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AN ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE PLAN.

In the opinion of Dr. Woods Hutchinson, a prominent New York expert, any city in American can stamp out tuberculosis within its boundaries at an expense of not more than \$10 per head of its population, distributed over ten years. The success of any well directed campaign against consumption depends, according to Dr. Hutchinson, only on the financial backing of the workers and the legal authority with which they are supported. His scheme is one of practical work. He advocates taking out of the city every tuberculous victim who can be discovered, and isolating these patients in an out door camp to be provided by the city or otherwise. In such a camp or sanatorium there would be from fifty to sixty per cent. of cures under modern methods. This in itself would be only a minor part of the undertaking, for the main object in any crusade against consumption, must be in removing the sources of infection. This of course could not be done with persons already suffering from the disease, but in the case of the disease, the removal of the patients, Dr. Hutchinson would proceed to a thorough inspection of all buildings occupied as human habitations. He would destroy those condemned by medical experts, would segregate in the most thorough manner those houses in which the disease has been found and which are not objectionable as residences. Such a course of treatment, he believes, would absolutely remove the plague, but it would, of course, be necessary for the health authorities to continue a careful watch, for consumption frequently develops of its own accord, and not through contact with other cases.

If Dr. Hutchinson's plan were to be applied to St. John, a very considerable portion of this city would be destroyed. There are whole blocks here in which there is not to be found one house fit for human beings to live in. The ordinary run of citizens can scarcely appreciate this, they will not believe it when told, and in fact the only way in which the truth could be impressed upon them would be by personal inspection. How many houses are there on Brunswick street, below Clarence, which should not be condemned by the Board of Health? How many on Erie street and St. Patrick street? How many on Main street between Paradise Row and Fort Howe? City Road, as well as in the other districts mentioned, and in some parts of Lower Cove, block after block of houses so called, are nothing more than hovels, almost ready to tumble down, dirty and dark and damp, with no sanitary arrangements, and certainly not the kind of places in which health may be maintained. The Board of Health records show that it is in such districts that consumption is most frequently found, but indeed no official statistics are required to prove what everybody realizes to be true. Hutchinson's proposal might be a little too radical for St. John, and no doubt measures less severe would be fairly effective. We have a Board of Health which prevents people from being healthy. If we could replace it with a board of disease, which would take at least some slight interest in combating disease, and if we had a building inspector whose duty it would be to inspect buildings, our annual death list might not show 115 victims of consumption.

THE INCINERATOR.

It is the habit of the common council to discuss every once in a while the need of an incinerator to dispose of the city's garbage and other objectionable matter. It is also their custom to forget all about it again until conditions which cannot be overlooked once more prod them into activity. Was there not a committee appointed several months ago to report on this matter? If they did report, nothing further seems to have been done about it. The aldermen may have had the idea that when the warm weather comes again those who have to live near the dumps where the garbage is deposited, will hardly agree with such an idea. The time honored custom of carting decayed fruit, dead cats, and such things as can no longer be found useful, to the nearest dump and leaving them there, cannot be retained much longer. That such a course is liable to lead to disease is probable. That it does give rise to objectionable odors in some of the city's residential sections is very certain. It is equally sure that this could be and ought to be avoided. If a suitable place more remote than the shores of Courtney Bay could be found to dump the garbage, there might be less objection to the present custom. These places, however, are

too near the houses of many citizens to be popular. Again, when the work of building wharves along Courtney Bay is commenced an end will have to be made to the custom. If there is any intention of grappling with this problem, it should be put into execution before spring in order that complete arrangements could be made before the arrival of warm weather. The solution of this difficulty might provide a little relaxation for the new city engineer when he is not busy with the water and sewerage, the streets or wharves, the ferry boats or harbor improvements or some of the other duties of his office.

AT GIBRALTAR.

England, I stand on thy imperial ground, Not all a stranger, as thy bugles blow I feel within my blood old battles flow— The blood whose ancient founts in thee are found— Still surges dark against the Christian bound Wide Islam presses; well its people know Thy heights that watch them wandering below; I think how Lucknow heard their gathering sound. I turn, and meet the cruel, turbaned face. England, 'tis sweet to be so much thy son! I feel the conquerer in my blood and race; Last night Trafalgar awed me, and to-day Gibraltar wakened. Hark! thy evening gun Startles the desert over Africa. Thou art the rock of empire, set mid-seas Between the East and West, that God has built; Advance thy Roman borders where thou wilt. While run thy armies true with His decrees; Law, justice, liberty—grace—gifts are these. Watch that they spread where English blood is split; Last, mixed and sullied with his country's guilt. The soldier's life stream flows, and Heaven displeased! Two swords there are—one naked, apt to smite. Thy blade of war; and, battle-stories, one Reduces in the sheath, and hides from light. American I am, would wars were done! Now westward, look, my country bids good-night— Peace to the world from ports without a gun!

A YARN.

"Two can live as cheap as one." Yes, they can! They can, like you! You ask any one who's tried it! See just what he'll say. Most of them are satisfied it! Goes the other way. "Two can live as cheap as one." "Two can live as cheap as one." Fifteen hundred makes a ton, No one in his sober senses Has the slightest doubt! If he figures on expenses How that's coming out. When uphill the waters run "Two can live as cheap as one." "Two can live as cheap as one." "How many speeds has your automobile?" "Three," answered Mr. Chugrins; "slow, slower and stop."

Miss Dubley—She was bragging about how successful her dinner party was. She said it wound up "with great eclat." "What's 'eclat,' anyway?" "Miss Mugley—Why, I guess that was the desert. Didn't you never eat a chocolate eclat?" "Dear," whispered the eloping lover, "what shall we do with the rope-ladder?" "Oh, that's all right," replied the coy damsel. "Pa said he'd pull it up again so we couldn't get back."

To every trick I will report, And practice all the Wall Street wiles To sell your other lovers "short" And make a "corner" in your smiles. Of Cupid's stock I hold, my dear, Enough—though "bears" may growl and grump— To trade on "margins" for a year, And never fear that love may slump. Oh! could we but "combine" sweet maid, And "pool our stock" and form a "trust." Ah! then we need not feel afraid Though Cupid's bank itself should bust. In fact, though Cupid bankrupt be, And have to pawn his wings and bow, It would be up to you and me To take the little god in tow. With wealth like ours, in such event, To lend him some at three per cent.— And put him on his legs again. "Mama, said little Willie, looking up from a paper on which he was laboring writing a letter to Santa Claus. I think I'll send my love to Kris Kringle's wife. But I don't believe old Kris has a wife. Oh, yes he has. You've heard of her? Lots of times. Her name's Mary Christmas."

The Doctor's First Question
"How are your bowels?" This is generally the first question the doctor asks. He knows what a sluggish liver means. He knows that headaches, bilious attacks, indigestion, impure blood, are often promptly relieved by a good liver pill. Ask him if he approves of Ayer's Pills. Then follow his advice.

CUBANS HUMILIATED —BY PAST FAILURES

Look to New Government to Restore Their National Pride and Prestige

HAVANA, Jan. 17.—On January 23, at noon, the Cuban people will come into their own, for the second time at the hands of the American government. It was on May 20, 1902, that the American flag hoisted after the war with Spain, was hoisted down in favor of the blue, striped, single-starred ensign of Cuba. This republic, for which the Cubans vainly sought Spain so many years, lasted little more than the period, between presidential elections in the United States. In September, 1906, a company of marines landed at the palace from the United States cruiser Denver, and halted a victorious revolutionary army on the outskirts of Havana, and American intervention which happened first against a foreign power, was once more a fact, this time to set things right among the Cubans themselves.

The Liberal party, which claims to be the party of the common people, goes into power as the result of an almost unanimous vote, its overwhelming success at the polls being one of the principal foundations for the belief that Cuba is about to enter upon a period of long content. Most of the newspapers say that the majority of the people are deeply humiliated, that intervention in the island affairs became necessary and urge the politicians of all parties to remember the mistakes of the past and to do nothing that would make another and longer intervention possible. Major General Jose Miguel Gomez, soldier, statesman, and veteran of the revolution against Spain in 1895-98, the new president, has magnanimously agreed that although the Conservative party vote in the recent election was almost nothing, that party shall have thirty per cent. of the appointive offices. The details of the inauguration of Gomez on January 23 are yet incomplete. Several warships from America are expected to be in the harbor and they undoubtedly will fire a national salute, but neither United States sailors or soldiers remaining on the island will participate in the inaugural parade, because their presence might detract from the pride of the people in the return of native sovereignty. The headquarters army of pacification have been at Camp Columbia, several miles from the city, and the evacuation in beauty of location, surroundings, and in the permanence, comfort and convenience of the buildings, many posts in the United States. It is now being rapidly repopulated and soon will be the haven of squatters. The last of the machines, which have done fine work, will leave this week for home. The troops will go out gradually until April 1, when the evacuation will be complete, save for a permanent service at the American naval station at Guantanamo.

Few, if any, Cubans who served as higher officials in the various government departments during the period of American intervention, have been retained by the incoming administration, which will undoubtedly cause some confusion at first.

HEROISM OF SEAMEN SUITABLY RECOGNIZED

Crew of Gloucester Schooner Get Medals and Money for Life Saving

GLoucester, Mass., Jan. 1.—Captain Robert Griffin and the five members of the crew of the schooner Conqueror of this port, received notice today of the awarding to them of a silver medal and \$15 apiece by the Massachusetts Life-Saving Association, as a reward for their heroism and valor in rescuing the crew of the British schooner Eric, off Nauset, in December. In addition, Captain Griffin will receive the formal certificate of the society.

The rescue was a most thrilling one. Sliding signals of distress from the Eric, Captain Griffin ordered his men to the dories and attempted to reach the distressed schooner from the leeward. This was impossible and he immediately had the dories directed toward the windward side of the Eric, but at first it was impossible to reach the side of the schooner from this direction. Obtaining a quantity of oil, however, the dories managed to reach the Eric's side and succeeded in taking off all aboard. This was one of the few times in the annals of rescues at sea that an approach from windward under such conditions has been successful.

ST. ANDREWS DEFEAT THISTLES
The St. Andrews curlers managed to defeat the Thistles on Saturday by a score of 24 to 19. The two clubs tied in the afternoon with 10 points each. The following is the score by sheets:
Thistle Ice—Afternoon.
Rev. Raymond, 1. S. Dr. Magee, 1. 19
S. W. Palmer, 1. 15 F. L. Harrison, 17
D. R. Willett, 1. 17 G. A. Kimball, 13
St. Andrews Ice—Afternoon.
J. C. Chasley, 1. 16 P. A. Clarke, 19
St. C. Olive, 1. 21 A. O. Skinner, 7
F. A. McAndrews, 13 R. M. Magee, 19
M. G. B. Henderson, 17 G. F. Fisher, 13
Thistle Ice—Evening.
J. F. Shaw, 1. 13 J. U. Thomas, 19
W. A. Shaw, 1. 17 John White, 15
W. J. Shaw, 1. 15 E. A. Smith, 17
St. Andrews Ice—Evening.
Jas. Mitchell, 1. 8 T. McCa. Stewart, 21
D. McClelland, 1. 13 A. Watson, 15
J. S. Malcolm, 1. 9 C. S. Robertson, 25
A. D. Malcolm, 1. 16 F. White, 15
Grand totals, 193

FIRST MASS AT REGGIO A PICTURESQUE CEREMONY

Service Held in Orange Grove amid Pastoral Surroundings

REGGIO, Jan. 1.—For the first time since the earthquake disaster of December 23, mass was said in Reggio under conditions that recalled the early days of the church. Processions passed through the streets of the city, ringing bells and calling the people to the service which was held in an orange and lemon grove near the shore. The altar, set up under the picturesque and pastoral surroundings, was formed by a table covered with a white cloth, behind which stood a crucifix and a statue of Christ. Around this were arranged several candles, a crucifix and some sacred vessels, all protected from the wind by a cloth screen. There were present many women and children, all of whom knelt by the improvised altar, while the men stood with uncovered heads behind them. On the outskirts of the crowd were several shepherds in the midst of their flocks, standing erect in their characteristic dress with hands crossed over the top of their crooks, upon which they rested their chins. The whole scene might have been taken from one of the early biblical pictures of a primitive religious service. The crowd followed the ceremony with great interest and much fervor was shown in carrying out the forms of their religion.

BOND SENDS SUBSTITUTE TO FISHERIES CONFERENCE

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Jan. 17.—Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, has abandoned his proposed visit to Washington for a conference with the British Ambassador, Right Hon. James Bryce, and Secretary of State Elihu Root, on the fisheries question. He will be represented at the conference by Attorney-General Kent. The latter had here tonight for Washington. While the reason for the change of plans is not explained, it is supposed that the attorney-general's presence is thought to be particularly desirable at the conference, because of the legal points involved in the issue. The attorney-general's stay in Washington is not expected to exceed a week.

GAS EXPLOSION WRECKED HOUSE AND KILLED OWNER

CONSET, Mass., Jan. 17.—The act of Martin Thayer, a retired business man of Brockton, in carrying a lighted lantern into a private gas plant connected with his house here, resulted in his death today, an explosion being caused by escaping gas meeting the flame of the lantern. The explosion wrecked the front of the house, blowing the entire wall out, and starting a fire which resulted in the destruction of the house. The property loss was small. Mrs. Thayer, who has been confined to her bed for some time in a very weak condition, is now seriously ill and may die as a result. The shock was felt for several miles around, windows being shattered and brick-work shaken down. Mr. Thayer was about 65 years old.

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OTTAWA PREPARING FOR THE COMING SESSION

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Members of parliament are beginning to arrive in the capital for the session. A large delegation of western members reached here today coming a few days before the opening on Wednesday in order to locate rooms before the sessional rush for accommodation. All the British Columbia members are now here and about half the members from the three prairie provinces. The government has its sessional programme in good shape to meet parliament. Estimates are ready for presentation to the Commons and government bills are drafted and in shape for early consideration. It is expected that the session will be a comparatively short one of about four months.

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DEATHS

AKERLEY—Died, Saturday, January 16th, at Fairville, Mrs. James Akerley, aged 71 years and 7 months. Funeral will take place from the residence of Spurr Scott, on Tuesday, at 2.30 p. m.

BUSTIN—In this city on Jan. 17th, Thomas Bustin, in the 83rd year of his age, leaving a wife, six daughters and one son. (Boston papers please copy).
Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 275 Princess street. Friends are invited to attend.

KIERSTEAD—At Shipper's Bluff, Kings Co., Jan. 11, 1899, James Kierstead, aged 70 years.

LAWLOR—In this city, on Jan. 17th, John Vincent, son of John Lawlor, in the 6th year of his age.
Funeral Tuesday at 2.30. Friends invited to attend.

LONDON—Suddenly, at Cascade, Montana, George F. aged 35, eldest son of Charles and Edna London, of this city, leaving a wife, one son, three brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. (Boston and P. E. I. papers please copy.)

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BRIEF DESPATCHES.

ATHENS, Jan. 17.—King George gave a dinner at the palace today to the superior officers of the American warships Missouri and Ohio.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 17.—An earth shock of two seconds duration occurred today at Reutlingen and in the lower district of Simmenthal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—With President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Ambassador Bryce in the assembly, the annual convention of the American Institute of Architects, President Roosevelt has taken the first step looking to their recognition by this government.

In response to a report from the American Institute of Architects the president announced in correspondence made public today that he has asked the institute to designate the names of thirty men representing all parts of the country to comprise a council of the fine arts. The object of the council which is to consist of architects, painters, sculptors, landscape architects, and hymen, of which the supervising architect of the treasury department is to be the executive head, is to advise upon the character and design of all public works of architecture, paintings, sculptures, all monuments, park bridges and other works of which the art of design forms an integral part, and to make suggestions and recommendations for the conservation of all historic monuments.

HENRY P. BOOTH DEAD

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Henry P. Booth, widely known in shipping circles throughout the world, died at his residence in this city late Saturday night. Mr. Booth with James E. Ward, formed the ship brokerage firm of James E. Ward and Company, the firm that inaugurated the first regular line of boats between New York and Havana, an enterprise that in 1858 developed into the New York and Cuba Steamship Company, familiarly known as the Ward Line. A widow survives.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The "open shop" and a fight to the finish was the action decided upon by the Hat Manufacturers' Association at a meeting held here today to discuss the effect of the strike which began Friday. An effect of the strike, according to the manufacturers will be a rise in the price of hats, for the trouble has occurred in the busy season.

JEFFRIES GETTING READY TO FIGHT JOHNSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Jim Jeffries, for the first time in four years, sparred three one minute rounds yesterday. He boxed with Sam Berger, a great crowd of critical sports at a local theatre. Both men had poor wind, but Jeffries showed much speed and accuracy and quickness of his feet that the general opinion was that he could easily get into condition to fight Johnson.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Emma James will commence in Boston on Feb. 9 a tour of twenty concerts. She will sing at Toronto, Montreal and other cities.

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