

'MUSHERS' OF NORTH IN CONSTANT PERIL

Face Death Hourly From Intense Alaska Cold.

Nenana, Alaska.—The "musher" in the arctic circle, where winter prevails about eight months out of the year, must never relax his vigilance if he would survive the perils peculiar to the region.

To the explorer, prospector, scientist, trapper or hauler of mail and supplies who must go north of the Yukon river basin, one of the greatest winter hazards is the lack of timber for firewood. In some localities the only timber is aspen, commonly called poplar, scrub spruce and stunted brush.

When a man faces 50 degrees below zero in sleeping bag and canvas tent, he requires a big log fire and abundant fuel to keep it going. When the Arctic blizzard sweeps down, man and beast are compelled to seek shelter.

In the bitterest cold few lungs can withstand the "scorching" atmosphere that appears to sear them like a flame while the blood is turning to ice. "Frozen" lungs are not uncommon, but there are certain precautions that minimize the danger.

Equipment for Journey.
The equipment includes three pairs of heavy woolen socks on each foot; underwear and shirt of wool, but of medium weight; mittens augmented by bukskin slippers and a drill parka. Its hood faced with wolverine fur, which does not gather frost and freeze where the breath strikes it. The muskrat or beaver cap has flaps to pull down over the ears and under the chin. The shoes frequently are moose hoek mukluks.

At no time must any portion of the flesh save the eyes be exposed to the frost, and even the eyes must be protected when facing a blizzard. Travelers usually augment this "light" equipment with a complete suit of reindeer furs.

Submission to the cold of the Arctic has a different effect than might be imagined. Instead of a shivering and a gradual agonizing process of freezing, the frost overcomes one suddenly and almost painlessly.

There is a numbness in the more exposed portions, like the feet, legs and hands. Later the jaw becomes stiff, nearly immobile. A minute's exposure of a partly cold hand to low temperatures causes the fingers to become stiff and without feeling. It is as if they had gone to sleep. The man in danger of death from freezing is overtaken by a rather pleasant lethargy.

A danger is found in becoming overheated and then tarrying to cool off. Even when the temperature is 50 below, one's body perspires if all orifices of the clothing are closed. If there are any holes in the equipment, the cold penetrates like the flame from a blowpipe, boring in rather than spreading.

How Death Steals on Them.

One may have a spot the size of a dime frozen on a finger where there is a hole in glove or mitten, and the rest of the hand then becomes numb. In stopping for rest, the uninitiated often tarry too long, and on arising wonder why the limbs refuse to function with their wonted suppleness. After several such halts, further progress becomes a struggle, and unless a fire is available immediately the chances of freezing are great.

Frozen hands or toes are treated in the time-honored way of rubbing them with snow until the circulation is restored.

Horses used to carry outfits into the interior of Alaska are protected from lung freezing by a covering like a nose bag, through which the air is filtered of its biting frost before it is breathed. Nature further guards these horses by causing the hair on them to grow until by spring they resemble fur-bearing animals.

Mule's Appetite Brings Suit in Superior Court

Beaver, Pa.—The mule that made Beaver Falls famous has reached the Superior court.

Dates do not matter much, but two or three years ago a mule was given away in Beaver Falls. The gift, after a day or two, proved unacceptable, and an attempt was made to return it. The mule promptly became homeless and some boys found it on the streets.

The police got it, naturally, and placed it in the livery barn of C. L. Householder. While insistent efforts were being made to find an owner, the mule ate up about \$200 worth of feed, many times what it was worth.

Householder tried to collect finally from the borough, and the borough refused, because of technicalities, from paying. He sued. The case coursed through the Beaver county courts and finally was put on the Superior court docket.

Canteen Is Recovered 62 Years After Battle

Corinth, Miss.—A Confederate veteran who was removed from the battlefield of Shiloh in 1862 by his comrades has recovered his canteen after 62 years, according to S. F. Swinehart of Blytheville, Ark., who was a member of Buell's army.

Two Civil war veterans, a Confederate and a Federalist, met on the battlefield recently. The Confederate veteran told his former foe of having given his canteen to a soldier in blue, who also was wounded, on the first day of the Battle of Shiloh.

"Here is your canteen," said the other, unbuttoning his coat.

RACE WOMEN ELECT STATE DELEGATES

Newark, N. J., May 30.—More than 100 women attended the quarterly conference and victory celebration of the Republican Colored Women of Essex county at the Lincoln Club, East Orange recently. Mrs. Catherine Bell of Orange and Mrs. M. E. Burrell of Newark were elected delegates to the spring session of the State Republican Conference, to be held in Atlantic City.

DIVERSIFICATION IS HELPING THE FARMER

Stricken One-Crop Farmers Save Selves From Ruin.

Washington, D. C.—How the stricken one-crop farmers of the Middle West and Northwest are beginning to save themselves from ruin by crop diversification is disclosed by reports of county agents to the Department of Agriculture, a resume of which was made public.

As a whole the survey shows a drift out of wheat into live stock, a trend away from beef cattle to dairy cattle, a big increase in poultry, in the production of feed crops and a general movement toward diversification in localities where diversification has not been common heretofore.

Generally speaking, the changes indicated are said to be those which the farmers should have made in view of the economic situation.

Reports from Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington cover 302 counties and show a great reduction in the acreage of wheat and other small grains and in beef cattle production. Expansion is shown in dairying, poultry, swine, corn, alfalfa and other feed crops, and also in flax in the spring wheat states, soy beans, seed clover and other leguminous crops in the great farming section of the corn belt and adjoining Western states.

Dairying has expanded practically everywhere. Poultry raising has been increasing generally, 130 counties showing expansion.

Fifteen county agents reported expansion in sheep raising, and nine reported a reduction.

Swine production showed expansion in 118 of the reporting counties and contraction in twenty.

Washington.—Science is approaching mastery over insanity, old age and other ills through study of the endocrine glands and discovery of means of their control. Dr. William J. A. Bailey of New York declared in a paper at a session of the American Chemical society.

Describing development of basic knowledge about endocrine radiation with the gamma ray as being of transcending importance to the human race, Doctor Bailey, who is director of the American Endocrine laboratories, declared "we have cornered aberration, disease, old age and, in fact, life and death themselves in the endocrines."

"If we look more to the endocrine glands and less to the head," he said, "we have an excellent chance of eradicating insanity."

"In and around these glands," he added, "must center future efforts toward human rejuvenation, a goal for which the world has sought and one which now seems to be truly realized."

Study of the principles involved in endocrine ionization, said Doctor Bailey, has placed science on the threshold of a new era.

"We have too long regarded insanity as purely a brain condition," he declared. "Its seat is unquestionably in the endocrine glands, which absolutely control every brain function."

"No greater truth has been vouchsafed to mankind than that these lowly masses of colloidal ooze regulate all body activity, down to the tiniest cell. I am satisfied, from clinical experience, that a method of endocrine ionization is now available whereby we can definitely, practically without exception, retard the progress of senescence and give a new lease of relatively normal functioning power to those whose sun of life is slowly sinking into the purple shadows of that longest night."

"Rejuvenation means more today than any other subject that can concern a man or woman. The wrinkled face, the drawn skin, the dull eye, the listless gait, the faulty memory, the aching body, the destructive effects of sterility, all spell imperfect endocrine performance."

Convicts Give Jailer Gift on His Birthday

Prisoners in a jail rarely have much esteem for their jailer. It is different, however, at the county jail at Akron, O., where the prisoners presented Jailer C. G. Landue with a box of cigars as a birthday gift.

All the prisoners were permitted to gather around the jailer for a few minutes to congratulate him.

New Anesthetic Is Used to Ripen Oranges

St. Louis.—The development of ethylene, a new anesthetic, was described by Dr. A. B. Lockhardt and Dr. J. B. Carter, its discoverers, before the closing session of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology recently.

Although objection to its use as an anesthetic has been made because of its odor and because it may explode if exposed to flames, or a spark, Doctor Lockhardt, who read the paper, said ethylene was being used successfully and that experiments have shown that it produces no ill effects even on children and old men. Ethylene is being successfully used also, he asserted, to ripen oranges and lemons artificially.

Ethylene, Doctor Lockhardt declared, is present in automobile exhausts and the fumes from an untrimmed kerosene lamp. It also has been found in illuminating gas.

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