

# CHIMPANZEE USES ONE HUMAN WORD.

Professor Garner Teaches It the Word "Feu" Which is French for "Fire"

SPENT SEVEN YEARS IN AFRICA

Returns to America with An Animal from the Depths of the Forest That Seemingly Understands Many Things He Says.

A chimpanzee which is learning to talk like a human being was a passenger in the French steamship La Touraine, from Havre to New York. With the chimpanzee came Professor Richard L. Garner, who, for the last seven years, has been buried in the depths of an African forest learning monkey language.

Garner's chimpanzee is named Susie. She can speak as yet only one word, "feu," which in French means "fire." Garner expects to teach her other human words so that in the end she may be able to communicate her thoughts to the highest order of primates on the globe. Susie was a source of wonder to her fellow voyagers in La Touraine, principally because of her apparent ability to understand some of the things said to her.

Also, Susie has been taught to laugh, an accomplishment which Garner says ranks her above all others of her species. As for the chimpanzee language, Garner says he has twelve or fourteen of the twenty or more distinct monkey words, and he believes he has mastered nine of the sounds so he knows just what they mean. When the ship docked and the newspaper men got aboard Professor Garner brought forth the chimpanzee and said to her:

"Susie, love your pop?"

The chimpanzee put her arms around the neck of the professor and kissed him. Then after she had nibbled an orange he asked her for part of it and she gave it to him. A passenger handed the chimpanzee a stick of gum and she was about to put it in her mouth when the professor said:

"Don't eat that."

The chimpanzee held the gum out and looked at it earnestly.

"Give it to this man," said Garner. Then Susie turned around and handed the gum to a man pointed out by the professor. Afterward the professor had the chimpanzee act in a manner that appeared to be that of laughing, and when he left her she appeared to cry. Professor Garner remarked that Dr. Hornaday of the New York Zoological Gardens has said he tried many times to make chimpanzees laugh, and has been unsuccessful. Asked whether he has been able at any time to teach words of the human race to his dumb animal subjects, Professor Garner said:

"I taught one the word 'feu,' the French word for 'fire.' When I would light a match she would call 'feu' as soon as the flame showed, but would remain silent when a burned-out match was shown. A hot cinder would bring the word 'feu' and so, too, would the sight of a campfire."

Professor Garner said he found chimpanzees affectionate to a high degree. Chimpanzees are of a forgiving disposition, and will succeed in politics, when they learn the language, it is said.

Professor Garner says when he left America seven years ago he went to the French Congo, and from Cape Lopez he proceeded into the interior until he reached the waters of Lake Fernan Vas, where he decided to settle himself for a lengthy pursuit of his studies. The place in which he made his headquarters in these jungles was called American Point. A special cage which he had taken for his work went overboard before he reached the place, and he decided to confine what chimpanzees he could get in a house which he constructed at American Point. The number of chimpanzees which he had in the place at various times in his long stay reached twenty-two and the gorillas reached nine.

"The gorillas proved by no means so tractable as the chimpanzees," he said, "and not nearly so intelligent, if I may use that term. There have been misconceptions of my teachings at various times, and a lot of this has been because some of the things which I have said have been misconstrued. I would be pleased to have you be very careful in getting down correctly my beliefs in regard to communication among the animals I studied."

Professor Garner says chimpanzees have one certain call when they go into the bush. Gorillas, the professor asserts, fear men probably as much as men fear them. He said that in the gorilla group, the old gorilla is the fighter, and has a way of conducting a family of gorillas to a place of safety before returning to a point of danger to wage fight against man or beast. He related one incident in which he and two native companions sighted a monster gorilla forty rods from them. He said the animal gave the most horrible cry he had ever heard—evidently a warning cry and then retired. One of the natives asserted the gorilla would return to wage fight, and the three men beat a retreat.

## Editorial Column.

In Which the Editor Has His Say.

"What is home without a paper?" A home without a newspaper is no home at all. It is kind of dreary den—a rendezvous of bedbugs and fleas, where the inhabitants live in blissful ignorance of what the world is doing. It is inhabited by a class who do not know who is president or what he is president of—who never find out that a thing has happened until long after everyone else has forgotten it. The children grow up in rags and dirt, while the wife generally finds consolation in darning socks and darning a pipe loaded with long green tobacco, and the man generally lives because he can't die and he is too lazy to kill himself. He goes out on election days, and does not know who he is voting for, but just takes the ticket bearing the name his great-grandfather voted for.

The day ought not to be so very far distant when intelligent, thoughtful people will select their family paper with as much care as they do their preacher or their school teacher, for, as a matter of fact, the family paper may have as much to do in shaping public and private morals as either the preacher. A public journal in the family circle—be it good, bad or indifferent—its read, more or less, by every member of the family who reads at all. The teacher has the child or young person five or six hours a day; the preacher talks at or over them an hour or two a week, while a paper is in the home the whole week through, and is generally thoroughly read because it is always at hand—if for no better reason.

It is more fun to see a man read a puff on him self in a newspaper than to see a fat man slip on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it over seven or eight times, and then goes around to appropriate what copies he can. The kind hearted man goes around to the office and pays what he owes. The successful business man who advertises regularly and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two walking silently down the street and the business man takes sugar in his and they both eat a clove or two and life is sweeter and peace settles down on their hearts for moments. Such is the experience of a mustard seed that falls on different ground.

The trouble with most young men is that they do not understand the dignity of manual labor. They do not realize that honors of fortune may be more readily gained outside of the so called learned professions than in them; and that it is just as honorable to swing a hammer or to hold a plow as it is to make a speech in court or to amputate a limb. The lesson young men should be taught as early as possible is that it is not so much what a man does for a living as how he does it, and that manual labor is as honorable as any other.

### GORE BRIBERY FAILS

House Finds No Evidence in Indian Land Cases.

The house committee which investigated Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery in connection with J. P. McMurray's Indian attorney contract in Oklahoma, made its final report to the house.

The committee found no evidence to show McMurray was involved.

Girl Given \$10,000 Heart Balm.

Miss Henrietta French, the pretty South Dakota girl, who sued David H. Decker, Jr., a wealthy young civil engineer, for breach of promise of marriage has been awarded a verdict of \$10,000 by a jury in the supreme court in New York. Justice Erlanger reserved decision on a motion to set the verdict aside, declaring it was "extremely excessive."

Girl Student a Suicide.

Lena Gebhardt, seventeen years of age, a member of the senior class at the Englewood, N. J., high school, died a victim of a bullet which she admitted firing herself. Her eyes were falling and she was afraid she would not be able to graduate.

## LATEST NEWS OF SONESTOWN.

Joseph Bird of Masten is spending a few days at the Sonestown Hotel.

Maben Fox of Eagles Mere has been stopping at Smith Boudman's for the past couple weeks.

Mrs. Riley Steinback and son William have moved from Ricketts to this place.

Joe Lovelas is running A. T. Armstrong's grist mill. He learned the trade at Unityville this winter and is alrighit.

Victor Bird and Miss Ada Warburton were registered at the Sonestown Hotel Sunday.

Smith Boudman was a business man in Williamsport last Friday.

Mrs. Mabel Sanders visited her parents at Turbottsville Sunday.

Louis E. Kneeller was tuning pianos in town Wednesday and Thursday.

John Crist and Edith Boatman both of Sonestown were united in marriage by Rev. Hertz Tuesday evening, Feb. 29, 1912.

Bertie, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Paintain was operated upon for appendicitis at the Williamsport hospital Sunday.

Harvor Taylor of Muncy Valley, who has been ill for some time with typhoid fever is considerably improved.

Wm. Stackhouse was a business man in Williamsport Tuesday.

Velma Watson was in Hughesville Tuesday.

Harry Shaffer loss a very valuable horse Tuesday.

Bennie Worthington transacted business in Williamsport Monday.

Miss Kathryn Brooks of Muncy was giving music lessons in town Friday.

R. W. Simmons is suffering with a carbuncle on the throat.

Melyin Fox of Eagles Mere was in town Wednesday.

G. H. Stanton of Williamsport was a business man in town Wednesday.

Herman A. Knipe, Sup't. General Manager of the Eagles Mere Railroad and General Manager of the W. & N. B. visited R. W. Simmons Tuesday.

William Steinback has decided not to purchase a house and lot in Muncy Valley. He considers the town a very undesirable location.

### Oh You Fatty.

The big fat fireman on the W. & N. B. must have went on an awful spree. His train ran into Hughesville, and he took his glad rags along in a valise for he had firmly made up his mind, (and he is to slow to change it) that he would attend a moving picture show in town that night. Anyhow that is what he told his wife at Sonestown, but he must have got in wrong for when his wife opened his valise the following day. She was astonished to find the remnants of a glorious time stowed therein. We mentioned the fact that he is fireman on the W. & N. B., but he is thinking seriously of throwing up the job as it is to strenuous an occupation for so fragile a person. We interviewed fatty, but he positively refuses to disclose contents of the valise, but we are willing to bet a year's subscription against an empty vinegar barrel that he had to do some explaining to his wife.

### The Fire Bag.

Every whaler and sealer that sailed the seas in the days of wooden ships carried a fire bag. This was a tarpaulin bag about a foot long and six inches wide lined with waterproof material, with interlinings of oilcloth and thick flannel. Into this was placed the flint and tinder box for kindling fire, and the bag was then securely fastened with double flaps and tied to keep its contents dry. It was the special duty of the second mate to look after the fire bag and in case of shipwreck to attack it at once to his person by means of stout straps provided for the purpose. Thus if officers and crew were cast away on some deserted shore in the desolate arctic circle the means of obtaining a fire to warm themselves by and to heat food and drink would not be wanting as long as the precious fire bag was safe.

The steam whalers and sealers of the present day still carry a fire bag stowed in the lifeboat with the bread and water, but now it is of rubber and contains half a dozen tin boxes of matches.

### Morocco.

Morocco, in spite of its close proximity to Europe, is the most fanatical of the Mohammedan countries.

### Where the Worry Comes.

"Are you not worried by your wife's absence?" "No; it's her return that always worries me."—Smart Set.

## Election Notice.

In accordance with the Act of the Assembly of April 6th 1911, The County Commissioners of Sullivan County hereby publish:

That at the primary election (known as Spring Primary) to be held by the electors of Sullivan County on the second Saturday of April the following Delegates and Alternate Delegates are to be elected, viz.:

Two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to represent the 16 Congressional District, of which Sullivan County is part to the Democratic National Convention to be held in Baltimore, Maryland June 25, 1912.

One Delegate to represent Sullivan County in the Keystone State Convention of 1912.

One Delegate to represent Sullivan County in the Democratic State Convention of 1912.

Two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to represent the 16 Congressional District of which Sullivan County is part to the Republican National Convention to be held in Chicago Ill., in June next.

One Delegate to represent Sullivan County in the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., in May next.

Five Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected to the National Prohibition Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., July 10 11th, and 12, 1912.

Notice is also given that there are to be voted for in Sullivan County, at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th 1912, Candidates for the following offices:

One Representative in Congress.  
One Representative in the General Assembly.

IRVIN HOTTENSTEIN,  
JOSEPH SICK,  
GEORGE BROSCHEIT,  
County Commissioners.  
Judson Brown, Clerk.

## Mildred and Bernice.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM THE TWIN TOWNS.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mott, twin boys.

Michael Fromberg of St. Louis is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fremberg of Mildred.

Mr. Hertzott will commence work on the new breaker Monday. By the middle of the week he will have a large force of men working steady until the breaker is completed.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collons of Mildred, a baby boy.

Two of the feelfeel have been rewarded for services rendered, one got what he wanted and the other got what he didn't want.

Thomas Watter and wife are visiting friends in Delanson, N. Y.

If all the different nationalities have to get hotel accomodation, it's a city chart we need.

Judge Terry refused all new liquor licenses at this place.

D. Finan, wife and son were Lopez visitors Sunday.

Thomas Donhue who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks is improving.

We are informed that the new Associate Judges granted a new hotel license.

T. J. Finnan was a Dushore visitor Sunday.

Supt., M. Laughlin has the masons building a new fire room in place of the one destroyed by fire two weeks ago.

James Cahill of Sayre was calling on friends at this place Sunday.

I. Clinton Kline Esq., of Sunbury Republican Candidate for Congress, was in Laporte Friday.

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Muncy Valley	Present
Ricketts	Absent
Nordmont	Present
Forksville	Absent
Hillsgrove	Present
Eagles Mere	Present

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**Administrator's Notice.**

Letters of Administration on the estate of John W. Heaton, late of Laporte Township, Sullivan County Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims, to present the same without delay, to

**JAMES C. CAVEN, Adminis'r.**  
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