

FRENCH DEATH RATE ALARMS PHYSICIANS

Vital Statistics Reveal Situation of Great Importance to the Nation.

MORE SERIOUS THAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Campaign Started to Enforce Sanitary Regulations in Hope of Stemming Tide.

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Paris, Sept. 22.—While the statesmen of France have been busy occupied in watching every move on the world's political chessboard, it is a question whether at the same time they have given sufficient attention to the deep internal problem which today is menacing the life of the nation—that of depopulation and impaired public health.

Just how long France can go blithely along with her foreign policies which are dependent on a vigorous nation is a question widely discussed by men of science who constantly are drawing to the attention of the politicians and the general public the fact that "the death rate is almost double the birth rate, that the physique of young Frenchmen is declining and that it is no longer a question of how France will live, but how to prevent it from dying out."

War Losses Not Counted.

In the figures regarding the population, the losses during the war are not counted. Mortal statistics in the invaded regions also are left out. Thus, in all the remaining provinces there is not one with more births than deaths.

Today these facts are shown in an amazing poster put out for the public, showing a map of France based on the latest census. With the war losses excluded it shows that there are eleven provinces where the deaths are about three times the number of births. In continental France there are only four provinces where the deaths are "fewer" than 150 per cent. of the births and in other provinces, comprising the greater part of France the rate of deaths based on every 100 births, ranges from 150 to 250 per cent.

Health Measures Advocated.

There is an active campaign now on the depopulation crisis, but the medical men declare that is not the only vital question. There are rules of public health which have been long neglected and are not operative in every town. The ordinary sanitary laws, such as vaccination, registration of diseases, water supply and the rules pertaining to transferable maladies, should be enforced more rigorously, according to the latest reports of the doctors in the newspapers.

In the matter of tuberculosis, France loses 300 every day, while the doctors are claiming that the disease is curable. Each year there is a loss of 90,000 infants under one year old, of which the doctors say, 40,000 are preventable deaths. The doctors are urging in the strongest terms that public health be taken up by the state in strict surveillance and that the present custom of leaving the health regulations too much dependent upon the energy of the local authorities in each town be stopped.

Schoolboy Standard Low.

Among the discussions on health in France, there is the testimony of an examining physician in the high schools of Paris, which was given a display in the *Matin*. The doctors are alarmed at the decline in the physical stature of the educated youth in France and the chairman of the board said: "They are not men—they are phantoms of men."

The report showed that one-fourth of the students examined revealed curvatures of the spine. Young men were found lighter in weight and even shorter in stature than the class became to combine our old conceptions of condition was weaker. The only remedy for this is compulsory physical exercises and fewer hours of study. It was found that the average aspirant for the high schools studied eighteen hours a day with only one free hour of the twenty-four.

The *Matin* says: "The time has come to combine our old conceptions of culture with the modern ones. Our forced intellectual culture is wrong. When the nation destroys the vigor of its sons under the pretext of increasing their knowledge it is preparing its own defeat."

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KILLED COUNTY COUNCILLOR IN DUBLIN HOTEL

"Black and Tan" Police Responsible for New Outrage—Military Now on Guard.

Dublin, Sept. 22.—County Councillor Lynch, a prominent Limerick manufacturer, was shot dead this morning in this hotel apartment in the heart of Dublin. His assailants are alleged to have been "black and tan" police.

The murder took place at 3 o'clock this morning, according to the Press Association's account, when uniformed men entered the hotel, the Royal Exchange Hotel, and going straight to the room of their intended victim shot him dead. At 3 o'clock, after violent knocking on the door of the hotel, which is situated near the Castle, the porter admitted a dozen men who said they belonged to the military. They searched the registry, discovered the name Lynch and rushed upstairs, leaving some of their number to guard the porter with a revolver.

Thought It a Raid.

After five minutes had elapsed the men left, the porter remaining in ignorance of what had occurred, believing it to be one of the usual raids for arms. Fifteen minutes later the police arrived, stating they had been instructed by the military to take charge of the body in room No. 10. Lynch proved to be that of John Lynch of Kilmallock, a member of the Limerick county council, and alleged to be a judge of a Sinn Féin court. The police this morning were still guarding the room, to which no one was admitted, while the street nearby was full of excited crowds and a detachment of the military was parading outside the hotel.

The guests in rooms numbers 4 and 10 of the hotel, nearby the chamber occupied by Lynch, said they had heard no unusual noise during the night.

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One of the most successful parties was that composed of R. R. Reid, W. T. Penton of St. John, W. S. Kilburn of Fredericton, J. M. Young of St. John, and H. W. S. Allingham, which returned on Friday evening from Timber Lake with 110 ducks. The party went to Timber Lake in Mr. Reid's motor boat and had an enjoyable and successful two-day's outing. The first moose of the season was shot on the Ottnahog by Howard McIntyre, of Elm Hill. Those who have been through the woods, say the partridges have not been so plentiful for years. In unfrequented spots several miles back, they are still travelling in large flocks and are very tame.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Traeger, of New York City, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rigby for a few days, have returned to Woodstock, where they have been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. S. Rigby.

Seiwyn Coster, of West St. John, who has been with R. P. Scott at Meadowlands for the summer, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Del. Clements were here from Fredericton on Friday, guests of T. S. Peters and the Misses Peters.

A. B. Gilbert was here from St. John last week for a brief visit before sailing on the Metagama for England to continue his course at Oxford.

John H. Palmer, who has been spending a fortnight in Charlotte-town, returned this week to spend a few days with the Misses Palmer, before returning to McGill for the autumn term.

A. G. Robinson, of Fredericton, was here on Saturday.

Miss Mary Scovill, of Meadowlands, was in St. John for a few days last week.

On Sunday afternoon, in St. John's Church, Rev. H. T. Buckland baptized the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. DuVernet, who was given the name Gabriella Louise.

Many friends here were much pleased to hear of the further success of Miss Florence T. Snodgrass, who graduated in June from the Gagetown Grammar School. Miss Snodgrass, who won the Queens County scholarship, has also been awarded one of the five Lord Beaverbrook scholarships given to New Brunswick students.

Miss Snodgrass is commencing her studies at U. N. B. this month.

Mrs. Richard Hamilton, of Cranbrook, B. C., who have been spending the summer in the province, was here last week for a few days before leaving for the West.

Miss Florence O'Neill, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis O'Neill, who was very ill while here this summer, has been considerably improved since her return to her home in St. John, some weeks ago.

Miss Stevens, of St. John, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper for a few days.

Judge Wilson, of Fredericton, was here on Friday and Saturday of last week. He was accompanied by H. Dow Simmons, as court stenographer. On Friday, Judge Wilson heard the case of the young Scotchman, W. B. Scott, who was charged with theft of money from the home of T. S. Peters, where he was employed. The prisoner pleaded guilty on his case being taken up in the law office of F. M. O'Neill, and on hearing his response to the charge, Judge Wilson sentenced him to three months' imprisonment in the Queens County Jail, but allowed him to go, on suspended sentence, pending his good behaviour.

On Saturday the question of the removal of the Indians from the Church land along the water front was taken up.

Mr. and Mrs. Azor Dingee, of Fort Worth, Texas, who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Dingee and other relatives here, have left for their home in Texas, and were accompanied by Mr. Dingee's sister, Miss Mary Dingee.

LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLING RAISES COSTS

Bell Company Requires Annual Revenue of \$10,000,000 Chief Engineer Says.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Hearing of the Bell Telephone Company's application for an increase in rates was not concluded by the Board of Railway Commissioners today. When adjournment was taken, shortly after five o'clock, the company still had one witness to produce in order to complete the establishment of its case.

It is probable that the taking of evidence will be concluded by noon tomorrow. The next sitting will not take place until early in November, because Chief Commissioner Carvell leaves on Saturday for the West, and he will not conclude Western sittings of the board before the end of October. Meanwhile the registrars are to examine the books of the company and produce all the statistical statements that have been demanded by opposing counsel.

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CASES HEARD BEFORE COURT OF APPEAL

Special to the Standard

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 22.—The adjourned session of Court of Appeals was held this morning when the case of the King vs. Cora Mabel Sharp and William Lingley, ex parte William Sharpe was begun. Cyrus F. Inches for the plaintiff, supported an appeal from the judgment of Chief Justice awarding the custody of her children to their father, William H. Sharpe. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., contra.

The case of St. John and Quebec Railway Company vs. Wendell H. Jones, Edward S. Carter and Charles O. Foss was begun. J. J. F. Winalow for the plaintiff, supported an appeal from the judgment of Chief Justice to set aside or vary the order. The case will be continued tomorrow.

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