

## STREAM OF BIG SNAKES POUR FROM CELLAR

Wriggle Up Stairs In Home Faster Than Family Can Kill.

New York, Oct. 25.—"You can't miss it," said the youth of whom the reporter asked the way to Maxwell Miller's house in Palo Alto avenue, Hottis, yesterday. "Keep on past Haywood place and when you come to the house with six snakes stretched out in the road in front of it, that's it."

There were six of them—black snakes, all less than six feet long, but not much. The shortest was a little more than five feet from end to end and they were arranged in order of their size. The house faces Hillside avenue and there's a long stretch of sloping field between the front porch and that thoroughfare. To the right of the house is another black snake somewhere between five and six feet long. It was not quite dead and Mr. Miller was putting the finishing touches to it with a rake.

Nearly there were three over-size garter snakes and a snake that seemed to be a cross between the garter and the black snake. Mr. Miller was laying on his back and keeping an eye on the terrace below looking for more snakes.

"Yes," said Mr. Miller, giving the expiring reptile a final whap, "he's the seventh today. The place is full of them. Can't explain it. No other house in the neighborhood has them."

The reporter had made inquiries around the neighborhood and had learned this was the case.

"We've always had them," said Mr. Miller. "Last year we killed forty black snakes and so many garter snakes that we sort of lost count. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Miller, my wife, killed eight."

"Just a minute, please," interrupted the reporter. "Mrs. Miller killed how many?"

"Eight," repeated Mr. Miller. "A big boy about six feet long, another about five, and six young ones ranging from three to five feet long—probably a family coming in for the winter. She was in the house looking out the window and saw the big fellow coming up the terrace."

"Mrs. Miller was a very nervous woman before this snake invasion. Today she is quite well and self-possessed. She can pick up any number of snakes, and settle from the rather natural looking for a snake that seems to be the heritage of humanity she doesn't mind it in the least. But she saw this big fellow and got her rake. She clipped him behind the head and then noticed his wife coming along. She has become expert with the rake and one whirled settled the wife. Then she abolished the children."

"We're thinking of writing Dr. Dillman of the Bronx Zoo and asking him to send an expert out to look us over. There's something uncanny about it. Just about this time every year they begin coming. One might explain it by saying that the snakes are a nice warm place for the winter, but why on earth should they concentrate on my cellar? They ignore all my neighbors."

"We've lived here several years and we've always had snakes in the cellar. We got used to it. An occasional snake meant nothing very much to us. We knocked them off the coal pile and scotched them in the potato bin. But they got about that day we killed the black snake in the coal bin. But you can go down my cellar this minute and try your luck with the big bruffers that are down there. I'll give you a rake and show you where they live."

"Then year before last I had a well back of the house uncovered. There was something wrong with the pipes and we decided to investigate. There was something wrong, believe me. Thirty-two assorted snakes in the pipes and along the crevices. There was a terrible slaughter, let me tell you."

"Personally, I am not afraid of snakes. Neither is Mrs. Miller, nor my little daughter. Moreover, we take no great pleasure in killing them, but it's really too much to expect a family of human beings to be crowded out by dozens of black snakes. We've got to kill them in order to have room ourselves."

"Of course the fall season is just beginning. Since Thursday morning we've bagged fifteen and it looks like a big year. This would be a dubious advertisement if we wanted to, sell the place, but we don't. A man from California wanted to buy last year and offered a big price, but we refused. So they can't accuse us of press agentry the place with snakes."

"There's this about their concentration on my place. We Higley Gardens folk can mobilize here and fight the snakes face to face. It's much easier than guerrilla warfare or bushwhacking. We know the snakes are here and we can concentrate on them. We've never had them bigger than six feet and we have never had them in any other place in the house than the cellar—yet."

## SUFFERED YEARS WITH ECZEMA

"Fruit-a-tives" Cleared Her Skin.

Pontiac St. Pierre, P. Q.  
I suffered for three years with terrible Eczema. I consulted several doctors and they did not do me any good.  
Then I used one box of "Fruit-a-tives" and two boxes of "Fruit-a-tives" and my hands are now clear. The pain is gone and there has been no return.  
I think it is marvelous because no other medicine did me any good until I used "Fruit-a-tives" and "Fruit-a-tives" the wonderful medicine made from fruit.

Mrs. PETER LAMARIE  
500, a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c.  
At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

## Chancellor Wirth Announces New German Cabinet

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Dr. Joseph Wirth, who remains German Chancellor in the cabinet which takes the place of that which resigned last week, today announced the personnel of the new cabinet formed by him. It is constituted as follows:

Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Wirth.  
Vice-chancellor and Minister of the Treasury, Gustave Adolf Boser, Socialist.  
Minister of the Interior, Adolf Kooser, Socialist.  
Minister of Defence, Herr Gessler, Democrat.  
Minister of Economics, Robert Schmidt, Socialist.  
Minister of Food and Internal Finance, Amoros Hornes.  
Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Johann Giesberts, Centrist.  
Minister of Labor, Dr. Heinrich Brauns, Centrist.  
Minister of Communications, Herr Goller, no party.  
Minister of Justice, Herr Radbruch, Socialist.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The Reichstag this evening voted confidence in the new ministry of Dr. Wirth. The vote was 230 against 132. The majority was made up of Majority Socialists, Independent Socialists, Centrists and Democrats.

The office of Minister of Reconstruction was left unfilled for the present, Dr. Wirth announced.

His making his announcement to the Reichstag, Chancellor Wirth declared that the new government's viewpoint regarding Upper Silesia differed in no way from that of the preceding government.

He declared the German Government would protest against the recent decision of the council of the League of Nations concerning Upper Silesia on the ground of the illegality of the allied supreme council having referred the question to the League of Nations. This procedure he said, was not provided for by the treaty of Versailles.

Parish Priest Lured From Home And Murdered

Called Out to Visit Sick—Body Found Riddled With Bullets.

Lead, S. D., Oct. 25.—Father Balk, parish priest at St. Patrick's Church here, was lured from his home here today and shot to death.

The priest was called from his bed by a man who requested that he come to see a sick child. The priest, dressed hurriedly and left on foot in company with the man.

Later persons living in the west part of Lead, on what is known as Foxman Gulch road, heard three pistol shots in rapid succession. Persons living nearby investigated and found Father Balk dead on the road. He had been shot three times through the body. One shot entered his head. There was no sign of a struggle.

The priest wore a cassock over his street clothes. No motive is known for the crime.

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PERCY AND FERDIE—50 Bucks a Day Is a Lot of Money, but

What? \$50 a Day?  
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Very simple. At each performance, you're to step in the lions' cage and put your head in this mouth.

I knew there was something funny about this job.

Money! Money! The lion is perfectly harmless. He was brought up on me.

So was I, but neither of us was named God. Day!

Said Mrs. Wirth to Percy and Ferdie.

## HOW FOREIGN WRITERS VIEW ARMS PARLEY

Discussion on Limitation of Armaments from Pen of a Japanese.

Tokio, Sept. 7.—(By Mail).—The forthcoming conference in Washington is a fruitful topic of discussion, with magazine writers and a considerable part of the current issues of the *Taishu* (Outlook) is devoted to a consideration of the subject from various points of view. One of the articles in question comes from the pen of Yotaro Sugimura of the Foreign Office who directs his attention principally to limitation of armaments.

This limitation, he declares, is now a universal demand, arising not so much from a desire to lighten financial burdens as from a fervent wish to avert the horrors of war. Much as this is desired, it is extremely difficult of achievement, not only because a numerical or a financial scale of reduction is not at all easy to assess fairly, but rather because it is almost impossible to fix a standard of universal application, and because if an agreement on standard should be reached, it would be of no practical use without some organ by which the agreement may be enforced.

The world's first need today, he says, is an effective instrument to prevent war or rather to guarantee peace, because with the establishment of peace naturally comes disarmament. The League of Nations is good as far as it goes but it is far from complete in that it touches only the material side of the problem.

There is, in Mr. Sugimura's opinion, no hope of a lasting peace until international relations are regulated by the spirit of justice and law, so that all disputes between nations may be settled not by force of arms, but by an appeal to the law. This involves a moral reconstruction of mankind which is still far off and must necessarily be of slow growth. Therefore, the world must in the meantime be satisfied with the next best thing, and that is according to the writer, the League of Nations, which he urges America to join in preference to her yet unborn and untried Association of Nations.

Though in sympathy with America's good intentions, Mr. Sugimura fails to understand why Mr. Easton problems particularly should be brought up for discussion. Trouble is likely to occur in any part of the world, Europe or South America, and yet no consideration is to be given to that. But putting this on one side, he says the most important thing is to explain clearly the connection between the question of armaments and that of the Far East and the Pacific. It stands to reason that the subjects to be discussed must be closely connected with the plan of effecting a limitation of armaments, and they must if necessary include many so-called accomplished facts, if the world must be recognized, to discriminate between territorial rights and the rights of spheres of influence. It would be decidedly unjust to preserve the former and abolish the latter. Neither is it fair to ask "accomplished facts" should be recognized. Reverting to his earlier argument that the demand of the times is for the institution of an international authority to ensure the free and untrammelled operation of the League of Nations, to promote international competition without bloodshed and to enable all to enjoy and share the benefits of the earth, Mr. Sugimura holds that until the world is ready for the establishment of such an authority, by a higher moral attainment, all that can be expected is that the subjects to be discussed must be "gentlemen's agreements," in which the main motive power will be a spirit of self-restraint on the part of the signatory powers.

## ABLE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE AT CONFERENCE

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## Bishop Le Blanc At Gagetown

New Church at Oromocto Dedicated—Takes Place of One Destroyed in Fire.

Gagetown, N.B., Oct. 25.—An event of much interest to the congregation of St. Brigid's Church took place on Wednesday morning last, when His Lordship Bishop Le Blanc visited the church for the first time and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a class of twelve candidates, six boys and six girls. Previous to the ceremony, high mass was celebrated and following the communion, His Lordship addressed the children on the importance of the ceremony in which they had just taken part, reminding them that they were enrolled as soldiers of Christ, and as such should set a good example to others by their faithful and devout lives. Assisting at the morning's ceremonies were Rev. W. P. Hannigan, pastor of the church; Rev. J. J. McDermott, of Sussex, a former pastor; and Rev. A. Allen, of St. John. Bishop Le Blanc and party returned from Oromocto on Tuesday afternoon, and were guests of George Owens and Miss Mary Owens. Oromocto has now four fine new churches perfectly completed, and representing the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Methodist denominations. These not only add greatly to the appearance of the village, but are a credit to the people.

## You Must Have Pure Blood

And proper nourishment

If you would have perfect health. The medicine that will secure this for you is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which will convert all the good in your food into blood, bone and tissue. It makes food, taste good, aids digestion, promotes assimilation, builds up the system. It has given entire satisfaction to three generations in the treatment of scurvy, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism, dropsy, anemia, and run-down conditions. A volume of testimony unequalled in the history of proprietary medicines proves all this and more. If you need a laxative or cathartic take Hood's Pills.

## Woman Murdered And Mutilated

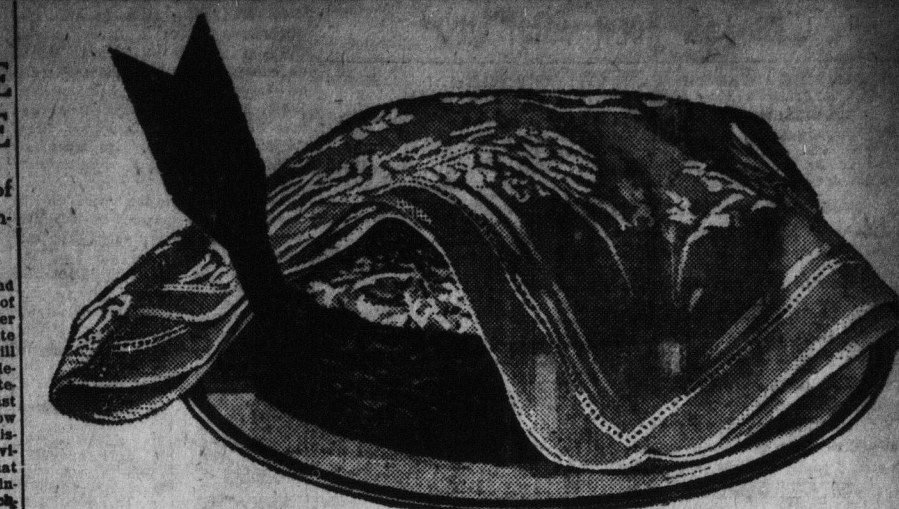
Head and Torso Found in Pond at Long Island City.

New York, Oct. 25.—The police are seeking to learn the identity of an auburn-haired woman, about twenty years old, and apparently a German or a Pole, whose head and torso were found yesterday in a pond about 100 feet north of the intersection of Queen's Boulevard and Rawson street, Long Island City. The woman had been strangled less than forty-eight hours before, with an olive green corded cloth belt, found knotted around her neck, after the slayer had crushed in her head with a heavy blunt instrument.

An autopsy of the morgue in Manhattan revealed that the woman had been a mother about four months ago. It was explained that the body had been severed with an exceptionally sharp instrument about the waistline and that the slayer evidently had intended to cut off the arms, as deep gashes were found under and above the left shoulder.

The theory that the head and torso of the young woman were brought there in an automobile from some other part of New York, possibly from Manhattan, was supported by information gathered by the police today. A man, whose identity is withheld by the police, went to the Hunter's Point station and told Captain von Dierks, head of the Long Island detective bureau, that shortly before midnight Tuesday night he saw a man drag a large bundle from a car on Queen's Boulevard in the direction of the pond.

A difference of opinion arose among medical experts as to the cause of death and length of time the woman had been dead. Medical Examiner Nammack, of Queen's, said the girl



## A Mystery Cake

Can you name it?

Here is another new Royal Cake, so delicious and appetizing that we have been unable to give it a name that does justice to its unusual qualities. It can be made just right only with Royal Baking Powder. Will you make it and name it?

\$500 for the Best Names

For the name selected as best, we will pay \$250. For the second, third, fourth, and fifth choice, we will pay \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively.

Anyone may enter the contest, but only one name from each person will be considered.

All names must be received by December 15th, 1921. In case of ties, the full amount of the prize will be given to each tying contestant. Do not send your cake. Simply send the name you suggest, with your own name and address, to the

ROYAL BAKING POWDER COMPANY  
155 William Street, New York

How to make it  
Use level measurements for all materials

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