

Dread Hoof and Mouth Disease Threatens Livestock Industry

POCATELLO, Ida. — (U.P.) — A grim specter—as grim to American cattlemen as the threat of another world war—is to the nation—the stalking U. S. livestock industry.

Dr. Howard Wilkins, deputy Montana state veterinarian, described that specter as the dread hoof and mouth disease which is sweeping through Mexico at an “unprecedented rate.”

Wilkins said that all American efforts to stamp out the disease

Shoots Tiger, Saves Hunter

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — The most important shot in the life of a professional hunter named Grishko was fired by a companion, Smislov. It killed the tiger that was carrying Grishko in its mouth back into the bushes.

The story of the battle of the two hunters with the tiger and its dramatic conclusion reached here from Vladivostok.

Smislov and Grishko are hunters in the village of Nesterovka. They were awakened early one morning by the alarm spread by one Shevchenko, who had heard terrible bleatings from his sheep pen.

The tiger seized a sheep and fled as the hunters approached but Grishko's first shot wounded it. In its fury, it turned on the hunters. Grishko was not fast enough. The tiger seized him in its mouth and turned back toward the bushes. To the accompanying screams of Grishko, Smislov knelt, took aim and fired at the rapidly receding figure of the cat.

He knew it was the only shot he would get. The animal, although wounded, its blood staining the helpless Grishko, was making good time and by the time Smislov could reload would be out of range.

But Smislov's aim was true. The bullet pierced the tiger's head. It dropped dead and Grishko tumbled from its mouth.

Grishko is recovering from his wounds.

so far “have proved futile. Optimism in the agriculture department's program in Mexico is running far too high.”

Gloomy Outlook

Wilkins has just returned from the country south of the border on an inspection tour, which left him gloomy and fearful that the American livestock industry will lose millions before the disease is finally stopped.

“The trouble is that the disease is spread by wild animals just as rapidly as by domesticated animals,” Wilkins declared. “The wilds of upper Mexico are infested. The wild animals can slip across the border, and any day now the disease may be found in this country.”

Wilkins said that 16 of the federal Mexican states have been ravaged by the disease. It has spread so rapidly, and opposition to the U. S. slaughtering program is so strong, that there seems no way of stopping the spread south of the border.

Inaccessible Area

He said that the disease has gone into the wilderness region of desert and uplands just south of the U. S.-Mexican border—a region inaccessible even by horseback. “From there it can spread easily by deer, coyotes and other wild animals to the Arizona-New Mexico and west Texas areas,” Wilkins pointed out.

Wilkins said that there are two alternatives in Mexico: killing off all 10,000,000 head of Mexican cattle; or a strict program of isolation.

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Dispatches from the United States said Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Assn. of America, had announced that he will fly to Britain next month to discuss the situation with Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer.

American film producers banned shipment of movies to Britain shortly after the 75 per cent tax was announced. Negotiations film representatives reached a deadlock last week.

Felippo Del Giudice, producer of the British films “Odd Man Out,” “In Which We Serve,” and “Henry V,” reportedly sailed for the United States aboard the Queen Elizabeth to discuss a “film-for-film” barter arrangement with American producers.

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