

The German Consumption.

Tuberculosis, the most terrible scourge of the human race, may be considered and annihilated. This is the verdict of the world's most famous specialists on the dread disease. At the recent tuberculosis congress held in London and attended by the leading scientists of many countries it was agreed that not only could the spread of the deadly be checked, but that it is curable. The old time notion that consumption is a hereditary disease has for some years been repudiated by the leading physicians of the world, but there has not until this London congress been a decisive statement from the doctors that it was possible to entirely eradicate it by curing its victims and preventing it from attacking others.

The most important address delivered at the British tuberculosis congress was that of Dr. Koch, the famous German scientist. He has long been recognized as the chief investigator of consumption, and his announcements at different periods during the past few years have attracted wide attention. It was natural, therefore, that what he might say before a gathering of scientists and researchers like himself would make a deep impression not only upon those present, but upon the medical fraternity throughout the world, as well as upon all those who are concerned in the physical conditions of the race and the surroundings which make for the good health of the community.

Professor Koch, after positively reasserting that there was no foundation for the old claim that tuberculosis was hereditary and that from his investigations he had determined that there is little if any danger to man from bovine tuberculosis, though the congress was markedly divided on this point, declared that the spoutum of consumptive persons must be regarded as the main source of the infection of tuberculosis and that measures for combating the disease must aim at the prevention of dangers arising from the diffusion of the infected spoutum.

Much, the professor said, will have to be done in this direction. Consumptives who cough out tubercle bacilli are not necessarily a source of infection on that account so long as they take care that their spoutum is properly removed and rendered innocuous. Among the poor this prevention is difficult. Where families live in cramped quarters and nurses are impossible it is out of the question to expect proper care and watchfulness. Thus several members of one family may die of consumption, and therefore it has been declared that the disease was hereditary. The discharge of the spoutum of consumptives in public places has also spread the disease, as the bacillus in a moist state or as dust in the atmosphere has been taken into the system of others. But Professor Koch charges that the crowded condition of the poor in cities produces the gravest peril in this connection. He advocates, besides the ordinary precautionary steps against the spread of the disease, improvement in the housing of the poor and special hospitals for consumptives, where there shall be no charge for care and treatment. Here, he says, is a field for the rich who would like to find a way to give of their superfluity for the benefit of their poor and heavily afflicted fellow creatures.

Another interesting address was delivered before the congress by Professor Brouardel, dean of the faculty of medicine at Paris, who not only supported Professor Koch's statements, but went further. He said that consumption was not only curable in the early stages, but that it could be cured when the patient was beyond the first two stages, provided he was isolated. Tubercular contamination, he declared, can be avoided, and the disease can be cured.

Now that a naval board of inquiry has been appointed, upon the motion of Rear Admiral Schley himself, to investigate his conduct in connection with the sea battle of Santiago, it is hoped that the investigation will be thorough and impartial to the end that "the truth of history" may be fairly and fully established. The controversy which has been raging for the past two years and which has been a disgrace to our navy should be settled once and for ever.

A pretty New Orleans girl has brought suit against a railroad company for \$10,000 damages for displaying her picture upon its advertising matter without her consent. How can a pretty girl be injured by permitting the public to admire her face? If she were not pretty, it would be different.

The fact that two baseball umpires have just been mobbed lends color to the suspicion that some of the managers are plotting to make the public think that people are still interested in the game.

The Shamrock II is now crossing the Atlantic. Mr. Thomas is quite confident that the Americans will have to do the crossing next year.

The will of the late Mr. Rogers, the locomotive builder, seems to draw a lot of litigation in its train.

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The Corn Crop Shortage.

The New York Herald has been making a thorough and remarkably complete investigation of the conditions of the corn belt, which includes the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and finds that according to present indications the yield of these states will not exceed 40 per cent of the average crop. The Herald's reports are later and supplement the government's August crop report, which estimates the yield at 54 per cent, 33.5 per cent lower than the corresponding date last year. According to the government's August report the lowest yield was in Kansas, where the condition of the crop was represented by the figure 19, though there appears to have been some improvement since Aug. 1. In Missouri it was 29, in Nebraska 36, in Illinois 51 and in Indiana and Iowa 57. These percentages indicate a crop for the whole country of about 1,300,000,000 bushels, as against more than 2,100,000,000 bushels last year.

The Herald concludes from its advice that except in Kansas there have been serious losses particularly east of the Mississippi since the government's report was issued. It concludes that the yield for the whole country will not go beyond 1,100,000,000 bushels.

The following table shows the probable yield in the various states of the corn belt which have been affected by the drought, as compared to the actual yield of last year and also the total corn product of the United States:

State	Estimate of 1901	Yield of 1900
Ohio	67,706,782	106,890,138
Indiana	85,490,022	132,300,257
Illinois	110,530,270	264,176,226
Iowa	152,240,830	265,369,420
Missouri	50,822,500	190,710,404
Kansas	43,447,425	166,670,630
Nebraska	79,239,678	210,430,544
Total	649,517,577	1,286,487,717
All other states	54,705,027	715,964,790
Grand total	1,104,222,604	2,002,452,507

While none of these estimates can be regarded as wholly accurate they are sufficiently near the truth to show that we will have considerably less than half a corn crop this year, which is a serious loss to the whole country. Corn will be so high and scarce that it is doubtful if any can be exported. The lack of food will lead to a reduction in the droves of hogs, and we shall export a smaller amount of packing house products. The losses entailed by the drought in the great corn belt, while they may not be regarded in the nature of a national disaster, will naturally result in a marked decrease in volume of the country's trade.

Happily in most if not all of the states where there is a shortage of corn there is a diversity of crops, most of which are abundant, so that the losses will not fall with great severity upon any section of the country.

The Chicago Tribune says that the officers of certain western roads have agreed to report to the commissioners of their association all cut rates contracts with shippers of freight to and from Colorado and Utah. But one railway official is quoted as saying that the roads never will reveal a majority of their secret agreements with the largest shippers. The reason assigned for this is that, "while it is true that these contracts are illegal, being made in violation of the interstate commerce law, the railroads have assumed a moral obligation which they will not disown." This "moral obligation" grows out of the fact that in many cases the shippers have made contracts for the delivery of goods at a price based on the illegal concessions the roads had agreed to make. One does not get a very exalted idea of the standard of morals prevailing in high railroad circles when one hears an official speak of the "moral obligation" attaching to an immoral and illegal agreement.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, referring to her husband's application for divorce, says she thinks David isn't a bad fellow, but "he is too slow for me." And, looking back over her life with him, she is resolved not to surrender her liberty again "for the best man that ever stretched shoe leather." David was right in asking the courts to release him. He is altogether too slow for the hatchet wielding Carrie. Few men could keep pace with her or would desire to do so. Hence her decision not to marry the best man who ever "stretched shoe leather" is quite superfluous.

After two years spent in inspecting English and American shipbuilding yards the commander in chief of the Imperial Japanese navy at Tokyo is going home prepared to double the number of Japan's warships. It is not stated how much information he acquired on the trip regarding the efficacy of peace congresses in settling international disputes.

The population of Canada grows rather slowly, the increase for the last ten years being 9.7 per cent. This is not due to the low birth rate, but to the fact that so many Canadians when they get old enough to know where they want to live come to the United States.

Russell Sage has just had another birthday. As birthdays do not count anything Uncle Russell has one every year.

The Regulation of Posters.

In the war being waged in some quarters against the defacement and pollution of natural scenery, public highways, city streets and private buildings by the display of unsightly and inartistic posters and placards some timely suggestions may be had from the methods employed in Belgium, which has been called the home of artistic posters and street advertisements. The strict laws regulating billboards, posters and street signs undoubtedly account for the growth and prevalence of good taste in this direction.

Brussels, whose ordinances on this point are typical of those in most Belgian cities, permits the affixing of posters or advertising signs only at such places on the public highways as are designated by the mayor and board of aldermen. An exception to this rule is made in the case of buildings for sale or for rent. In such cases an announcement may be affixed to the front of the building, but it must not be more than eight inches wide. The only other exception is made in favor of theaters and concert halls. These are allowed to have billboards at the entrances or on the walls upon which posters may be pasted, but the boards must not project more than an inch beyond the wall. Before any person can post bills anywhere in the city he must have a permit from the council and must carry it on his person and show it whenever so requested by the police. A copy of every poster must also be deposited at the police bureau before the advertisement can be pasted up in public places. All posters and advertising signboards are subject to a tax varying with the size of the sign. The minimum tax is 1 cent for every poster or sign of 13 by 20 inches or under, and one-fifth of a cent is added for each increase of two inches square. These regulations add something to the city's income and at the same time keep the billboard nuisance within reasonable bounds.

If American cities had ordinances similar to those of Belgium, there would be no more occasion of complaints about the unsightly and obtrusive billboards and street placards.

The World's Coal Supply.

The British board of trade has just published some figures of the coal trade of the world which show very plainly how we are outstripping England in the amount of coal mined. In 1898 the production of the United Kingdom was greater than that of any other country, but in 1900 the United States forged to the front, the figures being 226,544,000 tons for the total product of the United States, against 220,000,000 for the total production of the United Kingdom. Last year our country made a still further gain, producing in 1900 245,422,000 tons, against 225,151,000 tons for England. In 1900 109,225,000 tons were mined in the German empire, while France produced only 32,587,000 tons. It is estimated that the total yearly coal production of the world is some 650,000,000 tons, of which the United States and the United Kingdom account for almost three-quarters.

Although we have passed England in the output as measured by tons, when measured by values the United Kingdom leads us almost two to one, the figures for 1900 being \$121,633,000 for England and \$67,040,000 for the United States. In 1898 the average value per ton of coal at the pit's mouth in the United Kingdom was 5s. 0½d., against 4s. 5d. in the United States. In 1890 the value was reckoned in the United Kingdom at 7s. 7d., and in the United States at 4s. 8½d. Last year, when on account of labor troubles the price of English coal ranged very high, there was a jump in the average price per ton of coal at the pit's mouth in Great Britain to 10s. 9½d., while in the United States the price advanced to 5s. 5½d. These figures do much to explain the great difference in value between the coal output of Great Britain and the United States in 1900.

Another patriarchal lie has been nailed. Some time away back in the past some one started the story that stepmothers are proverbially harsh and cruel to their stepchildren. This false impression has so long prevailed that many persons have come to regard it as true. But that it is nothing of the sort is amply proved by the following incident: A father in Hartford has brought suit for \$10,000 against his son for alienating the affections of the father's second wife, who is, as a matter of course, the son's own stepmother.

The latest suggestion for the abatement of the mosquito nuisance is that the raising of whippoorwills and purple martins be engaged in systematically and extensively. Mosquitoes are the favorite tidbits of these birds. During the winter months the birds could be fed on canned mosquitoes.

Senator Depew says, in a long interview, that he is "going to retire from the interviewing business." The way to stop talking is to stop, but apparently Chauncey doesn't care to pursue that method.

It is probable that Rear Admiral Evans will not use such a blunt pen when he writes his next book of naval history.

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ISAAC MASON, Administrator with will annexed.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Illinois, ss. Estate of Catherine Wiles, deceased. To Patrick Fitzgerald, Ellen Corcoran, Deborah Fitzgerald, Philip Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, son of Michael Fitzgerald, deceased, and Maggie O'Donnell heirs and distributees of said estate. You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 24th day of September 1901, the administrator of said estate will present to the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as administrator and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose so to do.

GEORGE S. FOSTER, Executor.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, ss. County of DuPage, ss. In the circuit court of DuPage county, Illinois, October term, A. D. 1901. Emma Butler, vs. Charlie Butler, in Chancery. Affidavit of the non-residence of Charlie Butler defendant above named, having been filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Circuit Court, of DuPage County.

Notice is hereby given to the said Charlie Butler defendant that the above named complainant has heretofore filed her bill of complaint against the said defendant in said Court on the Chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said Court against the above named defendant returnable on the first day of the Term of the Circuit Court of said DuPage County, to be held at the Court House in the City of Wheaton, in said DuPage County, on the first Monday of Oct. A. D. 1901, as by law required, and which said bill is still pending.

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