

SEAL PLAGUE HITS FISHERS

NEVIN, Eng. (AP).—A plague of seals along the South Carnarvon coast recently put the fishermen temporarily out of business and caused the government ministry of fisheries much annoyance. The seals ate the fish nearly as fast as the fishermen could catch them, for a time, and often tore empty nets to pieces as if they were bent on showing their dislike at finding their "dinner buckets" empty.

On one occasion, the seals swarmed into the fishermen's favorite haunts in such numbers that the gunboat H. M. S. Duon was dispatched to Carnarvon Bay and, with the aid of residents along the coast, who brought out their hunting pieces, 15 seals were killed in one drive, but even this did not put an end to the pest. Another time, Lord Waverley and a party of friends who were playing golf, saw a drove of seals sunning themselves on the rocks and, abandoning golf sticks for rifles, killed five one day and six the next.

It has been established that the seals have a breeding place in caves near Nevin, and the government is considering what steps to take to rid the coast of the nuisance. The seals of this colony are known as the common seal and the gray seal, which have inhabited various parts of the British coast for many generations, but not in such numbers, ordinarily, as to cause such an inconvenience to fishermen. The fur of these specimens has no particular value commercially.

Fighting Middles Prepare To Win Boxing Laurels
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP).—With more than 200 candidates fighting for places on the Naval Academy's 1925 boxing team, Coach Splice Webb feels confident that his drive for another intercollegiate championship will meet with success.

Among the promising prospects for the Navy outfit are Midshipmen Coleman, the 140-pounder who held down the heavyweight berth on the Plohe team last year, and John Charlson, winner of the Academy lightweight title a season ago. Rich Collins stands out in the bantamweight class, in which a number of good boxers are trying for the honors.

There is more talk of the ring sport among the Middles this season than ever before, and the game appears to be facing its greatest season at the academy.

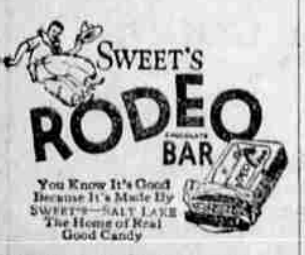
Navy meets Queens, McGill, and Toronto Universities, of Canada, as well as Yale, Penn State, University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Catholic University, this year. After the season of dual meets Navy will box at Philadelphia late in March.



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Europe Discovers Way To Get Revenue From Radio

New York (AP).—The United States leads the world in radio development but Europe, though still hampered by government restrictions, is beginning to "take in," according to E. A. Brofos, European manager of the International Western Electric company, who recently returned to this country.

"England is the only country which compares with the United States," Mr. Brofos said. "Germany, with 13 stations, is progressing rapidly. Czechoslovakia sees the radio as a means of establishing Prague as one of the outstanding musical and cultural centers of the world. The plan is to broadcast the national opera. Other countries are also considering musical programs to knit the national spirit and to advance culture."

Installation of receiving sets is still illegal throughout continental Europe generally, but outlaw listening is being practiced on a wide scale, Mr. Brofos continued. The freedom with which the government regulations are being ignored, he said, indicates a trend of policy which forecasts acceptance of broadcasting on a systematic plan.

"Licensing of owners of receiving sets, and diversion of part of the proceeds to the broadcasting companies, is an almost universal characteristic of the expansion. Germany has under consideration a plan for renting receiving sets at a low price. Spain makes it profitable for the broadcasting companies by allowing publicity.

"Expected interference between broadcasting stations in the several countries is said to have been one of the reasons for governmental restrictions of radio. Italy

has effected a combination of groups which has received the concession for the entire country. It is understood that Spain will follow this procedure.

"England's system centers about the British Broadcasting company which operates 17 stations. A license fee paid to the government by \$90,000 people is partly diverted to the company. Holland has seven concerns, but no regular programs are as yet sent out. France has five stations, three of which are operated by the government with a license fee for receivers.

"Norway installed one of the first broadcasting stations on the continent and is considered among the leaders. Sweden, with one station erected and two in prospect, has plans for a comprehensive system of inter-linked stations. Switzerland and Ireland each have one station, but no organized broadcasting. The first station in Turkey began operation February 1. Hungary, Austria, Denmark and the Baltic states have just begun to awaken to the possibilities of broadcasting."

Minnesota Law Gives Debate What To Do About Bears

ST. PAUL, (AP).—The mischievous black bear has become so annoying to settlers, tourists, campers, villagers and others in Minnesota's vast forest lands that he has been made the subject of proposed legislation.

A bill introduced in the Minnesota Legislature would appropriate money "for the relief of individuals for injuries suffered by reasons of attacks from bears."

Under the protection of a state law the bears, according to game wardens, have rapidly increased and these offenders liken their number to Minnesota's famous 10,000 lakes.

Flour, vegetables, jams, fruit and other delicacies brought into the woods for human consumption offer the greatest temptations to the bear family, game wardens say. Last summer the wild berry crop was exceptionally poor in Minnesota and the hungry bears frequently pried the screens or doors from trail summer cabins to help themselves.

King of Iraq Decides Half Pay Will Suffice

BAGDAD (AP).—King Feisal of Iraq is trying to teach his subjects to practice self-denial, and in order to cut state expenses, has offered to forego half the monthly allowance to which he is entitled under the civil list. He has taken this step on learning the true condition of the Iraq treasury, which suffers from a serious deficit.

One Arabic newspaper, while thanking Feisal for this acknowledgment of the country's financial difficulties, suggests that leading officials might copy the king's excellent example. While such a course is hardly probable, there can be no doubt that further cuts will have to be made in the expenditures of the government on salaries and allowances.

On Parade!



Eugenia Gilbert is in favor of parades. She carried Los Angeles banner to first prize in one of Rudolph Valentino's national beauty contests, and now she thinks she's the prettiest girl of 18 assembly-bid for coroner in Hollywood.

Vienna Loves Gay Clothes

VIENNA (AP).—Vienna cannot lose its reputation for gaiety. Some one in the garment trade has estimated that during 1924 the dancing Viennese women and men ordered 10,000 new dresses and 3500 new dress suits in which to go to balls, and that together they called on the shoemakers for 100,000 pair of dancing slippers.

Leipzig's Free Hand Gives Fat Harvests To Beggars of City

LEIPZIG (AP).—It seemingly pays to beg in Leipzig. The municipal welfare office of this city has unearthed facts as to the profits of the begging profession that would seem fanciful were they not borne out by first-hand testimony.

One blind woman, for instance, manages to scrape together 1,000 marks, about \$200 a week. Daily earnings of \$15 or \$25 a day are not at all unusual with men and women beggars of experience. Two brothers who were offered jobs energetically declined them, saying they were making much more money with their concert. These concerts consisted in singing before the houses of the middle class and following the performance with a sad story ending in a plea for alms. One of the brothers, it developed, spent his Sundays driving a motorcycle with his fiancée.

In another instance a beggar offered the owner of a certain clever dog \$100 for the loan of the canine during begging hours because, he said, the animal would help his business. Another beggar engaged two cripples to beg for him. He paid them a regular salary, but claimed the entire earnings. In still another case a beggar who pretended he was a disabled war veteran paid two watchmen twenty-five cents an hour each to warn him whenever a policeman appeared.

Investigation further developed that one of the most lucrative forms of begging was that of exhibiting children by way of winning public sympathy. It was discovered that there exists a school in Leipzig at which children are taught by experienced beggars what to say and what sort of doleful face to put on. Children thus trained are then hired out to professional beggars, who in return hand over a share of the proceeds to the director of the school.

Old Southern City Plans To Recall Early History

CAMDEN, S. C. (AP).—Camden, reminiscent of Revolutionary days and the scene of one of the more important battles of the struggle of the colonists for liberation from England, will commemorate its historic past this spring with a pageant entitled, "Camden, Yesterday and Today."

This quaint town, which in 1768 was one of the six leading cities of South Carolina, retains much of the picturesque atmosphere of colonial times, and a number of buildings stand as reminders of the Revolutionary war period. It is frequented by tourists from the north as a winter resort.

Russia Produces New Bee

BERLIN (AP).—Professor Mozhaynikov, of Moscow, is reported to have bred a new type of bee which is a cross between a mother bee and a working bee. This bee, upon the development of which the Russian scientist is said to have been working for

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Girls of Lisbon Shatter Traditions of Olden Times

LISBON (AP).—The women of Portugal slowly are emerging from the almost Moorish seclusion in which they have lived for so long, and the first thing they do, under the new freedom, is to go to work. The shops and offices of Lisbon are besieged these days by girls eager to follow in the footsteps of their sisters in other countries, and earn their own livings.

Much had to be overcome by these Lisbon girls. There was the resistance and ill-will of the masculine element, grounded in the precedent of many centuries, and a large group of minor state officials, in fear of their own jobs, voiced violent opposition.

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State Warehousing System Arouses Outside Interest

COLUMBUS, S. C. (AP).—The development of the South Carolina warehouse system has aroused interest outside the state, and is being studied by representatives of other states, according to J. Clinton Rivers, state warehouse commissioner, Texas, especially. Mr. Rivers said, appears likely to start a system patterned after the South Carolina plan. There are approximately 1,200 state warehouses in South Carolina devoted to the storing of cotton, corn and other commodities. These are held in storage until the market price justifies their sale.

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