

was immediately plunged in overwhelming and stupefying horror.

"Philanthropist and millionaire, great railway promoter and distinguished *litterateur*, financier, lawyer, merchant, physician, officer, engineer, musician, laborer, artisan, mechanic, stoker, sailor, immigrant—men and women in almost every walk of life—dived to eternity with a calmness beyond the conception of mortal mind.

"Only when the sea gives up its dead will the true inwardness of that awful calamity be revealed.

"From out the dark, tragic gloom there shone the splendid, matchless heroism and nobility of soul.

"Not the least of these was that honored band of musicians.

"Nor can we fail to admire the unshaken nerves of those fearless and intrepid wireless operators.

"There were many acts of true chivalry; and now, after all inquiries have been instituted, and after all findings have been made and presented, true humanity can but weep and sorrow over those who were lost, and rejoice over those who were saved."

But turn from the contemplation of that heart-rending catastrophe to only one of several happening every year of our lives on this North American continent.

In the year 1910 alone, in the United States alone, 25,000 people lost their lives from an altogether preventable disease—typhoid fever—a disease which has been denominated a disgrace to civilization. In our own Province of Ontario, in that self-same year, seven hundred-odd yielded their lives to a similar cause.

Take these 25,000 (mostly young and vigorous men and women) who yielded up their lives in one year; gather them together into one moderately-sized city, or even into the largest city in the land; let them all die in one epidemic in a given time, and all humanity will stand aghast and lift up its hands in holy horror at this awful devastation of human life. But because they are distributed over wide areas of the country, their demise is neither felt nor noticed so keenly.

But this is only one of many. Consider tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis, and all the other communicable diseases, as well as those which are unmentionable—and their name is legion. The misery they engender is infinite. Their economic loss to the community cannot be measured up nor balanced up with cold coin of the realm.

And in the individual home, when the young life is proceeding to a successful convalescence in typhoid fever, and an accident happens—a profuse and exhausting hemorrhage or a perforation of