His Millions Have Made That Dream Come True

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HOLLAND, Mich., Aug. 11.—Many a barefooted small boy has felt that he would be the happiest youngster on earth if only he had a circus all his own.

George F. Getz felt that way when he was a lad of 6 on a Pennsylvania farm. Circuses came to town seldom and when they did come Getz often didn't have money enough to go to them. But he vowed that some day he would own one—or at least own a lot of wild animals.

And now, at 60, a multimillionaire, Getz has made his boyhood dream come true.

Owns His Own Zoo

He has established his own private zoo on his beautiful "Lakeside Farm" near here, and has filled it with all the strange animals he wanted to have when he was a youngster.

And he keeps the place open to the public. He even holds big barbecues to give an added treat to the people who come to see his collection.

He's doing it all to satisfy the yearning that tormented him when he was a kid.

The zoo consists of some 75 animals. These range in size and kind all the way from a pair of 24-foot python snakes up to an elephant. Scattered in between are a melange of tigers, a lion, varieties of monkeys, jaguars, the smallest pony in the world and what not.

Getz loves his animals. They remind him of poor kids. He was poor once himself and knows the value of a little kindness.

And he loves people. That's why he has his informal parties at which he has fed as many as 20,000 guests.

"Im getting too old to go to other people's celebrations. I want them to come to mine instead." he says.

He doesn't say much more because he isn't much of a hand at talking.

He laughs most of the time because his dream has come true.

When he was a lad of 6 he went to work on a farm near Mechanisburg, Pa. He had to work hard.

He recalls when he first saw a circus poster, depicting some of the jungle denizens.

There was a picture of tigers and an elephant on a crossroad sign board.

"What are those?" Getz asked. "I'll get some like that to play with," he said when they told him.

But wages for a six-year-old 50 years ago were not sufficient even for the purchase of the dog that Getz craved, to say nothing of a grown tiger or elephant.

Then came the turn of fate. Getz rose. Today he is one of the country's most influential coal mine operators.

He has the menagerie coveted during his boyhood and he is sharing his happiness with the world.

With his two sons he lives between his farm here and Chicago, driving back and forth as fancy dictates.

Gave Steeds Away

Some time ago he despatched a commission to Arabia when the notion seized him to have a herd of pure-bred Arabian horses.

When the animals arrived Getz gave them all away to friends. Why?

Because his friends admired them so much.

"I wanted them to have some fun, too," he says.

His zoo and farm are constantly open to the public.

The rich man's money is buying back his lost childhood.

Astoria shipped 43,780 cases salmon and 55,427 pounds of butter, during June.

Hillsboro—Frame buildings on Lyons block, to be replaced by modern structures.

Tennis Queen Turns Pro

Presenting Suzanne Lenglen, champion woman tennis player of the world, who has turned professional. She has signed a contract to play pro tennis under the management of C. C. Pyle, also pilot of "Red" Grange, football star. Suzanne will tour this country in the fall. An offer of $110,000 for a four-months' jaunt is said to have persuaded the net queen to enter the professional ranks.

Cottage Grove—Architect employed, to draw plans for new city hall.

Roseburg — Bovington ranch, 1700 acres, sold to Price Brothers.

NEW CANCER SERUM FOUND TO CURE RATS

LONDON, —(UP)—A cancer serum making rats immune is described in the annual report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign. Dr. Thomas Lumsden of the Lister Institute, performed experiments on fifty rats successfully, according to the report.

Injection of the appropriate serum in malignant tumors in the feet of rats, the report indicates, caused the tumors to disappear. Temporary stoppage of circulation in the part affected is a part of the procedure. It was found, the report declares, that two tumors in different feet of a rat could be made to vanish by treatment of only one and that rats which had been subjected to the serum treatment were immune to subsequent attacks of cancer.

FASCINATING WIDOW CAUSES SIX SUICIDES

BUDAPEST, (UP) — Charged with inciting six different young men to commit suicide, a young Budapest widow has been taken into custody by the local police.

A seventh, instead of yielding to her persuasive argument that "It would be beautiful to take poison and die in the arms of a beautiful woman," broke away from her embraces and rushed to the nearest police station.

The woman's mentality in wishing to have the young men die in her presence promises several weeks of interesting study to local psycho-analysts. The method which she employed was to induce her victims to commit suicide with her. To each she gave real poison while she drank a harmless potion of the same color.

Health and happiness are all anybody needs, even if they are not all he wants.

Mom and Pop — By Taylor

NOTORIOUS CATTLE RUSTLER IS ALIVE

SONORA, Cal., Aug. 8.—Monty Wolf, [illegible] of the cattle-rustlers and [illegible] of the Mother Lode country, whose raids [illegible] into Tuolumne county [illegible] mothers in the district [illegible] naughty children by saying, "Be good or Monty Wolf will get you!" [illegible] not [illegible] captured. Neither was he left in the Mother Lode country.

This is the report of Dave Eltringham, cattleman from the Gabbots Meadow country who claims that the notorious outlaw called at the Eltringham cattle camp recently, stayed for supper, spent part of the night and disappeared before sun-up.

An investigation showed that Monty wore a pair of heavy boots until within a few hundred yards of the camp and changed to tennis shoes before approaching closer.

For the last decade the elusive "Wolf of the Mother Lode" has led sheriffs a merry chase. He was [illegible] cattle [illegible] Mother Lode country, the operations suddenly ceased.

Reports from [illegible] that Monty had either died or [illegible] a new field of operation.

The desperado failed to recognize Eltringham and claimed to be working for the forest service, obtaining estimates of the number of deer coming out of the tall timber to the salt licks.

Tuolumne ranchers are wondering whether Monty really has grown tired of his depredations, and whether they should greet him, when opportunity comes, with an extended palm or an extended muzzle.

POWDERED BARE LEGS AGAIN LONDON FAD

LONDON, (UP) —Stockingless stockings have again become fashionable in London during the recent hot weather.

Special shades of powder are used on bare legs to give them the appearance of being clad with flesh colored stockings. One well-known society figure was recently observed to have painted a faint line down the back of her leg to simulate the seam of a stocking.

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AMERICANS LOSE MONEY BY DOPED CIGARETTES

PARIS, (UP)—Tourists from the American boats arriving at Cherbourg and Havre and taking the train for Paris have reported to the police several times in the last month that a gang of confidence men have been reaping a big harvest by means of doped cigarettes handed to the victim by a benevolent looking man casually met with in the station or on the train.

The crook usually waits unt'l he spots a man travelling alone, strikes up a conversation and offers the cigarette. If the newcomer is over for the first time it is easy to talk to him about what he should see in the gay capital. If he accepts the smoke conversation becomes hazy, the tourist gets dizzy and gradually his senses leave him. When he is awakened at Paris—boat trains come through without a stop—he is without roll and often without passport.

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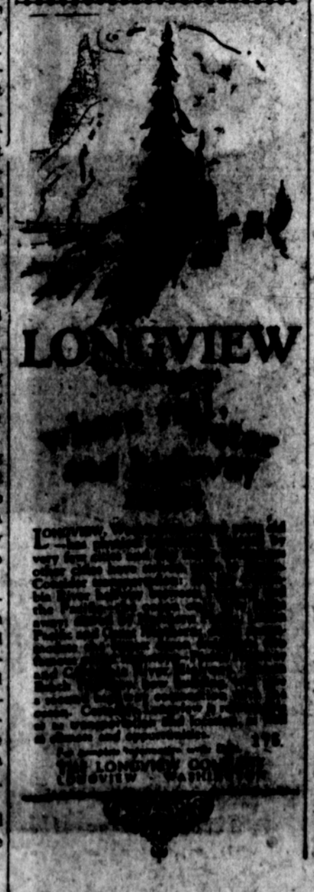

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