Diary No. 6

Feb. 15. Just might's

took care of bird specimens.

Today I went on a long

hunt up a canyon

northwest of here and

secured 23 birds. The

village of Pai Ping

really is in the Canyon

where we collected. There

was most beautiful scene

high mountains in front

and on both sides mountains,

forests, green hillsides, etc.

Feb. 16. In the morning I went

for a three-hour hunt,

securing seven birds. I

saw a large eagle, but did

not get a shot at him.
I also saw a flock of bamboo cartridges, I expect to leave Tuesday a.m. and shoot as I go down the river to hunting. This evening I prepared the skeletons of 26 birds.

Feb. 17, I obtained four birds and cleaned two bird skeletons. We are drying bird skeletons and still men of the [illegible word] with us will not decay and stink. My regular bird skins go along with me. Since leaving Aisy, I have taken care of nearly a hundred birds. I have saved nearly twenty dollars Mexican because the time was not along and I have done the work myself, but it slightly limits the amount of specimens that I can collect and take.

Feb. 18. Today I made 12 anthropometric measurements. Then I went hunting and secured ten birds, some of which seem rare and interesting. One red bird looks like some that I [illegible word]
Feb. 19. Today I cared for five bird specimens, and made careful metrical measurements of one lebinesse. I also visited two lehinesse temples, viewing the gods. I spent some time tracking for the trip down the river to Native. I expect to leave on a raft tomorrow.

Feb. 20. Went by raft to Sn. Bat. Shot a number of ducks and a kingfisher. One male fishduck seems to be important as a specimen. I am sure that I secured a specimen a few years ago, preserving the skin, so I am preserving the skeleton of this one. I have killed a number of fishducks hoping to get the rare kind *mergasmus equatilis*.

Feb. 21. Today I killed one of the eagles. I killed it just above Hong Ya. Since I
previously sent in
the 2 obis, 2 am
scooping in the skijet
of this bird. Otherwise
today's catch has been
disappointing. It was a
bright, refreshing day,
and that may be a reason
why good specimens could
not easily be secured.
I saw a second eagle
of the same kind below
Huang ya, but I could not
get near it. It was on
an island where the
raft could not get near
it. There are many
fierce-looking stones

and mild rapids in
this river between
zychoh and fretting.
Ordinary boats could
not navigate this stream
in some cases, but the
rafts made of large bams
do it quite successfully.

Feb. 22. This morning
there was a full moon
and a clear sky after
midnight, as in other
parts. Travelling down
the river about two-thirty
A.M. it became fuzzy
about daylight, but the
raft did not stop. We
arrived at P'ing-tang
10.30 a.m. I expect to send tomorrow in the Han Dynasty tombs. And Sunday visit Temple. I shall also hunt birds. This afternoon I hunted quills, which are often seen flying above the hills and to ya rivers. It was a hot, sunshiny afternoon, and there was not a grill in sight. They apparently fly around earlier and probably later in the day.

This afternoon I called on the city postmaster. He showed me three images of men and one of a fort from the Han Dynasty tombs. They were thin glazed terracotta most Chinese believe these Han Dynasty tombs to be the place to be buried. There is no surprise that they said the word Han Dynasty Chinese. 

Evening, went back to visit back in an earlier custom.
of actually killing people and burning those in the tents or of burning people alive. He had apparently reached this conclusion through the study of the materials themselves and of those left over ancient much archiving.

Feb. 23. I sent Léchen Gik ëren across the Min River to look for artifacts on that side of the river, and with two cookies, I went to the caves about ten li northwest on the Ya River. Léchen Gik ëren

got nothing of value, but got into a cave where there was a wild animal that may have been a wolf or a fox. He attacked the animal, but it got away. He bumped his head on the roof of the cave - tomb and raised a good big bump. I got much more than he did, but was somewhat disappointed in the number and value of the artifacts collected. I came back birds, one of which I believe is grey as far as my collecting is
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concerned. I made some diagrams of caves etc. When I was about to return to the city, I saw a rabbit chased into a small patch of high grass about a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. I spent some time hunting for him, but did not find him. I did a good deal of walking and climbing today, and also did a good deal of work with the hoe. In many of the cases I

Feb. 24. Today I had to lie flat and crawl into the caves and out of them.

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I did a good deal of walking and climbing today, and also did a good deal of work with the hoe. In many of the caves I

covers a number of caves and tunnels, and it is getting harder to secure artifacts with while. However, I can not leave without the trail head, and really did his best. He is quitting as soon as we.
reach Shifu, and
will try to find and
train another man at
once. I do not think
he has been doing faith-
ful work at Shifu
during the last few
months. This afternoon
I went across the river
near the Great Buddha
and visited a number
of the old tombs on that
side of the river. I took
some pictures some
artifacts from the
Han Dynasty tombs
that are in the bank
of the Kiating River.

Feb. 25. Finished packing
this morning, and started
down the river towards
Shifu. Killed two gulls
before leaving Kiating.
Saw gulls as far
down the river as
the river. They are not thatSamevin.

Feb. 26. We struck a
hard, up-river wind. It
was so strong that the
boatmen on another
boat got off and pulled
the boat downstream.
by the bamboo rope derrin-
Boat upstream for seven miles. Three men walked downstream on the other side of the river, and we did not go any faster than they did. Either the others have been scared away, or they are busy enjoying the New Year season. For none of them are busy on this party at this hour just now.

On the way to Yachou, I had a heavy escort, but I have none just now, we are stepping at Sin-Sih-Pier tonight 40 li from Sinpin.

Feb 27, at about 2.30 AM. The moon was very bright, so the boatmen started for Sinpin. They came to a bad rapid, and were soon stalled on some rocks with danger that the boat would be wrecked. Life-boats began to hover about like vultures around a carcass. They would have demanded big sums of money to save us if we had been wrecked. I jumped out of bed and worked for some
Time with bare feet lasted a long time to put my shoes on. After walking over an hour we got into the right channel and got over the rapid, we started to land at Tchochi, but missed the landing and barely missed being hurled against some rocks. We turned back into the main stream to avoid the rocks and finally landed in a little bay and anchored until morning, when we came on to Shuji. Spent the rest of the day unpacking, receiving callers, etc.

Tells about that the whole family, including my wife, has had the flu, my wife and the baby quite badly. Feb. 25. Today I have had the skinner drying bird cloaks all day. When Gib Yen has done unsatisfactory work collecting in gatcher. He had trouble both with foreigners and with lehines. He did not do faithful collecting, securing only a fraction of what he could have and ought to have secured. He was in a big gambling deal.
and one of the men who
that was a nurse in our
Yauchow hospital. The
nurse felt so badly that
he committed suicide. Then
gib ben said that the
hospital presented him
so much that he committed
suicide, and started to
cause a big disturbance
against the foreigners by
arousing the Chinese servants
who were employed by the
foreigners to strike the.
He was persuaded to
desist, but came within just
a little of unjustly harming
the foreigners at Yauchow.

Because he was sending
in as few specimens I
instructed a friend at
Yauchow to discontinue
his salary and send him
back to Sujin. He wrote
a letter to me stating that
he had lots of specimens
on hand, and that he had
written two letters telling
about his unjust treatment
one to the Smithsonian
Institution and one to the
American Government.
What he wrote, if he
wrote at all and who
received those letters, I
do not know. I sent him
word that if he worked
and secured specimens
as he ought, his wages
would be paid. He traced
up, and had some good
specimens when I reached
Yachats, but said he
was determined to quit
and go into business. He
said he wanted me to
bring him back to St. Jini
which I have done. We settled
up finally today. He showed
a bad spirit and tried to
find ways to compel me
to give him more money
than was due him. I am glad I am through with
him and have already
taken steps to secure
a new collector.

I hope to get some of
my specimens dried and
forwarded to The Anthropos
Institution in a few days.

March 1... When Giddon
has asked permission
to bring in any specimens
that he may run across,
and if being paid in full
of the number of specimens
secured, which I have
agreed to. If he brings
nothing he gets nothing.

Since returning to
St. Jini I have had a
very strenuous program. I have taken no time to rest, and have barely taken time to eat today. The result is that today my digestive organs are not badly upset. They are feeling better now.

March 2. Today with the help of the steamer No. 2 I packed several boxes of bird skeletons. A letter from the American Express Company shows that all the 216 boxes of artifacts and specimens that I sent during my first year with the Smithsonian Institution by the American Express Company had been received and forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution by the American Express Company. This is pleasing news to me, of course.

March 3, a boat coming down the Ijin River was fired upon and then robbed. One man was killed and one wounded. I received all the anthropometric measurements which I took at Yachow.
I labelled a few boxes of specimens. I have
already filled boxes, including November 243
and probably have enough
material on hand to fill fifteen more boxes. It is a problem to get
paper strong enough to wrap these boxes on the outside.

Mar. 4. Labelled and packed
boxes 244 - 245;

I secured a salamander
44 inches long, or 111.5 m.m.,
and having a head with the
breadth of 18.5 m.m. I am
waking it along after it is
well cured in formalin.

I have packed seven
boxes of fish. The carpenters are making boxes just the
right size for the fish. Because tin is apt to rust
and spoil the fish, I am trying the experiment of making
boxes into which the fish
fit closely, and simply
putting the fish inside
these boxes wrapped in cloth
that has been soaked in
formalin.

I only nearly got a
good mammal today, but
lost it because I tried to
get the man down. He
March 5th. Today the carpenter has been busy making boxes for specimens. I took one anthropometrical measurement. I packed several boxes of specimens, and labelled two. I took a long walk, and secured a few insects. I secured a few fish specimens. I gave a prospective collector a little instruction and developed one of his films. I exposed an slide through printing. I also took several pictures.

The carpenter made some more boxes for shifting future specimens, and purchased a large bird. I'll have to get some new oil-cloths made for the collecting I next summer.

March 6. During the past few days I have been getting boxes made for the future shifting of specimens, and this morning I worked out a financial statement of the Smithsonian accounts to date, which will be mailed to Dr. Westra tomorrow. Within the next few days I expect to mail all the specimens I have.
on hand excepting a few fish that are not quite pickled.

When I want to take a trip up the Yangtse River to Shui

Giang, four days west of Anyer,

I have already labelled boxes of specimens up to

and including box no.

256.

March 9. Today I packed box no. 257, artifacts from

the Han Dynasty caves,

and sent seven boxes to

the post office. All my

boxes are now properly

wrapped, labelled, and

ready to send to the

post office Monday morning.

Several flocks of

the large cranes have

flown over, migrating

northward.

March 10. Filled box no. 258 with artifacts from the

Han Dynasty tombs. The

West China Union University

would like very much to

secure these artifacts for

not a few of them have

not yet been found by

anybody else.

March 14. I have been preparing

for a trip to Shui Kiang,

just beyond Pin Shan

on the Yangtse River west

g of Singa, on the yunnan

side.
March 17. I was vaccinated before starting this morning. Travelled 98 li to Ngam Bien or An Bien. Secured five birds, but only one was specially interesting. Passed a small lake on which were what I think were grubs. The Chinese navigate this lake in tiny boats that can hardly hold two people, and are much in danger of filling with water. I wounded one bird, but it got away through its skill in diving. I got very few insects.

Lachan yeh men asked that he be given some collecting materials and be allowed to bring in what he could receiving pay in proportion to what he brings in. I have consented for in this way we shall pay only for what we receive.

I have sent for a young man to come and learn collecting going with me on the Thien Thuong trip and being taught each day, but he has not come. Just now I am meeting a few disincentives to collecting.
Before starting on this task I mailed all the boxes that I had filled, including box no. 255. March 18. We travelled 120 li to Fiu Shan 平山 or Flat Mountain. There is a high mountain near here flat on top. This was a very long trip to take on such a hot day. 100 li is a long day's journey. Last night about 11:30 the messenger Bin Shiang Bin came and knocked loudly on my door. He had a letter from Yang Sheng 蒋 who has killed two leopards, and has their skins and skeletons. They are worth at least $75.00 gold. I have sent the messenger to tell Yang to bring the specimens at once to Shuifu. People have bought a lot of pressure on Yang. I want to get him to sell the skins and bones. Meunual no. 157.

March 19. Travelled 90 li to Shiu Jiao. Yesterday and today I saw many...
fields of growing onions.
Some of them are in bloom.
The flowers are the white variety—this is
Then flowers are white.
The white flowers are said to yield the best onion.

Generally, the ground covered on this trip is good collecting ground.
This time it has been very poor. Probably the reason is that
the weather is very hot and dry. It rained hard at Hifi a few days before I left.

No rain fell this side of An Bien. The ground is very dry and hard, and insects are very few.
I got four birds today at Hifi; photos, but they are not uncommon birds.
The floods last year did a great deal of damage to its towns along the river, destroying many houses and temples.
March 20. Secured a few good insects.

March 21. Killed three birds and secured some more insects. I was invited to
March 22. I have made arrangements to leave for Fiji by boat tomorrow. Packed for the trip down the river, and labelled specimens.

Today I saw a Chinese beggar who was born at Fiji. He, west of here, his hair is like that of a toadstool. He squints his eyes nearly shut all the time. I took his picture and had someone open his eyes enough so I could see their color. They are blue. He is apparently much ashamed of it. His skin is white.

I walked a long way, but got only one bird, a rather common one. I do not waste ammunition on the most common birds. Ammunition is too hard to get.

March 23. My ammunition is getting so low that I am going to use it very
Sparing until the summer collecting trip, for it is not at all certain that more can get to me from Shanghai, I will practically leave out shooting birds. I will send my energies to preparing for the summer collecting trip, and will emphasize the securing of fish, and flying to collectors in the place. I must replace many of the oil-cloths for they are in a very bad condition. Because of the continued drought, the official rice has ordered praying for rain, already priests are reading the sacred books.

Of the Dragon King dressed in ceremonial robes, accompanied by the beating of drums, gongs, and tambourines, and with much bowing to the gods. Boys are getting ready to have the dragon procession. They are masked about the waist and wear on their heads wreaths made of green willow twigs and leaves, and have a straw dragon in their hands. People throw water on the half-naked boys.

This afternoon I received a telegram with birthday greetings from my wife and family.
March 25, 18—

I met a flier at Pin Shan. He stated that the clan system, of families of the same name and descendants from the same ancestor, living together and marrying only members of other clans exists throughout Sooland. He said that the fliers used the mouth hawk, and that in marriage a cow, cash, and wine are given for the bride as a part of a purchase price.

I have travelled from Shên to Shii many times.

The process of deforestation is going on all over west of Pin Shan. Large trees are being cut down, and new trees are not growing in proportion to those cut down. Grass-foods (the grass grows very tall) are helping along the process by killing the young trees. This section may become semi-arid like that west of the Pa-Shiang-Pin pass, especially if this process goes on.

March 25. I did not go off yesterday, because...
were important matters
not yet attended to. This
morning we got a late
start, and reached
Ngan Bien. The boat is
a large one. I secured
an escort from Pinthan
to Ngan Bien. The deforet
attack is less evident as
we approach Saigon.
One of the brothers in
overland travel in
Lehnia is that a coolie
carrying a load is likely
to secretly throw away
some of it. This time
I have been anxious
about the disappearance
of the anthropometrical
instrument for measuring
cheeks. It disappeared on
the way to Shui Zhang. I
sent a trusted coolie down
the river to enquire at
all the stopping-places, at
inns, etc. We found
the instrument in our
Chapel at Ngan Bien
tonight, where the coolie
hid it secretly. If his load just
before starting from Ngan
Bien to Pin than. It is
lucky that he kept it
in our chapel instead.
Where I was a stranger
March 26. In the morning at Ngan
Bin the spurn. collector came on the boat looking for spurn. There was no spurn. But he demanded a squeeze as a bribe before allowing the boat to proceed. The captain offered him a small sum. The collector demanded a larger amount. Words grew warm. The tax collector struck at the captain with his iron cain. The captain wards off the blow and shoved the collector down the hill. The collector had the captain arrested and publicly flogged until his hips were blue. We reached Shigatse about 1:30. My friend Mr. Edgar, F.R.G.S., was in Shigatse on his way to Patiskhul. We had a fine visit with thousands of interesting things to talk about. We hope the Smithsonian Institution will back a collecting expedition in 1930 into Tibet, as far as I can go. Mr. Edgar will then go along with me as guide, without salary or expenses. He can speak Tibetans.

March 27. I am getting odds and ends of work settled, hoping to get specimen packed and forwarded soon. Yang Feng Peang should get in with specimens soon. Last night it rained.

March 28. A notice from the postoffice today will make some difficulties in forwarding some of
the specimens. Those in alcohol or formalin will have to be sent to Shanghai in case of a friend rather than by parcel post. Yang Feng Pang is overdue. He may be having some trouble.


April 2. It has been raining hard during the past few days. The messengers for and Yang Feng Pang are long overdue, and there is no word from them.

A letter from Yachao says that the Roosevelt party has been in Manchuria seeking the white bear. I am very anxious to try my luck getting that bear next summer, also the golden-haired monkey and the white leopards.

Today I sent six boxes of specimens to the post office.

There are reports of war in east China and rumors of coming civil war in Fukien Province.

April 4. Yang Feng Pang has arrived with his two leopards. There are also forty seven small mammals. I haven't...
a good deal of time labelling the specimens, reckoning accounts. There are five bird skeletons and skins; mammals no. 1 E 234 were all small mammals, small leopard, no. 235 large... 236

This work kept me busy until after eleven P.M. In the afternoon I had a physical examination, and am in good physical condition.

April 5th. Last night I took the two leopard hides and skeletons into my bedroom, because in any other room in this house rats might get in and squeeze the specimen a large rat evidently smelt the specimens, for about twelve o'clock one began gnawing loudly on the woodwork on the outside of my room. Trying to get in. He kept this up three hours, in spite of anything I could do, merely stopping temporarily when I made a noise. Then he gave it up and went away.

Yang Song Poang caught the small leopard in a trap, but to secure its large one he had to secure this help of several hunters who claim most of its specimen. I have had
to reward them twenty dollars gold. Such difficulties are generally faced by getting large marks excepting when one is fortunate enough to secure the specimen himself.

The costie who bought Yang's load is a Lehman Miss so I took his anthropometrical measurement yesterday. Filled box 265 bird and

a catstains 266, filled with fish. Purchased a strange fish.

Foo two anthropometrical measurements today and some pictures.

The Eastman films ordinarily have paper and musilage so that you can stick the second end of the film fast. The last batch can not be stuck fast, so that the film rolled up in bottles and spoiled. This makes it necessary to send the films to be developed instead of developing them in my own lab.

a number of people have called to see the two leopards today.
I have spent much time getting Yang Poon, a very good job, and he has worked during the next two months. He leaves tomorrow.

Saturday, April 5. I spent today in the nearby mountains collecting. I did not see a single thing worth shooting, but caught a number of insects. I spent some time training a man who might possibly do as a collector. It was a good day, but I might it be raining hard.

April 7. This afternoon I went out collecting with a new man who wants the job of collecting. I will give him some training, and if he makes good, he can take the job.

April 8. The new collector worked by himself today and while he brought back a number of insects, he brought back nothing worth while. I suspect that he is not bright enough to do the job, but can not be sure yet. I bought hunter with which to make boxes in which to ship the
April 11. During the last three days I have been packing specimens and having the oilcloths repaired. Some of the oilcloths are in bad condition, but I am repairing them rather than securing new ones.

I trained hard all day yesterday. I was inoculated for typhoid fever last evening and felt very poorly yesterday. The weather worsted today again.

April 12. One man went after flying insects this morning, and did not get many. Another man went after flying insects and did not return with his catch. I wrote to the first master today, and as he says it is safe to shift specimens, I'll soon send the longest box I have left out, one containing two leopard skeletons, and some other specimens.

There is evidently a great deal of land in the north part of the Province, but this city does not seem to be disturbed much about it. Almost every day I am making preparations of some kind for
The collecting next summer will be
one anthropometric measurement.

April 13. Had one letter
from London today. Work was
progressing well. I collected
a small mammal,
Mammal No. 237.

I am getting scared lest the Smithsonian Institution will not back up this collecting expedition to Mongolia next summer. Thought to yield the richest results yet secured, a steamer with mail
from New Yorkink in the Yangtze River, so Smithsonians

Letters may have been lost.

April 14. Mr. Collector Ghiri
seemed so little that it seemed evident that it was a
waste of money to employ him. So I paid him off and sent
him home. He is not bright. It takes a little brains to
not collect any kind of specimen.

Filled box 265 bones
266, peltskins, 267 bones
268, animal skins 269, feathers
270, 271, fish
272, Feelkens, 273, Feucland

April 15. I have been a little
under the weather during
The past few days have been busy. Took a box of specimens this morning. Spent some time putting final labels and wrapping on several boxes of specimens. Box no. 273 containing two leopard skeletons is the largest and heaviest that I have sent.

Received word from the post office that it was not accepting and forwarding packages by parcel post at present. That means that I'll have to wait until the next shipment.

April 16. Having lost one nettle, I am trying to get a new one. It is not an easy task. The last man I tried was practically useless. Today I am sending a messenger to get a young man I know, hoping that he will be all right.

It is reported that the steamer will be coming soon and then it should be possible to forward the next shipment of specimens. Filed box no. 274, a large salamander. Length 111.5 m, 44 inches. Breasted girth 18.5 inches.
April 15. When Ji-Heun, our netter for several years, came in today with five large bottles and eight small bottles of specimens, and one box of insects, I paid him about two dollars and five cents gold, and he is satisfied. At Yachow he secured about the same number of specimens in one month, and he received about seven times as much pay for it as wages and food account. There is no doubt that he played fast and loose at Yachow. He is going with me on the collecting expedition, and I can then watch him all the time and get very good work out of him. He is not in salary now, and is merely paid a small amount for the specimens he brings in. I am trying hard to find a netter that I can keep on here all this year.

Filled box no. 275 mammal skins and skeleton. Box no. 276, 277, 278, containing fish specimens.

T. M. This afternoon.
a young fellow came in
what wants to learn to be
a netter. I am going to try
him out.
This afternoon I took another
anthropometrical measurement
of 21. Spent much time copying
Chinese male anthropometrical
measurements 51-76 for dh.
Kalikba. The work is unfinish-
ed.
I took the new netter out
to give him some training at
netting insects.
April 23. I have taken a
short trip to Si Lehnung.
Secured two birds and
some insects.

It is now certain that
Civil war has actually
begun in Tientsin.
April 24, mail has not gotten
through from Shanghai for
one month, probably because
of warfare at Hankow and
at Jehang.
April 24. Today the new collector,
Shiao, aged 16, having
been put up to it by the
older collectors, struck for
the same pay the older
and more experienced
collectors are getting. I told
him that as he learned
and gained experience I
would add, but I would
not add to his wages on any other basis. What if he did not want to do the job under that understanding, he could return home. He decided to continue, I am really training and trying out the new collectors. Playing the two of them together about what I was playing when John saw before he was taken off the salary list.

Today I purchased four vases made out of the tree - stalks of fern trees which are found only in a locality near Shujin.

Since they are rather heavy I shall probably send only one to the Smithsonian Institution.

I copied Chinese male anthropometrical measurements 57 - 75 to send to Dr. Hrdlicka and will mail them tomorrow.

Apr. 25. Today was a rainy, cold day, so little could be accomplished.

The postmaster informed me that there is fighting near for which I am glad.
cut Jeang. Letters are not getting through from Shanghai, so we have received no letters from America for at least a month. My specimens can not at present be forwarded, but must await the end of civil war in Sinkiang. I have gone over my ammunition, and find that it is as follows:

- Dust shot, 416 rounds
- Noテンプラ 230 rounds
- 軽弾 10

no. cases, 20 rounds
- 45's, 325
- 20's, 20
- 12.5's, 125
- BB's, 145
- Buck, 140
- Newton High Power, 130
- 32 extra long, 120

I am short of the kinds which I need the most, no ten shot, and 32 extra long. Loaded with dust shot this makes rather scant supplies for the Mohpun trip, but with careful economy we can do with what
we have. I will practically do no shooting until next summer as I want to save my ammunition for the summer collecting. The ammunition which the Smithsonian Institution paid for Miss Macy to me can not possibly get to me in time for the summer this year.

April 26. I spent the morning cleaning up the room where the collecting outfit is kept, and in straightening third articles.

around. I also wrote cables on some of the boxes of specimens. This afternoon the sun came out, and I went netting and collected some insects.

April 27. Today I had two men out netting one after water insects, and one after flying insects. Some of the water insects look interesting.

Apr. 28. Today I took another geometrical measurements of two Chinese men. I went to yachow and to Patackin to continue collecting for over a month now.
mail has not come through from Shanghai. It seems certain that neither ammunition nor photo supplies will reach me in time for the summer collecting trip. I will keep the films I have on hand, and very carefully take care of my ammunition.

Just now I can not forward the specimens on hand to Shanghai. I will have them all ready to mail as soon as it is possible to do so. April 29. The report on the street today are that fighting has ceased in Pechmen at least temporarily. We hope the reports are true.

For the first time in nearly five weeks foreign mail has arrived. There are several letters from the Smithsonian Institution. I expect to take the trip to Montana this summer. This afternoon I went across the Yangtse River looking for a field mouse which I caught right off, but did not capture. I have set two traps. This mouse was yellow, and had a mark
April 30. No field mice were caught. The new net is being made. I think it is as well for I do not think it could make good.

I spent a lot of time on my accounts, and nearly have them straightened out.

May 1. Filled box no. 274 with 300 bird, 125 mammal, and 250 insect specimens. All these boxes have been wrapped and are ready for mailing.

I have now secured bottles enough for the summer collecting trip. There is severe fighting with many wounded. Some of the wounded have arrived at camp.

May 2. Packed box no. 251, insect.

May 3. Took a trip to the nearby mountain to collect. Secured two birds, some good insects, and a snake. A leopard was killed on the mountain yesterday, but I did not get to see it. I went to a cliff and by a rope let myself down to an old leopard hole, but there was no leopard.
May 4. A collector went out to collect water insects.

May 5. Worked hard all day.

May 6. A new collector started in today. He acts as though he wants to learn and keep his job. I went out to show him how to net. I saw a white flycatcher. We secured some good insects. Mailed nineteen packages of specimens, one the largest I have ever sent, and several others large. Caught snake.

May 10. Better worked all day collecting insects. Worked on student's Chinese accounts.
May 13. Called a new man to learn collecting, named Jim. Spent part of the afternoon and an hour after dark teaching him.

May 14. Cold and rainy all day. Spent much time fixing travel boxes for the summer trip. When Gil then brought in some specimens, The American Express Company reported that it sent a shipment of specimens via the Suez Canal. This might have been a typographical error.

I wrote and urged that they send specimens by the speediest route, meaning the speedier route as between the Panama and the Suez Canal. They have sent a shipment by land across the United States. I am therefore telegraphing to send it by the Panama Canal.

**MAMMAL 238, mouse.**

Apr. 15. A cold, rainy day when nothing could be collected. I took one anthropometrical measurement, and had the collector work on the travel boxes to be used this summer. Many
of the ropes were worn out and had to be changed. Prepared some films for mailing to the witnesses.

May 16. Today the weather cleared up, and tomorrow the insects will be out. It is also rather warmer. mailed some more films to the witnesses.

May 17. Purchased four mammal, a mother and four pups, a kittens. Mammal no 239-242

May 18. At daylight I went to the mountains where a young leopards was trapped in a coal mine. I gave him three shots with the 45 revolver, and one with the Newton, high-power rifle.

The first shot probably killed him. He was in too helpless a position to be exciting many visitors came to see the leopards.

Mammal no 243. When farmers or hunters cooperate with you in getting a large Mammal, they expect a big reward from you.

May 19. Secured another mammal Mammal no 244.

It is different from those I secured on the seventeenth.

May 20. SECURED 217 X 283,
Insects. Box no 254.
Skeleots.
Box 285, bones of young lemur.
secured mammal no. 245.

Mary 22. Filled box 295; snails Box 296, clams 297, frogs and insects.
Purchased mammal number 246.

May 22, I took one anthropological measurement. I spent some time wrapping and labelling boxes of specimens. I went to the post office to see if my package could get through to Shanghai. Just now they can not.

Filled box 297, bones of mammal specimen.
May 23. Today I spent considerable time packing for the big summer trip, and also drying the mammal skins over the stove. It takes care as to get them dry, not to scorch them. Some one brought around a live cub bear, very small, but it was probably of no special value.

May 24. The day has been roasting hot. We have wrapped some of the packages to be ready for shipping. I took one anthropometrical measurement, and secured some insects.

A bad accident has happened. The shutter on the Eastman kodak will not work. I will have to send it to Shanghai to repair it, and it can not get back by summer time. I will try my best to get borrow an Ansco kodak from a friend at Kuling. It is the same size as the Smithsonian kodak. It would be very regrettable to take this summer without a kodak.

26. Purchased a mammal, mammal no. 247.
May 25. I am having a very hard time to preserve the marmal skins we have secured recently. I am disappointed a little. The skinning evidently did not get some of the skins free of fat, and the fat has come from.
The skins are preserved as round, not as flat skins. The leopard skin is decaying around two of its feet. This skin should have been a flat skin, with the bones cleaned and laid bare. We will try to do better work in the future, and learn from this experience. The bars should have been fastened down as they dried. I am very much disappointed with this leopard skin, and am tempted not to send it, but we will learn from this experience. It will help us avoid spoiling more important skins that we may secure next summer.

We have had hard rain days, but today the weather is clear.
May 30 Filled 2 & 3
mammal skins

May 31. I hardly dare hope that I have struck a streak of luck; a strong young man is trying the work of netting with the understanding that if he makes good, the job is permanent. He has gone off today to net water insects.

I am sending a messenger to make sure Yang Peng Heung is coming and the former netter when I hope to be well set for this summer. I have spent in collecting about twice as

fruitful as last summer. I am very much disappointed with some of the recent mammal skins. The weather has been so hot that there has been danger of the skins rotting in some place, as actually happened with two leopardskins. I dried them over the stove, and two of the skins were scorched and discolored above the nose. It looks as though all the mammal skins above the ordinary skin will have to be preserved as flat skins.
June 1st. I went to the mountains to fish. The reed he has will act as a unit. Killed one bird. I am using my ammunition for the mountain trip. A very hot day.

June 2nd. Today was a busy day. I delivered two addresses. I gave the men new nets. Some instructions and we went netting this afternoon.

War has broken out in Afghanistan again. Boats are being commandeered.

June 3rd. Packed boxes of fish skins, memorial skins. The new net, I am making all day catching insects. Worked a little getting ready for the summer excursion.

June 4th. Packed box of 300 insects. Received two letters from Mr. Wetmore. Did considerable packing for the summer trip. It rained all last night and most of today.

Just finished box of 301 fist and one snake.

July 22nd. I spent some time
packing today. There was a long committee meeting that took considerable time.

I am building high hopes for the Mounfim trip but today some bad luck showed its face. I sent a messenger a few days ago to bring in my aboriginal hunter, Yang Pong and Psang. Today he returned, a large band of robbers is operating on the Yuenmou border between the home of Yang Pong, Psang, and Thiun. They have looted several small towns. There is war between them and the militia. The messenger was told to get to Yang Pong, Psang, and the latter may not get to Thiun for the Mounfim trip.

Another indication of bad luck is that there is a drought of planting and cut yacca, which has doubled the price of rice. This will mean that some of our expenses are higher this summer. We will be disappointed if Yang Pong, Psang, and Thiun cannot join us.
Jan 10. To my son

Yang Pong died today, with six boxes of insects and a good number of snakes. He got a few mammals and birds, but this time he specialized in insects. We will have all the old collectors back again, and in addition, a carpenter with a Winchester rifle and a new net. This will be the largest number of collectors that I have had on one trip.

The mammals include

no. 249-254. There were
ten per cent bird skeletons
filled box 305 skeletons
" " 306 insects
" " 307 mammal
skins. 10 x 308 pinned insects
309 insects 310 insects
311 insects 312 snakes
313 snakes 314 insects
June 10 filled and wrapped
boxes 308 - 314. Prepared
nine boxes of specimens
for shipping, and took
care of other specimens
that will have to
pickle in formalin
until next fall.
June 11 mailed nine packages
of specimens all that have
been packed, and the last
before the summer excursion.
There were a few very interesting
snakes and frogs in the lot.
Spent most of the
day packing with the
help of Yang Fong Poang
and the new netters
accounting for the
salary of the skinner
and the aborigine hunter
until July first. Tomorrow
I will mail nine packages
the last before the summer
trip, unless I am able to
add one or two.
J'ai délivré un discours dans l'église. J'appris que je n'avais pas assez de toiles de couverture pour ces boîtes, donc j'en ai acheté plus de tissus, et j'ai rapidement commencé à en faire plus.

Je prévois de quitter le vendredi 16 juin, en empruntant le bateau à Mongfouin en onze jours, avant de continuer vers le nord par la grande vallée boisée entre Mongfouin et Hong Kong ou Mong Kong Ping, qui est réellement la grande

Mongfouin district. What will give me about twenty-five days. This longer distance I have spent collecting, I think, at any one place, I have very high hopes of making this the most fruitful collecting trip that I have yet taken.

I have five collectors helping me, instead of three. One of them is an old friend of mine who is a carpenter. He makes boxes very rapidly, and will make boxes as we need them. He also has
a friend comes along who is willing to bring them along with him. I will save my ammunition and do practically no shooting until we reach the Morphin District. If I use up all my ammunition in the Morphin District, I will think that that is the wisest use to make of it. I will try not to neglect any of the ordinary kinds of collecting. Among other things, I will keep my eyes and ears open for White bear.
golden-haired monkey
Tarkin, and white whips
Of course I know that
some small, unknown
specimen may be as
valuable as, or more
valuable than any others
above, not financially,
but scientifically.
Mr. Webster has
instructed me not
to do any archaeological
excavating at Khatie.
I think he is wise in
so doing, although I wish
the Free Art Gallery could
send an expedition into
Sychnan, Mr. Webmore

has not said that he
wishes me to discontinue
the purchase of artifacts
that are not expensive and
that are worth-while.
For ethnologists or anthropologists,
I shall try to be more
careful in these purchases
in the future than in
the past.
Next year I hope
to take an excursion
to the interior of Tibet
with my friend, Mr. Edgar
F. R. E. S. A friend has
recommended me for
an F. R. E. S., but the
reply has not yet been
June 13. This has been a very busy day. I have been packing and unpacking and packing, with the help of the Chinese collectors and Yang Fang and Yang. Incidentally, I had two important committee meetings, and a number of callers. I had seven friends to dinner.

Tomorrow I will mail this diary and a financial report to date. Then I will begin diary number seven, the account of the summer collecting expedition.

I am not taking the Victor Talking machine along. I want to cut down expenses where I can do so without lessening the results in specimen collected.

The main defect I now see to reasonable expense accounts this summer is the fact that food has doubled in price at Yachow and probably at
Moorpin. I will probably purchase very few artifacts, spending most of the money on the actual tasks of securing biological specimens.

David Graham
Shijun, Szechuan, China
June 13, 1929

I have tried to have all expenditures to date accounted for, so there would be more included in the summer collecting trip.