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Re war on
English Sparrows

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STATE TO DESTROY BIRD PEST
A WAR TO BE WAGED AGAINST THE ENGLISH SPARROW.

The Fish and Game Commission, to which is delegated the function of protecting and preserving the wild life of the State, has declared war on the English Sparrow. Throughout the United States this bird has proved to be a pest and many eastern cities have waged war against it for many years past. Here in California, as elsewhere, the English Sparrow is not only filthy in its habits and destructive to crops, but in addition drives out the native insectivorous and song birds which are beneficial to man's interests. The campaign to be instituted by the Commission will probably constitute the first united effort toward this end to be made by any state in the union. A leaflet giving methods of identifying English Sparrows and means of destroying them will soon be issued. In addition a statewide campaign of publicity will be undertaken to encourage a united effort to rid California of this bird pest. A week will be set aside during which everyone will be asked to cooperate in the destruction of sparrows and all of the deputies of the Fish and Game Commission will be set to work killing sparrows and directing others in the work.

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