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WARNS AGAINST PLAGUE MENACE

Surgeon General Cummings
Fears Europe's Epidemics
Will Obtain Foothold in
U. S.

(Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., in New York Times.)

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Surgeon General H. S. Cummings, in charge of the United States Public Health Service, in an interview today said there was considerable danger to America at the present time because of contagious diseases rampant in Middle Europe which might be brought here through the emigration of peasants and other refugees who have been exposed to these maladies.

General Cummings has had a notable career during the last three years. In 1917 he was adviser in sanitation to the navy department. In the following year he was sent to Europe to look after the sanitation of troops and ports. This trip led him among other places to southern Russia, where he spent many weeks, asking as sanitary adviser. He then represented the government at the International Sanitary Convention of Rome and also helped to draft the sanitary clauses of the League of Nations covenant which he says has since been adopted.

"Seven million people are trying to get here from that part of Europe which is at present a hotbed of typhus and yellow fever," said General Cummings. "The United States therefore is in considerable danger. The large majority of these would-be emigrants are trying to come from Asia Minor and other parts of the Sea districts of Russia through the ports of Danzig, Bremen and Rotterdam. We are therefore trying to reconcentrate them in Greek and Italian ports for transportation to the United States. In addition to typhus, bubonic plague is present in all Mediterranean ports. Several outbreaks have occurred and recently I hear there have been twenty cases in Paris, which means that the disease evidently reached there from other ports and so the cases found their way to the capital.

"This is outrageous, for while one can well understand that with the unsanitary conditions prevailing in uncivilized or dirtier southern localities these diseases are frequent, in the north they are almost unheard of.

"To lessen the danger this country is subjected to from these sources the United States Public Health Service has medical officers stationed at Danzig and

at Dutch and Belgian ports, as well as at the more important Greek ports, to inspect all vessels and see that proper precautions are taken in the case of the emigrants. For many years we have had this service in operation in Italian ports. Recently, however, and without any formal notice, the Rome government has raised objections to United States medical officers being stationed in Italian ports, basing its position upon an old treaty which was dug up from goodness knows where. We can therefore do nothing except prevent vessels from infected ports entering United States waters. I believe this measure will cause Italy to change her unreasonable attitude.

"In Mexico both plague and yellow fever are rampant as well as in Guatemala and Salvador. We are taking precautions there and have agents aboard American steamships plying to those places.

"In the United States we are represented at all quarantine stations and our agents are boarding incoming foreign vessels in order to fumigate them and destroy every rat aboard. This is the only way to keep the bubonic plague out of America.

"It is high time that the people and government awoke to a realization of the fact that Europe's plagues will obtain a foothold here in many months go by unless we keep close watch upon all immigrants newly arrived in this country. I cannot emphasize too strongly that the public health service wishes the people themselves would aid us with full information of any suspicious cases occurring so that prompt assistance can be rendered and precautions taken."

IMMIGRATION LAWS.

Drastic Regulations for Entry into Palestine.

London, Sept. 22.—(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)—The conditions which will govern the entry of immigrants into Palestine, just made public by the administration of the district, are contained in despatches from Jerusalem. Each immigrant must possess a passport vouching for his good character and must be recommended by the British consul of his city, ample proof that he will be able to sustain himself for at least a year and a certificate as to his physical fitness.

All ports of entry into Palestine will be supervised strictly by immigration officials already appointed and every immigrant admitted into the country will have to register with the local authorities within fifteen days from the date of landing. Failure to register will lay the immigrant open to immediate expulsion. Tourists and pilgrims will not be required to register.

Sir Herbert L. Samuel, the British High Commissioner, is vested with the right to expel any immigrant within five years from the date of his arrival if he has broken the laws of the country or if such expulsion is proven to be in the interest of the state.

KILLS 1, INJURES 3 LEARNING TO DRIVE

Man Is Held on Homicide
Charge After Sideswiping
Another Car.

New York, Sept. 22.—While he was learning to drive a new automobile under the instruction of a licensed chauffeur, George Blanchard of 2032 Richmond Terrace, S. I., sideswiped another heavy touring car at Amboy road and Bossville avenue, Princess Bay, S. I. One person was killed and four injured in the crash.

A. P. Gillies, manager of the American Ice Company at Catskill, N. Y., was so severely injured that he died in an ambulance on the way to the Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Gillies and another woman passenger in the wrecked car, Mrs. Winnie Davis, also of Catskill, are in the Memorial Hospital in a serious condition, both with possible fractures of the skull and internal injuries.

Less serious injuries were suffered by Mrs. Winifred Travis, wife of E. R. Travis of Catskill, who was taking the party to Asbury Park, N. J., in his car. Travis was not injured, although the other car cleaved his car almost in half directly behind the driver's seat occupied by him.

Police of the Tottenville Station held Blanchard on a charge of homicide and driving a car without a driver's license. He was accompanied by a licensed chauffeur, David Price, of 1619 Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond. The police said that Blanchard bought the car two weeks ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keelan, the widowed mother of nine children, was run down and killed near her home at 2208 Washington avenue, the Bronx. Her companion, Mrs. Charles Smees, of 2194 Morris avenue, the Bronx, was taken to Fordham Hospital with serious injuries.

Romance After 57 Years.

New York, Sept. 22.—The wedding here last week of Mrs. Elizabeth Blottnor, widow of Morris Blottnor, and Edward Remsen Teller, of Montvale, N. J., was the culmination of a romance that began when each was about fifteen years old. Fifty-seven years ago when both attained their eighteenth year, their engagement was announced. Then a venomous letter writer caused the quarrel and the marriage was cancelled. Twenty years later they learned the facts. Two years ago Teller became a widower and Mrs. Blottnor's first husband died a year ago.

PERFECTING HER TRADE MACHINERY

Britain Determined to Re-
cover Commerce Taken by
Germany Before War.

New York, Sept. 22.—(By Canadian Press)—Never before in her commercial history has Great Britain possessed such wonderfully perfect machinery for the expansion of her international trade as that through which she is now, through governmental and private organization, seeking to strengthen her hold on foreign markets.

That is the gist of a report by P. Harvey Middleton, assistant manager of the foreign trade bureau of the Guarantee Trust Company of New York, who has just returned from Europe where he made an extensive study of British trade organization.

British business men, Mr. Middleton's report sets forth, are not only determined to win back all of the trade taken from them in pre-war days by Germany, but to establish British commerce so firmly in every part of the world that other nations will be hard put to maintain their trade.

One of the mediums through which British overseas trade is destined to expand, the report says, is the British Trade Corporation, incorporated in 1917, with an authorized capital of 10,000,000 pounds sterling. Although designed to assist the small exporter, the policies of this mammoth corporation have been made freely available to the largest manufacturers of the empire, and it is only one of the numerous agencies at present facilitating the expansion of trade.

In addition to the elaborate commercial undertakings through which the trade interests of the empire will be cared for, an intelligence bureau is maintained to provide up-to-date and reliable information concerning conditions in foreign countries. This bureau is being fostered through the British Overseas Bank, an institution formed by several English banks in March, 1919, to develop overseas trade along specialized lines.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SHARE OF ANGLO- FRENCH LOAN

New York, Sept. 22.—(By Canadian Press)—The Wall Street Journal states that it is generally understood among leading New York bankers that Great Britain's share of the Anglo-French loan is practically provided for, and that when the date of maturity arrives, on October 15, no financial arrangements will be necessary except the actual redemption of the bonds at the office of J. P. Morgan & Company.

"No details are available," says the paper, "as the matter is confidential between the British Treasury and its agents in this country, but the bankers in close touch with British financial dealings, assert that in addition to accumulation of credits on this side, England has been making continuous large purchases of Anglo-French bonds in the open market for several months past. What the aggregate of such credits and purchases are is not known, but it is believed to be well over \$200,000,000. Much of the weakness in sterling lately has been due to the purchase of dollars on the other side by the British Treasury for this purpose. In addition, Great Britain shipped gold earlier in the year which was generally understood to be to strengthen her Anglo-French loan funds here.

"Not only has Great Britain provided for her share of the loan but it is being said in banking circles that the French government obtained some assistance from her ally across the English channel in getting together the \$150,000,000 which France has, or will have, to meet as her share of the obligation."

SAYS BOYS AND GIRLS LEAD AS DRUG USERS

Investigator Reports at Indianapolis that
75 Per Cent. of Narcotic Addicts are
Young.

Indianapolis, Sept. 22.—More than 75 per cent. of the narcotic drug addicts in the United States are boys and girls, approximately sixteen years of age, Albert Weber of New York, chairman of the committee on Narcotic Drugs and Crime of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, declared in his report to the annual meeting of the institute here. He said that the only hope of effective relief was through congressional legislation.

The relation between mentality and crime, the effect of narcotic drugs, various methods of dealing with criminals and the Chicago Crime Commission were among the topics for discussion. The report of the committee on Narcotic Drugs and Crime quoted "an unbiased authority" as stating that Japan is now virtually utilizing Shanghai province as "a gateway and medium for shipping tremendous quantities of opium and other narcotic drugs into China."

Whitney O. Dunham, of West St. John, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Ponsford, to Francis Arthur Scott, of this city, the marriage to take place early in October.

HEAVY LOSS BY EXPLOSION

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—A special despatch to the Ottawa Journal from Brockville (Ont.), says:

A terrific explosion which blew out the front of the shoe store of George Fox, in the Galla Building on King street, followed by a fire which burned for several hours, wrought damage to property and contents estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The fire is supposed to have started from spontaneous combustion and spread to a quantity of gasoline or benzine said to be on the premises which caused the explosion.

CONVENTION PLANS.

Discussion of plans for the coming provincial and dominion conventions occupied much of the time of the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday. The provincial convention meets in Dorchester early next month and immediately afterwards the dominion convention will be held in Windsor (N. S.). The president was in the chair and led the opening devotions, aided by Mrs. I. M. Hoare. Letters from the provincial president, Mrs. Perry, of Summerside (P. E. I.), and the provincial secretary, Mrs. Gerard, of Campbellton, regarding the programme and arrangements for the provincial convention were read with interest. A letter from Mrs. O'Neill, president of the Dorchester local union, gave full particulars of preparations being made to receive delegates. The treasurer, Mrs. Hoare, gave information as to tickets for both conventions. Michael Kelly was present and gave an address on temperance subjects. Many members who had been absent for the summer were welcomed once more at the meeting.

HOW TO DODGE TAX.

Gypsies in England Turn Wagon Wheels
Once a Year.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
Gulford, Eng., Sept. 1.—A novel way of avoiding the payment of local taxation has been discovered by several large families of gypsies in an encampment here. They own the land and thus are liable to house duty.

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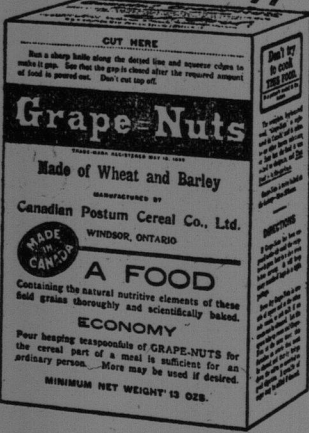
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MUTT AND JEFF—SPIVIS, THE POOR NUT, THINKS A PARK BENCH IS A SLUMBER SCOW

By "BUD" FISHER

