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**CHANCE DISEASE PREVALENT  
IN VIRGINIA IS PUZZLING DOC.**

Richmond, Va., Sept. 17.—"Devil's Grip" is an infection but the status of the germ that does the work is still a puzzle. This sums up the status of the inquiry into the cause of this disease now prevalent in Virginia as reported by Dr. George W. Payne, epidemiologist of the Virginia State Board of Health, and Dr. Armstrong, Passed Assistant Surgeon in the United States Public Health Service.

The epidemic appears to be confined to rural communities and to be spread within families by contact. Children are more frequently attacked than adults. The symptoms point to an inflammation of the surface of the diaphragm and the disease might be called, technically, pleurisy. It is quite possibly related to the other infectious diseases which follow the epidemic of influenza.

The condition was first reported by Dr. M. Kelly of the State Board of Health of Virginia last month. He had seen a number of persons in the State who had recently returned from an illness characterized by an acute onset, with abdominal pain, but without the usual history of summer digestive disturbance. On July 21 similar cases were reported in Carolina County and at that time they have appeared throughout the northern part of the State. Cases have been reported by thirty-eight physicians from twenty-two counties. A similar disease appeared in Virginia in 1888 and was described by Dr. W. P. Dabney under the name "Devil's Grip."

This paper was called "An account of an epidemic resembling dengue which occurred in and around Charlottesville and the University of Virginia in June, 1888." The attack came on suddenly with severe abdominal pain which later extends to the chest cavity. Breathing is difficult and rapid. The temperature is practically all cases, and is intermittent. Most of the patients perspire freely. The pulse is increased on movement and in some cases by swallowing. In general the patients are constipated but condition is followed by diarrhoea.

Most of the patients complain of headache and pain in the back. After four to ten hours of severe pain and difficulty breathing, the condition begins to subside but there may be relapses. Most of the patients recover without any secondary complications.

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**American Films.**

**PROVIDE LAUGHTER FOR GERMAN FANS.**

MUNICH.—(A.P.)—Horn-timed spectacles are now regarded by Europeans as the infallible label of Americanism. Harold Lloyd has displaced Charlie Chaplin in their favor. They have even for the moment forgotten bawling Douglas Fairbanks. Tom Mix and other professional wild-westerners, and accept the bespectacled Harold at the typical American. And it is difficult to reconcile the tortoiseshell blinkers with cow-camps, and Indians. Europeans are getting somewhat muddled in their conceptions of American life.

For years cowboys and benders with egg-toed shoes and padded shoulders represented American mankind to Europe. The British comic papers and the British stage gave Europe its pictures of life in the United States. Then the movies came to the fore, and Europe insisted on having films which would not violate its notions on how Americans look and act. Films of conventional life in the United States apparently do not appeal to European crowds. At any rate they are never shown.

The ordinary European film is so slow in its action that the movie houses rely very largely on American films for their pep and comedy. Europe produces tragedies without end. Italy, Spain, France and Germany stage sorrow and grief. Sweden also supplies many tear-wringers and Russia is beginning to send soulful films into the houses of western Europe. So it remains for the Americans to supply something amusing and lively.

Europe has starved and fought and suffered so long that it wants a great change. European comedians have tried to make their fellow countrymen laugh, but they have failed so far in their efforts to produce first class comedy films. Even the third-rate American comedies are more successful in Europe than the films in which the leading comedians of Europe have been featured.

Comic nights are frequently advertised in German film theatres, when only the comic films of certain American favorites are shown. German producers, German actors, and many of the German critics denounce American comic films as foolish and inept, but the public crowd the theatres when they are shown and pay its hard-earned marks for a chance to laugh.

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**THIS EVENING'S WEDDING.**—The wedding of Miss Mary Shea and Mr. M. Cedric West takes place this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Oratory of the Mercy Convent.

**Foreign Victims  
of Quake Robbed,  
Then Murdered.**

**REFUGEES ON CANADIAN VESSEL  
CONFIRM KILLING AND LOOTING  
REPORTS.**

London, Sept. 11. (Associated Press).—Refugees from Japan, who were brought to Shanghai by the steamer Empress of Canada, confirm reports that foreign victims of the disaster were robbed and murdered, says a Shanghai despatch to the Morning Post. All the survivors, many of whom were taken to hospitals, told poignant stories of their experiences. Many are penniless and without clothes, while several dementia patients are being cared for.

Some of the foreign business concerns, says the correspondent, have decided against reopening their Yokohama establishments, fearing that conditions in that city will always be uncertain.

Five thousand tons of foodstuffs and medical supplies have been shipped from Shanghai to Kobe together with eighty tons of frozen meats, representing Hong Kong's donation to the Japanese people.

Two relief parties of doctors and nurses have gone to Tokyo and Yokohama. It is reported that Kobe is overcrowded and that there is danger of an epidemic there.

Tokio, Sept. 11. (Associated Press).—Investigation by the authorities of the Honjo district, that part of Tokyo which is hemmed in by the sea, the Sumida River and by canals, showed that the previous estimates of loss of life there were not exaggerated.

The residents of this, the poorest quarter of the capital, were trapped by the flames which followed the earthquake. The ruins throughout the district were crowded with dead, the majority of whom, it is believed, were suffocated. In many instances it was discovered that the clothing of the victims was not even burned.

In various parts of Tokyo thousands of bodies are being stacked for cremation.

Tokio, Sept. 11. United Press. (By Wireless from Iwakaki).—An entirely modern Tokyo is to rise from the ashes of disaster.

A plan similar to that used in building Washington, D.C., has been tentatively adopted. Electrical, manufacturing and other industries already are placing orders for machines, equipment and food with firms—given before the last of Tokyo's corpses have been cleared from the ruins laid by the quake of September 1 and the resultant fires.

Reports from various devastated districts indicate the damage to property has been even greater than first reported.

A tremendous tidal wave which swept Kamakura immediately after Oshima, four miles off shore, erupted violently and disappeared beneath the sea.

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**Bolsheviks Study  
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Captain Jacques Sadoul, former French officer who was sentenced to death in France for the part he played in promoting sedition among the French marines and sailors who were sent against the Bolshevik troops at Odessa in 1919, is among the experts on the Bolshevik staff who are conducting this new laboratory. Jean Arens, who was wounded by the assassin who killed Vorowski, the Russian unofficial delegate at the Lausanne Conference, is another member of the laboratory staff.

At present the laboratory is much interested in dissecting America's foreign policy. President Coolidge is under the microscope. His speeches and official activities are being studied, along with reports of the possibility of Secretary of State Hughes' resignation from the Cabinet. American Senators travelling in Europe are also being investigated, especially those who have Russia on their itinerary.

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One of them had nothing to say against the man, but could not sup-

port him because the platform of his party did not meet with approval.

"Platform!" snorted the other. "Don't yer know that a political platform is just like the platform of this 'ere bus? It ain't meant to stand on. It's just meant to get on."

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