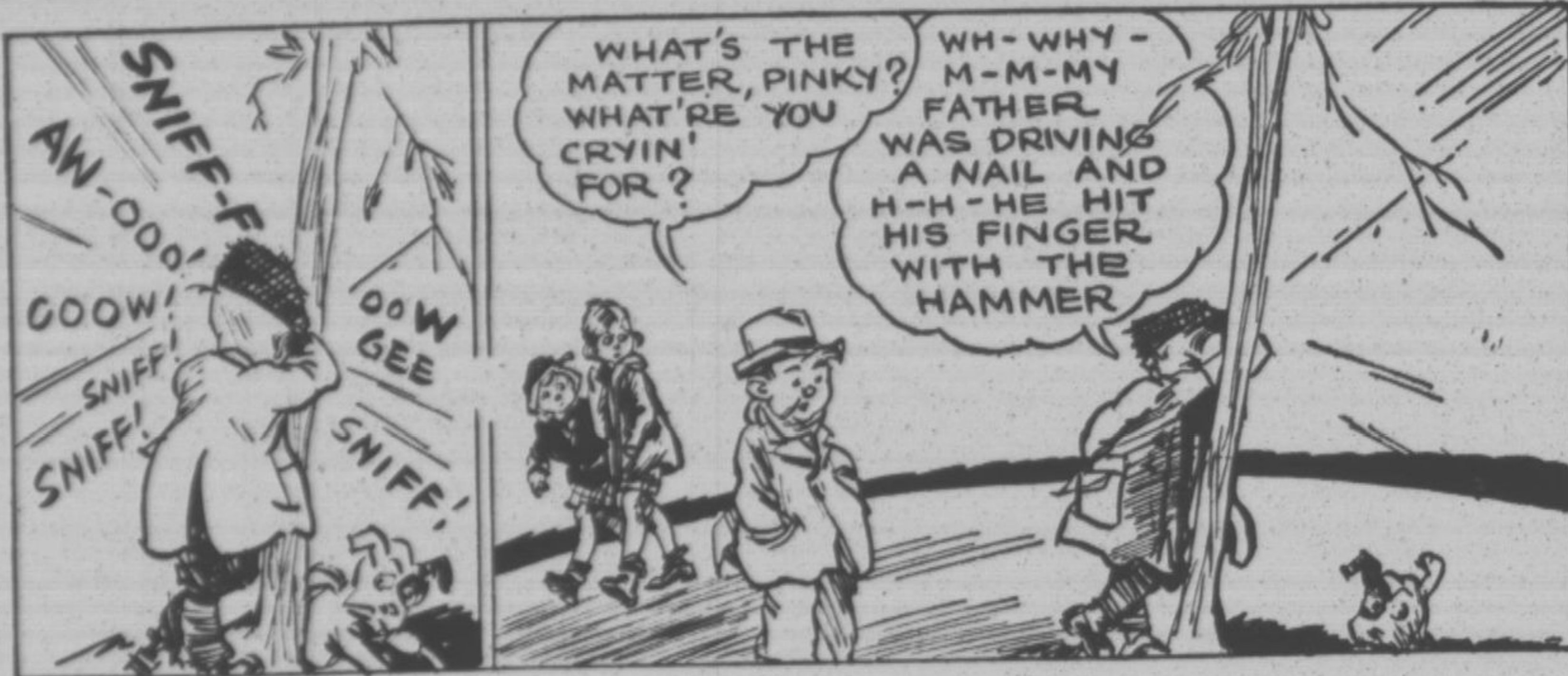


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Druce Lake Cottagers Lose Damsite Suit in Supreme Court, Report

A battle between farmers and cottage owners in the vicinity of Druce and Third Lakes in Lake county was decided in favor of the farmers last week when the Supreme court returned a decision upholding a permanent injunction granted the farmers restraining the cottagers from building a dam to prevent the two lakes from draining away.

The case was listed as M. Blanchard and others against Carlisle Druce and others.

Cottage owners got a permit to rebuild a dam to save the two lakes from draining away, but the farmers secured an injunction permanently restraining the cottagers from building the dam on the grounds that it interfered with the construction of the drainage system being put in by the farmers who were reclaiming some of their low lands that frequently stood with water a part of each year.

Owners of cottages around the lake declare that without the dam both Third and Druce Lakes will soon be drained to small ponds.

Saccharin By-Product of Coal; Other Things Obtained from Fuel

"Sweeter than coal" is more accurate than the time-honored phrase, "Sweeter than sugar."

Saccharin, a by-product of coal, is the sweetest thing in the world, being 500 times sweeter than cane sugar, Edward Steidman of the geology department of the Virginia Military institute, Lexington, Va., and a contributing editor to America's newest encyclopedia, the World Book, told a group of students.

"Saccharin is a white, odorless powder, used chiefly in the making of candy, and in baking and preserving," said Mr. Steidman. "It is also used to counteract diabetes."

Mr. Steidman read the manuscript he prepared for the World Book on the story of coal, and called it one of the most interesting stories in human annals. Hundreds of by-products come from coal, he said, and the commodity touches everyday life in thousands of ways.

Produces Strange Things

"One ton of coal is capable of producing many things," said Mr. Steidman. "One ton will yield 440 pounds of gas; over 1,400 pounds of coke, whose products are used to make battery carbons; 6½ pounds of gas liquid, from which comes carbolic acid, creosote, fertilizers for gardens, laughing gas, used by dentists in extracting teeth, aspirin, with which to deaden pain, and liquid ammonia for electric refrigerators; 120 pounds of tar, which produces dyes for milady's clothes; paint for the house; paving materials for the streets, and hundreds of other products and by-products."

"The United States possesses approximately two-thirds of the entire coal supply of the world, and we mine nearly twice as much coal each year as Great Britain, nearly three times as much as Germany, and a dozen times as much as France."

Alpine Climbing Is Becoming Dangerous; To Keep Statistics

Switzerland's national pastime of Alpine climbing has become so dangerous that statistics hereafter will be kept on the number of accidents and the number of dead, says a United Press dispatch from Geneva.

At the present time the average number of killed per year is about 50.

The statistics show that the number of dead usually exceed the number of accidents. This is due to the fact that in mountain climbing half a dozen persons or more are usually roped together and a single accident may cost anywhere from one to six lives.

The death toll in winter also greatly exceeds that in summer, owing to the rapid development of skiing. Avalanches and terrific snow storms are the principal enemies of those on skis.

For the three year period of 1926 to 1928 inclusive a total of 150 accidents was registered with a total of 185 deaths.

This is a marked increase over the preceding three-year period of 1923 to 1925 inclusive when the total number of accidents was only 112 with 138 deaths.

While the statistics hold the skii responsible for the majority of winter accidents, Alpine flowers are the cause of the great majority of summer accidents. It is in trying to pick some rare blossom on the edge of a precipice or on top of a peak that the average summer alpine climber falls to his death.

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