

A PIPE LINE WATCHMAN'S FUN.

Encounters With Bears and Other Beasts While on His Lonely Beat.

"Our pipe lines between the oil regions and seaboard refineries run for hundreds of miles through almost unbroken wildernesses in New York State and Pennsylvania," said an employee of the Standard Oil Company's pipe line department, "and we have linemen whose duty it is to walk over the line of sections to see that the pipe is in good condition and to make repairs to our private telegraph line following the course of the pipe line. One of the wildest sections is eighty miles in length. The wilderness and isolation of the country make it a favorite retreat for bears, wildcats, and other wild beasts, and we had to try a dozen or more men on the job before we got one who had the nerve and courage to keep it more than one trip. At last we got an old hunter and woodsman named Smith, and the job suited him so well that he has held on to it now nearly ten years. Smith was a famous shot with the rifle before he became a lineman, and he was obliged to carry so many articles needed in his business that he was unable to make room for his rifle. He therefore bought a big revolver, and with it has killed more than twenty bears, besides several deer and wildcats, during the time he has been walking the line. It is seldom that he has had to hunt for his game, for it generally has happened that, duty or no duty, he has been compelled to tarry by the way to defend himself against the offensive tactics of bears and catamounts that resent his intrusion of their retreats. One of these occasions he especially likes to tell about.

"It was one day early in May. The old lineman had reached the very heart of his wilderness hunt, and was passing through a piece of timber where there was a dense growth of underbrush on either side of the line, as well as the remains of a great windfall, when he was suddenly confronted by an immense bear. As the animal was ugly and bent on fight there and then Smith knew that it was a she bear and that her cubs were not far away, hidden somewhere in the brush. When she first appeared the bear was not more than fifty feet away, and she came rapidly toward the lineman. The spot was greatly to his disadvantage for a bear fight, but Smith stood just about as poor a chance of getting away by running as he did by standing still and having it out with the bear. The bear was so big and heavy-headed that Smith knew the force of his pistols bullets would have to be sent against her at close quarters to be effective, so he drew his revolver and waited for the bear to come as close as he thought it well to let her before firing. She came on in dead earnest. When she was within twenty feet of him Smith fired. The shot struck her in the neck. She dropped, but was up again almost as quick as she was down, and turned and went off into the brush. She walked around the lineman in a circle, a couple of rods away, howling and snapping her big jaws all the time.

"Among the articles carried by these pipe line walkers is a pair of spurs or climbers that telegraph repairers use in climbing the poles. While the infuriated bear was making her reconnoitering circuit in the bushes, Smith hastily fastened his climbers about his ankles, intending to shin up a telegraph pole that stood a few paces distant. He knew that he would be out of danger there, and could bombard the bear with his pistol as long as she chose to besiege him, or until he could send a bullet into a vulnerable part of her body and drop her for good and all. He had no sooner fastened the spurs to his boots than the bear made a second rush for him. Believing that he could reach the pole and climb it before the bear could get there, he made a dash for it. The bear pursued, and just as the line man grasped the pole the bear was upon him. Smith turned and fired two shots in quick succession at her. One of the bullets, at least, told with good effect, for the bear turned, uttering loud cries of pain, and shuffled off toward the brush again, shaking her big head in evident pain as she went. Smith thought that was a good time to climb the pole, and he started in to do it. The bear had stopped at the edge of the brush and looked back. She must have divined the lineman's intention, for she came tearing back at him. Posing on the crosspiece at the top of the telegraph pole Smith emptied his revolver at the bear as she came at the foot of the pole. Some of the shots went home so far that the bear at last gave up and went stumbling away into the woods, howling as she went, as far as Smith could hear her on her retreat. The lineman had no time to follow her although he was sure he had wounded her fatally. In this he was right. Next day two men who were trout fishing found the carcass of a big she bear on the edge of the creek, a mile or so from where Smith had the encounter, and the same day two bear cubs were captured in the same neighborhood. There were six bullet holes in the bear's body, and no one ever doubted that the bear was lineman Smith's.

"Another day Smith encountered a family of four bears, two old ones and two cubs. They were sporting in a glade only a few rods from the pipe line. Having some spare time, the lineman thought he would approach nearer, the bears and see what effect a few of his pistol bullets would have

on the group. He took out the weapon and crept up to within twenty-five feet of the bears, when out of the bushes not ten feet from him slouched a fifth bear, the biggest, blackest, and ugliest looking one Smith had ever seen. The bear stopped, showed his long teeth, snapped his jaws, and by his growls demonstrated to the lineman that if there was going to be any trouble around there that bear intended to have a hand in it. Smith was at first inclined to try the revolver on his tough old customer, but considered the matter, turned on his heel and walked back toward the line. The bear shuffled along after him and escorted him on his way for an eighth of a mile along the line, growling ominously at every step. Satisfied then that there wasn't likely to be any trouble, the bear left Smith and went back. A bear supposed to be the same monster was killed a few days later by a hunter. No larger bear is on record as ever having been killed in the State, its weight being 550 pounds, more than double the weight of the average full-grown black bear.

"The lineman had another adventure that day. He had not parted company with the bear long when a big buck jumped from its bed off to one side of the pipe line and went loping along as if there was no danger behind it. Smith fired one shot more than a hundred yards straight ahead, when it dropped. Smith hurried on and found the deer dead. The bullet had struck the animal and entered both kidneys. The lineman dressed the buck, and notwithstanding his burden of tools, shouldered his prize and carried it six miles to a settlement, which was the terminus of his beat."

SAVING THE FAMILY DIGNITY.

The Church Wasn't Grand Enough for the Other Drivers.

The wife of Judge Jeremiah Black is described by the Washington Post as a woman of great intellectual force and many womanly and Christian virtues, such an "eldest lady" as St. John the Evangelist glorifies in his epistle. While her husband was a member of the Cabinet she was a devoted helper in the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, a church then composed of a handful of earnest people.

The church was meeting in Temperance Hall. Judge Black's driver, Peter, sensitive for the honor of the family, or for that of his carriage, felt it to be something of a disgrace to stand before such a building on Sunday. One day he touched upon the subject as gently as he could by saying:

"Mrs. Black, that ain't a very fine church you and the judge go to."

"No, Peter," said the lady, "it is not a very grand one."

"Mrs. Black, do you 'speak' to 'em that church every Sunday?"

"Yes, Peter, until they get a better one."

"Well, Mrs. Black, I wanted to ax you somethin', though I don't much like to say it, ma'am."

"What is it, Peter?"

"Well, ma'am, I wanted to tell you de drivers of ds other members of de Cabinet kinder makes fun of me 'bout standin' fore dat meetin'-house, and I wanted to ax you if you hadn't no objection to let me drive down to dat fine Presbyterian church where de other big men go, and stand dere wid my carriage until your meetin' was out and den drive back for you and de judge."

"All right, Peter, it'll be on time," said Mrs. Black, and Peter satisfied his mind that he saved the credit of the family and of his horses and carriage by standing after that with the fine turnouts of the other Cabinet officers.

BORN.

June 29 to the wife of J. R. Murray, a son.
St. John, June 14, to the wife of J. C. Campbell, a son.
Parrsboro, June 20, to the wife of John Kendrick, a son.
Campbellton, June 22, to the wife of A. A. Adams, a son.
Parrsboro, June 30, to the wife of James Phinney, a son.
Albert, June 18, to the wife of Capt. H. Wilbur, a daughter.
Truro, May 28, to the wife of J. D. McKay, a daughter.
Elgin, N. B., June 11, to the wife of Mr. Manning, a daughter.
Westville, June 14, to the wife of Angus Smith, a daughter.
Halifax, June 27, to the wife of J. M. Power, a daughter.
Halifax, June 23, to the wife of E. M. Studd, a daughter.
Fenwick, N. S., June 8, to the wife of F. L. Smith, a daughter.
Elgin, N. B., June 10, to the wife of N. Leeman, twin sons.
Hantsport, June 22, to the wife of E. Coyle, a daughter.
Canning, N. S., June 21, to the wife of William Rank, a daughter.
St. John, June 18, to the wife of Thomas Hicks, a daughter.
Yarmouth, June 19, to the wife of Joseph O. Holmes, a son.
Harmony, N. S., June 24, to the wife of William Selig, a daughter.
Smyma, Me., May 26, to the wife of H. Wilmer Robinson, a daughter.
Woodstock, June 16, to the wife of Dr. R. E. G. Smith, a daughter.
West Caledonia, June 23, to the wife of John Armstrong, a daughter.
Tupperville, June 11, to the wife of Edward Messenger, a daughter.
Lake-town, N. B., June 7, to the wife of Daniel Flanagan, a daughter.
Easthampton, N. Y., June 15, to the wife of Marley B. Lewis, M. D., a son.
Overton Yarmouth Co., May 8, to the wife of Charles F. Porter, a daughter.
Pembroke Yarmouth N. S., June 18, to the wife of Gilbert Allen, a daughter.
E. R. Island Shelburne Co., June 13, to the wife of Llewellyn Geddis, a daughter.

MARRIED.

Halifax, June 16, by Rev. R. Smith, Robert Warner to Bessie Lynch.
Pictou, June 23, by Rev. J. W. Fraser, James Elliot to Annie Young.
Truro, June 9, by Rev. R. Cumming, George D. Mills to Charlotte Chew.
Elmsdale, June 21, by Rev. J. Layton, Robert Watson to Minnie Dairymple.

Lunenburg, June 13, by Rev. J. H. Sturt, Anthony A. Knox to Martha Sarty.
Millstream, June 29, by Rev. I. Long, Weldon Bunnell to Matilda Fowler.
Halifax, June 21, by Rev. Father Daly, William Adams to Mary M. Stokes.
Oak Bay, June 23, by Rev. W. H. Morgan, James Webber to Elia McMurray.
Halifax, June 28, by Rev. Father Moriarty, M. Carmichael to Miss Julian.
Annapolis, June 12, by Rev. E. B. Moore, James A. Loveless to Magie Foster.
New Task, June 15, by Rev. H. A. Griffin, Thos. A. Smith to Mabel Mullen.
Coldbrook, June 16, by Rev. Leo Hoyt, W. Leslie Seeley to Gertrude Emery.
Hastings, C. B., June 22, by Rev. John Calder, Guy P. Scott to Mary J. Skinner.
Kempt, June 16, by Rev. F. G. Francis Hardy J. New Glasgow, June 9, by Rev. F. A. Ross, Geo. Hogg to Annie McReynolds.
Salisbury, Pictou Co., by Rev. J. A. Bairns, John R. Young to Annie McLean.
Caledonia, June 22, by Rev. E. C. Baker, George J. Parker to Annie E. Douglas.
Halifax, June 16, by Rev. H. H. Pitman, William W. Hoyt to Eleanor Lawlor.
Halifax, June 23, by Rev. W. E. Hall, Walter S. Barratt to Jessie Northover.
West River, June 16, by Rev. J. R. Munro, John S. Kirk to Maud McDiarmid.
Moreton, June 24, by Rev. J. D. Murray, Fred M. Tennant to Sarah E. Siroach.
Fall River, June 23, by Rev. J. A. Whitman, William W. Hoyt to Edith Hawkins.
New Glasgow, May 24, by Rev. H. R. Grant, Peter Williams to Maggie Turnbull.
Coversdale, June 19, by Rev. Jos. Crandall, Flora Weatherly to Alfred I. Doull.
Annapolis, June 16, by Rev. H. How, Sydney Saunders to Jane McCullough.
Yarmouth, June 16, by Rev. J. A. Foshat, Harry D. Barbour to Nellie R. Olive.
Hantsport, June 23, by Rev. J. M. Fisher, George W. Davison to Maud Malcolm.
Grand Manan, June 16, by Rev. O. S. Newnam, William Kent to Mabel Gupill.
Oak Bay, June 16, by Rev. W. H. Morgan, Geo. A. McCoullery to M. S. Shopp.
Ellesmere, June 18, by Rev. W. Parker, Arthur Christie to Margaret Demmons.
Annapolis, June 23, by Rev. Mr. White, Fred Woodland to Gertrude Coombs.
Truro, June 8, by Rev. H. F. Waring, Fred R. Schurman to Leonora L. Fulton.
Central Economy, June 16, by Rev. Mr. Bleasdale, Ernest Smith to Georgina Moore.
Truro, June 16, by Rev. A. L. Giegge, Robert H. Philney to Effie A. Crulshank.
St. John, June 16, by Rev. J. Read, George W. Babbitt to Annie M. McLaughlin.
Boston, June 2, by Rev. Geo. Perrin, John A. Thomas to Margaret Greenwood.
Granton, Pictou Co., June 22, by Rev. R. Cumming, Wm. P. Tanner to Bessie English.
French Village, June 23, by Rev. T. Dickinson, Wm. John Giggie to Matilda Hill.
Williamsdale, June 23, by Rev. W. Nightingale, Custer Stonehouse to Annie Ripley.
Isaac's Harbor, June 14, by Rev. A. J. Vincent, Isaac Davidson to Laura Davidson.
Great Village, June 16, by Rev. O. N. Chipman, John McDonald to Lizzie Chipman.
Bath, P. E. I., June 16, by Rev. J. M. Fisher, George G. Henry to Janet Caseley.
Point de But, June 23, by Rev. D. A. Steele, George E. Freeman to Clara Tingley.
New Glasgow, May 27, by Rev. H. R. Grant, Don J. McDonald to Helen J. Baxter.
Lawrencetown, June 21, by Rev. J. H. Toole, J. Elvin Schneider to Winnifred Durling.
Tremont, N. S., June 16, by Rev. H. H. Saunders, Malcolm S. Parker to Blanch Brennan.
Millstream, K. Co., June 25, by Rev. D. Long, George M. Mason to Charlotte Brown.
Port Morien, C. B., June 17, by Rev. Wm. Grant, Thomas J. Smith to Margaret C. Skuse.
Berkley, N. S., June 19, by Rev. D. F. Simpson, Doctor Howard Shaw to Mattie Brown.
Springfield, June 24, by Rev. A. J. Creswell, Charles W. Smith to Margaret C. Skuse.
Port Medway, June 16, by Rev. T. H. Siddall, Leonard Clattenburg to Marion Johnson.
Hebron, N. S., June 14, by Rev. F. W. Desbarres, Charles H. McKinnon to Lizzie Redding.

DIED.

St. John, 24, Kate A. Vaughan, 54.
Truro, June 22, James W. Miller, 52.
Westville, May 29, John Carrigan, 54.
St. John, June 25, Charles Hamilton, 56.
Brooklyn, N. S., May 29, John Curry, 78.
St. John, June 24, Mrs. Robert Bustin, 55.
Lynn Mass., June 18, Lyman R. Paten, 29.
Stellarton, N. S., June 10, William Betts, 79.
Tatamagouche, June 12, William Langille, 52.
Pictou, June 18, James McG. Stewart, Q. C. 44.
North Sydney, June 18, Capt. James Lawley, 86.
North Sydney, June 21, Leonard Camello Roper, 20.
Pictou, June 11, Margaret, wife of J. D. S. Murray, 31.
Mayfield Antigonish Co., June 10, Patrick D. uhan, 73.
St. John, June 24, Eliza, widow of Charles Reid, 60.
Narrows, N. B., June 21, Margaret, wife of Henry Todd, 76.
Lawrencetown, N. S., June 10, Mrs. W. A. Bradshaw, 43.
Newdy Quaddy, N. S., June 14, Mrs. Mary Hartigan, 72.
Marguobobit, June 13, Alice M., wife of John F. Miller, 24.
Hamilton, P. E. I., May 30, Jane, widow of Charles Esten, 80.
Viel via Mines, June 13, Nora, daughter of William Young, 25.
Yarmouth, June 16, Hannah A., widow of Capt. A. B. Irwin, 61.
St. John, June 17, Irene, child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whetzel.
Northeast Harbor, Me., June 7, Annie wife of James H. Pat, 29.
Wickham, O. county, June 20, Maranda, widow of D. J. Whelan, 72.
Yarmouth, June 12, Catherine M., widow of William D. Lovett, 63.
Melrose Highland, Mass., June 17, Maud C. R. wife of A. M. Prior.
Lindsay, Pictou Co., June 19, Eliz J. daughter of Daniel Cameron, 24.
Kentville, June 16, Sophie G. child of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Macdonald.
Springton and Antigonish, June 13, Daniel son of Douglas McPherson, 23.
Chicago, Ill., June 1, Teresa wife of Daniel Donahoe L. L. B., of Halifax.
Moreton, June 25, William C., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leacheur, 8 months.
Isaac's Harbor, May 27, Spencer, child of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McMillan, 7 weeks.

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