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A CIRCUS SNAKE STORY.

Thrilling Combat Reported During the Ringling show in Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., June 10.—A terrific combat took place this afternoon, in the manager's tent of the Ringling Brothers' world's greatest shows, the like of which will perhaps never be seen again in the United States at any rate. A royal Bengal tiger, supposedly second only in fighting abilities to the lion, came so near meeting death in the crushing coils of a monster serpent that he will be a pretty sick Bengal for some weeks to come, if, indeed, he ever entirely recovers.

As soon as the side shows have finished their afternoon opening, the performers go to dinner. At this hour, usually a little after two o'clock, the audience is seated in the big circus tent and the performance is going on. Mlle. Maurell, who handles some of the largest serpents ever seen in this country, appears in the side show and just as she was about to leave for dinner, it occurred to her to give a big box constructor a little exercise in the grass, of course in charge of a competent attendant. She took the snake out of its box and placed it upon the ground, outside the side show tent and adjoining the side wall of the menagerie. The man was left to watch his snakeship and the enchanter went to the dining tent. But the attendant thought it wasn't necessary to herd the snake too closely, for it didn't seem inclined to move an inch. So he went to the front of the tent to chat with some of the men. He turned around after a minute but his snake had disappeared. Not caring to have his lapse from duty discovered the man started to find him. But the snake was gone and not a sign of him could be seen anywhere. Within about two minutes from the time he disappeared there came from the menagerie a frightful, ear-splitting yell that brought every sleepy animal and man in the place to his feet in an instant. The shriek came from the tiger's cage where a tremendous snarling and thumping was going on. The men rushed up to see what was the matter and they found the big thirty-foot snake. He had crawled under the side wall, entered the cage of the tiger, pounced upon one of them that was asleep and in an instant had his deadly folds thrice around the yellow striped body. It was the application of a murderous pressure that caused the fearful shriek. Iron feeding forks, prods, poles, clubs, anything and everything that came to hand were used to beat the serpent off. The tiger's throat was in a coil and so were his forelegs. He was powerless, despite his tremendous strength and was slowly but surely strangling to death.

The oscillating head of the monster swayed to and fro, five feet out of his reach and his vicious coils grew tighter and tighter. At this juncture the snake charmer came in on a run, having been called by the shiftless attendant before she had reached the dining tent. She saw the situation at a glance and uttering a sharp command in some unintelligible language, reached through the bars and caught the box by the neck. In a second or two his coils relaxed perceptibly. He had the tiger unconscious now and almost squeezed into. Reluctantly he unwound his writhing body from that of his victim and a few seconds later was pulled out through the feeding grate, as limp as a wet rag and returned to his cage. Had not a rescuer appeared in the person of a snake charmer, just when she did, a thousand-dollar tiger would have been charged to profit and loss. The circus men say they never expect to see such a thrilling fight again.

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TERRITORIAL

Governor Franklin last week approved the claim of S. S. Preston to the reward of \$500 offered by the Territory for the capture of Jim Parker. The matter was turned over to the auditor to issue a warrant covering the amount.—Republican.

The reporter was informed yesterday that a meeting of citizens was held in public school building Tuesday evening, at which meeting a resolution was passed requesting the board of school trustees to provide supplies, school room and teachers for a kindergarten school for the instruction of children under six years of age.—Courier.

Mr. Shepard bought all the cattle of F. T. La Prade and John Merritt for future delivery and has gone into the Tonto country in search of more. In the past two years, the Shepard Bros. have purchased almost all the cattle belonging to the small dealers along the Atlantic & Pacific from Navajo Springs to Winslow, and still want more.—Winslow Mail.

The board of supervisors yesterday disallowed the back salary claims of Yavapai county ex-officials. Chief Justice Baker has declared the law valid and Maricopa county has paid her officials in accordance with this decision. Coconino county supervisors accepted the validity of the act without question and allowed the claims of her officials. The case will be taken to the court by the ex-officials of this county.—Journal Miner.

The scheme for an electric light plant for our little city, is in a fair way to become a reality. The projectors, with but little or no effort, one might say, have received sufficient encouragement to convince them that the enterprise will not be a losing one. We feel warranted in making the prediction that Winslow will be lighted by electricity by or before the 1st of September. The next improvement will be electric street railways.—Winslow Mail.

The Engineering and Mining Journal has just completed its annual statement for 1896 and it is probably the most accurate and comprehensive statement yet published in that connection. It indicates an increase of about \$20,000,000 in the mineral product of the United States in 1896 over 1895, of which increase \$11,830,167 was in our gold product and \$7,470,882 in our silver product. The Engineering and Mining Journal has done a great service to the business of the country in

securing these statistics.—Tombstone Prospector.

Up to May 28 there have been shipped from Tucson the present year 22,649 head of cattle. Wilcox shipments during the same period amounted to 95,828 head. Total Wilcox shipments up to date aggregate 80,022 head.—Tombstone Prospector.

The case of the Territory vs. Paul Leske, charged with being accessory with Schultz, to the murder of G. W. K. McNary, was dismissed today under the Norton act, passed by the last Legislature. The murder was committed in January, 1895, and Schultz and Leske were tried jointly and convicted of the murder and sentenced to be hung on August 9 of that year. An appeal was taken to the Supreme court and a stay of execution granted and the case has been dragging along ever since. Under the Norton act, repealing the law concerning murder, no conviction can be had for a greater crime than manslaughter, in cases committed prior to its passage. Leske was never charged with actively participating in the murder, but was charged as an accessory before the fact, and as the law does not require any such in cases of manslaughter the defendant was released. Schultz will be tried for manslaughter.—Journal Miner.

Fits May Fight.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 14.—John L. Sullivan arrived in Buffalo this evening, in company with his backer, Frank B. Dunn of Boston, and immediately started on a hunt for Champion Bob Fitzsimmons. The rival pugilists came together at the Lyceum theater, where Fitzsimmons' Vaudeville company is holding forth.

Sullivan wanted to talk fight right away, but was prevailed upon to wait until the conclusion of the performance.

At 11 o'clock to-night Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, Quinn, Martin Julian and a host of other sports met at the Tiff house. Sullivan issued a formal challenge to Fitzsimmons for a finish fight for the world's championship and a side bet of \$5000. Dunn produced \$1000 to bind the match. Fitzsimmons at first declared that he thought he had earned a rest and did not intend to fight again for at least a year, but on Sullivan urging him strongly to arrange a match, the champion promised to take the matter under consideration and give Sullivan a definite answer shortly. The meeting between the fighters was quite friendly.