

Germans Spread White Plague?

Infected French Civilians With Dread Disease Before Retiring, is Charge Made

New York, April 13.—That the Germans made a deliberate attempt to spread the white plague through France is the opinion of Dr. Theodore C. Beebe, distinguished Boston pathologist, who has charge of the laboratory of the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly, France.

The staff correspondent of the New York World in Paris, summarizes results of investigations made by Dr. Beebe, all tending to add this horrible crime of deliberately spreading tuberculosis to the long list of atrocities which already blacken Germany's war history.

German doctors told the French people that smallpox was epidemic and it was necessary to vaccinate everybody.

"It is a highly significant fact that only those who have been vaccinated have developed tuberculosis," said Dr. Beebe, "whereas unvaccinated children are suffering from pneumonia and other diseases, and unvaccinated older people, while extremely ill, show no signs of tuberculosis. This state of affairs must naturally point grave suspicion toward the German practices."

Both Drs. Calliez and Caquille agreed with Dr. Beebe that it would be impossible to know positively if the German doctors injected germ cultures of tuberculosis or merely tuberculin as a preventive against consumption, or real vaccine as a safeguard against fancied smallpox, without being present at the time of injection and examining the serum used, as the result of these injections would be roughly the same—an eruption on the patient's arm, and so forth.

"No hell is too deep for people who would commit such a crime," said Dr. Beebe, to Elliott Fitch Shepard, who is still caring for sixteen refugees in his home, three having died.

"Although the injection might have been either vaccine or tuberculin, from what we know of the Germans, especially soldiers in the field, we do not look for any humane acts from them, like vaccinating people to safeguard their health," said Dr. Beebe. "If these vaccinations took place when the Germans first invaded France one might think it was to keep the people healthy so the soldiers would not catch any diseases."

"But all these refugees agree that in no cases were vaccinations made prior to a month or six weeks before the evacuation, in other words, when it became apparent to the Germans that they must retreat."

"Too bad, Dr. Beebe," added Dr. Caquille, "that you did not get here sooner, as nearly all the tuberculosis cases turned into quick consumption, and the victims died off like flies."

Land Grants For Soldiers

Hon. Robert Rogers Outlines Scheme for Gift of 160 Acres And Loan of \$1,500 With Course of Training

London, April 14.—The Canadian Associated Press is informed that the memorandum submitted by the Hon. Robert Rogers and Bruce Walker to the Empire Land Settlement committee, endorsing the dominion proposals for the settlement of ex-soldiers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, contains the following proposals: "The Canadian minister of the interior would reserve large areas of suitable lands in the prairie provinces for settlement by ex-servicemen, the administration of which is to be in the hands of a settlement board. It is proposed to grant approved ex-servicemen 160 acres each of crown lands, and the following persons are entitled to participate in the free gift of land: Honorably discharged soldiers, sailors who enlisted for active service in the naval forces of Canada during the present war, soldiers and sailors domiciled in Canada at the outbreak of the war and afterwards engaged in active service, and widows whose husbands died during active service.

In addition to the 160 acres of land, the settlement board would be empowered to grant a loan of \$1,500 to each approved person to cover the cost of a house, barn, implements, stock and preparing the land for cultivation. The loan shall constitute a first charge on the homestead, and be advanced at a low rate of interest, repayment to be made within fifteen years. All applicants shall have sufficient farming experience or training before being eligible. Inexperienced agricultural workers are to be trained on demonstration farms of the various governments.

Women Discuss Cost of Living

Mass Meeting Under Auspices of Housewives League Hears Much Practical Advice

An idea of what the women of St. John can do to reduce the high cost of living was brought forcibly out in the Opera House yesterday at a mass meeting under the auspices of the Housewives League. Miss Hazel Winter of Fredericton, provincial supervisor for the Women's Institute, was the chief speaker and she laid out some very valuable and practical suggestions as to how the women can promote economy and thrift and create new interest in the trend of affairs and further broaden the scope of activity of women in the world war.

Mayor Hides spoke briefly to the large audience. He urged the people to practice what they preached in the way of thrift.

Mrs. J. W. Lawlor, president of the Housewives League, said that the women today were chiefly responsible for the high cost of living. She said the people pay the high prices demanded without even asking the reason for such prices.

Mrs. E. B. Hooper, corresponding secretary of the league, took up housekeeping as a business and running the household on a business basis. She outlined many causes responsible for financial difficulties.

Miss Winter followed with the address of the afternoon. She took as her subject Women's Responsibilities at the Present Time, and pointed out how thrift, production and patriotism had become so closely connected as to be synonymous. She said that the man of thrift earns largely, plans carefully, manages economically, spends wisely and saves consistently. She also outlined ways to economize.

Miss Isabel Brown, Dominion secretary of the League of Honor of Toronto, and who is connected with the Ontario Thrift League, told how the women of Toronto promote thrift and economy.

Mrs. Lawlor then said that she hoped many new members would join the Housewives League. The mayor then made a few remarks and the meeting was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Was a Nervous Wreck But is Now Well Again

What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did for Alberta Woman

Miss E. M. Shannon Suffered for Years from a Score of Ills and Found Quick Relief and Cure for All of Them in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Junkins, Alberta, Apr. 13th.—(Special)—One more splendid cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills has been added to the long list that have made the great Canadian kidney remedy so popular in the west. Miss E. M. Shannon, who lives on a farm near here, was a nervous wreck. Today she is strong and well. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her.

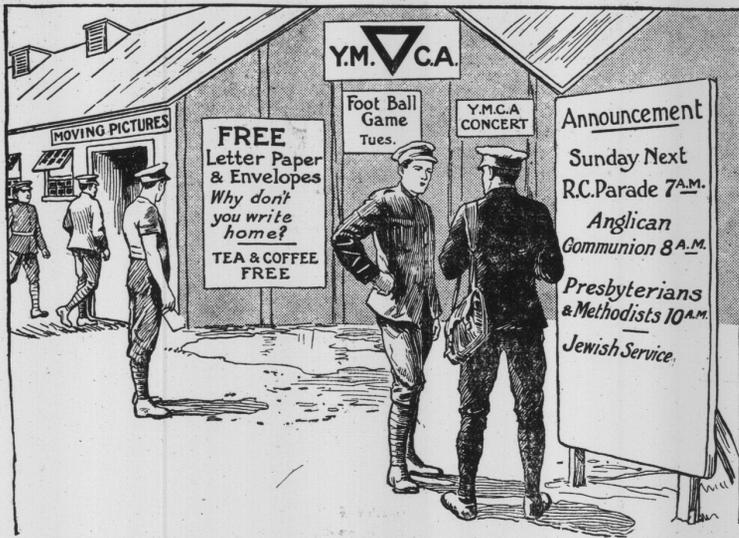
"I was a nervous wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills," Miss Shannon says in telling her story. "My trouble started from a strain, and I suffered for years. I had cramps in the muscles, my joints were stiff and I could not sleep well. My appetite was fitful, I was always tired, my eyes were puffed and swollen and had dark circles under them. I was depressed and low spirited. There was a heavy dragging sensation across my loins and my skin itched and burned at night.

"When rheumatism and neuralgia were added to my troubles I consulted a doctor, but got no lasting relief. I took three and a half boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I cannot speak too highly of what they have done for me."

Every one of Miss Shannon's ills was a symptom of kidney trouble. That is why she got such quick results from Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dance, Concert and Social A dance, concert and pie social held under the auspices of Union Jack Lodge No. 35 P. A. P. B., in their rooms, Simonds street, last evening was a success. An excellent concert programme was given by Miss Spencer, Mrs. Hamilton, C. Kane, Miss Hunter, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Baird, Miss Stella Anderson, W. Spencer, Arthur Jones, Miss A. Bennett and Miss T. Bailey. Mr. Spencer acted as auctioneer at the pie social. The committee in charge consisted of Harold McCall, J. M. Howe, Ernest Morrill, Thos. Morrill, A. Wheaton, B. Logan, Thos. Hunter and W. Spencer. The proceeds will provide boxes for the boys at the front who are members of the lodge and for their families at home.

Warm and Fairer Miss Passé—"How is the weather, Marie?" The Maid—"Fresh and windy, madame." Miss Passé—"Very well. Put a healthy flush on my cheeks this morning. I'm going out."



Be Generous!

VAINLY do we endeavour to realize the terrible hardships of army life which Tommy endures so bravely for our sake. Try to imagine yourself, after a weary march of many miles, hurried into the firing line; picture those terrible days and watchful nights amid the rushing of "whizz-bangs" and screaming "coal-boxes," those weary, trying hours of tense nervous strain and extreme physical endurance that test men's very souls. Meanwhile Grim Death stalks alert and ready—always!

After those boys of priceless worth have withstood the strain, thankful are they to be alive, thankful for the bit of strength left to get them back to lonely billets, but with still the merry jest in spite of all! Are they not ready for a bit of extra relief which you can provide? What magnificent heroes! And yet all this is but their routine duty! What of the strain and terrors of actual battle! Where is the man or

woman in all Canada who could withhold from them one single comfort! Unthinkable! "Do you know what 'fed up' means? Ask the Tommy who has spent seven days in the trenches in the wet and cold. Come into a bright and cheery Y.M.C.A. 'hut' for two or three hours before going to that billet of yours in some barn—then place your value on the work of the Y.M.C.A."

Help the Y.M.C.A. to help the soldiers

On your behalf, for the welfare of your boys in that vast line of military camps from Vancouver to the firing line in France, the Y.M.C.A. Military Service Department spent about \$50,000.00 during the period from August, 1914, to April, 1916. It was far from enough to go around.

generosity towards our boys. We must provide for them, not only in England and France, but in Military Camps all over Canada. Your boy must be started right!

The poor widow sends her mite. The soldier sends part of his pay. One officer sent \$50; another sent \$100 from France, "being a donation of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the unit as an expression of appreciation of splendid work." We ask you, for the sake of your boys—be generous according to your means.

six months. \$500 will furnish small "hut" (25 ft. x 100 ft.) in France.

Many "huts" in France bear the names of dead heroes. These huts were built as memorials.

If the Y.M.C.A. Representatives do not reach you personally, send your offering by cheque, post office order or registered letter to Treasurer of Y.M.C.A. Military Committee (address below). Make cheques payable to Treasurer of Y.M.C.A. Military Committee.

Write for illustrated paper giving extended reports of Y.M.C.A. activities, soldiers' stories and letters from the front.

Some Suggestions:

\$7,500 will erect and furnish large hut in England. \$6,000 will erect, but not furnish, large hut in England. \$2,000 will erect, but not furnish, small "hut" (25 ft. x 100 ft.) in France. \$1,500 will maintain special Y.M.C.A. evangelists among the troops for

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Mutt and Jeff—Jeff's Letter Was Strictly a Secret; Strictly--Yes, Sir

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