

DOGS ARE REAL HEROES IN WAR

Stabler Instincts of Animal Brought Out and Made Use Of.

BEST KIND OF SENTINELS

Remarkable and Touching Incidents Recorded About Canine Contingents of the Franco-British Continental Armies—A Dog Academy.

London.—Mr. Theodore Marples, F. R. S., editor of Our Dogs, writes as follows in the Continental Mail:

When the war is over and its terrible incidence is committed to the historian to chronicle in permanent form, the dog, the traditional "friend of man," must surely come under review.

In this world war real "dogs of war" have been "let loose," as in ancient Roman wars, with this distinction, that the dog's natural propensity has been suppressed; all his nobler instincts have been brought out, so that it has been possible to employ him with safety and success as scout, sentry, messenger, as a draught animal for drawing small field pieces, in situations which neither horse nor motor traction could negotiate, and last, but not least, in finding wounded soldiers and carrying succor to them.

Everybody will have read of the tremendous colony of dogs in their dugouts in the north of France, which form a standing army of war dogs, fully equipped with every device of canine military paraphernalia; of Lieut. Rene Mann and his journey to Alaska and return to France with upward of one hundred huskies—a hardy cross between the Eskimo dog and the wolf—and other sledge dogs of the near Arctic regions for the French army; of the success of Lieutenant Meguin, editor of L'Eleveur, and his army of war dogs, which he organized and successfully employed on the field of battle at the instance of the French government. He was director of the dogs attached to the Seventh French army.

A Dog Academy. One could write a whole volume upon the prowess, the exploits, the bravery and the usefulness displayed by the dog in this great war, but I must content myself with recording a few of the more prominent cases which have come under my notice of the intelligence, sagacity, fidelity and devotion to duty which have characterized the dog under altogether novel conditions.

The French have an association of war dogs, the president of which is Mr. Blenne, formerly war minister, and the acting president, Mr. Bellan, formerly president of the municipal council. This association is really a dog academy, in which a curriculum of tuition is laid down to fit the psychological capability of each canine student.

The Prussians attach a team of dogs to every Jager (rifle) battalion, which are under the control of practical doggy officers. They are mostly of the sheepdog breed, a register of which, numbering 15,000, is kept for mobilization purposes by the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhund. Dogs are also employed by other regiments, up to ten with each battalion. They are mostly of the same breed, but Alsatians, Doberman Pinschers and boxers (a sort of bull terrier) are also employed.

Both Russia and Belgium have their war dogs, which have been largely employed with the greatest success.

When the Prussian hordes swept through Belgium the dogs of King Albert and his soldiers performed wonders in the way of sentry work and the quick drawing into position of field pieces of the lighter order for rapid firing.

It is officially stated that the "Red Cross Dog League," which began activities early in the war with eight dogs, now has 2,500 in the field, each with its own trainer. It is asserted that the lives of at least 8,000 wounded men have been saved by these dogs.

As illustrative of what dogs can do in warfare it is recorded that:

"A newly trained dog was brought into a front line trench one night in France and after sniffing the air awhile 'pointed obstinately at a certain point in the trench and could not be induced to come away. His companions declared that there must be some Prussians near by, but the habitual occupants of the trench ridiculed the idea; the thing was impossible, they said.

"Suddenly a soldier asked whether it was possible that the dog had struck a listening post. Everyone knew that there was one about somewhere, but no one had ever been able to spot it. The captain was skeptical, but ordered fire rockets to be sent up, and there, sure enough, were three Prussians posted in a spot only a dozen yards or so off the trench.

"The dog had nosed out in less than a quarter of an hour a listening post which the entire regiment had spent two months trying to find."

Marquis, a Dog Hero. Marquis, the famous regimental dispatch dog of the French infantry, was mentioned as having fallen at the battle of Saretourg, on the Belgian frontier. His soldier comrades buried him and raised a monument over his grave. He was dispatched with a message at a time when it was not safe to send a human messenger owing to the intensity of the Prussian fire. Marquis received a bullet wound and fell, but rose to his feet and crawled

RARE "GOD OF DEATH"



A marvelous hunchbacked "god of death" in the form of a pottery water bottle. This treasure was brought to the United States by Captain de Booy, a young Dutch explorer, who has just arrived from a four months expedition in the West Indies. Captain de Booy found the "death god" in a cave where it had stood long before the days of Columbus. The natives were afraid of it, and consequently it was never found. The explorer said "there is only one other in the world, that a female." This one is a male, and is much larger than the other.

back with the moonlight, and without letting it drop out of his mouth, stained with blood at his master's feet.

It was mainly through the instrumentality of the British war dogs, Pell, Podge, North, Bac and Ruff that the French army was able to drive the Prussians out of the Bessinghe woods in one of the Ypres engagements, while Prusko, a bull terrier that served with the French motorcyclist scouts, being carried in the side car, was most useful in carrying messages back to headquarters.

The dog Dyane, on account of his great sagacity and clever work with the French army, has also won fame, and Lutz, which distinguished himself in one of the Verdun engagements, was mentioned as follows:

"Employed as an advanced sentry during the night of February 21, he gave warning first of the German attack by repeated growls, and compelled attention."

Foils German Attack. Another story is told of the exploits of a French sentry dog:

"The night was dark; apparently asleep, the dog lay for some time at his master's feet. Suddenly he jumped up and stared through the darkness in the direction of the Prussian lines, and then uttered a low growl. His sentry master needed no further hint but straightway went back and warned his comrades, who lay low.

"In due course the Prussians crept up to the foremost trench, expecting to take the French by surprise, when a shower of shrapnel was poured onto them at pointblank range, and those who were not killed were captured."

The dog Ben of Anzac, which lost two feet from frostbite while on duty in Gallipoli, and was put up at auction by his owner, Trooper Ben Squirrel of the Suffolk Yeomanry, realized £101 (about \$505) at Ipswich Red Cross sale.

An instance of a dog's fidelity is that in which a dog in the south of England, whose master had enlisted and gone to France, subsequently followed him, boarding a steamer crossing the channel, and tracing him almost to the firing line.

As showing the inseparable alliance in this war between soldiers and dogs, it may be stated that, besides the actual army of war dogs, nearly every British, French, Belgian, Russian and Italian regiment has its own special canine "mascot."

LAW WILL FORBID BARKING

Ordinance Suggested That Would Quiet Dogs in One Town in California.

Burlingame, Cal.—Burlingame dogs will have to stop just when the city's boundary lines when they want to utter a good, healthy bark if the new ordinance is passed by the city trustees.

Following numerous complaints the city fathers ordered the city attorney to frame a law that would insure noiseless nights for Burlingame's light sleepers.

The new law forbids every noise that can be made by man, animal or machine that is loud, prolonged or unnatural, or "which may cause physical discomfort to persons of ordinary sensitiveness."

Women whose kennels are filled with the blue blood of canine aristocracy are expected to lead the protest against the new ordinance.

Wolf Hunters Kill Three. Gilliam, Mo.—J. D. Brightwell and two sons, Clarence and Hamilton, succeeded in killing three wolves on the farm of Gus Gilliam, northeast of Gilliam. Brightwell has two hounds, and Gilliam informed him that the wolves had been killing chickens, calves and pigs on his and others' farms, and asked Brightwell to bring his dogs and see if he could catch them. Brightwell's son killed one of the wolves, the dogs another and Brightwell one. They failed to catch the mother and another pup.

SAVES BABY FROM WILDCAT

Animal Drops Shrieking Child When Mother Attacks It With a Club.

Marysville, Cal.—A mother's bravery prevented a huge wildcat from carrying off a six-month-old baby on the bank of the Feather river near here.

Mrs. Ellen Fanning, who camped with her husband and baby along the river, returned after a short stroll one afternoon recently in time to see a big wildcat in the act of carrying her baby from the basket in which it was asleep.

The animal did not run when Mrs. Fanning shrieked, but stood its ground and held up to the screaming baby. Mrs. Fanning picked up a club and fought the animal, which at length dropped the child and ran into the woods.

The baby was badly bitten about the face and body. It will recover.

Pittsfield, Mass., is to have a woman police officer.

strikes a man at a listening post or one of the members of a patrol, the man becomes a glowing torch and machine gun are turned on him.

Traveled 15,000 Miles to Wed; Failed. Roanoke, Va.—Thomas Gilbert, a youthful Briton who left home in Sydney, Australia, several weeks ago and traveled 15,000 miles to Roanoke, Va., to marry his fiancée, Mrs. Hattie B. Vance, has just reached his destination to find that his sweetheart recently married his uncle, Jacob Hovey.



WHO WANTS OPEN BAR?

(Part only of verses by T. Watson in The Pioneer.)

Not they who live by honest work And never would that duty shirk Which calls them from afar.

Not they whose enterprise employs The skillful men and active boys Who know each man and spar.

Not they who on the battlefield Are willing all they have to yield For truth's victorious star.

Not they who rightly live their lives And would not leave their sons and wives To hear oppression's scar.

It is not difficult to see Who liquor's advocates must be Who wander off so far: No voter finds it hard today To tell the kind of man who says, "We want the open bar."

STRONG FOR TEMPERANCE.

A well-known preacher riding in a London omnibus was entertained by a dialogue which was sustained upon the one side by the driver and upon the other by an elderly passenger.

"I understand you're temperance" began the driver.

"Yes, I'm pretty strong against liquor," returned the other. "I've been set against it now for 35 years."

"Scared it will ruin your health?"

"Yes, but that wasn't the main thing."

"Perhaps it doesn't agree with you?" ventured the driver.

"Well, it really don't agree with anybody. But that isn't it, either. The thing that sets me against it is a horrible idea."

"A horrible idea! What is it?"

"Well 35 years ago I was sitting in a hotel in America with a friend of mine, and I says, 'Let's order a bottle of something.' And he says, 'No, sir. I'm saving my money to buy the government land at 7s. and 6d. per acre. I'm going to buy tomorrow, and you'd better let me take the money you would have spent for liquor and buy a couple of acres along with mine.' I says, 'All right.' So we didn't drink, and he bought me two acres.

"Well, sir, today those two acres are right in the middle of a flourishing town, and if I'd ordered that bottle I'd have swallowed a city block, a grocery store, an apothecary's shop, four lawyer's offices, and it's hard to say what else. That's the idea. Ain't it horrible?"

ECONOMIC FOLLY.

"The Saloon is an Economic Folly and Must Go," is the slogan of a business men's league of Oakland, Cal., with a membership of over 500. A statement signed by the league includes the following clauses:

"The liquor traffic exists at the expense of all other industries.

"The revenue to the state, derived from liquor licenses, is overbalanced by losses to the state inseparable from the use of liquor.

"Its elimination is good business, because it will promote thrift, economy and prosperity. This will mean more work and better wages.

"We therefore favor the passage of either or both of the two proposed amendments affecting the liquor traffic, to be voted upon this fall by the electorate of California."

PERSONAL LIBERTY.

"In Chicago we hear much about personal liberty," says Mr. Fred Eberling, secretary of the Cooks' union, Chicago, "especially during campaigns. What do the brewers mean by personal liberty? The three big personal liberty gardens of this city have told the representatives of their employees that they will not deal with them except as individual employees while the brewers belong to the Chicago liquor trust, an organization which wages war against organized labor. When a license was refused to one of these beer gardens, the cry for personal liberty was heard from the big liquor combine, but when seven days per week workers make a demand for union recognition these same people cry 'anarchists.'"

COMMENDS PROHIBITION.

Samuel McRoberts, one of the vice presidents of the National City bank of New York, has been in Russia recently where he arranged a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Russian government. Mr. McRoberts says: "Russia now offers a wonderful opportunity to American capital and business enterprise. The people of America do not appreciate the extent of the Russian market or Russian resources, but should prepare now for great Russian trade after the war, I traveled for three days through territory as fertile as the best part of Iowa and Illinois. With vodka prohibited and the war concluded, Russia will ripen into prosperity."

BEER MORE NOXIOUS.

Modern scientific research has shown that, contrary to general belief, beer is proportionately much more noxious than the wines or liquors, says Dr. Edwin P. Bowers in the American Magazine. The Bremen Anti-Alcohol congress, a convocation of many of the most famous physicians in Europe, concluded that, while liquor makes a man brutal and dulls his judgment, an adequate amount of beer makes him slow-witted and shuffles his judgment, while wine or brandy, in sufficient quantity, makes a man crazy.

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