

HISTORY OF FIELD MUSEUM

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(Continued from last month)

From 1924 to 1930 many expeditions were conducted in territories ranging from equatorial to arctic zones. Two expeditions were led by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his brother Kermit Roosevelt. In 1925 and again in 1928 they explored extensive areas in southern Asia, collecting zoological material. The first expedition was financed by Trustee James Simpson; the second by Trustee William V. Kelley. A principal object of the first was to secure specimens for groups of Marco Polo sheep and Thian Shan ibex. These were obtained in the Thian Shan Mountains of Turkestan and on the Pamir plateau. Some of the central and upper provinces of India yielded representative specimens of more than thirty large mammals, including Indian rhinoceros, tiger, leopard, several species of deer, *et cetera*. George K. Cherrie and C. Suydam Cutting were other members of the expedition.

On the second expedition of the Roosevelts certain rare animals were collected in southern China, and little known parts of French Indo-China were intensively worked. One division was led by the Roosevelts, a second by Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, and a third by Herbert Stevens of Tring, England. Other members of the expedition were C. Suydam Cutting, Dr. Josselyn Van Tyne, Russell W. Hendee, and Dr. Ralph E. Wheeler. The most noteworthy result was securing specimens of the extremely rare mammal known as the giant panda. A varied collection of the entire vertebrate fauna of these little known parts of the world was also obtained.

Two consecutive expeditions to the sub-Arctic, made possible by the generosity of Trustee Frederick H. Rawson, and led by Commander Donald B. MacMillan, obtained important results. The first, in the summer of 1926, visited Labrador, Greenland and Baffinland, and brought back much zoological and geological material. The following summer a return was made to these regions, special attention being given to an ethnological study of the Naskapi Indians, to the geology of Baffinland, and to fish, mammal and bird collecting. The scientific personnel of both expeditions was made up chiefly from members of the Museum staff, including Alfred C. Weed, Ashley Hine, Sharat K. Roy, Dr. W. D. Strong, and Arthur G. Rueckert.

Another expedition to the Arctic was made possible in 1927 through the generosity of Trustee John Borden who donated the services of his yacht *Northern Light*. Mr. Borden himself led the party which explored the coast of northwestern Alaska and penetrated the polar sea as far as Wrangell Island. Specimens were obtained of Alaska brown bears, which are the largest carnivores now living, polar bears, many species of birds, and rare objects representative of Eskimo culture. Ashley Hine, a Museum taxidermist, accompanied the expedition. Further zoological specimens were obtained in this part of the world by an expedition financed by Alexander H. Revell.

More recently, Bruce Thorne of Chicago and George Coe Graves II of New York made an expedition to Alaska and the Siberian coast, securing specimens of Pacific walrus and Alaskan caribou, which they presented to the Museum, together with funds toward the construction of an exhibit. John Jonas accompanied the expedition.

Two expeditions to Abyssinia were conducted in this period. The first, starting in 1926, remained nearly a year, securing a

very extensive collection of typical animals of that country. Large mammals obtained included nyala, koodoo and other antelopes, zebras, oryx, baboons, *et cetera*. This expedition was financed by the *Chicago Daily News* and led by Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, Curator of Zoology. Other members were Alfred M. Bailey, Louis A. Fuertes, C. Suydam Cutting and Jack Baum. The second expedition was financed and led by Captain Harold A. White of New York and Major John Coats of Ayrshire, Scotland. Taxidermist C. J. Albrecht of the Museum staff accompanied the party. This expedition left in 1928 and hunted nearly a year in southern Abyssinia and near-by regions. Specimens were secured for a group of lions, a group of aard-varks, and a water hole group which, as projected, will be the largest habitat group in the Museum.

A zoological expedition to Central Africa in 1927 which yielded important results was financed and led by Boardman Conover, Associate in Ornithology at the Museum, and R. H. Everard of Detroit. Assistant Curator John T. Zimmer accompanied them. The expedition hunted more than a year, chiefly in the Tanganyika region, and obtained many specimens of mammals, birds and reptiles, including one of that extremely rare and odd animal, the so-called white rhinoceros.

An expedition to Brazil in 1926 was sponsored by Marshall Field, and led by George K. Cherrie. Mrs. Evelyn Marshall Field took an active part. A fine jaguar, shot by Mrs. Field, as well as specimens of two rare species of deer and two giant anteaters were among the important animals obtained. A number of members of the botanical, geological and zoological staffs of the Museum accompanied this expedition. In Rio de Janeiro the famous botanical garden and adjoining tropical forests were of assistance to Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, Acting Curator of Botany, for the collection and the study of a great variety of tropical plants. H. W. Nichols, Associate Curator of Geology, journeyed to the most important mining districts of Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia, and obtained comprehensive collections of their characteristic ores and minerals, and some archaeological material. Karl P. Schmidt, Assistant Curator of Reptiles, made an important collection of snakes and crocodiles. Colin C. Sanborn, Assistant in Mammalogy, remained until late in the following year, carrying on several special lines of collecting in Uruguay, Patagonia, and Brazil. Curzon Taylor was official photographer.

Other explorations in South America for which funds were furnished by Marshall Field included two successive expeditions to Peru in 1925 and 1926, by Dr. A. L. Kroeber, the Museum's Research Associate in American Archaeology, for the study of the ancient cultures of that country by excavations and collections, and an expedition in 1929 in charge of Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, Acting Curator of Botany, to the Amazon to make collections of its woods, rare plants and economic products. Llewellyn Williams, Assistant in Wood Technology, and Emil Sella were members of this expedition. Mr. Williams devoted more than a year to explorations about the headwaters of the Amazon. This region, hitherto little known botanically, yielded a large amount of material, among which it is expected many new species of plants and trees will be found.

(To be continued next month)

The Department of Botany has on exhibition a case containing various rare and beautiful tropical woods.

GUIDE LECTURE-TOURS

Following is the schedule of conducted tours of the exhibits during December:

Week beginning December 1—Monday: 11 A.M., Mexico, 3 P.M., Dinosaurs; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Economic Plants of the Americas, 3 P.M., Egyptian Art; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Eskimos, 3 P.M., Mammals, Past and Present; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Story of Early Man, 3 P.M., Unusual Fishes.

Week beginning December 8—Monday: 11 A.M., Japan and Korea, 3 P.M., Birds of Prey; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Animals of the Great Lakes Region, 3 P.M., The Javanese and Their Neighbors; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Clothing of Primitive People, 3 P.M., Weapons and Armor; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Marine Life, 3 P.M., Gems and Jewelry.

Week beginning December 15—Monday: 11 A.M., Valuable Fur-bearing Animals, 3 P.M., Trees of Many Kinds; Tuesday: 11 A.M., The Plant Family, 3 P.M., India and Tibet; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Northwest Coast Indians, 3 P.M., Uses of Bark, Sap and Resin; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Roman Industries, 3 P.M., Musical Instruments.

Week beginning December 22—Monday: 11 A.M., Mines and Ores, 3 P.M., Madagascar; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Illinois Industries, 3 P.M., Reptiles and Amphibians; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Farmer Indians, 3 P.M., Basket Makers; Thursday: Christmas holiday—no tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Egyptian Hall, 3 P.M., African Animal Life.

Week beginning December 29—Monday: 11 A.M., Work of Wind and Water, 3 P.M., Systematic Mammals; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Gems and Crystals, 3 P.M., Drama in the Orient; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Chinese Art, 3 P.M., Stone Implements and Weapons.

Persons wishing to participate should apply at North Entrance. Tours are free and no gratuities are to be proffered. A new schedule will appear each month in FIELD MUSEUM NEWS. Guide-lecturers' services for special tours by parties of ten or more are available free of charge by arrangement with the Director a week in advance.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were elected to membership in Field Museum during the period from October 17 to November 15:

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Otto C. Andreen, Mrs. E. C. Andrews, William W. Baldwin, W. W. S. Carpenter, Mrs. W. F. Dickinson, Mrs. Ollie L. Herron, William Joseph Lynch, Abraham R. Marriott, John J. Mitchell, Norman S. Parker, Herbert Morrow Phillips, Mrs. Ralph H. Poole, John H. Wood.

Sustaining Members

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BEQUESTS AND ENDOWMENTS

Bequests to Field Museum of Natural History may be made in securities, money, books or collections. They may, if desired, take the form of a memorial to a person or cause named by the giver. For those desiring to make bequests, the following form is suggested:

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Endowments may be made to the Museum with the provision that an annuity be paid to the patron for life. These annuities are tax-free and are guaranteed against fluctuation in amount.



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