Boy Attacked by Angry Buck.

Johnnie Gatens, of Beaver Creek, near Newport, Ore., was attacked by a deer and nearly lost his life last Sunday throngh the ferocity of the savage animal.

Gatens was on his way from Beaver Creek to Lutgens, on a winding road much overgrown witn bushes when he noticed deer tracks in the dust. A little farther on he came upon two little fawns and after a short chase succeeded in capturing one of them The mother was hovering anxiously in the vicinity, but Johnny had no idea that there was also a father in the neighborhood. The fawn commenced to bleat piteously and immediately there was a crashing in the brush alongside the road and a large buck, brandishing huge spreading antlers, came charging out upon the boy. The animal appeared greatly enraged at the apparent danger to his progeny and attacked the boy savagely with horns and hoofs. Gatens was taken by surprise, but loosing the fawn, he put up the best fight he could and succeeded in beating the buck off until he could make his escape. He was somewhat bruised and shaken up, but otherwise uninjured.

Miners' Wages In Germany.

Some years ago the miners of the Ruhr coal district, one of the most extensive in the German empire, suffered a reduction in pay and within the past year have succeeded in getting even better rates than those prevailing in 1900, the period of high wages. Conditions are still unsettled, however, according to a recent statement from United States Consul Dunlap of Cologne.

Owing to the high prices for coal the official reports regarding wages of miners in the Ruhr district for the third quarter of 1907 were awaited with considerable expectancy, there being close connection between the wages paid miners and the prices at which the product is sold. To the public demands for a reduction in the price of coal the mine owners reply that it is impossible, owing to the high wages paid miners, which are still increasing. Besides that, the new laws regulating the payment of sick benefits and pensions to disabled miners and their families will, even if rejected by the miners, considerably increase the expense to the mine owners by many million marks. At the recent meeting of the national miners' congress in Berlin the leaders of the miners' unions in the Ruhr district complained of much want and misery among their members.

The German miners last year earned approximately $1.50 a day and other workers in the mines about $1. These rates were an increase over those of 1905 of about 26 per cent for miners, 20 per cent for other workers underground and 14 per cent for laborers.

German mine workers are required to pay large sums for the purpose of invalid and accident insurance. To these funds the mine owner is required by law to contribute as much or more. Taking these facts into consideration and also the fact that the new law regulating these funds will add nearly $2,500,000 to the expenses of the mine owners in this district, an increase in the cost of fuel to the consumer is most probable.

The number of adult employees in the Ruhr district increased during the second and third quarters of 1907 from 288,833 to 292,300.

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American Rights In Russia.

Recently the state department at Washington declared officially that the United States dissents from Russia's well known views as to the criminality of those of her subjects who have or may become American citizens and the right of the czar to punish them when caught on Russian soil without his express permission. This is a decision following upon another of the same purport which has aroused protest in this country. Nearly a year ago the state department issued a circular to the effect that it would not "issue passports to former Russian subjects or to Jews who intend going into Russian territory unless it has assurance that the Russian government will consent to their admission." This circular further explained that a passport under such circumstances was a document tending to mislead the holder since it does not really protect from hardship and even imprisonment.

In the recent note dissenting from the Russian view the secretary of state added the warning that "an American citizen formerly a subject of Russia who returns to that country places himself within the jurisdiction of the Russian law and cannot expect immunity from its operations." It is made clear that the applicants for the passports take all the risk as to whether their return will be assented to by Russia. There seems to be a clash here between the international and the domestic law, and it will not be settled until there is a naturalization treaty between the United States and Russia.

Women's Strength.

It seems that the doctrine set up by the United States supreme court in its latest decision limiting the working hours of women may become the public policy and practice of the whole land. The court reached bed rock when it declared that woman's "physical structure and a proper discharge of her maternal functions—having in view not merely her own health, but the well being of the race—justify legislation to protect her from the greed as well as from the passions of man." The particular law which the court upheld had for its primary and its exclusive purpose the protection and welfare of the individual and society.

In twenty states of the Union laws have been enacted to restrict the factory hours of women to ten in one day. In upholding these statutes the supreme court treats them as proper police regulations, and it must be a rare instance when such a law is conceived with a view to limit freedom of contract. The court of appeals upset the New York law making ten hours the limit for women on the ground that it discriminated with respect to the liberties of persons or of contract. This adverse ruling has yet to be reviewed by the supreme court, which has repeatedly held in effect that private interest is subservient to public interest and that all rights are subject to such regulation as may be "essential to the safety, health, peace, good order and morals of the community." The application of this principle in the recent decision makes woman the ward of the state and places her under the fostering and special protection of the law in the interest of the human race and posterity.

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