

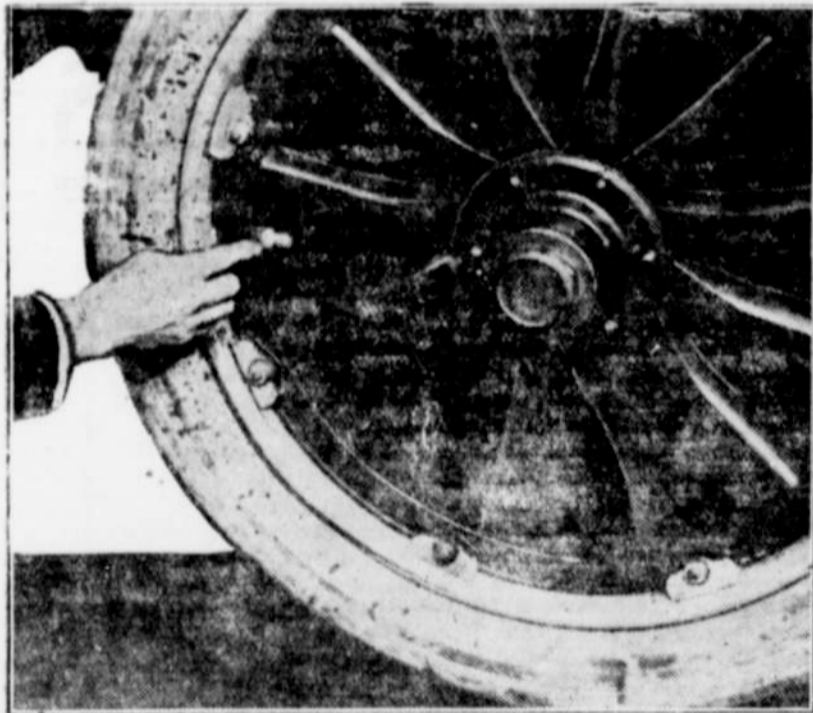


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#### REFUSED TO ABANDON GAME

**Plucky Terrier Died With Fox It Had Run to Earth and Killed in Combat.**

What is believed to be an unprecedented end to a combat between a fox and a terrier is reported from the Lake country.

A stout hill fox hunted by the Blencathra hounds for three and a half hours on the mountain heights above St. Johns-in-the-Vale sought sanctuary in a fissure of rock in a crack near the skyline of Wanthwaite. Here he faced one of the gamest terriers belonging to the pack and, scrambling to a shelf in the rocks, was able for some time to give as fierce punishment as he got.

The terrier killed the fox, but refused to leave it and followers and hounds had at last to quit the crags so that they might make the descent of one of the most dangerous ravines of the mountain range before darkness. When huntsman and whip returned next morning to the crag they found terrier as well as fox lying dead outside the borran.

An examination of the terrier showed that the fox had inflicted no mortal wound upon him. The terrier had dragged the fox out and then, loth to leave it, had laid down beside it. It was clear that he had died from exposure during a bitterly cold night. No similar case has, so far as is known, occurred before.—London Times.

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#### EX-SERVICE MEN ARE PROBLEM TO GERMANS

Berlin, Aug. 7.—A practical suggestion to solve the vexed problem of what to do with 100,000 army men who, in compliance with a Spa undertaking, are facing discharge, is offered by the "economic union of German professional soldiers" which has worked out a scheme to distribute the men in different state-owned plants which are at the present moment lying idle. The German government is to subsidize working expenses of these plants and fix a scale of wages. The operation of the plants would constitute a novelty because they would be worked on the principle of "mutual comradeship," and the relationship of employer and workmen would be eliminated. The government would take over the main output of the plants and there would be planned extensive land settlements on state-owned lands which workers would cultivate and on which they would build their own dwellings after performing eight hours daily factory work. The promoters claim that the scheme has already secured official support on principle.

All Prussian district presidents have been summoned to meet Minister Severing to confer on matters affecting the security police.

#### Tuning Church Bells.

An English clergyman, says the London Telegraph, was the first to call the attention of the musical public to the fact that bells are rarely in tune, and that the fault can be remedied if a church bell was originally in tune with itself. According to his theory, a bell must have at least five tones at correct intervals to form a perfect musical chord. At first the work of tuning was done with a hammer, a chisel and a file, and a magnificent tenor bell in Norfolk, England, was thus reduced three-quarters of an inch in diameter; but modern bell foundries employ a machine with a revolving cutter that shaves the metal near the crown of the bell until the tuner, aided by a tuning fork, has hit the right pitch.

#### Jest of a Jehu.

A London bus driver had cut in ahead of a cabman rather awkwardly, bringing upon himself a tirade of abuse liberally sprinkled with profanity. The bus driver listened to it all with a good-natured smile, and then as he clicked up his horses he remarked: "That's wot I calls 'aving a hornamental address presented to you."—Boston Transcript.

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#### A Bee or a Spider?

"The honeybee makes her honey from the same nectar from which the hermit spider distills one of the deadliest poisons known. The question is, how do you treat your opportunities? Do you distill them into success or failure?—F. H. Chelley in "Stories for Talks to Boys."

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