

PURSUIT OF PELTS.

RECKLESS HUNTERS DO GREAT HARM IN LOUISIANA.

Build Fires to Drive Out Game and Destroy Pasture and Property—Exterminating Animals.

The demand for furs has caused an invasion of southern Louisiana by hunters in search of minks, raccoons, possums and even rabbits which threaten to exterminate these animals as effectively as the millinery hunters have exterminated the water fowl of the gulf coast, says the New York Sun.

The ravages of the bird hunters were so great as completely to annihilate, in two seasons, four varieties of terns peculiar to Louisiana. One of these varieties was killed entirely for its tail feathers, which furnished a very handsome aigrette.

The Audubon society finally interfered and secured from the legislature protection for non-game birds which they did not previously enjoy; and this has stopped the slaughter, but not until several species had been completely exterminated.

The energy of the fur hunters is likely to lead to similar hostile legislation, if not by the legislature at any rate by the police juries or governing bodies of the several parishes. The hunters have been far more active than usual this year, and for the first time are hunting possums for their skins.

There is no particular objection to their killing the animals, except from the negroes, who regard them as great delicacies; but the manner in which the hunters have carried on the work has been such as to arouse a great deal of indignation and to invite prohibitive laws.

The coon is particularly fond of fish and shrimps, and as a consequence the swamps, marshes and prairies on the gulf coast are filled with them, and make a splendid field for the hunters. The population of this region is composed mainly of fishermen, who do not hunt, and when the fur hunters started in this year they found a big business awaiting them.

Unfortunately, they have tried to do it on too large a scale. The Louisiana coast is covered with a coarse grass, frequently five and six feet high, and when this is set on fire the coons are driven out and can be shot like pheasants in a preserve.

The prairies have been fired in all directions by the hunters. The result has been to cause heavy losses to the stockmen who feed their cattle in these prairies and to the lumbermen and the fishermen.

In Vermilion parish, which has over a million acres of this prairie, the fires started by the fur hunters have destroyed nearly all the winter pasturage of the cattle, and the injury to the stockmen will mount up to the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The police jury has prohibited coon hunting in the parish as a consequence.

The police juries of all the coast parishes are likely to take action similar to that of Vermilion, not in order to protect coons and rabbits, but to protect the inhabitants against the recklessness of the fur hunters. But for this action these animals, now probably more abundant in southern Louisiana than in any other part of the country, would be wiped out this year.

The recent raid on the coon, possums and mink is due to the great demand for furs and the destruction of fur-bearing animals in the northwest. The price paid for pelts is so good that the hunting of coons and possums is highly profitable, and a good hunter makes from \$5 to \$25 a day.

It is more profitable than shooting ducks or other game. The carcasses are thrown away after being skinned, or else they are converted into oil. They furnish lubricating oil worth 60 cents a gallon, and a good sized coon will yield nearly half a gallon of oil.

Coon skins have been selling for several years, bringing from 20 to 30 cents. Possum skins have never been sold in this region before the present year, but are now in demand at from 10 to 20 cents, and even rabbit skins bring 2 cents apiece.

Squirrels have heretofore been without value, but in the last few months there has been a demand for squirrels' tails. The minks have always been in demand, but they have been few until recently.

Forest and Pure Air.

A Parisian scientist, while testifying to the greater purity of the air in the vicinity of forests, does not attribute the cause to a greater richness in oxygen—the quantity of the latter being the same in the atmosphere of woods as in plains—but to the absence of those agents which vitiate the atmosphere of towns. When forests are not surrounded by marshes a well treed region is next to exempt from epidemics. Versailles is a case in point. It is surrounded by a screen of forests. Epidemics are unknown, yet the city has the most wretched water.

Snap Their Purses.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.—An interesting statement is made here today regarding the recent visit to Mr. Witte of the Jewish bankers, Jacob H. Schiff, of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., N. Seligman, of Seligman Bros., and Adolph Lewisohn, all of whom are Wallstreet financiers with connections extending to most of the great money kings of Europe and America.

It is to the effect that in a diplomatic way they delivered practically an ultimatum to the Czar through Mr. Witte, that Russia would not be permitted to negotiate another foreign loan for any purpose unless definite promises were given in advance that the restrictive laws of Russia against the Jews should be repealed and equal rights extended to all Jewish citizens of the empire.

The information that the banker visitors took this advanced stand comes from an excellent source, but there is now no one here who can definitely confirm the report except Mr. Witte himself, who, of course, will not discuss it. It is understood that the great banking houses of Rothschilds in Europe and the Belmonts and Speyers in this country lent their influence to the committee that called upon Mr. Witte and that, unless the Russian government meets the demand made, it will find all of the financial avenues of the world closed to it.

It is said that a similar effort was made about ten or 15 years ago to bring pressure to bear upon the Russian government to ameliorate the condition of the Hebrews in that country, but it failed at that time through a combination of fortuitous circumstances.

A NEW JERSEY SOLOMON.

Justice of the Peace Renders Decision Not Unlike That of the Famous Bible Character.

Magistrate Jermon once spent a summer in a little town in South Jersey and made the acquaintance of a justice of the peace who held more offices than Pooh Bah himself. "He was," says Jermon, according to the Philadelphia Press, "a notary public, a storekeeper, superintendent of the Sunday school, a lay preacher, postmaster, coroner, a farmer and a few more things that I can't recall now. He was a shrewd old fellow, as a decision in a case that I heard will go to show. Two farmers had a dispute about the ownership of some poultry, and each pleaded his own case. Each side had an equal number of witnesses and there was some tall swearing done all around. If I had been sitting on the case I should have given it up as a bad job, or sent it to court for trial. But that's just what he didn't do."

"I forgot to state that in addition to all his other functions he was his own constable. The hens were in court in a coop and he ordered that the constable should take the coop to the roadway opposite the farms of the litigants and turn the chickens loose. And he did the job himself. When the chickens began to peck directly to one of the farms, and the justice declared that they knew their way home, and gave judgment accordingly."

HAREM WANTED SARDINES.

When First Boxes of This Delicacy Reached Morocco Court There Was Great Excitement.

If the sultan of Morocco, Muley Abdel-Aziz, loses his throne, it perhaps might be due to the discontent of his subjects in seeing him select as a delicacy European sardines and sardines. The sultan disregards this, however, and when he wants a thing European, he must have it at once, says the New York Tribune.

One night there was a great noise in front of the residence of an Englishman inhabiting Morocco. Immediately the soldiers of the palace struck the door violently exclaiming: "Daba! Daba! (quick! quick!). The master wants all the sardines you have in your house!" The Englishman was not a sardine merchant, but handed over what few boxes he had, and learned later that only a few hours before a foreign minister had presented to the sultan a few boxes of sardines, which were opened in the harem and partaken of by all the inmates.

Such a sudden frenzy was created for them that on the morrow a special rakkas was dispatched to Tangier, with orders to bring all the sardines in the place.

Forest fires are sweeping the country in the vicinity of Dawson, Y. T., in every direction.

Dying of Starvation.

Cadiz, Aug. 16.—The famine which commenced last March has now reached the point of actual starvation throughout the fertile valley of Andalusia. The workmen are too weak to work and are becoming desperate. The children are living on fir-cones and the fruit of wild cactus.

London, Aug. 16.—The Daily Mail's dispatch with regard to the famine condition in Andalusia, Spain, state that the Spanish government has entirely failed to give relief and that as the money grants are inadequate to meet the necessities, the resources are exhausted. Deaths from hunger are of daily occurrence.

It is feared that the peasantry will take the law in their own hands and even now signs of open revolt are plentiful and exasperation at the government's inaction is becoming daily more pronounced.

Coyotes are doing great damage to sheepraisers in the southern part of Baker county.

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Big Loser.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The great fortune the Guggenheim family made out of copper and smelters is considerably less than it was a couple of weeks ago, because of the passion of one of the younger members for roulette. The young man, who gave his age as 23, but who is said to be less than 21, came to Saratoga to spend his vacation, and to visit the family of one of the richest brewers of New York, to whose daughter he is to be married next year. He has been dining nightly at Canfield's elaborate clubhouse and is a regular and systematic player there, and in Ulman and Mackin's "bridge whist club."

The venture of the young man with fickle goddess of the green cloth has not been attended by any brilliant success, and he almost invariably lost. When he finally decided to stop he is said to have paid Ulman between \$11,000 and \$12,000 cash. He then left for New York and mailed from there a check said to have been for between \$28,000 and \$30,000.

According to gossip among professionals who keep track of such things, this young scion of a house whose fortune was founded on copper dropped between \$40,000 and \$45,000 during his two weeks' play here.

Boy Gets First Choice.

Provo, Utah, Aug. 17.—Thousands of persons were here to witness the drawing for the Uintah lands this morning. The drawing took place on an elevated platform supervised by a committee appointed by the secretary of the interior. Envelopes containing the registrations at Provo, Vernal, Price and Grand Junction were placed in a box and 5,772 names were drawn.

The first five names in order drawn were Ray Daniels, Provo; Noah M. Baldock, Vernal, Utah; Cary L. Ball, Salt Lake; John H. Partridge, Goshen; Frank C. Moyle, Salt Lake.

Daniels is 21 years old. It is reported that he has been offered \$100 a year for five years and \$5,000 for his selection when he proves up.

It was a noticeable feature that Mormons predominated in the early selections.

Twelve new buildings, the aggregate cost of which is \$50,000, are in process of erection at The Dalles, besides the new plant of the Star Brewing Co., which will cost \$22,000.

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