

DOCTORS VIEW STRANGE AND VARIED FORMS OF NERVOUS AFFLICTION

Remarkable Cases at Clinic in Which Subjects Walk Like Chimpanzee and Crab—Sane Mind Unable to Direct Muscles

A man who walks like a chimpanzee and another who moves like a crab, victims of rare and grotesque nervous diseases, were studied today by physicians from various sections of this State at a clinic in Blockley Hospital.

A grown man who has learned to walk after two years of painstaking instruction, and whose vocabulary is limited to the "grr" and "ugg" of a baby was another study. A fourth was a man who, told to put his hand on his elbow—anywhere but on his head—and cannot do otherwise, though he understands perfectly the command which has been given to him.

And all of these are sane. And they are normal in all respects save this—that their nervous systems are out of adjustment to a degree that is, literally, horrible.

Dr. Charles E. Mills, one of Philadelphia's best-known neurologists and a member of the staffs of Blockley and of the University of Pennsylvania, conducted the study and explained the unusual afflictions as part of the program of the 6th annual convention of the State Medical Society.

One case, that of the man who walks much as a chimpanzee travels along the ground in the heart of the Dark Continent is the only example in the United States of a disease which, stripped of its Latin designation, is called Huntington's chorea. Chorea is "St. Vitus' dance." In the case at Blockley the victim has it in an enormously exaggerated form.

Only in sleep does this man find repose. For years every waking moment his head has jerked forward to his knees and then, no less irresistibly, been drawn far back and then jerked forward, the movement being accompanied by a similar jerking and raising of his arms. His food is administered by an attendant.

The uncontrolled movement of head and arms is unremitting when the patient walks. He crawls slowly on his hands and feet, while his head rises from an attitude in which it touches the ground to one in which it is thrown far back, his neck strained in the weird posture.

No remedy can cure this disease. Only sleep brings even temporary succor. "Torticollis" is the diagnosis of the case in which the patient, like a crab,

can move only sideways, his left hand resting near the floor and his left foot moving forward, to be followed by the right foot in a shuffling movement. To turn he must reach the wall with his back and turn with a pivoting motion.

Doctor Mills declared that this was only the second case of the affliction he had encountered in his long practice. Apraxia, a disease characterized by extreme lack of co-ordination between mind and the nervous and muscular systems, is the cause of the inability of another of the unfortunate studied at the clinic to obey commands which he understands perfectly.

"Light this cigarette with this match," he was told, and "What did I tell you to do?" he was asked by Doctor Mills.

"To light this cigarette with this match," came the clear response.

But when he tried to carry out the action he struck the matchbox against the cigarette, instead of striking the match against the matchbox. Commands to touch various parts of his body were responded to with similar ineffectual efforts.

MAN LEARNING TO WALK. The rare case of a sane man who is as helpless as a child to perform any simple act in which he has not been drilled carefully was described as anisergis. It took two years to teach this man to walk.

The first time he made an attempt to do anything but lie in his bed was one day when he saw a man walking in the room and suddenly, as a tiny infant might, crawled laboriously out of the cot and, on the floor, feebly crept on hands and knees.

He still must be fed and he has not learned to speak. These steps are being taught by physicians and attendants of the institution, where he has been a patient for two years.

FIVE PRISONERS WHIPPED AT THE POST. WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 25.—Five prisoners were whipped at the New Castle County Workhouse today. Only a few spectators were present. None of the men appeared to suffer greatly. The men whipped were George Butler, 20 lashes and six months; Frank Harrison, 20 lashes and nine months; Clifford Huggles, 10 lashes and six months; Lewis Berry, 10 lashes and six months; and Stephen Kirby, 20 lashes and six months.

TWO AMERICANS FIRST TO REACH GEIKE'S TOP

New Yorker And Minnesotan Climb 5000 Feet of Sheer Wall of Ice

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—First to climb Mount Geikie, in Alberta, B. C., are two Americans, one of whom, Dr. Andrew J. Gilmore, of this city, returned yesterday, with his story of the conquest of the frozen heights. He is consulting dermatologist at the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island. His companion was Prof. Edward W. D. Holway, of the department of botany of the University of Minnesota.

Joined by a 60-foot rope, the two men dug their way to the summit of Geikie, 11,000 feet high. Five thousand feet of that way was up the nearly sheer wall of blue, cold ice and compact snow, in which the explorers had to cut steps. It took several days to work around from Edmonton to the back of the great crack in British Columbia and a base camp was established half way up.

The final ascent was on August 5.

Man Held on Complaint of Women. A would-be conversationalist, who is accused of talking to women to whom he hadn't been introduced in a moving picture theatre at 1305 Columbia avenue, was held under \$500 bail today for a further hearing, by Magistrate Morris, of the 12th and Oxford streets station.

13-Year-Old Lad to Make Trip West. A 13-year-old Philadelphia boy will sail alone from New York for San Francisco via the Panama Canal today on the Finland to meet his father and stepmother. He is Archibald Henderson Hamilton, of 4809 Fairmount avenue. The lad never has met his stepmother. He was taken to New York by his aunt, Mrs. Jessie E. Collett.

Man Killed Trying to Board Train. CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 25.—Charles Morris, 20 years old of Carlisle was killed by a fast freight train on the Philadelphia and Reading road just south of here last night when he attempted to steal a ride in order to reach the Lancaster fair. The body was not found until today.

DOCTORS SAY X-RAY WILL HELP IN FIGHTING CANCER

Roentgen Rays Upheld as Great Hope of Surgery

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 25.—Declaring that X-ray specialists have discovered a method that promises to put into the hands of surgeons cases on early intestinal cancer where immediate operative treatment will insure complete cures, Dr. George C. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, today urged members of the American Roentgen Ray Society not to be timid about their diagnosis.

"There are lesions a surgeon may easily overlook in an operation and we have an infinite duty to our patients to investigate every portion of an affected tract and to do it as thoroughly as possible," said Dr. W. C. Manges, of Philadelphia.

Other specialists urged the Roentgen ray experts to develop a standardized practice for determining early symptoms of malignancy. It was declared that almost microscopic evidence of cancer, which in some instances had excited the contempt of surgeons, had amply justified the X-ray men in procuring surgical exploration. Dr. James T. Case, of Battle Creek, pleaded with X-ray colleagues to be exceedingly careful about criticisms of surgeons.

"We need team work," he said, "to advance our work to the stage of greater certainty and this will not be encouraged by dogmatism upon our part."

Wilmington Boys on Strike. WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 25.—At the plant of the Sheet Metal Contracting Company a number of boys went on a strike, and the dispute has not yet been settled. The boys were getting 15¢ cents an hour and demanded 20. The concern manufactures tin boxes for the Du Ponts.

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FIRST PILLAR FINISHED FOR FRANKFORD "L"

Rushed to Completion to Serve as Model—Work Proceeding Rapidly

The first of the double row of concrete pillars, which will support the steel superstructure of the Frankford elevated, was completed today at Front street, just north of Girard avenue. Fifty other pillars are under construction between Girard avenue and Oxford street, but the first was rushed to completion in order to serve as a model and standard for the others.

The work on the Frankford line, which began a little more than two weeks ago, is now proceeding with great rapidity both north and south from Girard avenue on Front street. On the section north of Girard avenue the concrete pillars are being built upon the gravel and clay foundation, which is found from 10 to 20 feet below the surface. South from Girard avenue, however, heavy piles are to be driven in the ground at the bottom of eight-foot pits and the concrete pillars will be constructed on the top of these piles.

The base of the pillar just completed

is 12 feet below the street level. The dimensions at the base are nine by eight feet and these are uniform until a point five feet below the surface is reached. From this point to the street level the pillar is built in the shape of a pyramid, the top dimensions being four by three feet.

Four steel bolts, six feet in length and 1½ inches in diameter, are sunk in the concrete to a depth between four and five feet. The heavy steel base platform, which will support the upright steel pillars, will be fastened upon these bolts where they extend above the concrete.

In constructing the concrete pillars steel forms were first placed in the excavation. At the bottom heavy pieces of broken rock were dropped and a steam concrete mixing machine was then placed above the excavation and the concrete poured directly into the steel form from the machine. Heavy rocks were thrown in the pit at various depths to reinforce the concrete. When the concrete has hardened the steel forms will be withdrawn.

Ex-Leader in Russian Council Dead. PETROGRAD, Sept. 25.—The death of Peter Nikolalevich Durnovo is announced. He had been Russian Minister of the Interior, a member of the Council of the Empire and leader of the party of the Right in the Council.

STUDENTS WIN FIGHT FOR EARLIER HOURS

Schools in College Department of U. of P. to Open at 8:30 Instead of 9 A. M.

University of Pennsylvania students have won their fight for earlier recitation hours. Hereafter in all the schools of the college department recitations and lectures will begin at 8:30 o'clock instead of 9. In the professional schools no changes have been made.

This is the culmination of the fight begun last year by Vivian Nickalls, the former crew coach. Nickalls started the agitation in order that candidates for the crews might report earlier. When recitations began at 9 o'clock the crew men could not get on the river before 9 o'clock. The same conditions existed in the other major sports. As a result of the agitation the students got up petitions by classes asking that the University open at 8 o'clock. Some members of the faculty protested, notably Dr. Thomas O'Holger, and a series of letters were exchanged between him and Mr. Nickalls in the columns of the Pennsylvania.

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