

DECLARES NOBODY OUGHT TO DIE FROM PNEUMONIA NOW

James Douglas, editor of the London Sunday Express writes as follows in the Daily Express: Sir Charles Hawtry has died of pneumonia after catching a cold. President Harding has died of pneumonia after eating crabs which produced ptomaine poisoning. There is no connection between colds and crabs. Why then, should Hawtry and Harding both die of pneumonia? I ask the question as a layman who has had extensive and expensive dealings with doctors.

Let me tell you all I know about pneumonia. Some years ago I grew weary of being laid up for weeks with influenza. I was inoculated against it by a Harley street bacteriologist, and I have never had it seriously since. He talked to me about serums and antitoxins. Among other things, he told me that nobody ought to die of pneumonia.

"Pneumonia" he said, is not itself a disease. It is the sequel of any shock to the system, whether that shock be a disease, or concussion of the brain, or an accidental fracture of a limb, or a great grief or any sudden mental stress or strain. The pneumonia bacillus is present in every human being; but it becomes dangerous only when the defending garrison is so gravely weakened that it becomes unable to resist its ravages. Anything that weakens the garrison permits the pneumonia bacilli to multiply and storm the citadel, namely the heart unless a culture is made from the patient's own bacilli and injected without delay.

My bacteriologist then related the following anecdote. A man of seventy broke his thigh by falling down the steps of his house during a frost. His doctor did not believe in inoculation. He met the bacteriologist and told him that the old man would die of pneumonia in a week. "Let me take a swab from his throat" said the bacteriologist "and I guarantee that he will not die of pneumonia." "He is an old man. He will die anyhow. I don't believe in your anti-toxin."

Next day the bacteriologist met the doctor in the street. "A queer thing has happened," said the doctor. "The old man's wife, aged 80 has fallen down the same steps. She will also die of pneumonia. They will both be dead in a week." "Well," said the bacteriologist, "let me have one of them. Give me the old lady, as she is ten years older. Or, if you like, we'll toss for one of them." The doctor agreed to toss. They tossed, and the bacteriologist got the old lady. He took a swab from her throat made a culture, inoculated her and she recovered. Her husband died in seven days.

Some time afterwards a relative of mine sustained a grievous mental shock. My doctor treated her for that and for that only. I noticed that her lungs were affected. I told the doctor that I feared pneumonia and I persuaded him to

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examine her lungs. He then diagnosed pneumonia. I urged him to take a swab from her throat and allow me to have a culture made. Very reluctantly he did so, and I got a culture made in 24 hours. But the doctor would not use the anti-toxin. The patient developed double pneumonia and nearly died.

Now I do not know whether anti-toxin was used in the case of Sir Charles Hawtry or of President Harding. The cables about the President's illness mention oxygen cylinders, but they do not refer to anti-toxin. As a layman I want to know whether there is a conflict of view between the orthodox physician and the bacteriologist. I found it impossible to persuade the physician to use the anti-toxin which was at the bedside. For the lay public the problem is one of life and death. My own belief is that anti-toxin employed in the early stage of pneumonia is the remedy for the appalling scourge. Am I right or am I wrong? Are the physicians at loggerheads with the bacteriologists?



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Inbound ships from the United Kingdom are averaging 4,500 tons of freight for discharge at Vancouver. Outbound they take about 4,000 tons per vessel. Last year the average outward tonnage was practically the same while the inbound was only about one tenth of what it now is.

Announcement has been made that a Government wireless station is to be erected on St. Paul's Island, which stands in the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, off the most north-easterly point of Nova Scotia. Two Government wireless engineers have arrived there and are making arrangements for the erection of the station.

One hundred and forty thousand Canadian school boys have been banded into an army of guards to watch for and prevent forest fires in the Dominion this year, according to an announcement made by the Canadian Forestry Association. The new organization, which is known as the Young Canadians' Forest League, will, it is expected, save several million dollars' worth of timber from fire ravages.

That "prospects for increased immigration into Canada are excellent" was one of the most important statements made by E. W. Beatty, K.C., upon his return from an extended tour of England and European capitals. The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway believes Canada is progressing in the matter of immigration, but intensified efforts are essential, he considers, to offset erroneous impressions abroad that Canada does not require new settlers.

A record run between Winnipeg and Quebec was recently made by a special Canadian Pacific train when passengers from the Orient were, through delay caused by landslide, in danger of missing their connection with the C.P.S.S. "Empress of Scotland" at the eastern port. The train covered the 1,579 miles in a little over 36 hours, whereas the schedule time for trains between these two cities is 53 hours. The passengers had crossed the Pacific on the C.P.S.S. "Empress of Russia" and were taking advantage of the 21 day Orient-to-Europe service of the Company.

The United States has invested in Canada \$2,500,000,000, according to the Bankers' Trust Company of New York, which has just completed a survey of Canadian industry and the amount of United States capital invested. Of the total sum invested, \$1,200,000,000 is in bonds, and the remainder in farms, mortgages, small businesses, industrial enterprises, banking and private loans. It is computed that more than 200 branch factories were opened in Canada by United States concerns in 1919, and a great number in 1920 and 1921, and that late in 1922 the number of these came to 700.

A collie dog is reported to have saved the life of a London West girl, while accompanying the child to a nearby store. On the way she stopped on the C.P.R. railroad tracks in the path of a westbound flier. Realizing the child's peril, the dog threw himself against her with sufficient impact to knock her clear of danger, and was cut to pieces by the train before he could regain safety.

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- Inspectorial district No. 1. P.G. McFarlane: Graded—Newcastle, 1. J.H. Barnett, 95; 2nd Miss Gray Newcastle, 90. Rural—1, George Gregg, Hayesville, 95; 2, Miss Anna Taylor, Wilksbrook, 90. Semi-Rural—1, Miss Lena Carten, Jacquet River, 95; 2, Miss Ida M. Bartha, Atholville, 95.

Bill Sharen May Not Race Again

"It's just possible that Bill Sharen 204 1/2 will not race again," says the American Horse Breeder. The Fredericton bred trotter now owned by Joseph J. Roberts of Worcester Mass., who refused \$9,000 for him a few days ago is reported to have gone "very lame behind" in his recent races at Goshen, N.Y.

W.G. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, in one of his most recent articles on racing says that Capt. O'Neill 219 1/4 the trotter by Captain Aubrey 207 1/4 being raced for Hugh O'Neill of this city by John Willard the Piquette Isle, Me., reinsman is "rated as another Bill Sharen."

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