

EATING OF INFECTED RATS BY CHINESE TRAPPERS STARTS PLAGUE WHICH THREATENS WHOLE WORLD, SAYS CAPTAIN KIRTON

(By Capt. Walter Kirton.)
Mukden, via Peking, China, April 4.—A great grey walled city, standing four square in a great grey plain, under a grey sky, which, as the sun climbs into the heavens, turns to a deep turquoise is the city of Mukden, in which is now gathered a congress upon whose deliberations and work the eyes of the whole world are fixed, and which has met, at the instance of the Chinese government, for the purpose of ascertaining facts which will be used to combat and to conquer a foe in whose casualty list there are no wounded, no missing, but who vanquishes—without hope of success, every victim upon whom he lays his clammy hands—the pneumonic plague.

Sometime in December last it became known that a mysterious disease was rampant among the fur-trappers of northern Manchuria and Mongolia. At first this news attracted very little attention, China is the home of the epidemic, as well as of the cure, and it is part of the accepted order of things that her teeming millions shall suffer in the scale of humanity, and that the hands of the cure shall be the hands of nature. The epidemic took the form of the survival of the fittest finds its most faithful protagonists amongst the Chinese people, who, from the very incidences of their existence, cannot attach the same value to human life as the majority of the rest of the world.

The source of origin of the pneumonic plague has been traced to a little animal known locally as the Tarbagan, or Asiatic Marmot. These animals are about the size of a full-grown cat and have a yellowish brown fur. They are also called mountain rats and they swarm in thousands all over the steppe of northern Mongolia and adjacent Manchuria.

Every year the trappers catch huge numbers of them and the skins are exported, chiefly to Europe and America via Siberia, where they are used in the manufacture of cheap "faded" furs. I may add that the process of "fading" and so on absolutely annihilates any germs that may have taken up their domicile in the said skins.

The native trappers, upon whom the source first descended, are very low in the scale of humanity and their habits and mode of life transcend any description fit to print. During the major portion of the year these men loaf around the frontier towns and the fringes of the railway settlements, in which, ever since the advent of the Russian, an unlimited supply of vodka (corn spirit, the Russian national beverage) is always obtainable even by the poorest. A few kopecks a bottle, it brings stupefaction and oblivion faster than any other drink, and it eats up a man's vitality with the ease of chain lightning.

Soldiers with drink and enfeebled by their vices and lack of nourishment these poor waifs of humanity migrate from town to town, station to station, until the trapping season commences, and affords them the opportunity for working off their indebtedness to the ghoul that fattens on them. As can be seen from the photograph, the



At top staff of quarantine station in railroad cars, and doctors in linen gowns. At bottom, lower row reading from left to right, Inspector-General Melnikow, Dr. Wu Tienleh, chief of Chinese medical staff, and M. Sakharoff, president of the plague committee. Correspondent Kirton is the man on the left in the upper row.

well be imagined, when they reach their hunting grounds, they compel them to live almost solely on the spoils of the chase and in this instance they devoured a number of the marmots.

Whether the animals had become infected with bubonic plague germs, which then became transformed into pneumonic bacilli, appears to be definitely certain, and this is one of the points that the conference will clear up. But the theory is advanced that the marmots had somehow been in contact with plague rats, and that the bacilli obtained vastly increased virulence and vitality from their passage through a larger and stronger, and at the same time a fresh medium of cultivation. At any rate certain of the trappers died suddenly and the

survivors fled back to the slum houses, carrying the contagion with them.

In Monday's Standard Capt. Kirton will tell of the deadliness and swiftness with which the plague struck down thousands of people, and the utter helplessness of the most learned of doctors to absolutely stop the patient once became infected.

State's delegation sent to this gigantic metropolitan demonstration comprised several of the leading suffragists who bore banners with the names of eminent leaders of other days. Mrs. Gertrude B. Newell bore the golden standard dedicated to Julia Ward Howe, with Edwin D. Mead's tribute: "Always young for liberty."

A Lucy Stone banner of white silk with gold letters and the words, "Justice, simple justice is what the world needs," was given by Mrs. Emma L. Blackwell, of Cambridge. The Mary A. Livermore banner was designed by Mrs. Mary Francis Bolles of Winthrop. Preparations for the great Guthamite gathering have occupied much of the attention of the Boston suffragists for some weeks past, though they have not interfered with routine activities. An admission of the effectiveness of a recent campaign in Brockton appears in this admission of a local newspaper: "To those who have not followed the growth of the 'votes for women' movement, the revelation of Miss Hughes came as a revelation. Man has had his own way for so long and has done exactly as he pleased, with one code of morals for himself and another for woman, that the power and force of an energetic campaigner like Miss Hughes is a surprise to him, and he begins to wonder what may happen when women decide to demand their rights."

Motor boating to business may be the tonic this coming summer for those fortunate who reside on the banks of the Charles between the Watertown dam and the Charles River basin. A line of launches, capable of accommodating from 50 to 70 passengers, is scheduled to begin operations about Memorial Day, and anyone desiring to take the trip down the winding Charles may do so for small expense and in practically the time consumed by the electric car.

The trip through the Brighton and Cambridge marshes and park reservations, with the scenes about the University and the Stadium, and the emergence from the smoothly winding little river into the white-capped waters of the wide basin with its background of spires and gilded dome should furnish an inspiring spectacle on which to start the day's work. Incidentally, think of the sporty tan, the business girl may acquire en route to her job in the city.

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LONDON WOMEN ACTIVE GAMBLERS

One Made \$30,000 on a Race Recently, and This Produces Considerable Comment.

London, May 11.—A statement current that one woman well known in London society made \$30,000 in a bet on the City and Suburban race suggested the question whether women are being bitten with turf gambling. Inquiries of the principal bookmakers go to show that undoubtedly they are being more affected than they used to be. There always have been certain women—members of the very "upper ten"—who have been reckoned with in the ring. But quite apart from this element, it seems that of late the "ladies" have been more and more in evidence at race meetings.

The innovation first became noticeable four or five years ago, but it has not been till comparatively recently that the increase in women "punters" has become so remarkable and so yet, it seems that their numbers and the amount of their stakes have gone up enormously.

One very prominent bookmaker remarked that already this season he had done more business with women than ten years ago he would have done in a whole season. Another suggested that this tendency had been the outcome of the bridge mania of a few years back.

"Women," he said, "got bitten with gambling generally and learned to wager on their own account in a way they would never have dreamed of before. When they turn their attention to horse racing they take to it like ducks to water. And I'm sorry to say they are not always above trying to be too sharp. We have to keep our eyes wide open."

A group of bookmakers at Tattersall's confirmed these views. "There are twenty women today who make a regular habit of backing horses for every one there was three years ago, and I've had some little transactions with women lately that made me keep my eye on my book."

Another "gentleman" bookmaker, who transacts his business privately, said: "I have found my principal customers among women, and I have only to look at the stands to see that the women are more interested in horse racing generally. They are very clever at the game, and whether by pet influence or how I don't pretend to be able to tell you, but they certainly seem to get first of a good thing when there's one going."

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NEWCASTLE NEWS

Newcastle, May 10.—Mrs. Hall, who has been spending several months here left on Monday for Pawtucket, R. I., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Eady.

Miss Margaret McKendry, of Douglastown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hanagan, at New York, returned home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie, of Parramatta, N. S. W., were in town last week, en route to their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Kinaston.

William Masson, who for some time has been I. C. R. baggage master here, left on Monday night for Moose Jaw to enter the C. P. R. service.

Miss Katharine DeWolfe and Michael J. Keane both of Nordin were married in St. Mary's church here on Monday. Rev. F. W. Dillon performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss May DeWolfe, and Francis Dolan, of Newcastle, acted as groomsmen.

W. A. Lindsay, of Fredericton, is visiting friends here.

Messames W. J. Bate, R. H. Armstrong, Charles Hargreaves, H. D. Orr and J. W. Davidson, attended the Women's Auxiliary meeting in Fredericton last week.

George Masson has gone to North Battleford, Sask.

Mrs. A. E. G. McKenzie who spent the winter with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. M. Lang, has returned to Campbellton.

Arthur J. McKendry, of Bathurst, spent Sunday with his brother, at Douglastown.

At the Methodist Congregational meeting tonight, Mrs. J. B. Keith and Walter C. Day were elected representatives to the Quarterly Board.

Miss Edna Morrison has returned from her winter's visit to Portland, Maine, and Miss Pearl Wright from Augusta, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Corbett spent Sunday in Campbellton with their daughter, Mrs. H. B. Anslow.

The Methodist Women's Auxiliary at their annual meeting, Tuesday night elected the following officers: Mrs. H. S. Leard, president; Mrs. P. T. Gough, vice president; Mrs. J. Fullan, recording secretary; Mrs. H. Price, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. A. McLean, treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Keith, superintendent of milk boxes and Outlooks; Mrs. W. J. Dean, organist.

The following have been elected officers of the United Workers Mission Band: Leader, Mrs. W. W. Dean; sec. sec., Eulalia M. Stuart; cor. sec., Gertrude Hare; treas., Evelyn Price. L. McCoy of Kentville N. S., spent Sunday in town.

Newcastle, May 12.—Newcastle Division of the Sons of Temperance last night elected Ald. H. H. Stuart, Mr. A. Thomas, Mr. James Falconer, Mrs. H. S. Leard, Mrs. Henry Ingram and Miss M. McGregor as delegates to the semi-annual session and has always found his principal customers among women, and I have only to look at the stands to see that the women are more interested in horse racing generally. They are very clever at the game, and whether by pet influence or how I don't pretend to be able to tell you, but they certainly seem to get first of a good thing when there's one going."

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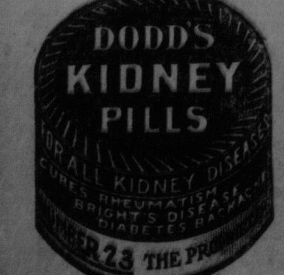
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