

HOW CHINESE USE MONKEYS IN WAR

Training of the Animals Is Long and Arduous Task.

London.—The use of monkeys in warfare by the Chinese dates back to the time when the Mongolians captured Peking. The monkeys used are the "Wah-Wahs," called after the peculiar call they make when angry.

The monkeys are captured when quite young and are kept in a small hut situated on a lonely plain. The training of the animals is a long and arduous task, and only such as the Chinese, with their infinite patience and utter disregard of time, would attempt.

The animal is let out of the hut at the end of a thin cord about ten feet long and made to go forward and take out of the ground a little flagstaff with a yellow flag on it. This flagstaff forms the center of three flagstaffs, the two outer flags being blue.

When the monkey brings back the yellow flag he is rewarded with food, but if he attempts to touch the blue flags the cord is drawn tight and he is chastised.

Gradually the cord is lengthened, and after years of training the monkey is capable of going distances up to two miles and bringing back his colored flag.

Other monkeys are taught to take blue flags, others red, until an army commander is in possession of several hundred monkeys distinguished by the color painted on their backs.

Every Chinese division is distinguished by colored pennants carried by bannermen, soldiers noted for their bravery.

When a commander wishes to make an attack and desires to strike terror into the enemy, he selects about 20 monkeys of the enemy's color. The animals are starved for several days and kept in a position where they can see the enemy.

The night of the attack the monkeys are covered all over with luminous paint and let loose. They immediately make their way over into the enemy's lines, where their appearance and the savage way in which they bite and scratch in their efforts to capture the flags strike terror in the heart of the enemy.

When the commander hears the loud "Wah-Wah" of his beasts he knows the enemy are in confusion and launches his attack.

Plant TNT in Snow to Open Drifted Highways

Loveland, Colo.—In case in a tube of lead, a ribbon of powerful TNT, known as a Cordeau fuse, is being stretched along the trail of the Ball River road, in the Rocky Mountain National park, west of Loveland.

This fuse will be buried under snow drifts 15 to 25 feet deep on both sides of Fall River pass, and in the spring drifts of snow will be blasted from the trail.

This is something new in the work of the park service. Heretofore the snow has been bucked and scraped from the mountain pass roads each spring. This has been the hardest and most expensive task the service had to handle.

The new instantaneous fuse is set off by a blasting cap, so that its entire length explodes at once. Fifty-pound boxes of 20 per cent dynamite will be placed at 20-foot intervals in one of the worst drift locations along the road. Each box will be opened and the Cordeau fuse strung between them, after which they will be sealed.

This powder will be left beneath snow-drifts during the winter, and next spring a blasting cap will be inserted in the end of the fuse and the entire charge detonated at once.

Contract to Produce Rain Made by Californian

Bakersfield, Cal.—"Rainmaker" Hatfield recently closed a contract with the Kern County Cattlemen's association and the sheepmen's association whereby he promised to produce 1 1/2 inches of rain in Kern county between November 20 and December 20. If the rain is produced, Hatfield is to receive \$4,000, the money being guaranteed by the cattlemen and sheepmen.

Coins of Old Wessex Kings Found in Cave

London.—A collection of Saxon coins issued during the reigns of five Wessex kings has been discovered in a cave near Penkland, Derbyshire, by Rev. G. H. Wilson. Human and animal remains found in the outer chambers of the cave indicate, according to antiquarians, the cave was formerly the dwelling place of a personage, possibly of a Mercian ruler of more than a thousand years ago.

The coins so far identified date back to the time of Cenwal, a Mexican king who ruled about the year 800. Articles of personal adornment also were found.

Mr. Wilson has advanced the theory the Saxons of eastern and middle England, retreating before the victorious Danes, took shelter in the Derbyshire caves and that there many of them were slaughtered or starved.

BOOK DESCRIBING EARLY TRIP FOUND

Tells of Hennepin's and Du Lhut's Adventures in 1680.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A yellow, worn-out old book, Father Louis Hennepin's own account of how he and Du Lhut in 1680 discovered the falls of St. Anthony, has been found in the home of W. E. Hewitt, a Minneapolis attorney. The book was published in London and dedicated to William III.

Father Hennepin tells the story of how, after journeying from the mouth of the Illinois river down the Mississippi to the gulf of Mexico and back, he and his companion were captured by a band of northern Minnesota Indians. They were taken to the north woods, where Father Hennepin became ill.

He was placed in a tepee, into which were rolled large round stones, red hot. These heated the tepee, while two Indians gave him a sort of "Swedish massage." The treatment was repeated until he recovered.

Accompanied by Du Lhut, he and his party later started back to Canada, discovering en route the falls of St. Anthony. Near the falls they found beaver skins hung up to scare away evil spirits.

Some of the party wanted to steal the hides, although Du Lhut opposed this, knowing the ways of the Indians better than they. Despite his protest, the skins were taken. Later the whole party was captured by the Indians, who wanted to kill them. Friendly Indians intervened, however, and the white men were allowed to proceed.

Father Hennepin at the time was a subject of Spain, although traveling with an expedition financed by France. Upon his return to France, because he took credit for discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi, which the French contended should go to La Salle, he was exiled and proceeded to England, where he wrote his book, with William III as his patron.

Vienna Makes Record Speed in Home Building

Vienna.—What is said to be a record for central Europe was made here recently when a number of houses were completed and ready for occupancy within three weeks. The houses were erected as an experiment owing to the dearth of dwellings here and it is planned to build more by the hundreds if the scheme proves practical.

The frame of the houses consisted of two sets of boarding which were set four or five inches apart. The intervening space between the boarding was filled with sawdust which had been treated with a chemical preparation which made it nonflammable. A coating of plastering was applied to the outside of the boarding and a family from the Vienna slums moved into the new home 21 days after the work was begun.

Water Found in Quartz Ten Million Years Old

Chicago.—Drops of water more than 10,000,000 years old, preserved in quartz since an age before life began to appear on earth, will be exhibited in the Field museum here.

The water was obtained in South America by O. C. Farrington, head of the museum's department of geology, who found it imprisoned in crystal quartz taken from rock formation at Bon Jesus dos Melras, Bahia, Brazil. The estimate of its age was based on the fact that the rock formations of the archaic age are asserted by some scientists to have existed 550,000,000 years ago. The water is clear and sparkling in its crystal container.

City Authorities Plan to Modernize Moscow

Moscow.—Moscow will rival in beauty and civic modernity any European capital, if present plans of the municipal authorities materialize. Preparations are being made for the construction of a subway on the American plan and the establishment of omnibus systems, taxicab lines, new tramways and other improvements. The present sewage and canal systems will be entirely remodeled. A commission representing the Moscow soviet has left for Germany, France and England to seek foreign loans for the projects.

Oldest London 'Cabbie' Mourns End of Horse

London.—London's oldest cab driver is Joe Mindon, who has been 60 years on the box, and whose greatest pride is the fact that the late King Edward was for years one of his regular "fares."

Motorization of the means of transportation in London has left old Joe almost without employment, and he talks jauntily of acquiring a taxicab.

Asked for his opinion of the taxi, the aged cabbie said reflectively:

"They have driven us off the streets in the same way the buses are driving them off. And as for the traffic, we'll soon have to start burrowing underground. Give me the old days with clear streets and a smart horse, and time for a nap on the box if you liked."

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NEGRO VETS PARADE FIFTH AVE.

(By the Associated Negro Press.) New York, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Among the military units that took a prominent place in the Armistice day parade on Fifth avenue was the "Famous Fifteenth", now the 389th regiment, national guard. Invitations were sent to one hundred colored citizens to be present at special exercises in Central Park.

MAUD CUNEY HARE IN RECITAL

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Standing room was at a premium in the Brooklyn Academy of Music when Mrs. Maud Cuney Hare, pianist and reader, appeared in recital under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—According to United States Assistant District Attorney David Hart, there is one bootlegger in this city for every 90 inhabitants, or a total of 5,000, all but 250 of whom have been in the courts.

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