

THE GREAT WHITE PLAGUE IN EUROPE

DEATH THREATENS CHILDREN
DEPRIVED OF FATS.

Tuberculosis Preys on War-Stricken
Countries in the Wake of
Food Shortage.

War-stricken Europe is threatened with the great white plague—tuberculosis—because of long-continued reduction of fats in the food. Reports from Belgium show a great increase in all forms of tuberculosis. Many cases which were supposed to have been cured are reappearing because of the enormous lack of butter, milk, and cream.

In many of the clinics tuberculosis has increased more than 10 per cent. as a result of the war. While in some hospital wards 30 to 40 per cent. of the patients are tubercular, the children's hospital shows an increase still greater, almost to 150 per cent.

Dr. Tierce, president of the Anti-war anti-tuberculosis organization, reports that aside from the fact that there is a great increase in the frequency of the dread disease the cases appear more malignant and that healing of the lesions are much more difficult.

Fats in the most common forms of butter, milk and cream have been largely taken from the populace, and as a result people have lost normal natural resistive power to throw off infection. Tubercular bacilli grow rapidly in such soil, as may be found in generally "run-down" individuals of lowered vitality. In Europe tuberculous adenitis has increased five to ten fold. In some communities practically none of the children of the poor are free from glandular tuberculosis.

A Matter of Nutrition. Look at the report from only two schools in Brussels. Out of 416 boys 365 have developed large cervical glands. In another school out of 683 children 428 have enlarged glands.

What is true of Belgium is true of central Europe. Prussia admits of a 77 per cent. increase in tubercular death rate. Bavaria and Wurttemberg, 40 per cent.; Saxony, 66 per cent.; Hesse, 159 per cent.

Vienna since 1913 shows 98 per cent. increase of deaths from tuberculosis. Prague 72 per cent. and Budapest 100 per cent. increase. Now, while exposure of troops at the front may help in a measure to swell these statistics, on the whole it is largely a matter of nutrition.

London also shows increased tuberculosis mortality.

Tuberculosis is an infectious disease, but it does not thrive in a body whose vital resistance is high. Children with large glands afford most susceptible soil for tubercular infection. Such children and all other children who can must spend one-half to three-fourths of their time out of doors in the sunshine and should be given a diet rich in fats, including a quart of whole milk, four squares of butter or a substitute, one-eighth pint of cream and two eggs daily, aside from other foods. And remember that ripe olives and many nuts contain a lot of fat and that corn bread is better for them than fine white bread, and that a supper of cornmeal mush and cream is infinitely better than pie or coffee.

CITY BOYS ON THE FARM. Conditions Under Which the Work Should be Watched.

The draining of the country of labor available for farm work has attracted attention to the potential value of the boy in his "teens" as a means of overcoming the labor shortage. For the past two seasons, many of these boys have undertaken farm work during vacation, and many have, by special arrangement regarding examinations, gone on the farm early in May or June. They have thus accumulated considerable experience of farm work, and should be of great assistance this year.

Better organization methods are required, however, than has been the case in the past. The boys do not come under the class of farm laborers; they belong to good homes, and volunteer for farm work only to help in the important campaign for greater production. In too many instances they have brought back with them from their summer work recollections which do not act as an incentive to undergoing further experience of the same kind.

Some form of registration and inspection of conditions under which these boys are placed should be made. Comfortable quarters and good meals should be available. These are necessary to growing boys. The hours of work should be limited, rate of remuneration should be a definite and clear-cut arrangement and they should be encouraged to learn farm work. In other words, the boys should be permitted to see the bright side of life on the farm as well as that which may not be so attractive.

Canada is badly in need of men to cultivate her broad lands, and satisfactory experience on the farm during school life may induce many boys to follow the vocation of farming in later days.



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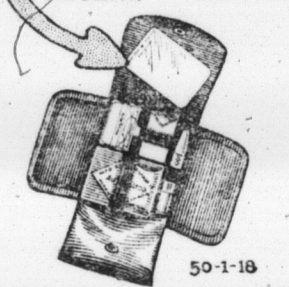
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LIFE IN THE DEAD SEA.

Animal and Vegetable Life Exists
Near Its Shores.

The Dead Sea is not so dead as it has been painted, if we are to believe a recent lecturer before the Royal Geographical Society, Dr. W. G. Merton. He is thus quoted in The English Mechanic and World of Science.

"Ancient writers established a myth that the Dead Sea was an abode of death, that its shores were sterile, and that even birds flying over its water were liable to fall dead. All these ideas are now known to be the reverse of the truth. It was true that the waters were so permeated with salt that no animal or vegetable life could flourish in the bulk of its volume, but near the shores, where streams of brackish water found their way into the sea, small fish, crabs, and mosquito larvae were found, and he had seen fish in the sea. A bottle of water taken from the same spot immediately afterward was proved to contain no less than 33.3 per cent. of solids. In one of the Jericho hotels, before the war, there was a declaration jointly signed the same year by over a dozen tourists that they saw fish actively swimming at the same spot. At many spots along the shore there are cases in which acres of reeds and many trees flourish, and at such spots animal life and bird life was abundant."

Parsnips do well on land that last year produced potatoes, celery or leeks.

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Protect Birds, Conservation Plea.

At a time when the largest crops possible are being urged in England the public is advised that starlings and chaffinches kill pests, and that pests prey on the crops, says a London correspondent. A campaign for the protection of birds is being waged throughout the country as an aid to crops.

ONE RESULT OF THE WAR.

The World-Famous Passion Play May
Never Again Be Enacted.

Oberammergau, the little village in Bavaria that became world-famous as the home of the Passion Play, is virtually a deserted village where sorrow broods. All of its male inhabitants capable of bearing arms have entered the ranks of the Bavarian army, and many have fallen in battle.

Miss Madeline Doty, who has visited the village, in recording her experiences in the Atlantic Monthly relates a conversation that she had with a waitress at the little hotel.

"The town is sad," she averred. "Why shouldn't it be?" she retorted. "We have lost so much."

"How many men have gone to the war?" she asked.

"Every one under forty-five. Five hundred and fifty out of a population of eighteen hundred."

We paused a moment. It seemed brutal to go on now, but we wanted information.

"There were forty killed and forty-eight wounded the first year. I don't know the number now."

"Will there ever be another Passion Play?"

She shrugged her shoulders. "How can I tell?" Some of the players and musicians have lost an arm or a leg, and others are dead. The town no longer has any money."

We pushed back our chairs and went out into the golden sunshine. No one moved about the streets. It was like a village swept by a plague and deserted. War has been a special disaster to Oberammergau. It has dealt a blow at its spiritual as well as its physical welfare.

The Soldier's Father. I'm feeling pretty much alone And lonely, since the boys are gone. They've left me with the hired man To run the farm as best we can.

It's hard, and work is moving slow— But when their duty calls, they go.

So I, like old man Zebeked, Beside the Lake of Galilee, Said: "Leave behind your cares and frets;

I'll stay on here and mend the nets, And keep the tight old bark a-swim; You go and follow Him."

The Archbishop of York at Wycliffe College.

On his recent visit to Toronto, the Archbishop of York spent a short time at Wycliffe College, where the Founders' Chapel was the particular point of his interest, the larger part of the building being at the present time used for military purposes.

Doctor O'Meara, the principal showed him the Roll of Honor which gives the names of thirty graduates and seventy undergraduates who are serving with His Majesty's forces as Chaplains of combatants, and the Memorial Roll on which are inscribed the names of two graduates and seven undergraduates who have paid the supreme price of self-sacrificing service. The table, in memory of the Founders, and Axel Enders' famous picture of the Resurrection, were objects of his special remark.

Before leaving, His Grace offered intercession for the College and its Staff, its students and its graduates. He was accompanied by the Archbishop of Algoma, the Bishop of Toronto, the Mayor of the city, Archdeacon Cody, and a number of clerical and lay friends.

The new College flag was flown in honor of his visit.

British Treasury Receives Gift. An envelope containing \$500 recently was found in a letter box in Liverpool, says a London correspondent. The packet was addressed "For the Treasury."

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Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff. A Schoolboy's Idea.

A schoolboy's composition: "Winter is the coldest season of the year, because it comes mostly in winter. In some place, in auntie's pocket, it comes in summer, then it is not so worse. I wish winter came in summer here, then we could go skating barefooted and make snowballs without getting our fingers frozen. When it snows in summer they call it rain."

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Could Not Trace Him.

During the British advance on Jericho an enemy shell struck an ancient tomb and revealed a skeleton. Investigation by the official archaeologists connected with the British staff pointed to the skeleton being that of an historical figure, John of Antioch.

Accordingly a cable was despatched to the War Office in London: "Have discovered skeleton supposed to be that of John of Antioch."

The War Office replied: "Cannot trace John Antioch. Send identification disk."

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS. How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain.

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezeone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

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If your druggist hasn't stocked this new drug yet, tell him to get a small bottle of freezeone for you from his wholesale drug house.

Mixed Them Up. The squad of recruits was particularly dense, and the sergeant got more and more exasperated. One man appeared quite incapable of telling his right hand from his left.

Said the sergeant at last: "Now, yer bloomin' idiot, hold yer hands in front of yer. Twixt them ope over the other. Stop! Now tell me which is yer left hand and which is yer right."

The recruit looked blankly at his hands for a moment.

"I'm blowed if I know," he said; "you have gone and mixed 'em up."

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