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THE WAR ON FLIES.

The Whig rejoices in the discovery of a vaccine, one inoculation with which is a sure protection against typhoid fever. This paper now magnifies the information, which comes from scientific sources, and to the effect that the disease may be spread or carried, and as a matter of fact is spread and carried, by the flies.

In the World's Work for June appears an article of special merit. It is headed "How to Make a Flyless Town." The Indianapolis Board of Health issued a kind of catechism, the essence of which was that flies were hatched out in manure piles, that they multiplied in filth, that they invaded the houses, to walk on bread, fruit and vegetables, to wipe their feet in butter, and bathe in the milk and cream.

The city of Wilmington had, annually such an epidemic of typhoid that its sanitary board, making investigations, decided that, outside of the water, the flies were the source of disease, and a campaign was undertaken to exterminate them. The process was easy. A chemist prescribed liquid smoke, or pyroligneous acid, a bi-product of turpentine. A plentiful supply was procured, and on a certain day carts bearing each two barrels of the liquid, were put out. Four men accompanied a cart, and had large sprinkling cans. The instruction was to enter yards and premises, and sprinkle with the acid all spots where flies could be found, and especially the manure heaps.

THE CHURCH IN EVIDENCE.

The church is very much in the limelight these days. Its representatives, principally the clergymen, are doing things, or not doing them, and as a consequence there is talk or comment. The Methodists of the United States had their innings, and commanded wide attention while they debated the question of amusements, and the possibility of regulating them with a rule. Now the Anglicans are in the foreground, and with a matter of weightier importance.

It was at a session of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury, held recently at Church House, Westminster, that there was a discussion of the order for the burial of the dead, with the result that the first rubric of this service was altered to read:

"Here it is to be noted that the office of the ensuing is not to be used for any that die unbaptized, or excommunicated, or in the commission of any grievous crime, or that have died by their own act, not being of unsound mind."

Among the prominent clergymen who took part in this discussion were the Bishop of Southampton, the Bishop of Dover, the Archbishop of Leicester, the Dean of Westminster and Canon Hensley Henson.

It was pointed out that sometimes the clergy were called upon to bury persons whose characters, as one put it, "were quite notorious," and over whose remains a religious service was "most tragically inappropriate."

NO REASON FOR TYPHOID.

A discovery that ranks in importance with diphtheria anti-toxine, and vaccination against smallpox, is the typhoid prophylactic which is the salvation of the race from typhoid fever. It is gratifying that at last a great vaccine has been found, that with it the masses may be inoculated, and that within twenty days they may be regarded as immune to typhoid fever.

The evidence of this is supplied in a recent issue of the Medical Record, and largely from the experiences of the American army. During the Spanish-American war the mortality among the soldiers on account of typhoid was alarmingly large. Over 20,000 cases were reported, and four-fifths of the mortality was due to this disease.

Two divisions of between 10,000 and 12,000 men were located in Florida. The camp conditions were precisely the same. In one division the soldiers were inoculated with the vaccine, and not a case of typhoid fever and not a death occurred. In the other division the men were not inoculated with the typhoid vaccine, and there were 2,600 cases and 248 deaths.

During the South African war the British had 31,000 cases of typhoid fever among their troops. There were no vaccinations with typhoid vaccine. In India, in 1908—for this typhoid vaccine is not a brand new thing—6,000 British troops were inoculated, and 6,000 were not. Result—among the non-vaccinated seven times as many suffered, and eleven times as many died from typhoid.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Carnegie is willing to aid the endowment fund of Queen's College to extent of \$100,000, his original promise but Queen's must first raise the \$400,000 which her trustees undertook on her behalf. Mr. Carnegie is a Scotchman. He makes an agreement, and he will keep it. But there will be modifications so far as he is concerned. Let that a Scotch characterist.

The Ohio campaign which Roosevelt and Taft conducted cost, it is said, \$400,000. It was charged that the primary elections in other states were very corrupt. It looks as if Ohio was

very susceptible to the usual election influences, and Roosevelt, for a pure man, seems to be followed by a gang that will stand watching.

The people eventually pay for all strikes. The American coal difficulty lasted only a short time, but it was very expensive. Towards the bill of costs the consumers will pay 25c per ton for all time.

Boar Law lauds the Canadian preference and says the growth of the British-Canadian trade is due to it. Mr. Law does not know or does not remember what certain distinguished Canadians said about this preference. But let dead past bury its dead.

In Australia an elector must register his vote—under a penalty for neglect to do so of £2—but there is no penalty if one neglects to cast this vote. Compulsory voting is the only cure for bribery and corruption, booty if they knew they had to vote fewer men would be hanging back for or pay a fine.

The medical council is again under fire. It ought to be abolished. What rask is it? Its work could be undertaken by the provincial health department, and the people and the profession would be protected as they are not now. It is time the legislature dealt with the council. Its record is becoming unsavoury.

Herding young incorrigibles and noble-minded youths together is not a modern way of treating them. The incorrigibles should be confined in a real reformatory school. The noble-minded should be educated, not imprisoned and not disciplined. They are the product of conditions that should not prevail in this twentieth century.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Cuffed From All Over the World.

Paul Deschanel was elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies. It may put him next in line for the presidency. At Los Angeles, Cal., wholesale attempts to bribe jurors in the McNamara case will be alleged by the prosecution against Darryl F. Zanuck, a relative, probably fatally injured in a G.T.R. level crossing accident at Tavistock.

Dr. Francis Cativa, New York, was called by an emergency summons, and then, as he reached the address given, was shot down by Blackhanders. He may die. General Booth, of the Salvation Army, was successfully operated on for cataract. The ultimate restoration of his eyesight depends only on his recuperative powers.

The Chamber of Deputies, Lisbon, by 50 to 45, decided to abolish the Portuguese legation at the Vatican, a sequel to the law for the separation of church and state. Strikers and police have had collisions in Budapest, one policeman killed. The mob has been wrecking property. Most of the stores have been closed and troops are now stationed in the principal streets.

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