplanes of the future, Prof. Low predicts, will be able to use a landing place but little bigger than their own dimensions by landing on "magnetic" ground, which will pull the plane to rest as a magnet attracts nails. In the event of magnetic landing fields being found impractical for all purposes, Prof. Low says, the problem of landing in a small space will be solved by electric air brakes.

The day is not far distant, Prof. Low believes, when a swift, safe plane will be obtainable for \$250.

SEA DOGS OF GERMAN NAVY TURN GLADLY TO FARMING

KIEL, Germany (AP).—Former German naval officers to the number of 145 have become farmers. The land apparently has had a stronger call than might have been expected in the case of seafaring men. Eight of these officers became farmers in foreign lands, and the remainder are in the German republic. They are said to be happy.

There were 2800 commissioned officers in the German navy when the war began. Of these 547 were killed and 462 were retained in the navy, which now consists of only a slight coast defense. Consequently 1691 officers had to seek new vocations. One officer only got a foreign naval job; he became a commander in the Paraguayan navy.

Banks and financial institutions gave employment to 38 ex-officers and a similar number went into municipal and state administrative offices. One former admiral is now a courier in the German foreign office. Fifty-seven ex-officers have become merchants. One hundred in all have gone abroad, half of them having become clerks. The professions of most of the others have not been reported.

These figures are supplied by an organization of ex-officers which has sought to find employment for its members.

Petrified Egg of Extinct
Animal Discovered in Idaho
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now rise as to whether it is that of a dinosaur and similar to those found some time ago in the desert of Gobi, Mongolia.

In size the Idaho specimen is four and thirteen-sixteenths inches long and three and nine-sixteenths inches in diameter. The outer surface is dark ochre in color, the inside a dirty lemon, and it shows complete mineral replacement.

Some time ago the remains of a five-footed horse were discovered near Homedale, and once the skull of a rhinoceros was found embedded at the head of Pickett River, near Idaho City.

Not all nations yet enjoy the blessings of liberty and democracy. A few of us have no dictators.

Another dismal failure is a politician's effort to appear keenly interested in the welfare of Europe.

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La Grande	7:00	11:00	2:00
Imbler	7:30	11:30	2:30
Elgin	7:50	11:50	2:50
Minam	8:30	12:30	3:30
Wallawa	9:10	1:10	4:10
Lostine	9:30	1:30	4:30
Enterprise	9:55	1:55	4:55
Joseph	10:15	2:15	5:15
JOSEPH TO LA GRANDE Leaves			
Joseph	7:00	11:00	2:00
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Lostine	7:40	11:40	2:40
Wallawa	8:00	12:00	3:00
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