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**Strange But True**

By F. M. MacArthur

The Baskikouy ants of Africa are more to be feared than the most ferocious jungle beast. These little insects — about one inch long — are more powerful when combined than any living thing in the forest. All other animate things flee for their lives when the march of ants begins.

This species of ant do not build homes of any kind. Like gypsies, they are forever on the go and whatever lies in their path is devoured by it an elephant or the smallest insect. When on the march through the forest they form a long regular line about two inches wide and often several miles long. For this mighty host to pass a given point takes about twelve hours.

Strange but true, these insects cannot bear the heat of the sun. When they come to a place where there are no trees to shelter them, they dig underground passages, through which the whole army marches in orderly column to the forest ahead. These tunnels are only used during the heat of the day. At other times they encompass the tunnels to the forest beyond.

When the time comes to dine, the long thin line circles itself to form a front line. Then they attack and eat everything within the circle or enclosure. Gorillas and elephants have been overpowered and the meat stripped from their bones in half an hour. No wonder that man and beast flee for their lives at the approach of such an enemy.

Sometimes the natives tie their prisoners to a tree, growing directly in the path of these Baskikouy. What a terrible death follows, you can fancy!

When a village or single house blocks their path they force their way inside and clear it of every living creature. Such a vast army makes short work of rodents, roaches and other small insects. Domestic animals left behind by their owners fare no better. In spite of the most frantic struggles, their bones are stripped in an incredible short time.

No wonder that when they are on the march the whole world of living things flee before them. They even climb trees in search of birds' nests, caterpillars, and what have you. They pursue their prey as a rat terrier pursues a rat, and seem to be animated with the genius of destruction. It may be interesting to mention their manner of attack. First they make a great leap, then the strong pincers are fastened, and they hold on like a bull dog. "What we have we hold," would seem to be the motto of these terrible insects, which, if they were large, would be the most terrible enemy man

**66 Names On Casualty List**

OTTAWA, Oct. 28—(CP)—The army today issued its 148th casualty list of the Korean war, reporting 66 casualties in last week's heavy fighting around Little Gibraltar Hill.

Fourteen soldiers are dead, 13 missing, 30 wounded and nine injured in action. Of these 62 are members of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Today's list brought to 1,197 the total number of casualties so far suffered by Canadian troops in Korea, including 222 dead, 864 wounded, 27 missing, 83 injured in action and one captured.

(There were no Prince Edward Island names on the latest army list.)

Such is the order of nature which the all wise Father has created, that when a race of men or beasts vanishes from the earth it will never, never come back.

The natives of this part of the world have a fearful dread of dead folk. Though brave and daring in battle, they are afraid of death.

If a person dies in one of their villages, the village is abandoned for a new site.

Their sick are often deserted or driven into the forest to die of starvation or loneliness.

Think of it! Those Bakalal (as they are called) have no crematories. When a person dies the body is tossed into the jungle, and that is the end of it. What a lot of missionary work remains to be done in Africa.

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