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NOTES AND NEWS

Word has been received of the death of George Willett, Vice-President of the American Ornithologists' Union, on August 2, this year.

Information has come indirectly that the general collection of birdskins at the Berlin Museum is intact as is the library, but the mounted birds, presumably including the Lichtenstein and Cabanis material, were destroyed. Dr. Erwin Stresemann has resumed work at the Museum but Dr. Oskar Heinroth died of pneumonia on May 31, 1945. The Museum für Naturkunde was destroyed.

At Bonn, Dr. von Jordans has written, the zoological collections of the Alexander Koenig Museum escaped. Those of the Senckenbergian Museum at Frankfort am Main, where Rüppell's types and the Berlepsch and Erlanger collections were housed, are of uncertain fate. Most of the material is said to be safe, but one [unspecified] great ornithological collection was destroyed.

In Munich, the fossil vertebrates were destroyed and since the general collections were kept in the same building, they may have met the same fate.

The Congo Museum at Terveuren, Belgium, was nearly struck but the 'near miss' left the bird collections undamaged.

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