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MONTMARTRE LOSES ANCIENT LANDMARK

BLACK CAT MILL DOOMED

Famous Relic of 12th Century to Be Razed to Make Way For Municipal Building; History

Parisians know only one mill on Montmartre, the mill which they call the Black Cat. It's a pretty old mill, explains the New York Tribune's correspondent, and certainly has done good work in olden times; but now it has become a dancing hall.

Its real name is Blue-Fin, but when M. Jean Varenne talked of the mill at the municipal council some days ago he called it the Black Cat, as all Parisians do. He said that the Black Cat would have to disappear to make room for a stately municipal building. The news caused much excitement. Would Montmartre still be Montmartre? But only the Black Cat has really caught the fancy of the Parisians. The other mill is no less interesting, no less aged; but it belongs to Montmartre only as an adopted child would belong to its parents. Originally it hailed from another quarter of Paris, from the Butte Saint-Roch. It was moved to Montmartre in 1368 and has stood there ever since, under the name of Rade.

Third Mill Wiped Out
Some years ago a third mill existed on Montmartre. When the Junot avenue was pierced thru the famous

Latin Quarter to Paris this Montmartre mill had to disappear. That was a heart-rending affair. There were many artists living around Montmartre to whom the old mill was very dear and who complained that one historic building after another was being taken away.

To console the artists, M. Debray, a wealthy descendant of a miller, gave the Montmartre artists another mill as a present. But there was nothing provided for transportation. The artists all combined to provide the cost of the moving. They put the famous Black Cat on a nice small Montmartre square and planted small cherry trees around it.

The war came. Americans used the building for offices. After the war it was so run down that it seemed good only for firewood. But an ingenious dance hall director restored it and made it an attraction for Montmartre artists and models to dance at the Black Cat. Now, finally, the last verdict seems to have been spoken over the old mill. The square is to be used for a city building. The mill is to disappear.

At a meeting of the Old-Paris Society M. Victor Perrot made a fervent plea to move the old mill to another place on Montmartre, but to preserve it by all means for posterity. However, it will cost about 90,000 francs to move the mill, and that is a pretty big sum.

Relics To Remain
The other mill, the one that Parisians know little, is not yet in any danger of vanishing from Montmartre. It was built in 1295 and has existed, therefore, for more than six centuries. The carving of the interior, the heavy wooden mill machinery and the solid construction of the mill show

that it was a masterpiece of the middle ages.

CLOSES DEAL FOR STATE HATCHERY

State Game Warden Stratton Buys Site Near Yorkville, Illinois

W. J. Stratton of Lake County, state fish and game warden, last week closed the deal for the purchase of the site at the Blackberry dam west of Yorkville for the proposed fish hatchery. The deeds and abstracts were signed and taken to Springfield by Stratton, where only the routine matters will have to be taken care of to have the property pass into the hands of the state. The consideration was \$9,000.

Work on the new hatchery will be started in the spring, Mr. Stratton told the people at Yorkville. He said that the site is ideal for a hatchery and that it can be developed into one of the best in the middle west.

The hatchery at Yorkville is one of three for which appropriation was made by the last state legislature. One will be located in the southern, one in the central, and one in the northern part of the state.

There are about twenty acres of land in the site. This includes an old mill, which can be converted into use for the hatchery, and a substantial rock and concrete dam about ten feet high. Also the property includes a large mill pond above the dam, the fish ponds will be built below the dam on a large flat.

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