

HE AIMS TO-MAKE HEALTH CONTAGIOUS

Methods at Mt. Sinai Hospital Health Class Explained by Dr. Wile, Its Founder—Treated Before Very Ill.

New York City boasts of being probably the only city in the world in which there is a Children's Health Class—an institution where children are inoculated against disease when disease does not

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even threaten them. An attempt is being made, in this new movement, to make health contagious, and thus far results have been highly satisfactory.

Dr. Ira S. Wile, well-known physician and associate editor of American Medicine, feels that many ills prevalent in childhood are preventable and that children ought to take pride in being

healthy. This health-spreading movement among boys and girls of which Dr. Wile is the founder is being tried out at the Children's Health Class at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

"Our work, which aims for an uncontrollable epidemic of health, is mainly preventive," Dr. Wile said. "The Children's Health Class differs from the ordinary clinic in that it gets the child before it is actually ill. The child may be only run down or weak. Since it has nothing organic the matter with it, the ordinary clinic, because of the very nature of its work, can do little for the child. Yet without the proper care and attention it will not be long before the child does really become ill. It is right here that the health class steps in, and without prescribing any medicine at all it takes the weak child and put it on the road to health. At the same time the healthy child is taught how to continue in health."

"Experience has shown me that a great deal can be accomplished in the treatment of children without the use of medicine. I believe in the psychological approach and in the power of suggestion in the treatment of children. Not only the physical side of the child is taken into consideration, but its mental and moral habits are also looked into. Thus all the problems of childhood are being unified here. The child is studied as a human being in its own realm of life where not two children are alike. For each child there is an individual treatment. After all, it is the child that is being treated and not the disease."

"The visitor to the Children's Health Class is particularly struck by the fact that it possesses an atmosphere peculiarly its own and unlike that found in an ordinary clinic. The waiting room is not a place of rigid discipline and formality, but abounds in cheerfulness and activity. Adults and children are free to move about as they please and are encouraged to interest themselves in the work going on, to study the educational material available, to compare gains in weight, to note the progress of other children, and to acquire the point of view that health is an asset worth achieving. A sense of beauty and joy prevails through an ample provision of books, games, toys, racing horses, blackboard and the like, for the children."

Dr. Wile believes firmly in the humanizing element. Children at his class are never shut up alone with a doctor.

They are examined in front of all the other children and adults. What is said is for the benefit of all. Every mother in the room thus can learn preventive methods in respect to her own child.

The children are treated for all sorts of minor ailments. "Sometimes," Dr. Wile explained, "a mother will come to me and say, 'My child won't eat.' The home life of the child will then be gone into. The mother will be asked the kind of meals she prepares for the child. Or sometimes a worried mother will tell me, 'My child persists in lying.' The child is then taught the power of self-control as applied to the things he says. Another mother will complain that her child refuses to drink milk. We advise her to put the milk in an attractive container and to teach the child this little nursery rhyme:

Mistress Mary, quite contrary,
What is it makes you grow?
Lots of milk and butter and bread,
Eggs and oatmeal and apples red,
And vegetables all in a row.

The class, which is maintained by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and to which juvenile New York is invited, meets every Wednesday afternoon from three to six. The average attendance is a little over eighty.

Discussing the children's clinic of the future, Dr. Wile said that it would be in the nature of a general clearing house for all conditions affecting childhood.

"Its relations will be centrifugal to all organizations focussing their thought upon child welfare," said Dr. Wile, "but the sphere of influence affected will be the child's world. Childhood will then come into its own so far as it is humanly possible to compass the necessities and progress of child welfare."

IS IT DREAM OF OCEAN TRAVEL BY AIR ROUTE?

Berlin Talks of Huge Airships to Travel 100 Miles an Hour and Carry 150 People.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—(A. P., by mail).—Will the air over the Atlantic soon be roaring with giant floating palaces capable of making the trans-oceanic flight in sixty hours?

Some enthusiasts, who say definite plans are under consideration for monster trans-Atlantic air liners, are described in other quarters as mere "pipe-dreamers."

The proposed ships would each have a gas capacity of 110,000 to 180,000 cubic meters. They would tear through the clouds at the rate of 140 miles an hour, unless there was no urgent demand for speed, in which case they would slow down to 100 miles. Such a vessel would be 275 meters long, thirty-five meters wide at its greatest diameter, and thirty-nine meters high from the top of the gas-bag to the bottom of the body. The power would be provided by five motors of 800 horsepower each. Its carrying capacity would be 80,000 kilograms, of which 40,000 would be required for fuel, food, etcetera, the remainder being for mails and passengers. The estimated passenger accommodations would allow for 100 fares in addition to a crew of fifty. The mammoth airships would be equipped with all possible comforts and conveniences, resembling in comfort the great ocean steamships now in service.

German gossip on the aerial possibilities of the near future does not rest, however, with the channels over the Atlantic. A prophecy is made that many years will not pass before the United States will have inaugurated a service between her mainland and the islands she holds in the Far East.

STEERAGE BALKY, HOLDS SHIP 5 HOURS

Fifty-six in Third Cabin Protest at Being Sent to Hoffman Island for Examination — Police Quell Near Mutiny.

A "mutiny" among steerage passengers on the Shipping Board liner President Adams held the boat at Quarantine for five hours because steerage passengers refused to obey the command of the inspectors of the United States Public Health Service.

A wireless call was sent out from the liner for the harbor police, and several of the largest men in the squads, under command of Acting Inspector J. L. Falconer, went aboard to enforce the rulings of the health officers. Then the liner was permitted to go to her pier to discharge her first cabin passengers from Cherbourg, London and Queenstown.

Despite the protest of the ship's doctor, G. T. McMaster, four passengers were put aboard at Queenstown who could not pass the examination and, he said, should have been sent to a delousing station before being permitted to board the vessel. When the ship arrived in American waters, the doctor found that seven additional persons had come in touch with the other four, and were ready for a delousing station on this side.

When he informed the boarding officers of this condition at Quarantine, they ruled that the eleven should be sent to Hoffman Island for vermin examination, and a search was made for the men. Ten were found, but the eleventh could not be located anywhere on the ship, although members of the crew searched every cranny.

Unwilling to let the man escape into this country without the examination, the inspectors ruled that the entire steerage passenger list of 429 persons should be sent to Hoffman Island for examination, and they said that the alternative was to find the eleventh man, so that his companions could be released. The passengers were not able to turn over No. 11, and the inspectors and ship's officers ordered the steerage passengers to leave the President Adams and board the boat for Hoffman Island.

All complied, except fifty-six persons, who declared that the ruling of the inspectors should also apply to several passengers who had taken their meals in the first-class cabin, but had been found to sleep in the steerage because

of lack of cabin accommodations. They said they believed that those passengers ought to be picked out of the 137 first-class passengers, and also required to go to Hoffman's Island for examination.

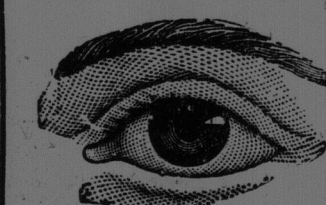
The officers thought differently, and still the recalcitrants refused to board the Hoffman Island boat. Then Captain J. Pendlebury put out his police flags and sent a radio message for the New York police. The police tug Manhattan went out to the President Adams.

Inspector Falconer made a short speech to the fifty-six steerage passengers. He told them that they could take their choice of obeying the inspectors and walking off the boat or of being put off by his squad of big men. They walked off.

Some of those who were in the first-class lists but had been compelled by lack of accommodations to sleep in the steerage were Ernest Edward Schaefer, a Harvard student, whose father is in business at 315 Fourth avenue; Frederick Brokaw, an Oxford student, of 61 Fifth avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geary of 151 West Sixty-second street.

U. S. SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF PALESTINE AS JEWISH HOMELAND

Washington, Sept. 22.—President Harding late yesterday signed the joint resolution adopted by the senate and house expressing U. S. approval of the restoration of Palestine as a Jewish homeland. The resolution is said by Zionists



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to be practically identical in phrasology to the declaration of the British government of Nov. 2, 1917, recognizing and approving Zionist aspirations, since carried into effect in the Palestine mandate, recently ratified by the League of Nations.

GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL NEXT MONTH

Montreal, Sept. 22.—At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Good Roads Association here yesterday, arrangements were completed for an interprovincial good roads conference in Montreal early in October. Each of the provinces will be invited to send delegates.

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