

Monster Python In New York Zoo Nearly Kills Man

Huge Snake Escapes Grip of Six Captors and Coils Three Folds of Body Around Bear Keeper

New York, July 20.—A scene of wild excitement and narrowly averted tragedy occurred this morning in the reptile house of the Bronx Zoo, when a great rock python escaped from the grip of six captors and coiled three folds of its crushing length around the bear keeper Charles Schmidt.

As the python began to tighten its coils in a death throttle, Schmidt's eyes bulged and his face turned purple. But a few seconds later another six men came to the rescue, while Raymond Dittmars, abandoning his motion picture camera, got a two-fister strangle hold just behind the reptile's head and began to do some choking on his own account.

Was Short Struggle.

There was a short, spectacular struggle—swirling, undulating muscular coils and swaying men—and Mr. Schmidt was freed.

The next time the reptile men need help they will have to get it from somewhere other than the bear dens. Schmidt has developed an uncontrollable aversion to colfers, even soft ones, and is going about with his shirt wide open at the neck.

The python that caused the trouble is one of two with which Captor Dittmars arrived last night from California. It is 24 feet long and weighs 175 pounds. It is expected to reach nearly double the length and to weigh 300 pounds when it attains its full growth. If it lives it will be the largest snake in captivity.

Wild Orang Outang.

The struggle in the snake house eclipsed for a few hours the notoriety of Miss Lizzie Dempsey, red-haired champion lightweight lady prize fighter of the world, who also arrived with Mr. Dittmars' party from the west.

She is an orang outang from Borneo and her escapades aboard the transcontinental liner, the *Comet*, from San Francisco have made her a startling figure in the news of the past 24 hours.

She began by batting the baggage man in the eye with a swift uppercut (it was he who nicknamed her Dempsey), and after seizing a new-boy through the bars of her cage, she scattered his papers all over the baggage car she tripped up a 200-pound Pullman conductor and sent him sprawling on his face, yelling bloody murder.

When Mr. Dittmars tried to make friends she patted him with a right "Dempsey" jab over the head and then reverting to more feminine tactics clawed him on the arm. He will keep the scar for many a day. But before they completed the journey he managed to make friends with her and now Miss Dempsey eats bananas and rice from his hand—without biting the hand.

Western Nebraska Bankers

Hold Meeting at Sidney

Sidney, Neb., July 20.—(Special Telegram.)—This city is handsomely decorated in honor of Group 7, Nebraska Bankers' association. About 200 bankers from 13 counties of this section and many from Lincoln, Omaha and other eastern points attended. The session opened with an address by Martin Dineen, president of the association, who was introduced by R. M. Hampton, mayor of Alliance and president of First National bank. C. H. Randal, president of the Nebraska Bankers' association, and Morris Weil, president of the National Bank of Commerce of Lincoln gave addresses. Four hundred attended a luncheon at the Commercial club at the Union Pacific hotel. The bankers drove over the mesa to look at the immense wheat crop being harvested. James L. McIntosh and F. L. Pelton were the speakers at a banquet at night. Optimistic feeling was expressed throughout the entire proceedings.

Bridegroom, 67, Hunts Love

Nest at Malmo for Bride, 63

Carl Anderson, 67, whose marriage to Blanda Nielson, 63, was validated by a decision by County Judge Crawford Tuesday, went to Malmo, Neb., Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by his attorney, Charles O. Anderson, to pick out a home. The two will start housekeeping there. Judge Crawford's decision also dissolved a guardianship over Mrs. Nielson-Anderson and she will be able to control property valued at \$22,000.

Grain Inspection at Ord

Favors Kanred Wheat

Ord, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—J. F. Lawrence and County Agent Dale made an inspection of a number of fields of improved varieties of grain. This inspection showed that Kanred wheat is more resistant to rust than the older varieties. It is also considerably earlier, and from all appearances will yield well. Some of the fields sowed in corn stalk ground do not show up very well. A second inspection will be made after threshing.

Canada to Reduce Permanent Military Force 10 Per Cent

Ottawa, Ont., July 20.—Canada will reduce its permanent military force by 10 per cent after July 31, in the interest of economy, it was announced today by the militia department. This means that the force will have a maximum of 3,600 officers and men instead of 4,000.

Ord Pig Club

Ord, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—The three-months' contest which was started by the Pig club June 20 is progressing rapidly. There are 23 members of the club, raising a total of 28 pigs. Six of them have Chester Whites, eight, Durc Jerseys, and nine Poland-Chins.

Young Exhibitor Drives Her Pony at Horse Show



One of the youngest exhibitors at the Islip, N. Y. horse show, held recently, was little Miss Margaret Potter. She drove her pony, Tobin, in the pony harness class and won the plaudits of the crowd by her fine show of horsemanship.

Governor of Illinois Under Indictment

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Governor Sterling said he had violated no law to his knowledge and then remained silent. The investigation was closely guarded by secrecy during its progress.

Lieutenant Governor Sterling from the start occupied the unenviable position of being in direct line with Attorney General Brundage's broadside against Small's term in the treasury office. Sterling followed Small as state treasurer and preceded E. E. Miller, whose revelations of alleged irregularities existing before his term are said to have started the most bitter political battle of the Small-Brundage war.

Securities Not Accepted.

Mr. Sterling is said to have accepted Small's securities, on state loans when he took over the office. Some of these securities were not accepted in the same manner by Mr. Miller.

Miller went to Brundage with his alleged discoveries. The attorney general conferred with State's Attorney Mortimer and the Sangamon county grand jury was recalled. The findings of the grand jury were anticipated. The state, familiar with the testimony presented and the nature of the evidence from the start of the investigation, has insisted that it was satisfied with the progress made. Governor Small has refused to make any public comment or reply to the charges during the investigation except to issue an early statement which did not mention the charges and made an attack on traction barons and tax dodgers.

His friends, however, by their excitement and concern were believed to reflect the alarm felt by the governor over the disclosures such an investigation would bring. The cry that it was politics, and that Attorney General Brundage was seeking revenge because his appropriations had been vetoed by the governor, failed to convince many that there were no grounds for the investigation.

Friends Worried.

When it became known that investigation of the Grant Park bank was under way, the administration friends sought to justify the bank's activities and insinuated that the investigation was a fishing expedition. But as it progressed and it was apparent that it was digging up damaging evidence, the efforts of friends of Governor Small to draw attention away from the investigation became less apparent until in the last few days their attitude has been one of merely waiting.

Indictment of a governor and lieutenant governor while in office is something that is said never to have happened in the entire country. Now that the blow has fallen, the politicians seem to have turned their attention to the fallen state leaders to study the effect the indictments will have on the party at the coming elections.

What is causing the most worry here is the query—Where will the grand jury investigation end? No one believes the true bills voted today will close the chapter of the interest scandal.

Further Probe Expected.

In achievement, many look forward to a legislative investigation of the state treasurer's office. Should such an inquiry be launched, here are some of the subjects that might be looked into:

Interest on funds held by state treasurer and other state officials.

What banks have been depositors of state funds, the amounts of deposits, interest rate paid and the term of the deposit. What influences secured these deposits.

Also they may seek to learn how certain senators and politicians have been able to have put into little down state banks, state money nearly equal to the capitalization of the banks.

Wealthy Iowa Farmer Kills Self by Hanging

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 20.—Walter Dunlap, 39, wealthy young farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree near Alburnet. When he failed to come home for dinner his father searched for him and found his body hanging to a raft in an outbuilding. Despondency was given as the cause of the act.

Jewelry Salesman Given Release by Habeas Corpus

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Chicago, July 20.—Harry Preston of New York, a jewelry salesman, who claimed to have been robbed of watches valued at \$65,000 which he hid in his room in a hotel, and who was held by the police, was released today on a writ of habeas corpus.

Lloyd George to Attend Meeting On Disarmament

Harding's Suggestion for Disarmament Meeting of Leading Powers Assuming Great Magnitude.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, July 20.—It is announced Premier Lloyd George will attend the Washington conference on limitation of armaments.

President Harding has been informed of the desire of the dominion premiers that advantage be taken of their presence in London to subject the Pacific question, at least, to a preliminary examination here, according to the London Times. The premiers hope to be in a position at their meeting Wednesday, adds the Times, "to take a definite step forward in this matter with the concurrence of the United States."

May Clean Slate.

Washington, July 19.—President Harding's move for a disarmament conference is assuming far greater magnitude in world affairs than first indications disclosed.

News dispatches from Tokio reporting Japan might raise such questions as racial equality and abolition of extra-territorial rights in China were read with manifest interest. There was an apparent feeling of satisfaction over other unofficial news which are entirely informal and that department officials apparently hoped to be able to reach an understanding without a further exchange of formal notes. The information desired by Tokio is understood to have been given the Japanese ambassador during an informal conversation with Secretary Hughes.

President Harding is understood to be giving some attention to the personnel of the commission that is to represent the United States.

May Exchange Views.

Tokio, July 19.—Subsequent to a cabinet meeting today which discussed a report of Kijuro Shidehara, the ambassador to the United States, it was announced that the United States, Great Britain and Japan probably would exchange views in an effort to outline the program for the coming Washington conference.

A semi-official statement says Japan is prepared to give all prominence in the conference to the questions of the open door and equal opportunity in China, so as to place China in a fair way to the attainment of an independent national status. The statement emphasized the necessity of co-operation by the powers in aiding China in the recovery of her rights and interests.

President Harding Sends Greetings to Hibernians

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Detroit, July 20.—Greetings from President Harding, with an expression of appreciation for services rendered to America by men of Irish race in war time, featured the opening session of the 52d annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. President Harding's message said:

"Please express to the National Order of Hibernians and the ladies' auxiliary, my best wishes for the order and its members and my high appreciation of the services rendered by men of the Irish race to this country in all the great wars and by the thousands of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the national cause during the great war."

Omaha Grocers to Krug at Annual Picnic in Frong Park

Today is the day when the Omaha grocers and butchers abandon dull care and frolic with wild abandon at their annual picnic. The party is to be staged at Krug park this year and the customary list of prizes has been arranged for the many athletic events scheduled as part of the fun. Eating will be the major sport along about 6 p. m., and in the evening dancing and swimming will be in order.

Fremont Boys Held

Grand Island, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—Four boys, Floyd McGee, 15; Arthur Watson, 19; Albert Sheldon, 15; and William McGuire, 12, were detained here and held for their parents at Fremont. They had run away and were "beating" to Cheyenne to see the frontier show.

Chicago Police Seek Three Bandits Who Thank Victims

Chicago, July 20.—The police here are looking today for three polite young men who thank their victims after robbing them and who always select women. Five women yesterday reported they had been held up by the band. In each instance they were thanked after being relieved of their valuables.

Ten such instances have been reported to the police in the past week.

Wheat Yield Good

Cozad, Neb., July 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The wheat crop in this section of the state is turning out better than first anticipated. A fair average is 25 bushels an acre. Glen Young of the south side threshed a field which averaged 44 bushels per acre.

Youth, Not Quite 17, Named Co-Respondent in Divorce Action

Chicago, July 20.—Charles Oakley can boast of being the youngest co-respondent named in a divorce action. He is not quite 17. Michael J. Bies filed a divorce bill today against his wife, Naurine Bies, 27 years old, charging she was vamped by the boy.

"They ran away and went to Detroit together and they vamped each other all the time," Bies said. He introduced a letter from his wife as evidence.

"I am sure you will be better off without me," his wife wrote. "I want to live my own life. Tell your mother I am sorry."

Judge Lynch indicated he would sign a decree.

Judge Upholds Right of 4-Year-Old Boy to See Sunday Ball

Newark, N. J., July 20.—The right of a 4-year-old boy to attend Sunday base ball games despite his mother's objection has been upheld by Vice Chancellor Backes.

The vice chancellor yesterday refused an application of Mrs. Grace Lines of Morristown for an order prohibiting her husband, John A. Lines, from taking their son for Sunday walks, because, she said, she had discovered Lines took the boy to ball games.

Mrs. Lines, who is suing for separate maintenance, has custody of the boy under a court order but the father is permitted to have him on Sunday afternoons.

L. L. Whitehorn, Pioneer, Dies

Came to State in 1856; Served With Nebraska Cavalry in Civil War.

Lorenzo L. Whitehorn, 79, 2418 Jones street, pioneer Nebraskan, died suddenly of heart disease yesterday at his home.

Mr. Whitehorn was born in Pen-yan, N. Y.; in 1842 and came to Nebraska in 1856, settling on a farm in Dakota county whence he came to Omaha in 1892.

He served in the civil war with the second Nebraska cavalry and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Funeral services will be held under the auspices of U. S. Grant post No. 110, G. A. R., arrangements awaiting word from surviving daughters on the west coast.

He is survived by his wife, Laura, four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Bowdler of Cushing, Okla., Mrs. D. A. Smith of Los Angeles, Mrs. A. M. Blackwell, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. George E. Burdick of Sioux City, and one son, Ed Whitehorn, employed by the Bee.

Lord Queensborough Weds New York Woman

New York, July 20.—Lord Queensborough, a member of the Paget family, ennobled by Henry VIII of England, was married today to Edith Starr Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Starr Miller at the bride's home.

The ceremony, attended by only a few relatives and intimate friends, was performed by Rev. Dr. Archibald R. Mansfield of the Seaman's Church institute.

Lord Queensborough (Almeric Hugh Paget), was raised to the peerage in 1918. This is his second marriage into a prominent American family. His first wife, Pauline Whitney, daughter of William C. Whitney, former secretary of the navy, died in 1916. He came to America in 1877.

Total of 8,000,000 Women in Gainful Occupations

Cleveland, O., July 20.—There are 8,000,000 women in the United States in gainful occupations, Dr. Amelia Henry Reinhardt, president of Mills college, Oakland, Cal., told the 300 delegates attending the third annual convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, in an address today.

Fifty per cent of the women are teachers, Dr. Reinhardt said, while 37 per cent occupy secretarial positions. Only 1,600 women have graduated in law.

Lake Forrest of Detroit, national president, in her annual address, pleaded for a better education for business women, sane thinking on the problems of the commercial world today, intelligent citizenship and a full acceptance of the responsibilities of equal suffrage.

Body of Omaha Youth Killed in France to Arrive Friday

Among the 75 bodies of American soldiers who died in France which are expected in Omaha Friday morning is that of Vernon M. Robb, son of Fred N. Robb of Omaha. Robb was a member of the machine gun company of the 120th infantry and died from wounds received in action, August 13, 1918. Word was received today that the bodies were sent from Hoboken today and should arrive over the Northwestern railroad Friday morning.

New Factory At Ord

Ord, Neb., July 20.—(Special.)—A new ice cream factory has been started here by Lester Bly.

Graders Dig Up Body of Indian Chief in Bluffs

Insignia of Tribal Distinction Still Clinging to Bones—Skull Measures 20 Inches in Circumference.

The body of an Indian chief, buried at least a century or more ago in all his regal glory, was plowed out of its grave yesterday by graders developing a new residence tract near the end of Perrine avenue, Council Bluffs. The insignia of tribal distinction still cling to the fossilizing bones, and left no doubt that he was a chief in the days of his pride and power.

The ground, a 20-acre tract of the old Benedict Haag pasture, now owned by Carl and Victor Laustrip, has never been cultivated and has remained in practically the same condition it was in when Lewis and Clark stopped at the Bluffs in 1804. Plans for the development of the tract were made by Roy Towl, former city engineer of Omaha, and he has had charge of the work. He is an archaeologist and believing that he was working on the site of an Indian village, cautioned the graders to look out for relics.

Buried Under Old Elm.

The first find was the body of the old Indian chief plowed out yesterday about five feet beneath the surface and below the roots of a huge elm tree. The skull, femur and hip bones were intact. Three copper bracelets, fashioned from heavy wire, six beautifully made silver pendants, remnants of a string of Indian beads, made of porcupine and a large, several large glass beads of 16th century type and a polished clam shell arm ornament were among the relics recovered. A short section ofariat made of horsehair also was found.

One of the copper bracelets is of real antique value. Its carving is an excellent imitation of the snake scarab of the ancient Egyptians.

Teeth All Intact.

The chief's skull measures 20 inches in circumference and lacks the extreme high cheek bones of the modern Indian. A bit of the real vermilion paint which he blazoned his face was found near the skull. The teeth are all intact and are nearly twice the size and the strength of the dental equipment of the present day. The incisors are as strong as ordinary molars, and the molars look as if they arerawed jaws that could crush a walnut.

The well-shaped skull appears to resemble closely ancient skulls that Schoolcraft obtained when studying the Mandan Sioux of North Dakota, a branch of the American aborigines that have been a greater puzzle to the archaeologist than the cliff dwellers and which he believed to be the original mound builders of the Mississippi valley, whose origin Donnelly and others trace directly to the pre-historic Atlanteans.

The skull and other relics are now in the show window of the Laustrip music store on Broadway.

Beer Regulations Will Be Signed Within Few Days

Washington, July 20.—Regulations covering the use of beer and wine for medical purposes will be signed within a few days, unless prohibitory action is taken by congress, Commissioner Blair announced today. The final draft of the regulations is on his desk awaiting signature. Action had been deferred for months, he said, upon assurance of senate leaders that congress would quickly determine its attitude toward medicinal beer, but with the postponing of prohibition legislation in the senate to facilitate passage of farm measures apparently further delay was in prospect. Unless definite assurances of congressional action could be received within a day or two, the commissioner said, it would be the duty of the bureau to promulgate the regulations.

Man Who Wants Better Home For Boys Will Pay Alimony

James R. Davis, who pleaded not guilty a week ago to a charge of non-payment of alimony to his divorced wife, changed his plea to guilty yesterday before District Judge Troup and was paroled for two years to Adult Probation Officers O'Brien.

Davis' parole was conditioned on his promise to pay alimony and the monthly maintenance money for support of his two children.

When he pleaded not guilty he declared his children are not in a home of which he approves and said he would pay over more than the court ordered if they were placed in a better home.

New Secretary of U. S. Shipping Board



Clifford W. Smith, newly appointed secretary of the United States shipping board, Mr. Smith was a Washington newspaper correspondent for several years. His home is in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Weeks and Mellon May Pass on Ford Offer to Lease Nitrate Plant

Washington, July 20.—Government action on Henry Ford's offer to take over the nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., for conversion into a fertilizer plant may await conferences between Secretaries Weeks and Mellon, it was said today.

Mr. Mellon, officials said, is regarded as an authority on hydraulic power, adding that Mr. Weeks would probably ask congress for general authority to lease the Muscle Shoals plant in order to facilitate negotiations with Mr. Ford or others from whom offers might be received. There are reports that the DuPont interests and other chemical concerns are considering submitting offers for the plant.

Mr. Ford's scheme for providing fertilizer cheaply to farmers, it was said, would be of weight in determining the government's attitude. It has been estimated that about \$12,000,000 would be needed to convert the plant.

Examinations to Fill 2,294 Nashys' Jobs Nearly Ended

Washington, July 20.—Civil service examinations to fill 2,294 vacant postmasterships will be concluded by August 27, the commission announced yesterday. A total of 3,500 vacant offices accumulated in the last two years, will have been filled at that time, the commission expected.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Washington, July 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Amatlan oil fields are on fire, with drilling towers falling like chaff and the workmen fleeing, according to reports received here describing "the greatest catastrophe in the history of the oil fields." The cause is not known.

Steel Companies Not Interested In Coal Mine War

Representative Denies Co-Operation Between Operators In Attempt to Crush Union In West Virginia.

Washington, July 20.—Operator in the Mingo, W. Va., coal fields, in resisting efforts to unionize their workmen, acted on their own accord and were in no way influenced by the United States Steel corporation, Ernest L. Bailey, superintendent of the Portsmouth-Solvay Coke company's mines at Freeburn, Ky., today informed the senate investigating committee. He emphatically denied, when questioned by Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, that there was any association between the operators and the steel corporation in policy toward union labor.

Senator Kenyon read a statement purporting to have been issued by W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the United Mine Workers, in which it was charged that the steel corporation was the "guiding hand" behind the effort to crush out "the mine workers' organization." The statement said the steel corporation, through its subsidiaries, was the largest producer of coal in West Virginia, and was planning in conjunction with the Norfolk and Western railroad, to extend its operations into the Mingo fields.

Mines supervised by Mr. Bailey are across the Tug river from Mingo county. After Harry Olmstead, representing operators in the region, had testified that 27 persons were known to have been killed during disorders since the middle of May, 1920, Mr. Bailey testified he had instructions from his superiors not to employ a member of the United Mine Workers unless he renounced his allegiance to the union.

Embezzlement Complaint Is Dismissed Against Man

Yankton, S. D., July 20.—Complaint that L. Z. Reed embezzled about \$12,000 while manager of the Farmers Co-operative store at Gayville, S. D., was dismissed by a magistrate after much of the state's evidence was ruled out on motion of the defense. Reed was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., early this year, but has been free on bond.

Amatlan Oil Fields Are Burning; Workmen Fleeing

Mexico City, July 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Amatlan oil fields are on fire, with drilling towers falling like chaff and the workmen fleeing, according to reports received here describing "the greatest catastrophe in the history of the oil fields." The cause is not known.

Thompson, Belden & Co.

Manhattan Shirt Sale Thursday

Every Manhattan in stock, including white, is in this semi-annual sale. Shirts of fine madras, crepes, silk mixtures and all silk shirts. Collar attached styles included.

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\$3.50 Manhattans,	\$2.85.
\$4.00 Manhattans,	\$3.15.
\$4, \$5 and \$5.50 Manhattans,	\$3.85.
\$6.00 Manhattans,	\$4.55.
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