

FIRM HAND FOR ARABS IS DECIDED

British Government Will Take Energetic Measures to Prevent Further Bloodshed in Palestine—Newspaper Says Find Source of Alleged Inspired Attacks.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The British government decided to take energetic measures to prevent the recurrence of the Arab-Jewish troubles which have torn Palestine since Friday. It was reliably reported here last night. The decision was taken after a conference between Chaim Weizmann, president of the Zionist executive and Lord Passfield, formerly Sidney Webb, secretary for the dominions. Meanwhile repercussions of the disturbances were heard on every hand, with most of the press seeing danger in them to a large section of the empire. The London Times broke its editorial silence on the matter to say, after characterizing the fighting as "the outcome of a premeditated and organized movement."

dangers confronting us elsewhere. "Special grief and indignation is felt at the report a number of young American students have been massacred at the Hebron Talmudic school. We shall act in all respects as though these young men were our fellow subjects. "There is much more to be done than just restore law and order. Manifestly there must be prompt and searching investigation into the responsibilities for the outbreak, both of the criminals themselves and of those who placed in authority in Palestine. "The colonial office describes the situation as "well in hand," although they acknowledge there is still a good deal of murder and outrage at various points. But the situation ought never to have got out of hand. "The British public and the public of all nations who have citizens in Palestine have a right to know the more immediate and remote reasons for the lamentable events of the past few days. "A similar view was followed by the Daily News and Westminster Gazette.

EDEN PRECINCT HAS MANY AUTO WRECKS

EDEN PRECINCT, Ore., Aug. 29.—(Special) We have become so used to the wrecks along the highway between Talent and Phoenix that it is using up too much good space to write about them. The only surprise is that there is never any of the wild drivers or their passengers killed. Last Friday night at about 9:30 two cars came together in front of the Carey place. One held six occupants, four children and a grown up brother and sister. Had this car turned over when side-swiped by another car, some one would surely have been killed. As it was the offending car nosed off the grade and broke off both front wheels, but injured none of the three passengers. The Ford was stripped of running board and fenders and a front wheel smashed.

Henry Fitch of Medford Ambassador Extraordinary to Reptile Kingdom; Many Crawling Creatures Are Pets

(By Mary Greiner.) Henry Fitch, 19, who lives with his parents and family on top of one of the most imposing hills overlooking Medford, might be called an ambassador in the kingdom of snakes. He entered their realm unafraid when he was scarcely able to walk, made friends with their sovereign, the King Snake, and all his subjects, from the villainous rattler to that lowly toster, the garter snake. It is a little difficult for Henry, who is now a senior at the University of Oregon, where he is majoring in zoology, to comprehend the instinctive fear that prompts the ordinary individual to recoil from the limbless reptile. He never felt it, he admits, as long as he can remember. On the contrary, the poor crawling creatures not only had his sympathy, but held a genuine fascination for him. "Not only has the local boy made friends of the snakes with which he has come in contact, but being a true ambassador in their kingdom, he attempts in his quiet way to alleviate the fear of them that he meets in the eyes of his friends, by allowing them to witness this very unusual spectacle. In a large caged yard, he keeps a limited portion of the snake kingdom as a means of scientific study. Here the vari-colored reptiles, crawl and bask luxuriantly in the sun. There is—in a special cage of his own, within the yard—the rattler, which Henry picks up between his thumb and forefinger at the base of the head and strokes assuredly until it ceases its first fit of rattling and hissing and becomes friendly. In with the rattler are baby bees and garter snakes. There is the Rubber Boa, a long sluggish snake with elliptical eyes that in the daytime appear to be nothing more than slits, but at night expand to an uncanny all-seeing proportion. The beautiful Indigo snake moves its colorful body about the outskirts of the yard, keeping aloof from the more common variety. This serpent, over six feet long, is a native of Texas and was presented to Henry by the local Shrove organization. A coat of slate blue scales that under certain lights become almost iridescent, is made more striking when the snake is picked up from the ground and discloses a six-foot stretch of coral coloring underneath. Then there is the Bull snake, which sometimes eats other, smaller ones, but is satisfied by live mice, fish and other prey brought to him by his master. In a separate throne room, the King snake holds forth in cobs that match the cobra's coat. He is given the dignity of a separate compartment, not so much on account of his sovereign prestige, says Henry, but because, like some of the ancient rulers of barbarous kingdoms, he is a bit of a temperamental, is given to swallowing the subjects of his dominion. Because he is a scientist at heart, Henry is not interested only in the living snake, but preserves them after they pass out of their squirming, writhing existence. He has a whole shelf full of jars in the garage, and here the more reticent members of the human family can view in a new light the specimens of "pickled snakehood." In this collection is the poisonous copperhead, the rattler, a large king snake, a bull snake and a boa. Horned toads from the desert of New Mexico are also living happily under the tender care of the Medford boy, as are various nationalities of lizards, turtles and other unusual creatures. To Henry's younger brother and sisters, the snakes and their companions are pets, but to Henry they are other beings, whose language and customs are interesting, and more easily-comprehensible than are our own, if only one has the patience to study them. Mail Tribune ads are read by 70,000 people every day.

INSURANCE AGENT TAX IS DECLARED UNFAIR TO AGENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Karl Herbring, Portland, Ore., protested in the supreme court today against the constitutionality of the Oregon law taxing insurance agents. The law provides that a fire insurance company may have one agent in each Oregon city having less than 50,000 inhabitants and an additional agent in larger cities for a regular licensing fee of \$2. Each additional agent in any city is required to pay an annual fee of \$500. Herbring contended in his brief that "if the statute be regarded as separate regulations, rather than as individual prohibition, it is unconstitutional, in that it is unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious as an attempted police regulation and must be sustained under the police power of state or not at all." He also declared it was an unconstitutional attempt to deprive the individual of his common law right to follow inherently lawful occupation in that its purpose and effect is to do this, rather than regulate a business of a corporation. Gloria Swanson at Rialto Today "Sadie Thompson" Gloria Swanson's starring picture, is showing at the Rialto theater today. This new picture, the most sincere, most dramatic, most enterprising of all Gloria Swanson's pictures, is one of the most compelling stories ever written and its unusual appeal has been registered on the silver-sheet with maximum effect. One is likely to go to the Rialto theater to see "Sadie Thompson" in a somewhat skeptical frame of mind, for in other cases than the fact that it has been so extravagantly praised. This is one instance, however, in which the anticipation of a real cinematic treat has not been based on false promises.

SALEM BUTCHER HAS NO REGRETS FOR BOYS' DEATH

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Edward (Doc) Spieght, Salem meat dealer indicted by the grand jury on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of little Lawrence Walker of Mt. Angel, was committed to the state hospital for the insane by order of the county court Wednesday afternoon and will, county officials predicted, be deported as an undesirable alien. Spieght, according to Dr. W. Carlton Smith, who with Dr. H. H. Urey examined him, is a paranoic suffering from the delusion that he is being persecuted, and shows no remorse for the death of the child killed when Spieght's automobile turned over on a sharp turn near Gevada. Spieght was indicted upon the testimony of Miss Helen Adams, an employee of the meat dealer, who was driving his car when the accident occurred. She testified that Spieght was drunk and was constantly urging her to drive at greater speed and threatening to "put his foot on the gas" if she did not "step on it."

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