

RATTLER GIVES RANCHER'S WIFE FEARFUL SHOCK

Sardine Creek Woman Encounters Threatening Reptile On Entering Cellar With Little Daughter

SARDINE CREEK, Sept. 19.—(Spl.)—A harrowing experience was being recounted today by Mrs. Gottlieb Meyers and as she told the tale she shuddered with horror, shocked by the thought of what might have happened.

Mrs. Meyers and her husband and their two children, Thais, 4, and Charles, 2, came here recently from Chicago to make their home with Mrs. Meyers' brother, Fred McFarlane. Used to city life for many years, Mrs. Meyers quickly adapted herself to her new environment and soon was enthusiastically canning fruits and vegetables and berries from the McFarlane farm.

The canned delicacies she stored in an excavation in a bank at the side of the house. Inside the storage dugout it was cool, dark and damp and, attracted by the frigid dampness, a couple of frogs made their home therein. At first they were disturbing but soon Mrs. Meyers became used to their presence and before long they were looked upon as pets.

All was serene until Mrs. Meyers entered the cellar to store the last of her jars of vegetables. In the semi-darkness she was playing them under a shelf when Thais, who was at her side, said:

"Mother, I hear something sizzling."

Mrs. Meyers listened and she, too, heard something sizzling. She thought she explained today, that one of the jars had developed a leak and desiring to ascertain for sure which one it was, she returned with Thais to the house for a flashlight.

Back into the dugout with her flashlight, Mrs. Meyers flashed the light and there on top of several jars was a rattle snake, its forked tongue darting at them in spiteful fury, its string of rattles standing with an ominous buzz.

"For a moment I was petrified with fear," Mrs. Meyers related. "The snake was cornered and therefore

Wilson Prepared to Resign In 1916 If Election Lost

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The memories of Robert Lansing, war-time secretary of state, disclosed today that President Wilson would have resigned immediately in favor of Charles Evans Hughes, his republican opponent, if he had been defeated in the 1916 election.

The former secretary, in "The War Memoirs of Robert Lansing," published today, said that the plan involved first his own resignation and the appointment of Hughes as the new secretary of state. Then Wilson and Vice-President Marshall would have resigned, leaving the victor at the polls in immediate possession of the office.

more dangerous and my child was only inches from it. It was on a level with her neck. I could feel the blood rush from my face and head and then I screamed and pushed Thais out of the cellar and slammed the door behind us."

Shaken with fear, Mrs. Meyers was in a quandary, for she did not want to attack the snake and yet she did not want to let it escape unseen because then she would never know whether or not it might still be concealed behind the jars. She was alone with her two children at the time, her husband being at work at the Del Rio orchard and her brother at the Jim Smith ranch two miles down the canyon. She thought of shooting the rattler, but realized that in her nervousness she might do more damage to the jars she had toiled so diligently over than to the snake.

Finally Mrs. Meyers gathered all the rakes, hoes, shovels and other tools that were handy and sat down a safe distance from the cellar to await developments. If the rattler emerged from the dugout at all it would have to come out through the door.

In about half an hour Mrs. Meyers saw the snake crawling out under the door. She seized a long-handled shovel and brought it down with all her might.

It was a telling blow and Mrs. Meyers saw the snake's head severed from its body. Then she collapsed. When Mr. Meyers returned from work he found his wife in bed, suffering from nervous shock. Thais told him the story and Mr. Meyers recovered the rattles. The next day he brought home a first-aid kit for snake bites.

"I shouldn't have been so frightened," Mrs. Meyers apologized today. "Lord, I was born and reared in this northwest country and I know what rattlers are. But it had been 15 years since I had seen or heard a rattler and this one took me completely by surprise. Oh, well, I have the rattles for a memento of my encounter and a real hair-raising thriller to tell my friends back in Chicago about. Frank Buck hasn't anything on me now."

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAIMED OCT. 6-12; LEADERS ASKED TO AID

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today proclaimed the week beginning October 6 as fire prevention week and urged officials and civic leaders in every state to "encourage the study of ways and means" to eliminate fire hazards.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"Whereas, it is the duty of every citizen to aid in the prevention of such fires as far as possible; and

"Whereas, such fires can largely be prevented by the exercise of proper care and the use of appropriate fire prevention measures; and

"Whereas, it is highly desirable that the attention of the people be directed to the necessity for the prevention of such fires:

"Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and designate the week beginning October 6, 1935, as fire prevention week, and I particularly urge state and municipal officials, civic and commercial organizations, school authorities, the clergy, and the press to emphasize the danger of and needless waste caused by fire and to encourage the study of ways and means whereby fire hazards and the disastrous consequences of fire may be prevented as far as possible."

JAIL 5 SUSPECTS DALLAS ROBBERY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Five persons suspected of implication in the robbery of a store at The Dalles Monday were arrested here early today and held without bail as fugitives from The Dalles.

Those arrested were Charles L. Shearer, his wife, Mildred, Matthew Fagan, Arty's Gilson and Jeanette Wilson.

Detective Charlie Westcott said he found nearly \$50 in dimes and nickels and a bag full of "hickies" in Fagan's hotel room. The bag bore the name "Charlie Frank," who is manager of the store. Westcott said.

A crowbar and other tools in their car also were confiscated and held as evidence.

LYNCH NEGRO AS JURY PONDERING

OXFORD, Miss., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Ellwood Higginbotham, Negro defendant in a murder trial here, was

taken from the Lafayette county jail last night by a mob and lynched.

Higginbotham was seized and hanged while the jury was deliberating his case. He was on trial for the slaying of Glen Roberts, a white man, last May.

The members of the mob broke into the jail and overpowered the sheriff and three deputies and took possession of the prisoner. They carried Higginbotham into the country about two and a half miles from the town and hanged him.

Officers estimated that between 100 and 150 persons were in the mob.

Officers said no members of the mob were identified.

ROBINSON SUIT SLATED TUESDAY

The \$50,000 damage suit of Robert Robinson, 16, against Ed Kanooce, city fireman, and Fire Chief Roy Elliott for injuries necessitating amputation of a leg, was set Wednesday for next Tuesday by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. The accident upon which the action is based occurred August 3, 1934, during a fire in the Hotel Medford.

Young Robinson, who was standing on the street corner upon or near his bicycle, became entangled in a light of the hose when it was brought around the corner. His leg was caught and mangled.

The plaintiff charges the defendants with recklessness and carelessness in unrolling the hose. "The defendants allege contributory negligence on the grounds he did not seek a place of safety."

The case is expected to require two days before a jury.

PORTLAND WARS ON UNNECESSARY NOISE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Open mufflers which roar so mightily are echoing a mournful tune for Portland motorists.

During the past eight days 39 motorists have been convicted of having no mufflers, and fined \$5 each. Some have been enrolled in the "traffics school" where "highway manners" are taught.

"We are out to quiet noises in the city coming from defective mufflers," Municipal Judge Donald E. Long said.

APPROVE REORGANIZATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Federal Judge James Alger Fee yesterday approved a reorganization petition filed by the Oregon Lumber company in bankruptcy court. Judge Fee's order continued W. J. Eccles in operation of the property and set Monday, October 21, as a time for hearing of any objections by creditors.

ASHLAND TIDINGS TO BUILD PLANT

ASHLAND, Sept. 19.—(Spl.)—The residence and lot at 166 East Main street, which was owned by Mrs. Emma C. Parshall of Montague, has been purchased by G. M. Green and Tuesday M. C. Linniger & Son began excavation of the lot with the dirt therefrom being used in the filling of the Standard Oil company and the Associated Oil company stations across the street and in other filling projects in this city.

The residence on the property will be wrecked immediately so that the lot can be excavated back approximately 100 feet. This adjoins the property which has been excavated for the Daily Tidings building, where a modern newspaper plant will be constructed in the early future.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO BATTLE REDS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Three thousand United Spanish War Veterans cheered today when ordered by their national commander-in-chief, Judge Leon McCord of Montgomery, Ala., to "become militant in your activities against those enemies of your country who are boring from within the heart of the ship."

"There are many enemies of this country," Commander McCord declared, "who would like to see that flag pointing to an American flag on the auditorium stage, 'no down and be replaced by the red flag of communism."

"As your commander-in-chief," he ordered, "I command you to become militant in your activities against these enemies of your country."

His address opened the first important business session of the 37th annual national encampment.

FOREIGN WAR VETS CHEER FOR HUEY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States opened today's session here with eulogy, cheers and weeping, in tribute to the memory of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

The eulogy to Long was delivered by the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, national organizer for Long's "share-our-wealth" movement and orator at the open-air funeral services for Long held last Thursday, two days after he died from an assassin's bullet.

Smith was cheered lustily.

Lieutenant Governor James A. Noe of Louisiana, a veteran, seated upon the stage, wept throughout Smith's address.

"Huey P. Long is not dead," Smith declared.

"As the new head of the share-our-wealth clubs of America, with nine million members, 326,000 of whom are in Louisiana, I promise you that the strength gained from the death of that great leader will be doubled."

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LEGIONNAIRES TO CONCLAVE TONIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Girded for peace-time battles, yet prepared for fun, the Oregon and Washington delegations to the National American Legion convention at St. Louis will roll out of Portland tonight on a special train.

The train, following the Portland Rose, will also take aboard the Legion delegations from Idaho and Wyoming.

Resolutions asking that "teeth" be placed in immigration and naturalization legislation will be carried by the Oregon contingent.

"I hope the national convention favors total restriction of immigration for a time, and sending back of all aliens who haven't taken out preliminary naturalization papers within a year after arriving in the United States," declared George Loehn, Oregon department commander of the Legion, who will head the delegation.

Mexicans Battle Over Boundaries

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Dispatches from Puebla today said 100 citizens of San Jeronimo, Teucuilpan, had invaded the neighboring town of Acustomac, killed 10 persons, wounded 20 and destroyed a number of houses.

The fight was reported to have been the result of an old boundary quarrel which the Acustomac citizens were discussing in a meeting when the invaders suddenly appeared.

Lane Prosecutor's Successor Named

SALEM, Sept. 19.—(AP)—L. L. Ray, Eugene, was appointed by Governor Martin today as district attorney of Lane county, to succeed W. H. Brooks who resigned to accept a federal position. Brooks' letter of resignation was received here today.

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AUTO REGISTRATIONS BEAT ALL PAST YEARS

SALEM, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Motor vehicle registration in Oregon for the first eight months of 1935 exceeded by nearly 5000 that of any entire previous year in the state's history, figures released today by the state department showed.

Already 288,456 registrations have

been recorded for this year, while the previous high mark for 12 months was set from June 30, 1931, when 283,349 automobile owners purchased license plates.

Publisher Acquitted PANAMA CITY, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Nelson Rounsavell, 60-year-old publisher of the Panama American, today was acquitted of a charge of criminal libel brought by Major-General Harold B. Pike, commanding the Panama Canal department, and Colonel James V. Heidt, commander of Fort Clayton.

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