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Is Spring Here? This week we have had evidence in plenty that Spring must be either "Just Around the Corner" or else that

it has been "Just fooling us." A Lone Scout of the "Hound" Patrol sent in to Lone Scout Headquarters a "pussy-willow" in full bloom, which he picked the other day.

Those of you who attended the Lone Scout Camp at Ebor Park in 1930 will remember Mr. Luck, the popular owner of the park. He tells us that at the end of December it was much greener there than at the end of July, and he sent us a dandelion which he picked in the park on December 28th. We also heard of a gentleman who

What About the Birds?

All Lone Scouts are friends to the tering this brotherly spirit. birds, and in spite of all the signs of Lone Scouts can do a great deal to Spring, we know that there is still help in this way by corresponding with more cold weather to come. How other Lonies in this country or with about arranging to feed your feathered Scouts in foreign countries. Every friends? I heard of one Scout who member of the Ontario Lone Scout Demade use of his discarded Christmas partment should have at least one tree for this purpose, setting it up out Scout Pen-Friend. Have you one? If of doors and tying all sorts of titbits not, write to your Scoutmaster and ask on to it which the birds thoroughly en- him to get you one, but don't forget

And incidentally, now is the time to other Canadian Lonie or to a Foreign prepare new bird houses for next Scout. year's tenants. Don't forget that Good Turn, Lonies!

A TROUP OUTING

Toronto on December 29th, for their Scouts in this province, including, of Christmas Outing. They visited the course, Rovers and Wolf Cubs. Canadian Bank of Commerce Building. Of this number 313 are Lone Scouts. which is the tallest building in Toron- and the above figures shows a very to, and inspected it from cellar to roof substantial increase over the figures garden. In the afternoon they all went returned a year ago. We are growing. tertained to supper, followed by games in efficiency as well as in numbers dur and entertainment by the 3rd Toronto ing 1932!

Parasite War

Kept in Cold Storage in Win-

ter for Massed Attack

in Summer

Washington,-An initial shipment of

parasites, part of an army that may

number 500,000 before recruiting stops,

will soon reach the United States as

of the Federal Government against

agriculture has to deal. Gathered by

specialists of the Bureau of Entomol-

ogy assigned to the laboratory at

Hyeres, on the Mediterranean coast,

this army of parasites will be released

next August to meet the corn borer in

the principal regions of infestation. During the winter this shipment, with

the others that are to follow, will be

kept in cold storage.

were not harmful to plans.

employed on a part-time basis,

corn-borer-infested areas.

firmly established.

Wind Dangerous

twelve of the twenty or so species in-

To Skyscraper

tral point for the collections. The

staff of the laboratory includes two

On Corn Borer

Experts Waging

A January Suggestion For Lone Patrois

Parties are the usual fashionable functions at this time of the year, and in past years several Lone Patrols have organized very successful Patrol at Milford, Prince Edward County, has Banquets, which have proved great fun, and which have been greatly enjoyed. What about having a banquet in your Patrol, and each member invite another chap who is not yet a Scout? Don't forget to send an invitation to "Lone E," too!

International Brotherhood

A Boy Scout is a friend to all and a

brother to every every other Scout, according to the 4th Scout Law. Thus we note that the members of saw a pair of starlings teaching a the 4th Melton (Leicestershire, Engyoung one to fly in Toronto a few days land) Troop have sent a gift of Scout Colors to the members of the 8th Jerusalem Troop, Palestine, thus fos-

to state if you want to write to an-

The Scout Census

Lonies of this province will be in The newly formed Unionville Troop, terested to know that according to a who were recently members of the recent census of the Boy Scout Mem-Lone Scout Dpartmnt, paid a visit to bership of Ontario there are 21,793

to a "Show," and were afterwards en- Lonies! Let us see to it that we grow

Particulars of the Lone Scouts o if you can only get the tip of it to Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street Toronto 2.-"LONE E."

Second French Plane

neer, is secretly preparing a plane automobiles fail to observe the most for a flight some ten miles or more elementary precautions when hand- New Treatment Used above the earth, where Professor Aug- ling cars in garages. Had the chauffeur uste Piccard last summer made the in this particular instance taken care first experiment by balloon.

was disclosed recently.

horsepower, capable of some 200 miles | would probably be alive and well toan hour. It will have a sealed duralu- day.

the spearhead of the 1932 offiensive min cabin The plane will be larger and more powerful than the Farman craft, which has been prepared for a similar flight, as disclosed last week. The Farman plane will make the attempt as soon as weather conditions are favorbe delayed until spring.

> The Cosy Season The N.Y. Herald-Tribune.-One gift

brought only by a Northern winter is the sense and mood of coziness. Where Extended surveys of native parasites snow never falls, where wind never showed that they killed less than 1 huffs and puffs against the frosted per cent, of the borers beyond the egg state. So the Bureau of Entomology pane, they don't know what coziness looked abroad for parasities that is. It goes with the delicious greeting of warmth and with mellow lampwould attack the corn borer effectiveight on book and apples. You feel it ly. Studies began in 1919, not long ntensely when, coming home chilled after the corn borer was found in the and wet, you climb the last icy steps United States. About twenty species o be met by that first breath of the have so far been discovered: these omfortable indoors. Something good fall into two general classes—the wasp is roasting in the oven-something type and the fly type. An examinasubstantial and savory. Already denttion was made to determine whether ed by the stretching cat, the porty, these parasites were harmful to plants worn chair is waiting with open arms. and whether they could attack one The faithful furnace glows reassuranother. The tests showed that they ingly. Dumplings! To get home on such a night is worth a winter. Hyeres was chosen as being a cen-

Great Britain's Task

Americans and several Europeans: are Cape Argus.-Great Britain is still a creditor country with overseas in-American experts at Hyeres quickly vestments valued at £3,500,000,000, pass upon the advisability of the and she is quite capable of restoring parasites gathered in the field by the her adverse trade balance and thus collectors, aand when a sufficient numstabilizing the pound at a reasonable ber are ready they are packed up level. Moreover, she is now the leadand placed in cold storage on a steaer in an endeavour to secure that comer. They are then sent to Arlingoperation from the gold-hoarding ton, Mass., where the bureau maincountries which is essential to the saltains a receiving station. From there vation of Europa and of European they are distributed throughout the civilization. If she succeeds there will be a recovery of world prices. When liberated the parasites are planted in colonies, to assure perma- The whole world, including South nency in their warfare against the Africa, will benefit and the gold standcorn borer. About 750,000 parasite and will soon function again as it did before the war. If she falls there enemies of the corn borer have been liberated during the past year. Since will be a succession of crises, each ago, more than 2,500,000 parasites til finally civilization as we know it breaks asunder. have been liberated, and at least

troduced are known to have become Portable Theatres To Tour Spain

Madrid.-Spanish students are preparing a nation-wide tour for 1932 to exhibit classic plays in Greek, Latin and Spanish with the hope of improv Tests on wind pressures reveal that ing the country's culture under the a suction action on the leeward side republic. They will travel in motor of a skyscraper may produce serious buses and trucks, carrying portable



The latest invention from Germany is the "cloud movie." Here we see Dr. H. Mannheimer of Berlin demonstrating his machine which projects short films on clouds to a distance of 2,000 meters.

Gold Findings In B.C. Grand Forks, B.C.-Recent uncov-

ering of ore running \$75 to the ton on the Gold Drop Mines in the Jewel Camp is said to be the most sensa tional find in boundary district mining in recent years. Picked samples are said to have ru nmuch higher. Severa samples brought to Grand Forks have large spots of free gold and assays have been running around \$30. The ore was found in a high grade

shoot containing telluride and free gold and is a parallel vein from which some 17 tons of ore running \$30 to the ton was recently shipped. The new find has been inspected

by P. B. Freeland, Government mir ing engineer, who states that ore of

Death in the Garage

evidence showed that the windows support many of the larger sea mamof the automobile were tightly closed, mals, while the smaller varieties of German School Boys To Fly Stratosphere as were the windows of the garage sea life maintain the fish and some Paris .- A second French project to itself, while the door of the latter was of the small mammals. The marine send an airplane into the stratosphere almost closed. It does seem astonish- vegetation is plentiful and is drawn ing that so many people who are upon by all forms of animal life as Pierre Guerchais, aeronautical engi- connected with the operation of an aid to their subsistence. to open the garage window and door The Guerchais plane will be of 700 and the windows of the machine, he



She-"There's a time for sym pathy."

He-"Yes, but when a fellow's just missed a two-foot putt is not the time for it."

Every man is occasionally what he ought to be perpetually.-Zim-

Climate and Life

In Canadian North The climate of the Canadian North in sound condition. The taxation True, they must assist in financing element of fear-all combined to does not adversely affect sea life, in Ontario is less than almost any Canada and the Provinces. They give to it the character of true subaccording to the records of the other Province in Canada. The must help to finance our railways limity. Northwest Territories and Yukon social services as well as the mate- and our big public undertakings. The main body of the mass was, Branch of the Department of the In- rial benefits are so outstanding as They must stand behind our munici- as I have said, of an indigo color, erior at Ottawa. During the winter to place Ontario in a class by her- palities although there has been its base crusted with frozen foam; much of the surface of the water is self. The public must pay for over-expenditure. This function of and as it grew thin and transparcovered by approximately five feet them. It is no time, however, to our chartered Banks in Canada is ent towards the edges and top, its of ice, which forms a clearly defined consider the expansion of any of being carried out in a very helpful color shaded off froma deep blue ine of demarcation between the Arc- these, there must be a marking of way. I think probably they went to the whiteness of snow. It seemed ic conditions maintaining above its time, no matter how good a project too far, when times were good, in to be drifting slowly towards the surface and those in the water be- there must be no more expenditure advancing money, but they are today north, so that we kept away and neath, the result being that the gen- until we retrench and catch up. standing behind all public bodies in avoided it. It was in sight all the eral conditions in the Arctic waters The citizen himself must be given an attempt to work out a solution afternoon; and when we got to the are similar to those found in more a chance without fear of any more of our problems. It is idle, there leeward of it, the wind died away, temperate zones. These conditions taxation or disability to go ahead fore, to say that because there are so that we lay-to quite near it for are clearly reflected in the character and make progress. Ontario is be- such tremendous deposits in Can- the greater part of the night. Unof sea life found north of the Arctic hind her citizens in this. Circle. The herds of the sea mammals "A habit has grown up in certain There is always a limit to what it was a clear night, and we could have not only supported the local in- quarters of comparing the finances credit can be given. The less the plainly mark the long, regular heavhabitants for many generations but of Ontario with Quebec. People are Banks have to do in raising money ing of the stupendous mass, as its The Montreal Daily Star. - The have also entered the world markets. told that Quebec's debt is much for Governments and Municipalities edges moved slowly against the death toll from the inhalation of car- The fisheries, while as yet undevel- smaller and that they generally have and other bodies the more will they stars. Several times on our watch, bon monoxide gas in automobile gar- oped, have long been an important a surplus. If those who want to have for the use of business and the loud cracks were heard, which

ages is steadily mounting. A chauffeur factor in the domestic economy of discuss the subject desire to be help of our people in getting our is the latest victim in Montreal. The the country. The supply of molluscs honest about it and give the peo- business structure back to normal."

New York.-Germination of lettuce seed although ground temperatures may be high by a new plan of seed the growers of that district.

75 and 85 degrees most varieties fall off rapidly in germination; at 85 degrees permination is almost entirely stopped in most varieties.

Like the Widow's Cruse "A book is like the widow's cruse of oil; you dip into it again and again, and the contents remain exactly what they were. Investment in books is a capital investment, the capital o which never undergoes wastage or deterioration."-J. Ramsay MacDonald.

Tiger "Flying High"



Shango has just experienced his first plane ride all the way

Finances of Province of Ontario Are in Most Sound Condition

Though Provincial Treasurer's Report Shows Deficit For This Year, Government Are Making Every Endeavor to Have Balanced Budget Next Year

Despite the deficit as announced ple the facts, they will tell them at by Hon. A. E. Dunlop, Provincial once that part of Ontario's debt, Treasurer, the financies of the Prov- amounting to \$186,000,000, has been the eye could reach, the sea in every inces are in sound condition, and a advanced to the Hydro Electric direction was of a deep blue color, readjustment of expenditures, and Power Commission of Ontario for the waves running high and fresh, retrenchment all along the line will the purpose of carrying out their and sparkling in the light, and in give the Government the opportun- undertaking, and that the Province the midst lay this immense mounity of balancing it's budget next year. has back of that a utility owned by tain-island, its cavities and valleys This is one of the statements made the public through its municipalities. thrown into deep shade, and its recently by the Province's Attorney- "They will also tell the public points and pinnacles glittering in General, Col. W. H. Price, when he that we have invested over \$40,000, the sun. All hands were soon on addressed 1500 Toronto businessmen, 000 in the Temiskaming & Northern deck, looking at it, and admiring in High lights in Col. Price's speech Ontario Railway and that that is various ways its beauty and granpart of our Capital Debt, but that deur.

The Province is determined to do assets.

Interesting Facts

Bountiful Fruit Harvest

fruit remains hanging is mine."

In Southern Germany

Humming birds, swifts, swallows

On Bird Life

Stage "G.B.S." Play Hamburg.-German school children, especially boys, who have attained an age at which literature can be appreciated, are proverbially fond of the and martins cannot walk or hop on German classics, according to a cor- a horizontal surface. Of these the respondent of The Christian Science humming birds are the most help-In Lettuce Seed Germination Monitor. They are well read in Eng- less on the ground. Swifts, swallows lish classic and dramatic literature al- and martins have small, weak feet, cidental music by the school orchestra ly mates in mid-air. were highly comendable. It was a performance that might have delighted "G. B. S.' himself.

Modern Toys Traced

were invented by the Persians 700 the thicket and sing when the must- scientists believe, that even tiny extra years ago, Sir E. Denison Ross, pro- cian played a cello and sang softly, quantities of this radioactive gas in fessor of Persian art and literature at Many unsuccessful efforts had been the air may act as a bodily stimuthe University of London, stated in a made previously and when the bird lant on visitors to Karlsbad and simirecent lecture here. Ross said the began to sing in front of the micro- lar resorts and may be the chief rea-Persians devised intricate toys early phone it was switched on the air son for the benefits reported. in the thirteenth century. Elaborate and all other programs interrupted. drawings of their devices are includ- The nightingale's song was picked Red Flannel and ed in books illustrated by Persian art- up distinctly in the United States ists, he said. and Australia.-"Animal Life."

Indo-Chino Theatres Prefer French Talkies

The first talking picture theatre was opened in Salgon, French Indo? China, in the fall of 1930 and showed American films. This venture was at first a success, but although large crowds came to see the novelty, they could not granted. The shores on the German understand the words and shortly lost interest. The theatre is now showing only French talkies .- U. S. Commerce

Rules For Citizens-to-Be Buenos Aires.-Foreigners may be

come naturalized citizens of Argentina after two years' residence, provided they learn the Spanish language and have no "ideas" or doctrines opposed to the Argentine form of government, under a decree issued recently by the

that it will not ignite the daytime it is bad enough," he ing. even when a lighted match is applied said, "but at night I frequently wake to it, a new fuel for airplanes has up and hear my teeth chattering on

A Pageantry of

There lay, floating on the ocean, several miles off, an immense, irregular mass, its top and points covered with snow, and its center of a deep indigo coler. This was an iceberg, and of the largest size, as one of our men said who had been in the Northern Ocean. As far as

"The Province will carry out its we own that road. They might But no description can give any Debt Retirement Policy and will pay also say that Quebec owns no Hydro idea of the strangeness, splendour, up to date and will, during the year Electric service and owns no Rail- and really the sublimity of the sight, 1932, pay up last year's instalment, road and has not issued bonds for Its great size—for it must have and whatever deficits have accrued. the purpose of construction of such been two to three miles in circumference and several hundred feet in this and balance its budget next "They might go forth and say that height-its slow motion, as its base year. There will be no more de- we have spent \$125,000,000 in Prov- rose and sank in the water, and its ficits. In order to make sure that incial roads and that Quebec's roads high points nodded against the this would be accomplished, not only cannot be compared with Ontario clouds; the dashing of the waves have we decided to cut our Ordinary roads. They are not as wide as upon it, which, breaking high with Expenditure, but the Province has Ontario roads, they are not as firm- foam, lined its base with a white placed a slightly higher license fee ly constructed and in most places crust; and the thundering sound of this service itself will be self-sus- "The financial structure in Canada breaking and tumbling down of huge is sound. Our Banks are evolving pleces, together with its nearness "The finances of the Province are and performing their functions, and approach, which added a slight

ada, the Banks can do every thing. fortunately, there was no moon, but run through the whole length of the iceberg, and several pieces fell down with a thundering crash, plunging heavily into the sea. Towards morning, a strong breeze sprang up, and we filled away, and left it astern, and at daylight it was out of sight

Radium Air

Rheumatism

The Hartford (Conn.) Courier. -Forty years ago, when rheumatism was a deservedly unpopular malady. the use of red flannel was well nigh The fruit harvest in south Germany whether they were clerks, farmers universal among men, regardless of this year was large, according to a or mechanics. The red flannel came correspondent of the Christian Science out in October, and was adhered to Monitor. Cheap loans for the trans- until it also began to adhere, which

side of Lake Constance are an es he fathers disappeared? pecially rich fruit region. In some been years since we have seen a set parts of this land an interesting old of red flannel flapping on a clothescustom still prevails. Until October line, and the sight of one would renot longer, no matter how brightly the tainly cause us to speculate as to sun may shine. The fruit must be whether rheumatism, whatever that gathered before "Gallus Day," or any- may be, will reappear with the oldbody may take it. A proverb says: time underwear, but if it does, the I form, and one rarely hears of it A man was complaining of the When Garfield was President, rhenlack of warmth in the boarding- matter formed the theme of con louse in which he was staying. In versation for many a winter's eve

Radium in the air of the former so. It is no uncommon thing for them which are adapted only to perching country of Bohemia, now a part of to act the whole or a large part of a and to clinging to perpendicular Czecho-Slovakia and noted for genertreatment has been worked out by Shakespearian play at breaking up or surfaces. These birds spend much ations for the health of its inhabitants Professor H. A. Borthwick of the bot- on a similar fete day and do it admir- of their time on the wing and it has and the benefits to strangers from any division of the branch of the ably. A new departure was recently been suggested that some of the brief residence at its springs and College of Agriculture of the Univer- undertaken by the sixth-form boys- swifts may spend the entire night on health resorts, is to be studied by the sity of California. Professor Borth- primaner, as they are termed here the wing at great heights. They Czecho-Slovakian government to see wick has recently returned from Im- of the Hamburg Herder School. They seldom if ever alight on the ground whether radio-activity of the air may perial Valley, Cal., where he demon- ventured on a performance of G. Ber- and they capture insects for food, be related to the healthfulness of the strated the results of his methods to nard Shaw's "St. Joan" in the trans- scoop water from ponds and lakes country. Measurements made by the lation by Siegfried Terbitsch. The for drink, and pluck twigs from Radiological Institute of the Univer-Lettuce seed, it is explained, require boys in their enthusiasm made no cuts trees and gather other material for sity of Prague already have indicated for germination an adequate supply and presented a play lasting over four their nests, all while on the wing, that the electrical conductivity of the of moisture, good aeration and a low hours. No one in the audience, which When some species of swifts are air near the famous radium mines in emperature. High percentages of filled the large hall of the school to placed on the ground they can arise the Joachim Valley is more than twice germination are secured over a wide overflowing, appeared bored, however, only by means of clumsy efforts, as great as in Prague itself or in other but on the contrary. The services What is even more remarkable, ac normal localities. Some increase in about 75 degrees Fahrenheit; between of a talented young actress, Barbara cording to the U.S. Biological Sur- the electric conductivity of the air Schuchard, had been obtained for the vey, "both the chimney swift and also has been found in the neighborname part, but otherwise all roles the white-throated swift pair while hood of the famous health resort at were given, and given admirably, by in flight," although some naturalists Karlsbad and elsewhere. One of the the boys. Scenery and effects and in- doubt that any species of bird actual- materials given off continually from minerals which contain radium or other radioactive elements is a gas The song of an English nightingale which mixes with the atmosphere and was broadcast to the world when continues to be radioactive for several Beatrice Harrison, English musician, days. It is rays from this gas which lured one of the feathered song- are believed to be responsible for the sters to a microphone concealed in greater electrical conductivity of the To Persia a thicket on her estate in Surrey, air near the radium mines and it is Detroit.-The first mechanical toys The bird was stimulated to enter not unlikely, the Czecho-Slovakian

port and purchase of fruit have been might be late in April. When was it that this custom of

To know w