

**SMALLPOX SCARE
HURTS BOSTON TRADE,
And Merchants Blame Board of Health.**

Country Dealers Making Their Purchases in New York Instead of the Hub.

(Sunday New York Herald.)
BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The crowds of Christmas shoppers that usually come into Boston from all over the state, seem to have given the Hub a wide berth this year. It was several weeks before merchants here began to realize this. Then some of them happened to come across newspapers published in other cities, and there was no longer any doubt as to the cause.

Persons in other parts of the state were taking the smallpox scare more seriously than those in Boston, and their local papers were making the best of it. Some of the large advertising agencies in other cities were also making money, and advised prospective customers to keep away from Boston. Bostonians themselves were pretty well scared over the prevalence of smallpox, and it is safe to say that at least 60 per cent of the population here has been vaccinated. Boston newspapers after the first few weeks, began to print as little as possible about the spread of the disease. The number of cases averaged from 10 to 20 a day. Although all the detection hospitals were full and stories regarding the scandal were being circulated about some of them, nothing appeared in the Boston newspapers, though papers published in other cities and towns of the state were printing all they could possibly get about Boston's misfortune.

Matters looked serious for the Christmas trade of the Hub, and the newspapers of this city were blamed for the disaster. Then the Boston dailies stopped printing smallpox news altogether. The Board of Health was then appealed to by the merchants, and the result was an advertisement signed by the secretary of the board, giving assurance that there was no danger in the big department stores of the Hub.

This was supposed to be in part an answer to numerous stories that had been circulated to the effect that clerks in some of the larger stores had been stricken while at their work. The Board of Health advertisement, however, was decisive. It gave positive assurance that there was no danger from the disease in the stores, and that it was perfectly safe for a person to go about Christmas shopping as usual. These advertisements, besides being printed in the Boston papers, were sent broadcast to newspapers all over the state, but local papers still continued to keep up the scare on Boston, and the result has been a tremendous falling off in trade at the large department stores particularly.

The agitation has not been confined to this state, but has been carried aggressively in cities and towns all over New England. Down in Maine merchants are advertising that until the smallpox epidemic is over they will not buy goods in Boston, and the same declarations are made in New Hampshire and Vermont.

These merchants declare that they are buying their goods in New York, and there is a possibility that they might continue to do so. All this is further ground for criticism of the Boston board of health to the effect that it is being used by the merchants of Boston to protect their interests. The action of the board in refraining from giving out statements has been in striking contrast to the attitude of the board when the disease first made its appearance, and statements were issued daily calling attention to the danger and advising everybody to get vaccinated.

Although it is said the number of cases reported daily has not fallen off to any great extent, the physicians are no longer busy vaccinating, and the forty public vaccination stations established by the board of health have been discontinued for lack of patronage. Physicians, on the other hand, have become indignant at what some of them term an almost criminal policy on the part of the board.

THE DUKHOUBORS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Jos. S. Elkinton of Philadelphia arrived here today to interview officials of the department of the interior with reference to the condition of Dukhobours in the Northwest. The Society of Friends, of which Mr. Elkinton is one of the leading members in the city of brotherly love, has assigned to a committee of seven the duty of assisting the Dukhobours. Mr. Elkinton has frequently visited the Dukhobour villages, but not having been there recently he was anxious to secure the latest official information to embody in his report. He saw Smart and Hedley this afternoon, both these gentlemen having inspected the Dukhobour colonies within the past few weeks. Mr. Elkinton returns to Philadelphia tomorrow satisfied with the result of his trip.

CHECK FROM ROOSEVELT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Sarah Probst, teacher at the small district school at Cove Neck, L. I., near Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt's home, today received a generous check from the president. The check is to be used for the purchase of Christmas presents for her pupils. Mr. Roosevelt's children formerly attended the Cove Neck school and before he became governor it was his custom every year to play Santa Claus and present gifts to all the pupils in person.

**CHRISTMAS DAY.
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(From Wednesday's Daily Sun.)
This is a given Christmas. It is not the first in St. John's recent history, but it is the first for some years. Last December and the December before there was snow on the ground, and it contributed greatly to the trade and entertainment of the shops and streets. This year snow would for certain local reasons have been more welcome than in the past. But it did not come. Last evening the streets were alive with shoppers, and business men were interviewed by the Sun's reporters stated that they were more than satisfied with the volume of business. In November retail trade fell off to a big degree, but during December it came well up to its old proportions, thereby showing that the so-called smallpox scare had reached its maximum, and that shoppers had consequently begun to regard it as one of the incidents of a big city. Today the smallpox epidemic is a bit of history, and it will be so regarded in all outside towns a few months hence.

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Nervously Exhausted.

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"FARNELL TIMES."

Irishland Approaching a Crisis in Its Affairs—Mr. Russell's Speech.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Political attention is once more being centred on Ireland, where Chief Secretary Wyndham is bringing all the engines of coercion to bear against the United Irish League. The result of prosecuting Conor Kelly, M. P., and other members has been to give the agitation a tremendous impetus, and the return of Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell from the United States with glowing accounts of their reception has raised a popular spirit unequalled since Farnell's palmist days. It is "Farnell times" over again.

Redmond was escorted by a procession of 30,000 nationalists from the railway station to the Duke of Devonshire House, where he delivered a speech from the steps welcoming the resumption of coercion. A most scathing exposure of the state of opinion in poverty-stricken Connaught, which the British government is now imprisoning Irish members to maintain, has been delivered by T. W. Russell, the unionist member for South Tyrone, and secretary of the local government board in Lord Salisbury's last administration.

He refused office in the present government because Salisbury declined to pledge himself to return the Irish laws. In addressing a meeting of Ulster unionist farmers at Fermanagh Wednesday, Mr. Russell said: "No life could fall to see that we are once again approaching one of those crises which ever and anon shake things to their foundations in Ireland. The handsome brass candlestick in Tyrone ground for revolutions, and today catastrophe is impending in that region."

The people are herded and huddled together upon small patches of land totally incapable of maintaining life, and out of which an economic life is impossible. The lives of these people are hopeless, long-drawn-out records of misery. They are living in a state of famine, with Irish life eating little better than a fruiting nursing ground for revolutions, and today catastrophe is impending in that region.

PLEASURE BRINGS PAIN.

The Christmas season, with its merry making and feasting, is followed in very many cases by a repentant period of Dyspeptic Pains and Stomach Troubles. Carelessness and excess in eating and drinking overtax the stomach and digestive organs, and pain and distress change a time of pleasure and joy into one of pain and sorrow and sickness, which lasts till the bad effects have worn off and forces us to a diet very meagre.

All this is really unnecessary. We may feast with impunity if we wish to and not be tortured by indigestion if we will but remember to give assistance to the organs of digestion just when they need it. Laxative Tablets provide the easiest and most direct method of helping these organs. One or two of these dainty tablets taken immediately after eating will digest the heaviest meal and that, with little or no assistance from the stomach itself.

That they are an absolute cure for all stomach and digestive troubles has been indisputably proven by many who have experienced their benefits. Here is one: "I cannot say enough in favor of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. I suffered for a long time with indigestion and was constantly getting worse till I read an advertisement containing a testimonial from a lady whose symptoms seemed to have been just like mine, and who had been cured by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. I sent right away for a box and began taking them. They relieved me at once, and I kept on, and now I am cured. I can honestly recommend them as a cure for Dyspepsia."

BANQUET AT HAVANA.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—A banquet was given to the officers of the United States fleet today by the Cuban veterans. It was a grand demonstration of gratitude on the part of the Cubans toward the American navy.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

NEWTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—Francis O. LaBante is at the Newton hospital, the victim of an accidental shooting during a gunning party in the Needham woods today. His injuries are not dangerous unless a complication sets in. LaBante had left his friends in the woods and pushed through a dense underbrush growth. From what could be learned, it appears that Joseph Smith, who was also out gunning, was on the edge of the underbrush. He saw something move and discharged his shotgun. The birdshot took LaBante in the face, arms and legs. LaBante was taken home and then to the hospital for treatment. He belongs to Chestnut street, Upper Falls. Smith lives in the same neighborhood. The police inquired into the accident, heard LaBante explain that it was an accident, and then informed Smith that they were satisfied that the shooting was accidental.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The weather today was fine and the boulevards were thronged all day long by animated crowds of promenaders. The toy fair, which has been in operation since the beginning of the month, is still in full swing. American children in Paris were benefited by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell de Young of San Francisco, who gave a party this afternoon in their apartments at the Hotel de Ville. An immense Christmas tree laden with glittering toys had been erected in one of the rooms. United States Ambassadors and Mrs. Porter and Consul General Gowdy and Mrs. Gowdy were present at the distribution of gifts and a constant stream of children left the hotel carrying armfuls of toys which Mr. and Mrs. Young had brought specially from America.

GALARIES INCREASED.

ANDREW McNEHOL, J. H. Ritchie and Thomas Jenkins of the post office staff have received the statutory increase of salaries—\$50 each—to date from Oct. 1st.

DON'T GO HOME.

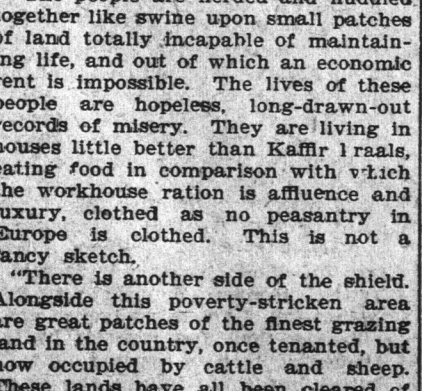
If you have not got at least one bottle of Kendrick's Liniment in the house, don't go home without it. There is nothing better (if equal) to Kendrick's as a household remedy.

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The housewife's labor is reduced one half; the original snowy whiteness is restored to the linens without boiling or hard rubbing and the disagreeable odors so noticeable with other soaps is done away with entirely.

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On the Verge of 100 Years, He Lives Widowed and Alone.

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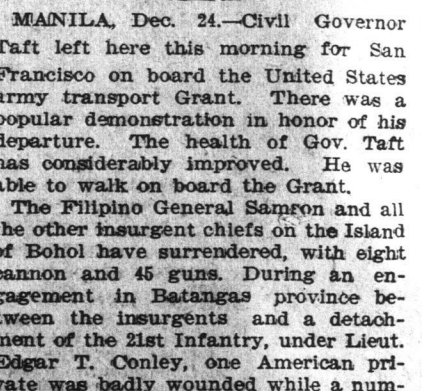
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