

PIGEONS MIGHTY FACTORS IN WAR

Trained Birds Save Hundreds of Lives.

CHANGE COURSE OF BATTLES

Thousands of Pigeons Are Fighting in Their Dumb Way as Valiantly as the Men in the Line—Fly Through Shell Fire Carrying Messages That May Mean Success or Failure in an Operation.

Can you imagine a man's life being saved by a pigeon?

Or, can you imagine the lives of hundreds of men being saved, and the course of a battle being changed by a pigeon?

Such things are happening daily on the great front where the German army is slowly, but surely, being beaten back.

Thousands of pigeons are fighting in their dumb way as valiantly as the men in the line, their battle for the allied cause. Hundreds are giving up their lives. They fly through shell fire, through the smoke and din of battle, carrying messages that may mean success or failure in an operation. Telephone lines may be broken, or communication by this means interrupted by other causes. But communication by pigeon—man's most reliable messenger—can be broken by death only.

Fly Mile a Minute.

A pigeon may be wounded. It may be furnished for water, but it will fly, despite its own enemies in the air, until its last ounce of strength is exhausted. Heading for its cot from the front line, it will fly with the speed of the wind. Fast pigeons can make better than a mile a minute. Attached to its leg is a little aluminum message box about an inch long.

Arriving at the cot, the pigeon is "trapped," the message box quickly opened and rushed to headquarters. The message is deciphered. And while the pigeon is straightening its ruffled feathers, or cooling in anticipation of a meal of barley or canary seed, it is likely that orders are going out meaning life or death, success or failure, to a company, a regiment, a brigade or even a division.

As you pass along the roads in the rear of the battle front you will see queer little houses standing on top—on the very peak—of prominent knolls. Then you will notice the odd little houses are on wheels. They are always standing in the most open place in the vicinity.

There is not a tree within rods of the little house. The sh-balls down pitilessly, or the rains pour upon the place. There doesn't seem to be anyone about, but somewhere—in the shade of the little house or the shelter of a dugout—you will find the only human inhabitants of the knoll.

The queer little house is a pigeon cot. Three men are attached to each cot. They train the pigeons, see that the fighting unit to which they are attached is kept supplied with birds, watch for their charges when they return from the front, and then see that the message brought in by the pigeon is promptly delivered.

Incidentally, it should not be assumed that of this queer little settlement atop the knoll, only the pigeons face the dangers of the front. The "pigeon men" will not trust the delivery of their birds to the front line to anyone else. They put the pigeons in a wicker basket and dash over the shell-swept roads in a motorcycle side car to the post command of their unit, where the birds are turned over to the men in the line.

Work Period Begins.

Then begins the pigeon's period of work. It lives in the basket in which it is carried to the front, known as the "rest basket." This basket is of open wicker, and is some eight inches deep. It is about a foot and a half wide and two feet long. Little water pans are fixed in the basket, and food turned over to the man who is to care for the pigeons while they are in the front line.

When a patrol is ordered, or an attack is being made, the pigeons are taken from the rest basket and put into a smaller wicker basket. This rests on a man's back, just between the shoulders.

Pigeons are furnished not only the infantry, but to balloon observers and aviators. In the case of the balloon observers only the rest basket is used. The pigeons are carried up in the balloon, and should the observer's telephone connection with the ground become broken, one of his pigeons is liberated and bears the message back to its cot.

When with cavalry, the pigeons ride in a tiny net "hammock." It rests in the hammock in a normal sitting position, and though the motion of the horse may cause the hammock to swing, the pigeon is in no danger of being thrown against the side of the basket, but is gently "rocked" on its journey into battle.

Three Years to Collect \$100.

It took U. J. Stoltz three years to get a \$100 judgment against Frank Behrens in court at Belleville, Ill., for failing to return his cow, which had been left with Behrens for temporary keeping by a Stoltz farm renter adjoining Behrens' property, who left the farm suddenly.

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WAS GIFT TO QUEEN VICTORIA

First Pekingese Dog Brought to Europe a Present From the Empress of China.

Pekingese dogs have been known to the western world little more than half a century. During the looting of the Imperial palace at Peking, an English soldier picked up a dog belonging to the empress. Her attendants attacked the Tommy on the spot. He suggested that the dog be sent as a gift from the empress to Queen Victoria.

The plan was agreed to and the dog was sent to Buckingham palace, where he was known as Looey. Other dogs took exception to his appearance and made him wish he were back in China. When the prince and princess of Wales returned from a trip to the continent, the princess persuaded the queen to let her take him to her home at Sandringham. The princess thought Looey's loneliness should be ended, since he couldn't make friends with any English dog, so she sent to China for a mate of his own kind.

The fad started by the princess was taken up by London society and the breeding of Pekingese dogs became so popular that London dog shows have sometimes been devoted exclusively to the new type.

SENSE OF SMELL WONDERFUL

Olfactory Nerves Capable of Doing Work That Can Only Be Called Marvelous.

It is said that the tenth part of a grain of musk will continue for years to fill a room with its odoriferous particles, and that at the end of that time it will not be appreciably diminished in weight.

A cubic inch of air rising from the flame of a Bunsen burner has been estimated to contain no fewer than 450,000,000 dust particles.

A drop of blood that might be suspended from the point of a needle contains about 1,000,000 red corpuscles.

Yet, although matter is so marvelously divisible, the olfactory nerves are infinitely more sensitive. Much yet remains to be investigated with reference to these nerves which will discriminate with such apparent miraculous accuracy.

Evils of Eye Fatigue.

Many nervous as well as other diseases are caused by incorrect illumination. The eye is a subject of prime consideration in connection with our health and happiness. Eye fatigue spoils the disposition; as that is one of the conditions given for inefficient work we find here a cause for more loss of the workman's time. When reduced to a dollar and cents basis this loss shows a large percentage over the cost of the lighting that would be required to eliminate them. As judgment is dependent upon perception and perception upon the sight, then the laborer, to be efficient, must be able to see fine details and small objects at close range with sharpness and distinction, to distinguish objects at a distance with accuracy, and to have clear perception of all objects in the intermediate space.

Ancestry Not Collateral.

Ancestral honors are not a safe leaning post. The lemming usually grows more lean waiting for providential bonuses on parental reputation. Some stocks pay perpetual dividends, but ancestral fitness often goes to seed in the spineless scions of modern days. Nature's dividends depend on present production rather than on records of what has been. Dad's reputation is a mighty good introduction to the present busy world, but that busy old globe won't take long to set her estimate on you. Try living on the reputation of the family and it will add an extra mill to the tax rate to provide for your future as a ward of the poor board. Uncle Sam has thousands of poor dubs who thought they were more than they are. Learn to lean on yourself and you won't disgrace the family. Use—don't abuse the ancestral business.—Pennsylvania Grit.

Bass Lured by Bright Light.

Here is a fish story based on an occurrence at Pontoon lake, in Maine. A pair of bullhead fishermen were in a boat anchored some distance off Broadway and it was quite dark. Another boat with two men in it anchored a short distance away and the men began fishing. The first fish to be caught was a small rock bass. "Give me that fish," said the other. It was handed to him by the one who caught it and he threw it at one of the men in the other boat, whom he knew. The fish landed in that man's boat and landed in the boat on the bottom of which was a lighted lantern. "Gosh!" said the one who had nearly been hit, "where did that come from?" "I don't know," replied his companion. "It jumped right into the boat in trying to get near the light," and this story is going its rounds.

Metallic Lead.

Evidence has recently been discovered which points toward the existence of at least two kinds of metallic lead. Every sample of ordinary lead always has exactly the same atomic weight as every other sample, but lead from radioactive minerals—lead which seems to have come from the decomposition of radium—has neither the same atomic weight nor the same density as ordinary lead, although in many properties, including their spectra, they seem to be identical.

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DOWN NINE BALLOONS



The photo shows Lieutenant F. Luke who brought down three enemy balloons in the surprisingly short time of thirty-five minutes. Luke comes from Phoenix, Ariz., and he has done some wonderful work as an airman. Those additional three bring his total for three days up to nine. Nine enemy balloons in three days!

SCARE MEXICANS OUT

Hun Propagandists at Work on the Border.

Try to Prevent Mexicans Crossing Over to Accept Employment in United States.

Laredo, Texas.—German propagandists in northern Mexico and along the border are actively engaged in instilling fright into Mexicans with a view to preventing their crossing to the American side and accepting employment as laborers on farms, railroads, etc. One cannot but have given considerable publicity by the propagandists is that the Americans are contemplating drafting all Mexican men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five into the army, while all Mexican women will also be forced into service and taken to France, where they will be used as washerwomen for the American soldiers and the allies generally.

These kind of reports have reached the American consular service on the border and they are exerting their utmost efforts to set the Mexicans right by assuring them that none but American citizens will be subject to the selective draft, while, as for women, there is absolutely no foundation for the report that they will be conscripted and used as washerwomen in France, as there are any number of women already in France and some others are needed "for washerwomen."

Now that the new draft is in effect it is expected that the German propagandists will be manufacturing all kinds of deliberate falsehoods to thwart the efforts of the Americans to secure laborers from Mexico to do agricultural and other work in this country.

Full of Cold, Had the Grip

This has been such a trying year for sickness that many will be pleased to read how Lewis Newman, 501 Northland St., Charleston, W. Va., was restored to health. He writes: "I was down sick and nothing would do me any good. I was full of cold and had the grip until I got two 50c bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar. It is the best remedy for grip and colds I ever used." Good for grip, coughs, croup, whooping cough and common colds. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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