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cil was his able assistant. Doctor McBride and myself worked with and under the direction of army physicians and to the last had their enthusiastic coöperation. I wondered at the opposition of the council member until his wife called at my home one evening and told me the unprintable story of their lives. Then I understood his opposition to compulsory treatment and quarantine. The reason the quarantine was fought was because *the men who fought it were either against our securing a healthy army, fit to fight, or were engaged in making profit from the unfortunates.*

As a mayor one learns too much of the vileness of men. I had never before really sensed what men would do for money. While the council refused a better place to house the prisoners, despite repeated requests, members of the council attacked us because the place was not sanitary. Hypocrisy could go no further!

Some day the Government will district the United States and meet this scourge by quarantining, treating, and curing all infected persons. Our experience proves that a few years of such procedure will practically wipe out these dread diseases. In the beginning of the quarantine more than eighty per cent. of the women and men arrested and examined were found to be infected. In six months' time less than forty per cent. were found infected, and in twelve months, less than ten per cent.

We treated many hundreds, but the greatest benefit came from the publicity which caused unarrested folk to secure treatment at once. The afflicted hurried to their physicians and took private treatment. I sent a