

..The Planet..

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RATS.

This heading may perhaps lead the reader to expect funnigrams suitable for the "silly season." If so, he will be disappointed, agreeably or otherwise, according to his taste.

The matter is serious. Rats are the forerunners and cause of death. They have been proved, not only by scientists and experts, but by the experience of thousands of average people in widely separated cities, to be the precursor and distributors of the Bubonic Plague, the mortality from which ranged from 182 for Europeans to 934 amid Chinese in Hong Kong, among those infected, 50 to 90 per cent. is the range of deaths, taking the world at large.

Just how the rats carry the infection to men, is a moot point, but carry it they do. The theory that rat-fleas form the medium and go-between, is now scouted. The rats are the first to be affected by the plague, and then, as Homer somewhat similarly wrote long before the Christian era about the epidemic round Troy, men fall victims. Rats affected by the plague become what the Chinese aptly call "tame." Losing most of their ferocity, they also lose their cunning and fear of man. They invade the kitchen and living rooms, sip at water pails and run over provisions. Finally they die perhaps in a sewer and they become dangerous after death since their bubonic bacilli get into water in wells. In laboratories and during their destruction bubonic rats are dangerous to handle dead or alive, with the naked hands and are moved with specially made tongs, while immune to the bubonic poison and cats only slightly responsive, rats not only convey the infection and receive it in advance of man, but sometimes the plague originates with the rat.

This latter fact is most significant, because it shows the uselessness of clean bills of health. Every passenger on board may be perfectly free from bubonic plague, and even run the prescribed ordeal of quarantine and yet the rats of the ship may be infected and spread the dread disease ashore through the teeming myriads of some mighty city.

This danger comes home to us practically, since Detroit, in common with all other American lake ports, is liable any day to the bubonic outbreak, according to a statement given out by Surgeon-General Wyman last week, and endorsed by Dr. T. J. Kinyoun, surgeon of the Marine Hospital, who practiced during two bubonic epidemics in San Francisco. Both these experts are in thorough sympathy with the proposition of the Japanese government for a world-wide campaign against rats.

The bubonic plague now exists in Australia, South Africa, Brazil, England and Scotland, Formosa, Japan, India, the Philippines, Russia, Turkey, and many other countries, so that the chances of vessels conveying it to U. S. ports are menacing. Dr. Kinyoun mentions some instances which prove conclusively that the plague breaks out first among rats, and thence spreads to man. One was on board the steamship Friar, 60 days out from Montevideo to Hull, Eng., another in a vessel from Rosario to Hamburg; a third from Hong Kong to San Diego, Cal.

Japan has started the anti-rat crusade in earnest, killing 30,000 in Kobe and 10,000 in Asaka. All countries are doing something on the same lines. At San Francisco, ships are compelled to clasp tin funnels on their hawser, shaped like megaphones, with the large end towards the shore. The holds of vessels are subjected to costly sulphur fumigation. In Sydney, Australia, they force vessels to use the same tin funnel arrangement, only reversed. There might be a combination of the two systems.

Sydney paid 12 1/2 cents for each rat killed and got 130,000. The bubonic outbreak cost that city between five and six millions of dollars. Auckland, New Zealand, compels ships to anchor four miles from dock, to avoid influx of bubonic rats. In Astoria, Oregon, at the solicitation of the physicians, a citizens' lynching gang killed many thousands of rodents.

The tracing up of the bubonic poison to rats, 1894, is due to Dr. Kitasato, a Japanese medical student in Koch's laboratory and pupil of the Pasteur Institute.

Rat-catching, for purposes of sport, is an old affair in England, where a professional rat-catcher will capture hundreds in a few hours. Apart from danger of disease there is every motive for the wholesale extermination of rats owing to the provisions, grain, furniture, etc., destroyed by them.

We commend this matter to our Board of Health in view of the frightful loss of life and financial damage which would follow an outbreak of bubonic plague.

EMPIRE BUILDING.

Mr. Chamberlain, signalled the birthday of our nation, by holding out to the colonies an offer of closer relationship to the Empire, a thing which in itself and if it involved no burden, they would not be slow to respond to, seeing that the citizenship of what the British people call a colonist is only second rate or second hand, says the St. Thomas Times. Canadians have never been familiar with the phrase colonist as applied to themselves. Even before confederation, which, in a way, raised us out of the category of mere colonies, our geographical divisions were spoken of as provinces, and not as colonies, and the word colonies was not heard among us, except as it reached us faintly and in our ears opprobriously, from across the sea. Still, whether we like the condition or not, we shall have to own to being essentially colonists as long as we have no say in the imperial policy. We may, from our position in the family, be able occasionally to force the parental hand on a tariff question, especially when it is impossible to gain it. We may make a little dash into an imperial war and get us great glory. We may even assert our share in foreign diplomacy in matters entirely our own. Still, until we have a recognized say in the affairs of the empire of which we form a part, we are a dependency and our citizenship is second hand.

We have long acquiesced in this secondary condition, and may do so, so long as we see ourselves in the nature of things gradually out of it. All wholesome evolution is gradual, and with a gradual progress towards full citizenship we can rest content, but failing constant progress in that direction we cannot rest content. What has made us so content to remain children instead of becoming full partners in the empire has been our privileged condition as children. We have enjoyed the full benefit of the imperial defences without paying anything for them. We have demanded the services of all the family servants just as the children in a great family do, with a full sense of right, while subscribing nothing towards their maintenance. We have recently, as just remarked, got us great glory by sending "colonials" to the veldt and shown the mother country of what stuff her offspring were, and how strongly we share the family burdens. But we have as yet done little or nothing to shoulder those burdens. Until we are ready to do this in proportion to our strength we must remain colonists, dependents and second-hand citizens. Mr. Chamberlain has told us much. His offer of a place in the imperial councils has, as we say, a sting to it, in the hint that in assuming the position of partners in the business we would, of course, be looked upon to do our share toward carrying it on. We are behind Australia and the Cape in this. These have contributed ships. We spent a good deal on our contingent but we did not pay it.

Millionaire Schwab has erected a \$30,000 chapel to the memory of his mother-in-law. It will probably come under the head of thank offerings, says the Ottawa Citizen.

UNDER ECLIPSE.

Belleville Intelligencer. The shirt-waist man was on the park last night, but he had an overcoat over his shirt waist.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Galt Reporter. Who said it was the duty of the Dundas Banner to prove that in the last election North Wentworth was lost because the Liberal party had a weak candidate in the field?

WON'T HAVE THEM TO REIGN OVER US

Hamilton Spectator. Canada can stand a genuine British family of aristocrats at Ottawa; but Lord deliver us from a governor-general with an American wife!

THIS MUST BE IRONICAL.

Toronto Tory. The cordial welcome which The Ontario Tory has received at the hands of the public and the enthusiasm with which it has been taken up and circulated by the rank and file of the Conservative party amply justifies the belief of the promoters that there was room for such a paper as this in the journalistic world at the present time.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

Arnprior Chronicle. A military man assures the Ottawa Citizen that what soldiers in Canada want is green and not khaki. While khaki is the proper color for Atkins' dress in South Africa and elsewhere, he holds that in the green fields of Canada our warriors bold must, to operate to best advantage, wear a uniform of emerald hue. It may be an Irishman who throws out this suggestion, but it is an idea which has something to commend it.

TRIAL RACE

Up Defender Constitution Goes Out for Another Trial Spin off Rhode Island.

Bateman's Point, R. I., July 10.—Weather conditions for the third race for 90-foot yachts under the auspices of the Newport Yacht Racing association are very similar to those that prevailed on the occasions of the two preceding races and seem to favor the America's cup defender Constitution. The wind at 10:25 a.m. was light from the southeast, not over three or four miles an hour, while the same long roll of the sea prevailed as on Saturday and Monday. The yachts at the hour indicated had come out of the harbor and were heading toward the lightship together with the committee boat. Thin mists overspread the sky, but a good observation of about six miles can be obtained from this point.

The judges' boat is flying the signal for a 30-mile windward and leeward race and a beat to the outer mark of 15 miles.

The Constitution followed in about 10 minutes and the Independence in about five minutes later. Besides three lower sails, all three boats had large club topsails set, that on the Independence being for the first time laced to the top of the mast. The time limit of the race is six hours.

NORTH BUXTON.

Rev. Mr. Jones, the new minister of the B. M. E. church, conducted services here yesterday. The church was well filled.

Mr. A. H. Graves, who succeeded Mr. J. D. Down, as agent here, has been promoted to Tilbury. Mr. Healey, relieving agent, is on duty here now.

For fruit cans, sugars, spices, etc., call on C. H. Shupe.

Mr. Thomas Wallace erected a fine barn last week, and has it sided and shingled. The building is 40 x 60 with 24 foot eaves, and stands on a nine foot stone wall.

The hay crop is well under way. The recent rains have stopped harvesting it some, but the cool weather following it has spared all that got wet.

Wheat is a good crop through this section and is ripening very fast. The only danger is that the ripening process has been too rapid to allow the grains to mature and fill.

Barley is being out and is a fair crop.

Corn and beans are doing nicely since the rains.

Rev. W. R. Drake and family moved to Cuthberts, whether the Elder will be stationed for the next year.

DOVER.

Orders for binder twine. Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of Raleigh, spent Sunday at the residence of T. Burke.

John Burke, who has fully recovered from his recent attack of typhoid fever, is now able to resume his duties at Jas. Smith's.

Rev. John Yorkham, of Dresden, occupied the pulpit here Sunday. He delivered a splendid sermon on "Amos iv, 12, to a very large congregation."

Miss Mary Gray, of Chatham, visited Miss Burke last Sunday.

H. M. Fleming is home enjoying his holidays.

A large number of Foresters attended church at Bear Line Centre, Sunday, when Rev. Mr. Clarke delivered an excellent sermon to the brethren in Gilmore's orchard.

Misses Anna Clarke and Lizzie Nosack, teachers, have returned to their respective homes.

The recent rains were what farmers much desired, for although many of them had their hay cut, yet the corn and bean crops were much in need of it.

We are very sorry to report the death of Thomas Doolittle, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Chandler, of the Maple City. Mr. Doolittle was a young man in the prime of life and a general favorite here. Death was due to consumption.

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Victoria Lawns, 42 to 45 inches wide, special values, at per yard, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 20c.

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White Organdies, fine thread, soft finish—

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Fancy Muslins—Satin stripes, lace stripes, satin checks, grenadine checks and cords; matchless values at per yard, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, and 35c.

New Val. Laces—Fine French makes, in edgings, insertion and headings, very dainty patterns, thousands of yards to select from, at per yard 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, up to 15c.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Eliza Youngs, late of the County of Kent, widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 38, Chap. 128, R. S. O. 1897, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Eliza Youngs, deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of January, A. D. 1900, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for Will-Executors of the Estate of said deceased, or to the said Executor, on or before the 21st day of July, A. D. 1901, their Christian names or surname and addresses, with full particulars, in writing, of their claims and a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said 21st day of July, A. D. 1901, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said Executors will not be liable for said assets to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them or their Solicitor at the time of such distribution.

WILLIAM S. BELLAMY, JAMES BELLAMY, Executors.

J. B. RANKIN, Chatham, Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated at Chatham, this 21st day of June, A. D. 1901.

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Auction Sale of Valuable City Property.

Will be sold by public auction on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1901, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m., at the Garner House, in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, the following valuable property:

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situated, lying and being in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, the following valuable property:

Part of lot number forty-seven (47) of Northwood's subdivision of lot number two (2), formerly in the first concession of the Township of Chatham, according to a plan thereof made by W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., and registered in the Registry Office for said County of Kent on April 19th, 1882, described as commencing on the line between lots numbers forty-seven and forty-eight at a distance of one hundred and fifty feet from Delaware avenue; thence running easterly along said line one hundred and seventy-three feet to the proposed Bedford street; thence along Bedford street northerly parallel with Delaware avenue, fifty-four feet ten inches; thence southerly parallel with the line between lots forty-seven and forty-eight, to within one hundred and fifty feet of Delaware avenue; thence southerly to the place of beginning.

TERMS. Ten per cent on the day of sale, sufficient with the deposit to make one-third of the purchase price in ten days from the day of sale, balance in thirty days.

For further particulars apply to MURPHY, SALE & O'CONNOR, Vendor's Solicitors.

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Money to Loan on Mortgages at 4 1/2 and 5 per Cent.

FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.

Frame house, two stories, 12 rooms, lot 50 ft. front by 115 deep, \$1,000.00.

Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms, lot 40 ft. front, by 208 feet deep, \$1,100.00.

Frame house, 10 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 104 ft., \$2,000.00.

Brick house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 feet, good stable, \$1,100.

Two vacant lots, each 60 feet front, by 104 feet.

House, 8 rooms, lot 60 feet by 208 feet, \$1,000.

Farm in Howard, 33 1/2 acres, house, stable and orchard, \$1,000.

Farm in Chatham Township, 110 acres. All cleared. Good house, barn, stables and sheds, \$5,700.00. Will trade for 25 or 50 acre farm, part payment.

Farm in Township of Raleigh, 50 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$7,500.00.

Farm in Township of Chatham, 50 acres. All cleared. Good house, and barn, \$2,500.00.

Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms, with 11 acres of land. Good stable, \$2,500.00.

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Cook's Cotton Root Compound is successfully used monthly by over 1,000,000 ladies. Safe, effective, ladies' remedy for all menstrual troubles, irregularities are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 5¢ per box; No. 2, 10¢ per box (larger). 5¢ per box; No. 3, 15¢ per box (largest). 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