

"Face to Face With a Man-Eater"

by H. D. Strevor

SYNOPSIS: Last week's installment of H. D. Strevor's story of "Face to Face with a Man-Eater," closes with our hero Gopal Chandra Dutt standing alone in the path of a charging man-eating tiger. Now go on with the story.

The moments which followed seemed like ages. Would they never end? When the tiger was within about twenty feet from Gopal it charged. With his sword Gopal struck with all his might. The weapon was of heavy steel and was backed by strong muscles but the thick hair and tough skin of the beast afforded him as good protection as a shield affords a warrior. The impact of the sword against the animal's body bent the blade but did not draw one drop of blood.

Rearing up on his hind legs the tiger seized the man with his mighty paws and hugged him and bit into his left shoulder. But quickly before he could bring his jaws together a

piece of shining steel was slipped into the corner of the tiger's mouth and forced into the deep recesses of his throat so effectively that it severed some of the large blood vessels.

The tiger showed his surprise at such treatment by releasing his hold on Gopal's shoulder and relaxing for a second. This was Chandra's chance. Slipping his left arm torn and bleeding though it was, around the man-eater's neck he pushed the sword into his throat clear to the hilt rendering those cruel jaws powerless.

With a thud man and beast fell heavily on the ground together. But never for one moment did Gopal release his hold on the tiger or withdraw his sword. His only safety was in keeping in close contact with his enemy as possible.

Snarls mingled with muffled roars floated on the air as Gopal Chandra and the man-eater fought the battle of life and death beating down the rice and packing the ground. Time and again the long penetrating claws of the tiger tore and tore Gopal's tender flesh and skin as he sought in vain to shake off his adversary.

Fuzle Din one of Chandra's companions and one of the last to take to his heels chanced to glance back over his shoulder just in time to see Gopal and the tiger fall to the ground. He paused in his flight and returned cautiously to the place of combat, where he administered some telling blows to hasten the tiger's end. His real assistance he probably overestimated but that he saved Gopal from a few lacerations should not be questioned. And any assistance offered to one in Chandra's condition, no matter how small does not go without appreciation.

It was not until the animal ceased to struggle that Gopal released his hold. Then for the first time he realized how badly he had been mauled. Blood dripped from nearly every part of his body and piercing pains shot here and there. His left arm was fast becoming stiff and useless.

Torn muscles dangled from his mutilated shoulder and upper arm. His strength was gone; he could not stand; and he lay on the ground convinced that he must die.

The women and children ever keeping their watchful vigilance beheld the men in unorganized haste rushing towards home. This gave zest to their wails who now took on the nature of piercing shrieks.

The men seemed to sense that the greatest danger was over or became ashamed as they saw their wives and children watching them and began to realize what they were doing. Those in the rear had seen one of their number turn back and had heard the sound of the fight. And as they came to Chandra and the vanquished tiger all their former courage returned. Because even a man-eater is harmless when he is dead.

For weeks Gopal lay on a bed of pain in the civil hospital at Fairview. But gradually his strong vitality responded to treatment. However it was six months before he could leave the hospital and even then he was in a very weak condition. But his social standing and that of his family also was forever established in that district. Gopal recalls how the district manager gave him fifty rupees as a reward for his deed of valor.

It would be a most terrifying experience if we were called upon to face a man eating tiger with no more protection than Gopal Chandra Dutt had at his disposal. But every one of us is facing every day of our lives a more deadly enemy. Paul in his epistle to the Hebrews describes this enemy as a "raring lion, seeking whom he may devour." How thankful we should be that we have the "word of God" which is "quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow." This is a much stronger and more effective weapon than Gopal used.

Satan possesses all the characteristics prominent in these man-eaters. See Luke 8:27-29; 9:42. And even in this life he will tear the body in a fierce cruel way when he can gain possession of it. See Luke 9:39. How thankful we should be for the word of God and for the precious blood of Jesus which makes it possible for us to be saved and placed beyond the reach of Satan's destructive power.

THE END

Water Needs of Alfalfa Discussed in Bulletin

While alfalfa requires more water than most crops yields and length of life might be increased considerably if more care were used in finding out when to apply irrigation water according to conclusions reached in a new U. S. department of agriculture bulletin addressed particularly to Oregon and other western states which grow alfalfa under irrigation. "Irrigation Practices in Growing Alfalfa" is the name of the new Farmers Bulletin 1630 which is a revision of an earlier bulletin. M. L. Lewis soil conservation engineer at the Oregon experiment station was one of those who assisted in the revision.

The authors believe that in the future irrigation development of arid lands much labor and expense might be saved and greater profits obtained by following skillfully prepared plans of irrigation on each farm. The new bulletin discusses the many different methods of applying water some of which are suitable to certain types of soil and some to others. The strip-border method is shown to be popular in Oregon although the Columbia basin states make little use of straight flooding such as is practiced in some regions.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 6616

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, Probate Department.

In the Matter of the Estate of Heiji Okamura, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Heiji Okamura, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at Boring, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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ASAYE OKAMURA, Administratrix.

Cooper & McAllister, Attorneys, Gresham, Oregon.

Bacteria Tests

Tests show that certain types of bacteria or tiny organisms present in anthracite gangway waters and sewage have the ability of readily consuming hydrogen and carbon monoxide from gaseous mixtures.

Good Crops With High Production Shown in Report

Above-average crop prospects and increased production of meat, milk, and eggs this season are indicated by the OSC cooperative extension service in a report just issued on the agricultural situation and outlook. Winter wheat production is expected to be large, than last year. Milk-egg production are on a high level with further increase in prospect partly owing to government support for prices.

In the country as a whole the report states crop prospects are better than average at this season of the year with the season well advanced in the west but somewhat late in the southeast. Rainfall has been unusually heavy in the south from Kansas to California and the condition of ranges and range stock is above average generally. The condition of the early lamb crop is above average and marketings are expected to be earlier and larger than usual.

The total acreage in crops is expected to be maintained and the numbers of milk cows, beef cattle, sheep and chickens will be increased even though the surplus of farm labor is being developed around industrial areas and some of the part time and subsistence farms may not be worked as much as usual. The production of hogs, dairy products, chickens and eggs will be encouraged by the government thru a plan to support prices. This support is to continue at least until June 30, 1943.

Prospects are good for winter wheat with production estimated at 616 million bushels compared with 589 million in 1940 and 569 million as the 1930-1939 average. Winter wheat production in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is expected to be around 70 million bushels against 55 million last year. Stocks of wheat on farms are considerably larger than a year ago and far above average.

On April 1 milk production was about 4 percent greater than the previous record at the same season and egg production continues on a high level. Chick production in hatcheries was 14 percent greater in March 1941 than in March 1940.

The report available from county agents also contains information on several of Oregon's specialty crop enterprises and a discussion of the fur farming industry.

EXPLOSION KILLS WOODCUTTER

A wood splitting gun exploding prematurely brot death to John Clark about 60, as he was cutting cordwood on the Eli Fellows ranch at Lower Highland, deputy coroner Arnold Bierman stated Sunday.

Clark was struck on the head and suffered internal injuries and powder burns. Explosion of the device also started a small fire which was checked without damage. Body of Clark was removed to the Oregon City funeral home.

PRO-AMERICA MEETS

The pro-America group of which Mrs. Robert Jonsrud is leader met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Buchanan Tuesday. The groups progress from time to time includes the study of government, legislation and how to preserve the American way of living. Anyone regardless of party affiliation is invited to attend the meetings.

STUDENT BUILDS TRACTOR

George Larson, sophomore, has converted an old 1924 Dodge car into a farm tractor after four months diligent work in the Sandy high school shop with G. R. Hugg, shop head supervising.

STRAWBERRY SPITTLE BUGS NEWS LETTER

Prospects for the strawberry crop continue to be good. Spittle Bugs can do a lot of damage. The plants are vigorous and are putting forth a heavy bloom.

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During last week the Oregon state employment office in Oregon City which is the agency for Clackamas county placed 25 trainees of the aviation sheet metal course of the national defense training program with

a large aircraft corporation in California. Some of these young men had finished the full course and others were still taking the course. These placements there are several vacancies of this course and anyone that might be interested should contact the employment office in room 8, court house at once.



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