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## War broke out because of a bucket

War of the Buck, the war between Italy and Bologna, Modena broke out in 1325, leaving 2,000 people dead and injured. It is considered one of the most "stupid" wars in the history of mankind for the sake of stealing a bucket.

Specifically, Modena soldiers sneaked into the city of Bologna and stole a bucket used by people to collect water from a well located in the center of the city.

The Bologna side reclaimed the bucket but was denied so declared war on Modena.



To reclaim the bucket, Bologna mobilized up to 32,000 troops, while 7,000 Modena's highly trained soldiers were also available to protect the bucket.

After many years, the Modena finally conquered the Bologna side and a truce was signed. However, Modena has not returned the bucket and is currently stored in the basement of the bell tower of the Torre della Ghirlandina Church, in the city of Modena.

## Wild rabbit crisis in Australia

Perhaps you will never believe that the cute, small rabbits have caused widespread ecological destruction in Australia for over 150 years.

Before the 1850s, rabbits did not appear in Australia. So, a British man who immigrated to Australia named Thomas Austin imported a pack of 24 wild rabbits from England into Australia and released them into the wild to "have a hunting ground". The number of wild rabbits quickly exploded, reaching 10 billion in the 1920s.



These wild rabbits then migrated throughout Australia causing tremendous damage to the vegetation in Australia.

In the 1950s, to control the number of wild rabbits the Australian government had to resort to biological methods. To this day, Australia spends about \$ 100 million a year dealing with this rodent.

### "Holy" cheat in the 1904 Olympic Games

The 1904 Olympic Games were held in St. Petersburg. Louis, Missouri with 12 countries participating, is considered the worst Olympics in history due to fraud.

Typically the men's marathon. 18 out of 32 athletes have to give up due to extreme weather conditions. In that race, Frederick Lorz was the first to finish, but was cheating.



After running 14.5 km, he intended to give up because of exhaustion so he got on the car to the stadium. But when the car drove to 30km of the track, it was broken. Frederick Lorz jumped out and ran the last 8km and became the first to finish the race. Thanks to this achievement, he even took a picture with President Roosevelt's daughter.

However, someone accused Frederick Lorz of cheating just before he came to the podium to receive the medal. Organizers after verification has decided to "suspend" Frederick Lorz forever from the Olympic.

### **Both London "flooded" in the stench**

In July and August 1858, the city of London faced an unusually hot summer. The hot weather makes industrial and human waste discharged into the Thames give off a stench, causing serious air pollution. The cause of this incident is attributed to the overloaded drainage system.

At that time, the Thames was the only source of water for many people so many cholera and diphtheria outbreaks occurred.

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