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## ENORMOUS LOSS BY WHITE PLAGUE

Tuberculosis Can be Wiped  
Out in One Generation

Eminent Physician Says Disease Must  
be Fought Systematically—400  
Deaths Daily in U. S.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Estimating the annual loss to this country through the great white plague at \$220,000,000, Dr. Thomas Darlington, commissioner of health of New York city, declared that, as a matter of economy, if not humanity, all possible measures should be taken to wipe out tuberculosis. It can be absolutely wiped out in a generation, he said.

Dr. Darlington was the principal speaker at the conference held under the auspices of the Boston Association for the Relief of Tuberculosis at the rooms of the Twentieth Century Club last evening. Other speakers were Edward F. McSwenny, chairman of the trustees of the Boston Consumptive Hospital, representing the mayor; Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, chairman of the Boston Health Board; Dr. Frederick Knight, Dr. Arthur T. Cabot and Dr. Thomas F. Harrington of Lowell.

Dr. Darlington quoted statistics showing that there are 400 deaths daily from tuberculosis in the United States. This, he said, entails an enormous loss to the country, through the loss of wages, expenses of caring for the sick and maintaining hospitals. The greatest number of deaths come between the ages of 15 and 45, the period of the greatest earning capacity and greatest usefulness. Millions of dollars are spent in the education of children who die soon after graduating from school, so that the cost of their education is but so much lost. "The time to act is now," said Dr. Darlington, "before financial burden becomes too great to be borne."

He then spoke of the crusade being waged against tuberculosis in New York city and the methods of procedure. "All depends," he said, "on a central authority and systematic control. The prompt reporting of cases by physicians, free examinations of spitting, public education, personal oversight of cases, sanatoria and clinics are the most important means of fighting the disease." Speaking of the opposition to the location of clinics in districts, Dr. Darlington said a clinic has just been started in Brooklyn, and it has not yet been discovered.

Mr. McSwenny said that the prevalence of the disease caused the city a loss of \$4,000,000 annually, sum which would in 25 years pay the tremendous city debt. The inability of the city to use the Brigham fund allowed New York to take the lead in the fight against tuberculosis. He announced that Mayor Fitzgerald would recommend to the city council that \$10,000 of the sum to be received from the national government for the sale of land on Deer Island for fortifications should be devoted to public education regarding the disease and its prevention.

Dr. Durgin told of the attempts of the board of health to get a hospital for advanced cases and their "heroic" defeat. He said that clinics should be established in different parts of the city for the purpose of finding incipient cases, which clinics should be under the direction of the trustees of the new hospital.

## DOUBLE WEDDING

Two Daughters of B. L. Hinds Married  
Last Night

A very pretty double wedding was celebrated last evening at the residence of B. L. Hinds, 24 Brook street, when his two daughters, Beatrice and Helena, were married to Geo. E. Wilson and Daniel E. Oram respectively. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Mr. Appel in the Douglas avenue Christian church, and after the ceremony the happy couples drove to the residence of the brides, where a supper had been prepared. Many handsome presents were received by each of the brides. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside at 26 Brooks street, and Mr. and Mrs. Oram will reside at 164 Metcalf street.

## WILL STAND BY THE N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE

(Special to the Sun.)  
FREDERICTON, Dec. 20.—The local hockey team held a meeting this evening at the office of H. F. McLeod and received a report from the delegates who attended the meeting at St. John yesterday. The club unanimously expressed appreciation of the stand taken by their representatives and decided to stand by the N. B. League.

## MRS. CURTIS GUILD BETTER

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Private Secretary Gettany announced tonight that Mrs. Curtis Guild, the wife of Governor Guild, had passed the most comfortable day that she has had since the operation on Monday, and is believed to be quite out of danger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A bulletin issued by the agricultural department today shows the total production in bushels in 1908 of corn is 2,927,416,001; winter wheat, 452,588,000; spring wheat, 945,272,966.

## SHARP CRITICISM FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt is accused of meddling with state affairs on erroneous assumptions, and Victor H. Metcalf, now secretary of the navy, is accused of distorting facts for political favor by the San Francisco Board of Education in a letter written today in reply to an epistle from Mrs. Flora E. Harris of Tokio, a missionary. Mrs. Harris recently addressed a communication to the Board of Health, in which she deplored San Francisco's attitude toward Japanese in public schools, condemning what she termed "the provincial spirit" of the local officials. She deprecated the attempt to classify the Japanese as "Orientals" and expressed surprise that the children of any foreign residents should be "excluded" from the public schools and segregated without their consent solely on account of their nationality.

The Board of Education, through its secretary, Elmore C. Leffingwell, framed a reply, which will be mailed to Mrs. Harris in Japan.

The reply asserts that the Japanese have not been "excluded" from the schools "despite the fact that no less a personage than the president of the United States has employed a similar assertion in framing a message to congress and notwithstanding the wholly unfair report made of the entire school incident by the former secretary of commerce and labor, Victor H. Metcalf."

The provincialism of California, the reply states, is oddly enough reflected in the hearts and minds of the people

of Washington and Oregon. Continuing the reply says:

"The fact that the president of the United States, basing argument on erroneous assumptions, frames against a loyal people scathing criticisms regarding a matter that is purely one of local concern, does not in the least deter the people of the Pacific coast, who, after all, are the best judges of their own immediate needs and welfare. Neither does the misadvised attempt to deal with this subject alone and unaided, in which event Japan might have spared herself much of the concern that has resulted from the work of middlemen. 'The board of education will not regret from its position and neither the president of the United States has been led into error and now applies emphatic language to the people of this state, or whether ambitious secretaries distort plain facts and shape documents that may perhaps be formidable in a political sense, the school authorities of this city, acting under a state law and without prejudice, will doubtless adhere to the very reasonable stand that has been taken.'"

## HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—After being in session three-quarters of an hour today the house adjourned until January 1, 1909. Empty desks greeted the Speaker when the house convened, and even among the members who remained the desire to get away for the holidays was superior to the inclination for business.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming succeeded in passing his bill extending the time in which entrymen may make final settlement on the Shoshone Indian reservation. After the passage of the Mondell bill, Representative Payne of New York called up his resolution relating to the distribution of the several committees in accordance with a custom that has existed since the foundation of the government.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole with Representative Lacey in the chair, and the reference of various parts of the message to appropriate committees was discussed. The debate was perfunctory, and after a half hour's discussion the committee rose. The house then, after passing the resolution, adjourned for the Christmas holidays at 12:45 p. m.

A hundred members waited after the house adjourned to extend the season's greetings to Speaker Cannon, who showed, by his manner, that his heart was warmed by the interest shown in his welfare.

## GAYS WOMAN WAS MENTALLY UNSOUND

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20.—In the probate court here today, Judge Lawton gave a decision declaring that Mrs. Louise P. Barnes, an aged Newton woman, was not of sound mind when she made a will leaving all her property, about \$12,000, to her niece. The will is therefore void.

Mrs. Barnes created a sensation two or three years ago by marrying a young physician to whom she turned over her bank account. The woman was taken to California by her husband, where friends had the marriage annulled. She was brought back to the bank which transferred her account, and much of the money was recovered.

The will of Mrs. Barnes was opposed by creditors, as under it they would have received nothing.

## SENATOR CRITICISES ACTION OF ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the senate in its last session before the holiday recess today in an extended criticism of the basis of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the 25th Infantry, on account of the Brownsville raid. He was replied to briefly by Senator Lodge while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio senator for a full investigation of the matter by the senate military committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the senate for action at its next meeting. The senate adjourned at 2:45 p. m. until January 5, 1909.

## Every Lively Store

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## RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. HOWARD D. TROOP.

The death of Mrs. Howard D. Troop, which occurred shortly after noon yesterday, will be remembered with regret by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Troop had been ill for the past three or four months, but it was not thought her condition was such as to warrant immediate anxiety. Yesterday morning, however, she took a sudden turn for the worse, and passed away at 12 o'clock at her home on Orange street.

Mrs. Troop was 67 years of age. She was a kind and hospitable woman, with many interests that occupied her time and attention in the days of her activity.

Mrs. Troop is survived by her husband, Howard D. Troop, of the well known shipping firm of Troop & Sons, one son, Charles M. Troop, of this city, and two daughters—Mrs. White, wife of Dr. Walter W. White, late mayor of St. John, and Mrs. McPherson, wife of C. E. McPherson, of the C. P. R. Winnipeg. Mrs. McPherson was notified yesterday morning of the serious turn her mother's illness had taken and at once made preparations to come home. She will not be able to reach St. John until Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Beveridge, of Appleton, Wis.; Mrs. Charles Waters, of Kansas City, and Mrs. George Smith of Yarmouth, N. S., are sisters, and Charles McLoughlin of this city is a brother.

MISS ELLEN BURNS.  
The death occurred at Dorchester, N. B., on Saturday last, of Ellen Regina, daughter of W. R. Burns, instructor at the penitentiary. She had been suffering for quite a long time and bore her sufferings with great patience. Besides her father, she is survived by three sisters and three brothers. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at Dorchester on Monday afternoon.

## JAMES FAWCETT.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 20.—A telegram from Edmonton, Alberta, yesterday announced the sad news of the death of James Fawcett, only son of Wm. B. Fawcett, Upper Sackville. Deceased went to Alberta a few months ago, where he was engaged in cattle ranching. He was seventeen years old and was a promising young man. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. About a year ago their only daughter passed away very suddenly. The remains will be brought home for interment.

ALFRED HICKS.  
The death of Alfred Hicks, Jr., occurred at St. John, N. B., on Nov. 28th, after a short illness. He was a son of James Hicks of Midgie, and is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Burton Stokes, and Mrs. Harry Cogel of New Hampshire and Mrs. Wm. Stokes of Sackville.

## AUGUSTINE BIRRELL TO SUCCEED BRYCE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In well informed parliamentary circles, Augustine Birrell, President of the Board of Education, is now regarded as first favorite for the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland, which will become vacant when James Bryce is transferred to the British Embassy at Washington. In this event, Dr. B. C. McNamee probably will be the new Minister of Education. It appears that the contemplated appointment of Winston Spencer Churchill to the Irish secretaryship is getting but a lukewarm reception from the nationalist members of the House, who desire a man with a longer parliamentary record. It is believed that the Nationalists would warmly welcome Mr. Birrell as a successor to Mr. Bryce. It was noticed during yesterday's debate in the House of Commons that the references of John Redmond, the Irish leader, to Mr. Birrell were particularly effusive.

The Morning Post which has advocated the appointment of a Canadian as British Ambassador to Washington, today editorially congratulates the government upon the selection of Mr. Bryce, as it thinks this choice will be regarded on both sides of the Atlantic as a proof of friendly feeling. The paper considers also that Mr. Bryce fully appreciates the positions of Canada and Newfoundland.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Big bargains in Christmas goods at M. R. A. & Co. Tonight's advertisement on the last page tells about generous reductions on all sorts of holiday fancy goods, the latest novelties from New York, Europe and the Orient. But two days remain to make complete your Santa Claus lists and this bargain sale which commences in the morning affords a grand opportunity to get new and prettiest goods at amazingly low prices. Stores open tonight and Saturday and Monday nights. Extra clerks, extra deliveries.

During the past two weeks hundreds of roller skaters have been asking, "When is the new roller rink to open?" and we are pleased to be able to announce that the Queen's Rollaway will be the bright, clean appearance of the interior of the rink, so different from the former dark and dirty appearance. In order to work this transformation the management have spared neither time, pains or expense. The ceiling and crossbeams have been whitened, and to make the rink warmer the walls have been sheathed. What were formerly called, by courtesy, dressing rooms, have been entirely remodelled and after passing through the hands of the carpenters and painters, they can now be called in reality dressing rooms. The new floor has been constructed by old roller skaters to be the best ever laid in this city. Another interesting announcement for skaters is that during the past two weeks every skate has been "gone over" thoroughly and repaired and is now practically as good as new.

There are but two days remaining to make your selection of Christmas gifts. If you visit The Floods Co.'s establishment on King street, next J. and A., you will find the choicest collection of Christmas gifts to be seen in the city. You can get what you want in sterling silver or plated toilet articles, cut glass for the table or toilet. What can be nicer than a piece of choice sterling silver or cut glass as a Christmas gift?

They also have Russian brass in polished and dull finish, bronze ornaments, gilt tables, umbrellas with sterling silver and gold mountings of the choicest designs, for ladies and gentlemen. Along one side of the shop is to be seen English and French china in tea cups and saucers and dessert plates, also bouillon cups and saucers. A nice lamp for the parlor or library would make a most acceptable gift. Ladies' need cases or pocket books in leather, or a bridge set, a pair of silver candle sticks or a silver jewel case. In addition to these, on the second floor, there are pictures, mantel ornaments of all kinds, onyx top tables, and a lot of small picture frames at 25c. and 35c.

In calendars and booklets, 25c. and 35c. each, is to be offered to clear. They also have all the books for boys and girls of all ages.

## RECENT WEDDINGS.

ELLISON-EVANS.  
A very interesting event took place at 4 p. m. yesterday at the residence of the groom, Edmund street, when Ida May Evans was united in marriage to Thomas Henry Ellison. The bride, who looked very charming, wore a pale blue cashmere dress and all-over. She was given away by her uncle, Thomas Evans. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, B. D. Immediately after the ceremony, supper was served in the dining room. The bride, who has been in the employ of the Earle Publishing Company, received from the groom a substantial check, and from the officiating minister a number of beautiful presents. Among the guests present was the bride's mother, Mrs. M. J. Stee, of Moncton. The happy couple left last evening for their home in Sussex, where the groom is employed in the Sussex Manufacturing Company. The bride more a going away suit of blue broadcloth, with white hat.

GRANT-JOHNSON.  
The marriage of Miss Fiona Grant of Port Egin and William Johnson of St. John, was solemnized on the 12th of December. Rev. B. O. Hartman performed the ceremony.

WILLIAMS-BECK.  
A quiet, but pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Beck, of 106 Queen street, when her only daughter, Eleanor Frances Mary Beaudet Beck, was united in marriage to Victor Thornton Williams of Lockport, N. S., by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Trinity Church. The bride wore a handsome suit of brown broadcloth with hat to match. After the ceremony a luncheon was served, and the happy couple left last evening by steamer Senlac for a trip through Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, and on their return will reside at 106 Queen street.

## YOUNG BOY EXECUTED FOR KILLING AN OFFICER

RANDUM, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—A youth named Warner, 17 years old and a student at the Technical School, was tried by drumhead courtmartial here today, convicted and shot to death for having killed Colonel Plota, Commander of the Gendarmes of the Government of Randum. Warner threw a bomb at Colonel Plota December 12, and the Colonel died the next day of his injuries. When the workmen of this vicinity learned of the execution of Warner, they declared a general strike.

## THE NEW RINK

The Marathon Athletic Club announces the sale of tickets for the Marathon Exhibition Rink. The new rink will be the favorite with the skaters and hockeyists. No one will want to be without a ticket, a splendid Christmas gift.

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- Gloves,
- Umbrella,
- Shirts,
- Neckwear,
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- Trunk,
- Caps,
- Suit,
- Pants,
- Dressing Gown,
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