

### Girl Who Tried To Kiss A Lion

**She Suffered Terrible Consequences of Her Foolish Act—Other Kinds of Lions That it is Just as Unwise and Disastrous to Try to Kiss.**

In his regular first-Sunday talk to children Sunday a week ago Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, told about a girl who tried to kiss a lion, and what happened to her, and warned of the danger of getting familiar with the lions of idleness, of ungoverned temper, or irreverence and disobedience. In a zoological garden in New York some time ago, said the preacher, a girl actually tried to kiss a large Asiatic lion. The lion was so tame that folks had become accustomed to petting it, and everybody thought it was perfectly safe to do so; no one dreamed that this lion would ever harm any one. A little girl threw her arms around the lion's neck one day and tried to kiss it. But on this particular occasion the lion was in a bad humor, and when the child placed herself in his power he viciously closed his ponderous jaws and mashed her face into a jelly. She escaped with her life but suffered terribly and was horribly disfigured, carrying the scars with her through life.

There are other lions with which it is just as dangerous to become familiar and which leave scars for life.

There is the lion of idleness. When Jesus cast seven devils out of a certain man these seven devils came back and brought with them seven other devils, because the man was idle and the space was vacant. Idleness is a dangerous lion. Children should play and develop the strength and health that will enable them to fight life's battles, but there should be no time for idleness. Men and women who have amounted to anything were industrious as boys and girls.

Then there is the lion of ungoverned temper. It is right that one should have temper, people who have no temper are not of much if any account; but temper must be controlled. Many a man has blood on his hands because he did not control his temper. Never lose control of yourself. One never gets perfect control of temper until he or she becomes a Christian and surrenders to Jesus Christ.

There is the lion of irreverence, which is becoming so prevalent—irreverence for the home, irreverence for parents, for the house of God, for all sacred things. Deep and abiding reverence is one of the foundation stones of a great and useful character.

Then there is the lion of disobedience. Boys and girls who do not learn to obey are candidates for crime. The preacher told of a boy in Chicago who suffered death rather than disobey. On his way to Sunday school he was met by some bad boys who invited him to go with them to rob an orchard. He refused and told them it was wrong to steal. They insisted, and still he refused, urging

that besides the wrong of stealing his mother had told him never to take what did not belong to him and to go to Sunday school, and he would not disobey his mother. Then the bad boys told him that if he would not go with them they would make him go and would drown him. And they did. They overpowered the boy, carried him with them and threw him into a lake and he was drowned; and there is a statue in Chicago to this boy who died rather than disobey.

Resolve that you will die, urged the preacher in conclusion, before you will kiss the lion of disobedience, or the lion of irreverence, or the lion of ungoverned temper or the lion of idleness.

#### 67TH CONGRESS CONVENES.

**Bills Designed to Cover Some of Most Important Problems Before Present Congress Introduced.**

The 67th Congress convened Monday. Speaker Gillett and other Republican officers of the House were re-elected, Representative Claude Kitchen of North Carolina, Democratic floor leader, being placed in nomination by the minority. The Republicans have a majority of 22 in the Senate and about 170 in the House.

The Republicans howled over an attempt by Representative Flood, Democrat, of Virginia, to investigate the election of Richard E. Bird, Republican, of Kansas, who it is alleged spent in excess of \$10,000 in his election campaign in violation of the Federal corrupt practices act.

All North Carolina Congressmen were present. Representative W. C. Hammer, new member from the Seventh district, expressed himself freely as being outraged by the manner in which Representative Bird was seated.

A Washington dispatch gives the following:

Bills designed to cover some of the more important problems before the present Congress were introduced Monday in the House. They included

war taxes and proposals for new ones, soldier bonus and soldier relief, Federal budget, restriction of immigration, and Federal road building.

While the "five way" plan of veteran organizations for deferred compensation to service men became House bill No. 1, the tax question was foremost in the legislative proposals. Representative Longworth, of Ohio, prepared the straight repeal of excess profits and war profits taxation. The suggestion was repeated by Representatives Bachrach, of New Jersey, and Mott, of New York, who proposed imposition of gross sales taxes at one per cent rates. The Bachrach measure also suggested reduction of normal income tax rates to two per cent, and application of the sur tax to incomes above \$7,000 with a maximum of 40 per cent.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, putting forward the service men's bonus proposal, which provides for alternatives between cash payment, land settlement, insurance, vocational education, and

home building, left out taxation proposals, but Representative Gallivan, Democrat, of Massachusetts, put in an exact duplicate of the bill as it passed the house last session. In further aid to veterans Representative Sweet, Republican, of Iowa, introduced a bill to consolidate all boards and bureaus having to do with soldier rehabilitation, and Representative Fess, Republican, of Ohio, suggested exemption from income taxes of all payments to veterans undergoing vocational training.

Immigration restriction, decided upon by the last Congress in enacting a bill limiting annual entrance of aliens into the United States, to three per cent of the total residents of each nationality in the nation as found by the 1910 census, was proposed by Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee. His bill exactly duplicated that which President Wilson gave a pocket veto.

Representative Blanton, Democrat, of Texas, whose battles with his associates in Congress have attracted some attention, came forward with a suggestion to reduce Congress from 435 members to 304, and reapportion them according to the 1920 census. A number of other reapportionment bills were proposed, but would provide for holding the membership to its present limit. Mr. Blanton also proposed the elimination of the present travel allowance of 20 cents a mile for members, substituting therefor a payment of actual expenses, to be made up on sworn vouchers.

Representative Young, Republican, of North Dakota, for the ways and means committee, introduced the emergency agricultural tariff, exactly as it was passed in February. Its effective period was fixed as six months after enactment instead of 10 as in the vetoed measure of the last session.

Chairman Kahn, of the military affairs committee, again proposed a separate air corps, under a new executive bureau, to control military aviation and a separate proposal for federal accompaniment.

Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, introduced the Federal budget bill, another of the measures vetoed during the former administration.

Abolition of the railroad labor board and repeal of sections of the transportation act under which it operates was proposed by Representative Tinsler, Republican, Kansas. His bill would empower the interstate commerce commission to perform functions now assigned to the board.

An Asheville dispatch states that friends there of James J. Britt, former Congressman and former Third Assistant Postmaster General in the Roosevelt administration, are going to back him for the position as judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Pritchard. There will also be another contender for the position, it is understood, Judge W. P. Bynum being presented by strong friends in Greensboro and Washington.



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