

ANCIENT LEGEND OF JAPAN

Many Stories Told of the Evil Power and Feroocious Qualities of River-Dwelling Kappa.

Stories and legends concerning rivers abound in Japan. One reason is that the rivers are generally treacherous streams which a greater part of the year are little more than dry gravelly beds, but which sometimes suddenly overflow their banks carrying destruction to the fields and to the homes along their way. The story of the Kappa is told on the occasion of river-festivals, which are held in July.

The Kappa is supposed to be a hairy creature with scaly limbs and the body of a tortoise; his head resembles that of an ape, and in the top of it is a cavity containing a mysterious fluid, said to be the source of the Kappa's power. The chief delight of the Kappa, who is fierce and quarrelsome, is to challenge human beings to combat, an invitation that cannot be refused. To defeat a Kappa is as unfortunate as to be wasted by him, as the victor begins immediately to waste away.

The Kappa always lives in rivers, and there were Kappas in some districts which demanded two victims a year. If a person began suddenly to grow pale and thin, it was said that a Kappa had claimed him.

One Kappa, "Child of the River," was a shrine in Isumo called Kappa-no-miya which is said to contain a document signed by the Kappa. One lived in a neighboring stream, his goblin was exceedingly ferocious and many a villager or a villager's animal fell victim. One day the Kappa attacked a horse which had stepped on a log in the river, and the Kappa struck him with a club.

The Kappa was tightly bound and tied with a document which he would never molest or their animals again. In order to save his life, he slipped his hand into the water, pressing it to the paper. He was allowed to return to the bank from that day to this he warned the villagers.

The Japanese today will acknowledge that he has heard of Kappa but they have seen one. Sarah Moffatt, who lived in Japan, writes in the Japanese Magazine.

Famous Ride. Here of many a renowned rider and one of the most famous figures in the history of English highwaymen, once made a ride that, for distance covered and speed maintained, has never been duplicated, as far as any record exists.

Turpin was in danger of capture, and capture meant death beyond question. He had beneath him a horse of unequalled speed and endurance, and before him an earthenware path leading from London's cobble streets to York, a distance of 200 miles. Spur was touched to the mare, since famed in song and story as "Black Bess," and just as the sun was striking to rest the highwaymen and the eager mount took up the long trail.

The same sun rose 12 hours later over the housetops of York, and the early-rising citizens who peered from shuttered windows saw a great black horse, dripping with sweat, eyes starting from their head and breath coming in gasps, thundering down the main street, while a dust-covered rider swung in the saddle and made futile efforts to whip the "travel" status from his mount. He had completed the distance in 12 hours, and without changing mounts.

Fiber Box Saves Wood. The fiber box is considered an important factor in forest conservation, since only about one-sixth of its raw material is new wood pulp. The rest is almost wholly waste, according to the forest bureau of the department of agriculture, which says: "At least half of fiber is old newspapers, scrapings, wrapping paper, paper boxes and such material. Batches and bagging are no less products of the waste heap. The increased price paid for old papers since fiber board boxes stimulated the demand has resulted in drawing supplies from small towns and rural communities, where formerly no one went to the trouble of collecting such material. It has encouraged also the diligence of scavengers who search the alleys, ash cans and public garbage dumps in cities."

France Plans World Wireless System. A dispatch from Paris says that Under Secretary of State for the Post, Telegraph and Telephone Service, Deschamps has announced that the French government plans for an elaborate wireless system whose center will be in Paris and which will cover Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. If this system, part of which is already in existence, is integrally applied as now proposed, France's wireless communications throughout the world will be able to rival Great Britain's cable communications.

On the Rhine. Sentry—Who goes there? Sentry—Archie. Sentry—Come, assist, you're the tenth man I've stopped with that name in 20 minutes!—Stars and Stripes.

Undertaking. Caskets and Robes always on hand, special supplies and caskets ordered at any time. Sam Brisbane, Moro, Oregon.

TOO MUCH UNISON

Writer Complains Americans Are Unable to Act Alone.

"Mob-Minded," Is Expression He Uses—People as a Whole as Easy to Stampede as a Herd of Texas Steers.

The only way to accomplish the laudable purpose of bringing down the price of clothing would be to start the fashion of being out of fashion and that would be the hardest kind of a lesson to teach the American people. They have learned to act as one—which is a good thing sometimes. They were yet to learn how to act as ones—yet is a good thing most of the time.

We are mob-minded and that is the cause of many of our troubles, including the high cost of living. Everybody wants to read the same novel the same week. Consequently the library cannot supply its readers, while equally good novels, a few months old, are stacked up unread on the shelves. There is a worldwide shortage of wheat. "Use other grains," says Hoover. Everybody does for a while, then after a while everybody goes back to wheat and the supply again runs short. All the housewives order the best cuts of meat, but cattle can't be grown that are all best cuts. The department of agriculture advises some other cut and then every housewife orders that and will accept no substitute.

Someone suggests that a few young men and women might learn Spanish to their advantage and immediately 10,000 in a single city start Spanish and there are not teachers and textbooks enough to go around. If an excursion boat tips and the captain calls out, "Too many on one side," the crowd unthinkingly rushes to the opposite side and the boat lists more than ever. A millionaire, asked for his recipe for riches, said: "Go where everybody is doing the same thing and do something different." He had got his money out of the Klondike by selling groceries.

We declared our independence as a nation, but we have not yet declared our independence as individuals. We do everything in mass movements, by campaigns, drives, booms, crazes, fads and revivals. We cannot even fulfill the simplest civic or family duties without calling on all our fellow citizens to aid. It is only by the proclamation of a "Go to Church Sunday," that we are enabled to make a battling average in religion of one bit out of a possible 52. The rest of the calendar is filled up with "Write to Mother Day," "Clean-Up Day," "Plant a Tree Day," "Be Patriotic Day," "Be Thankful Day," and the like. "All together now," cries our gubernatorial or presidential cheer leader, "one, two, three, let 'er go!" And we all go through the motions of the designated emotions with the precision of a rhythm machine.

"The strongest man in the world," says Ibsen, "is he who stands most alone." That is, I suppose, his way of saying that nobody but a strong man could stand alone in a democracy like ours.

The American people is as easy to stampede as a herd of Texas steers and any one who tries to stand against the rush gets trampled into the ground. Edwin E. Slosson in the New York Independent.

Powerful Wireless Station. The greatest wireless station in the world is soon to rise near New York city. It is known as a five-way station. In other words, it will transmit and receive long-distance wireless messages in five directions at the same time. The great masts which raise the antennae to the skies will be 650 feet in height or 100 feet higher than the Washington monument. Messages will be transmitted at once to England and central Europe, to South America and south-west and to the Pacific coast and Japan. The station will be capable of sending 500 words and receiving 500 words every minute. Messages may be sent from the great station for 10,000 miles. The power of the sending apparatus will be so great that the radio messages will penetrate the most difficult weather and static conditions for thousands of miles. It is estimated that the cost of building such a station will be only about one-tenth as much as to lay cables under the Atlantic or Pacific oceans.—Boys' Life.

Following Doctor's Orders. Speaking of jazz music, which without doubt has a strong appeal to the American public, a writer in Along Broadway tells of a doctor in New York who believes it helps keep his waiting patients in a cheerful frame of mind. This physician said: "I've watched the crowds in my waiting room and it is most remarkable how music affects them. I've seen ten or a dozen people sitting in the room all starting at the floor or out of the window and getting more morose every minute, when suddenly my daughters would start singing and playing. Almost immediately the atmosphere of the waiting room changes from gloom to joy. My daughters are instructed to play only the latest hits including jazz and the jazzier the better."

Make Room for Another. "What does this fellow do for a living?" "He's a foot proffiter." "Sells shoes?" "No, he charges \$10 to give one dancing lesson."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Genuine Nutmeg. Nutmegs are kernels of the fruit of a tree cultivated in Sumatra, Java, and the West Indies. The shape and size of this fruit resembles a peach and, when ripe, it easily splits in two parts, showing the kernel (or nutmeg) and mace, which surrounds it. Always Sure to Please. Jud Tunkins says a campaign speaker is always sure of applause because most of his audience is already on his side of the argument.

SENATOR WILLIS



Frank B. Willis of Ohio, who took his seat in the senate Saturday as successor of President-elect Harding.

ALL NORTH DUBLIN RAIDED BY TROOPS

Dublin.—All of North Dublin was cordoned by soldiers and police Sunday. Street railway service along the north quay was suspended. The center of the district includes Church street and the place where the soldiers were ambushed recently and North King street, the scene of fierce fighting in the Easter rebellion.

A square mile was surrounded and the biggest raid Dublin has experienced has been under way. Only the military have been engaged inside the cordon and it was believed every house will be systematically searched, the raid lasting several days. Hundreds of soldiers were taking part and field kitchens were provided.

Houses commanding the streets in the occupied district were entered and inhabitants from the upper floors given 20 minutes to move downstairs. Machine guns were placed in windows and barbed wire entanglements erected. The area was enclosed and the inhabitants virtually were made prisoners. Searchlights made the streets as bright as day.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The population of Brazil now is 20,553,509. Mary Garden, American grand opera star, was elected general director of the Chicago Grand Opera association.

The Philippine senate passed a bill providing for flotation of \$10,000,000 of bonds in the United States, for construction of irrigation systems and other permanent public works.

More than 200,000 Armenian refugees between Kara and Alexandropol are dying because of lack of food and fuel, and anarchy stalks among them, according to latest advices from Armenia.

President-elect Harding's suggestion that his inauguration take place on the east portico of the capitol was ratified formally by a joint congressional committee in charge of the ceremonies.

Captain Emmett Kilpatrick, American Red Cross worker, who was reported last November to have been killed by the Bolsheviks, is in jail at Moscow, advices to the state department said.

Two hundred million dollars' worth of insurance was placed on Idaho property during 1920 and the total sum of insurance in force and effect is \$185,000,000. It is estimated by H. J. Brace, director of the state bureau of insurance.

Would Assist Idaho Veterans. Boise, Idaho.—A \$100,000 appropriation bill, drawn for the benefit of ex-service men, was introduced in the senate by Senator Burky of Jerome, an ex-service member. It provides for the creation of a veterans' welfare commission to render assistance to disabled or destitute veterans of the war with Germany and their dependents.

Curb on Packers Urged. El Paso, Tex.—The American National Livestock association in convention here adopted a resolution recommending enactment by congress of constructive federal legislation regulating the packers, commission men and traders. United States Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, president of the association, was re-elected.

Gooding Now Senator From Idaho. Washington.—Former Governor Gooding of Idaho was sworn in Saturday as a member of the senate to succeed Senator Nugent of that state.

Tosses Aid Horticulturists. In Europe tons are carried to the cities to market and are purchased by the horticulturists, who by their aid are enabled to keep in check the multiplication of the insects that prey upon their fruits, flowers, etc.

Shock of Explosion Carried Far. Five tons of nitroglycerin exploded in a powder mill in Canada, and incidentally shattered every pane of glass in the windows of a train crossing a bridge over the Richelieu river, more than a mile away.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

There were 319 births and 257 deaths in Eugene and Lane county during 1920.

The statistical report shows that the city of Portland now has 1943 employees on its payroll.

The Crook County bank of Prineville, recently closed, will be opened within the next thirty days.

From 155 8-year-old Graines Golden apple trees Dugald Campbell of Eugene netted \$1920 this season.

The state highway commission, at a meeting in Portland February 1, will open bids on \$1,900,000 of state highway bonds.

Approximately 1250 students of the elementary schools and 350 students of the high schools will graduate in Portland January 25.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Oregon Trunk railroad pumping station at Metolius, causing a loss of approximately \$12,000.

Heavy snows are driving deer from the mountains to the desert, altitude in eastern Oregon, and as a result illegal killing has begun.

The annual report of the Lane County Farm Loan association for 1920 shows that the organization has made loans totaling \$661,200.

Work of completion of a new hotel at Union is going along nicely and will be finished in about three months. Its cost will be nearly \$80,000.

Total cost of building construction in Klamath Falls last year amounted to \$756,150, of which \$166,900 was spent on 127 new dwellings.

The real property of John T. Albert, Salem banker, who died recently, was valued at \$92,680, and the personal property at \$85,000, a total of \$177,680.

Because of depleted reserves, the First State & Savings Bank of Klamath Falls was closed by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

A perfect mastodon tooth, together with the end of a mastodon rib, was found by E. A. Read of The Dalles, as he was wandering down a gully on his ranch.

District attorneys of Oregon in convention in Portland voted to adopt a uniform policy, which will mean the suppression of punch-board operation in the state.

The pear industry ranks third in fruits in Oregon, with apples first and prunes second. The apple acreage is about 50,000, that of prunes 40,000 and pears 12,500.

The Standard Oil company paid to the state a total of \$21,743.95 as tax on its sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the year ended December 31, 1920.

The Lane County Sportsmen's association is arranging a big trap shoot for Lincoln's birthday, February 12, to take place on the new state game farm near Eugene.

Senator McNary appeared recently before the senate finance committee and offered argument in favor of a tariff of 5 cents a pound on cherries in brine, filberts and walnuts.

C. C. Fulton, attorney for the port of Astoria, has stated that he will file a petition with the interstate commerce commission for a rehearing of the Portland-Astoria rate case.

Many new buildings at Astoria are being held up on account of the high cost, and an effort is being made to enforce a gradual reduction in the wages of carpenters and painters.

Zero weather has forced the union high school at Malin to move its class rooms from the city hall to a recently completed building, designed to be used as a harbor shop, but not yet opened.

The Indian school at Salem, which is educating 800 Indian pupils, some of whom were brought from Alaska, will receive \$147,000 according to the Indian appropriation bill reported to congress.

Senator Chamberlain appears to be feeling more comfortable and hopeful after several setbacks. At the best, it is said, he cannot hope to leave the hospital in Washington, D. C., for many weeks.

The Harney Valley Improvement company of Portland has filed with the state engineer, application to appropriate water from Rock creek for the irrigation of 215 acres of land in Harney county.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state a check in the sum of \$1,523.51, covering the tax on sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month ended December 31, 1920.

Not less than 4500 veterans of the world war, at an open session in the Portland armory last week, called by the Portland post of the American Legion, roared affirmation to a resolution calling upon the Oregon legislature to allow low ex-service men the option of \$5 for each month of service or a \$2000 farm or home loan.

H. H. Corvey, member of the Oregon public service commission, has been appointed on the service, accommodations and claims committee of the National Association of Railway and Public Utilities Commissioners.

Oregon apples won five first prizes in the fruit show conducted in Louisiana, Mo., by the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' association, according to a notice received by A. Johnson, of the Seven Oaks Orchard company, in Ashland.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company

mills at Springfield, employing seventy-five men, closed down last week. Manager A. C. Dixon announces the mill will not be reopened until the conditions of the lumber market are changed.

The late opening season at Crater Lake for 1921 is forecast by a report received by Alexander Sparrow, superintendent of the park, that the snow is now 9-12 feet deep at the rim. Last year at this time, the depth was only 5-12 feet.

Threshing is still in progress in Lake county and it is possible that it will be finished before spring work forces a stop. Bound grain that was stacked properly is turning out well, while headed grain has been injured more or less.

When a carrier upon which he was riding gave way with the result that he fell 36 feet with 12,000 feet of lumber on top of him, Ed Dempsey, a mill employe at Madel, suffered concussion of the brain and many other serious injuries.

The Portland city council has passed a stringent ordinance governing the manufacture and sale of "soft" drinks, including elder in all its various guises and aliases. The ordinance is aimed to prevent the marketing of fermented and intoxicating "soft" drinks.

The seal sale for Oregon during the 1920 holidays will surpass that of 1919 by \$5000. The report given to the executive committee of the Oregon Tuberculosis association. The Portland sale amounted to over \$30,000, and the state sale will total \$37,000.

The largest sale of Clatsop county timber land reported for many months was made last week, when the Minnesota & Oregon Land & Timber company of Minnesota sold to the Crosscut Timber company of Iowa a tract of 7608.35 acres of fir timber for a consideration of \$1,200,000.

To determine just how great is the health menace from the increased consumption of moonshine liquor, the state board of health has decided to analyze a number of samples from the stocks, seized by the authorities and determine to what extent the beverages are poisonous.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended January 13, according to report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims are W. R. Plumice, engineer, St. Helens; Thomas Dunsmore, laborer, Salem. A total of 433 accidents were reported.

The Oregon Agricultural College Radio club has been negotiating with the radio club at the University of Washington for the establishment of a system of wireless communication between the two schools, eventually to include stations at the University of Oregon, Leland Stanford and the University of California.

Why the state of Oregon should be compelled to sell its bonds at a heavy discount, while the little state of Rhode Island disposes of its securities to local banking institutions at prices ranging above par, was the question directed to the money interests of the state in a statement given out by Governor Olcott last week.

With alarming divorce statistics facing them and the uncontradicted assertion that Oregon has more divorces per capita than any state in the union, district attorneys of Oregon, in convention in Portland, recommended the amendment of existing divorce laws so that interlocutory decrees only may be granted at the conclusion of a hearing, and cannot be made final until three months later, after the fashion of the California law.

With their contention based upon an old treaty, Jeff Riddle, Joe Ball and Clayton Kirk, members of the Klamath tribal council, have gone to Washington, D. C., where they will appear before the secretary of the interior and endeavor to relocate the boundary of the Klamath reservation as now recognized by the government. The Indians assert the boundary should be four miles south of the present line.

About 700,000 acres are involved and the value of this land is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Co-operative non-profit associations of farmers, for the marketing of the wheat crop of the state, and the wool and mohair produced in western Oregon, were definitely launched at the session of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation in Portland last week.

A meeting for perfecting the organization of the proposed association for the marketing of wheat will be held at The Dalles as soon as plans for the contract can be perfected. In the case of the wool and mohair growers, a meeting will be held at Albany on January 21, at which the plans will be definitely outlined and presented for adoption.

Brewing Tea in Tibet. It is in Tibet that the art of making tea is really understood. To begin with, the tea comes in bricks, fetched by caravan from China. Mixed with the tea leaves are usually a few small pieces, which help to prove that it is genuine stuff. A piece is broken from a brick, ground to fine powder in a mortar and boiled in water for five minutes, a little salt is added, says the Kansas City Star. The fluid then is poured through a bamboo strainer into a wooden churn. A piece of butter and some parched barley meal are contributed, and the mixture is churned for a minute or so. The tea now is poured into a teapot and is ready to be drunk. Each partaker draws from the bottom of his gown a wooden bowl to serve as a cup.

Different From American Game. The Japanese game of football is played with great ceremony and decorum. The players wear the ancient court costume and queer headgear perched on top of their heads.

Jello advertisement: A Big Drop in Jello. 2 packages for 25¢. The Genesee Pure Food Company, Le Roy, N.Y.

Farmers' State Bank advertisement: MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. The Business Partnership of Man and Wife. In your planning, do not overlook the great assistance you can obtain from allying yourself with a strong well managed bank.

Painless Parker advertisement: The Famous Dentist. PEOPLE living a hundred miles or more away come to my offices to have their teeth fixed up. I make it a rule that those from a distance shall be waited upon immediately and their work be completed first, so they can go back home as "the E. R. Parker System."

W. C. Hanna, Dufur, Ore advertisement: WRITE, PHONE OR CALL UPON W. C. HANNA, DUFUR, ORE FOR BARGAINS IN FARM PROPERTIES. Special Attention Given Wheat and Stock Farm.

Hotel Perkins advertisement: Special Rates NEW HOTEL PERKINS. Fifth and Washington Sts. PORTLAND, ORE. Room with privilege of bath, single, \$1.00 up; double \$1.50 up. Room with private bath, single \$1.50 up; double \$2.50 up. Auto Meets Trains. Street cars from Union Depot pass our doors. Transfer at 5th and Glessan streets from North Bank Depot.