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Boy's Adventures In Jungle

True Story of Thrilling Experiences of Torrance Resident in the Wilds of Florida Everglades

(Continued from last week)

It's a shame that I was compelled to leave the Count of Monte Cristo standing bareheaded for an entire week, but the editor told me that I must confine my story to a certain number of words each week and when I reached that number I simply had to quit.

With all the courtly airs of a Lord Chesterfield, who was supposed to be the most polite person in the world, the Count escorted me to the top of the bluff and into his so-called "chateau." The latter, much to our amazement was nothing more or less than the rudest kind of a "shack" perhaps ten by twelve feet, made of hewn lumber and resting on four upright logs more than six feet in length. The Count explained that wild beasts were numerous thereabouts and for protection he had raised the floor of the building above their reach.

Opening the unlatched and unbarred door he ushered us into the building's one room that combined kitchen, living room, "study" (as he called it) and bedroom.

Telling mother to make herself at home the Count excused himself saying he would get his yacht ready and would accompany us down the river. No sooner had he left the hut before mother, intent on securing every fact relative to this strange man, began taking an inventory of his singular home.

In one corner of the room was his kitchen, consisting of a sheet-iron stove, such as campers use, one tin dish, one knife and fork and spoon, and a few other old and rusty cooking utensils. Along the wall near the stove were a row of bags containing a few spices, a box of sea biscuit and a "side" of bacon. This constituted his entire commissary to which was added as we learned later, game and fish that

were plentiful in the river and ocean waters and a few plantains, or course sweet potatoes, and a few other semi-tropical fruits and vegetables that he raised.

His "bedroom" was next inspected. This consisted of an old door nailed horizontally against the wall and covered with an old moth-eaten army blanket. Peeping under the blanket mother discovered that the Count's sheets were made of illustrated newspapers sewn together with wire grass, while his mattress was composed of jute bagging filled with dried ferns. Apparently he had two suits of clothes—one, for ceremonial purposes that he was then wearing and the other, a ragged suit of blue denim, such as overalls are made of and one or two ragged shirts.

His "study" consisted of a canned goods box containing several pigeonholes nailed to the wall, a crude desk and another box on which he sat. Above the desk was a row of books, the title showing him to be a student as well as a lover of good books. Many of the books were along engineering lines and highly technical while others included Shakespeare, Milton and other poets as well as Macaulay and a few works of classical fiction.

Rumaging about in the pigeon holes mother learned from the documents found, the man's true name his diploma from an Edinburg University where he graduated at the head of his engineering class, a personal letter from Lord Beaconsfield, then Premier of England, expressing the thanks of Queen Victoria for engineering work done by the Count in Egypt and numerous clippings from English newspapers and magazines showing the respect in which he was held by the scientific world and several sketches of his life. She had hardly finished reading the latter when the Count returned and after chatting

Use Flashlight To Prevent Fire

On the ninth of October, 51 years ago Mrs. O'Leary's cow became famous by kicking over a lantern and starting the fire which laid Chicago in ruins.

"That fire taught America a lesson," said "Hardware" Reeve the Torrance Winchester dealer yesterday, "and every effort is now being made," he continued, "to prevent fire. In order to bring the situation more forcefully to the attention of the general public, the week beginning October 5 and concluding October 11 has been designated as Fire Prevention Week. The United States Government, the Governors of more than 40 states, and the National Chamber of Commerce, is behind the movement to prevent fires, and seek to enlighten those who read by furnishing figures that stagger one on the losses entailed by fires. The National Fire Protection Association and the Underwriters tell us that the annual fire loss is \$250,000,000, and this doesn't include the losses by forest fires. Forest fires will bring the losses up to \$500,000,000 a year. Getting down to bed rock this means the

with-mother-on-current-world events, with which he seemed perfect familiar, though he confessed that mother was the first white person he had seen in months, he escorted us outdoors and showed us with pride his forest of rubber trees, the first I had ever seen.

The Count's only companion was a beautiful Gordon setter dog that never left his master's side and to which the count showed the affection usually bestowed on a child or wife.

Months later we learned that an unsuccessful love affair with a beautiful girl of the English nobility had effected his great mind and had driven him to the Everglades where we found him. About every three months he sailed in his splendid white yacht to Titusville, a tiny village to the north, where he received his mail and after cashing his quarterly pay check, amounting to several hundred dollars, would buy the most fantastic articles and present them to the few married women and girls of the tiny settlement. Once he bought a nest of tubs from the largest to the smallest and after decorating them with ribbons gave them to a young matron of Titusville. Another time it was a litter of pigs that he tied with bright colored bits of cloth and formally presented these to a fifteen-year-old child. After squandering the greater part of his money he would purchase just enough coarse food and tobacco to last him for another three months and return to his "chateau." This he had done for many years.

I was going to tell you next of the hermit we met after leaving the Count, that lived in a barrel; but Mr. Roberts says I have used up my allotted space for this week and so I'll say good bye until next week.

annual loss by fire is \$60,000 an hour \$1,000 a minute, or the equivalent of a \$5,000 house being destroyed every five minutes.

"The fire underwriters have just published figures which show that during the five years from 1915 to 1919 the loss by fire was \$1,416,375,845—nearly enough money to build the Panama Canal four times over, or would have built 213,275 new homes at a cost of \$5,000 each, or would have constructed 141,637 miles of macadam road—which is 5 and 3-5 times the circumference of the earth at the equator—at \$10,000 a mile. These figures are the most concrete things we know of to bring home the story that needs to be told.

"The country is just that much poorer in material and wealth and the most regrettable and striking feature of the situation is that most of the loss is preventable. If people would use Winchester flashlights instead of matches when they go into garages, attics, cellars or closets a great many fire hazards would be eliminated. The greatest number of fires are caused by matches being carelessly thrown aside without being put out. Plumb-cords, steam fitters, meter readers, police, firemen, mail carriers, delivery men and many others are aware of the value of flashlights, but there are some people who do not seem to realize their value.

"Every now and then we read of some one trying to find a gas leak by means of a lighted match. This is a good way to find the leak—but the discovery is usually followed by an explosion, deaths, and a fire. A flashlight would have prevented this—and the leak would have been found without difficulty. There should be at least one flash light in every home. It is a great thing in case of emergency. If the city lights go out the flashlight fits right in. It is indispensable in a camp, or inspecting the interior of an automobile. The flashlight is one of the greatest factors in modern fire prevention.

"It has only been in the last generation that the flashlight has come into general use—and we are told by the agencies that are striving to rid us of the fire menace that 19 flashlights are sold every second of a ten-hour day, which means 1,140 a minute or \$4,000 a day. That's a lot of flashlights but I am of the opinion that one year from now these figures will be more than doubled."

CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ss.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are partners transacting business in this State, in the County of Los Angeles, under the firm name and style of REDONDO-SAN PEDRO STAGE LINE, with its principal place of business at Lomita, Los Angeles County; that the names in full of all the members of such partnership are H. N. Richards and V. C. Gorst; and that the place of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names hereto subscribed. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 15th day of September, 1922.

H. N. Richards, Lomita, Los Angeles county.
V. C. Gorst, North Ben, Oregon.

On this 15th day of September, 1922, before me John G. Mullen, personally appeared V. C. Gorst, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

JOHN G. MULLEN, Notary Public for Oregon, My commission expires December 14, 1924.

On this 21st day of September, 1922, before me Edith S. Smith, personally appeared H. N. Richards known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

EDITH S. SMITH, My commission expires Nov. 17, 1924.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 5, Lomita, County of Los Angeles, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of said corporation, held on the 9th day of Oct., 1922, an assessment of Three (\$3.00) Dollars per share was levied upon the Capital Stock of said Corporation, payable immediately to the Secretary of this Corporation, at the office of the Company, viz: Pump House of said Company, at Lomita, Los Angeles County, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 9th day of Nov. 1922, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction and unless payment is made before will be sold on 11th day of Dec., 1922, at 12 o'clock noon, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

A. F. WELTON, Secretary. Pub. Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 1922

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION

County of Los Angeles, State of California. Ole Pederson, plaintiff, vs. Charles Kohler, defendant.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the justice's court of Lomita township, of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, wherein Ole Pederson, plaintiff, and Charles Kohler, defendant, upon a judgment rendered on the 2nd day of Dec., A. D. 1921, for the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I have levied upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant Charles Kohler, of, in

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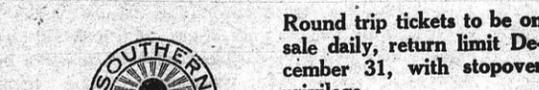
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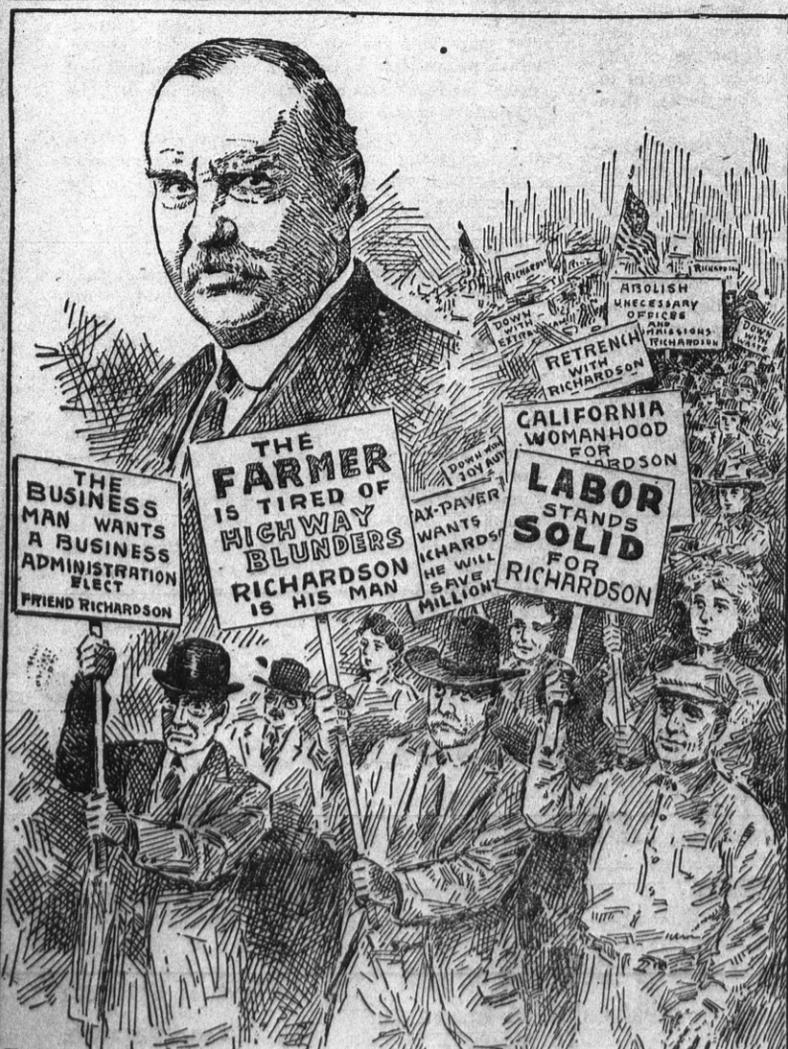
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and to the following described real estate, situate in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows: Lots 10 and 11, block 79, tract 2820, sheet No. 3, as per map recorded in Book 30, pages 54, et seq., of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California. Public notice is hereby given, that I will on Wednesday the 8th day of Nov. A. D. '22 at 11:00 o'clock a. m. of that day, in front of the Justices Court, Lomita Township, No. 2902 Weston street, Lomita, County of Los Angeles, sell at public auction, for cash lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant Charles Kohler, of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder. Dated this 10th day of Oct. 1922. E. VORIS Constable of Lomita Township, of Los Angeles County. WM. T. McNEELY, plaintiff's attorney.