

EPIDEMICS SWEEP SERBIANS TO DEATH

Many Plagues Raging in Balkan State and Conditions Are Terrible, it is Reported.

TYPHUS MOST DEADLY OF ALL

LONDON, March 18.—An appalling story of conditions in Serbia was related today by Ernest Bicknell and Henry James, Jr., of the war relief committee of the Rockefeller Foundation, on their return to London after a tour of inspection through that country.

Typheus, the most deadly of these, already has caused the death of sixty out of 400 native doctors of the country. The foreign Red Cross units have suffered great losses. Two American units and one British have been compelled to suspend their regular work because of typhus. Nine American nurses and two physicians have contracted the disease.

Introduced by Prisoners. The Serbians assert that typhus was introduced by Austrian prisoners of war who were permitted to wander over the country and infected the population by spreading vermin which causes the disease.

The commissioners went first to Nish, then proceeded to Belgrade and left the country by way of Uskub, thus visiting the three most populous towns. During their tour they learned that typhus, typhoid, fever, cholera, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever and recurrent fever are all existing in more or less epidemic forms.

The largest number of cases is of recurrent fever, but this is not so deadly as typhus and diphtheria are. No figures are available.

No figures are available as to the number of cases but the commissioners believe that the mortality is so heavy as to bring the situation within their purview. Physicians and sanitary experts are needed badly but unless they are fully equipped with medicines and also with disinfectants for their living quarters it will be unwise to go to Serbia since they probably would fall victims to the disease.

Mr. James said that the situation could be dealt with effectively only by a joint organization by medical units under a system whereby strict sanitary control could be enforced. Some plans must also be devised for placing Austrian prisoners in camps.

T. S. Commission Organized. WASHINGTON, March 18.—An American Sanitary commission has been organized under the auspices of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller Foundation and soon will be at work in Serbia aiding in the control and suppression of typhus fever, which already has claimed 60,000 victims there.

Announcement was made today by the Red Cross that \$50,000 had been furnished for carrying on this work, which Surgeon General William C. Gorgas of the United States army says is the most important sanitary development considered in years.

Rockefeller Contributions. NEW YORK, March 18.—The Rockefeller Foundation announced today that it has made a contribution of \$50,000 to the American Red Cross toward the cost of sending a special sanitary commission to Serbia to aid the Serbian government in controlling epidemics of typhus and typhoid fever and possibly of cholera.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD WANTS NEBRASKA FILMS. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—The moving picture stories of Nebraska's agricultural and live stock resources, have made a distinct hit in the south.

DENIES RISING OF DERVISHES

Missionary 'Ridicules Story of Rebellion of Natives Against English in the Sudan.

GIVES HIM HEARTY LAUGH

NEW YORK, March 18.—Issues of the Sudan Times published at Khartoum, as late as February 11, which have reached this city, contain nothing to confirm the reports received by wireless telegraph from Berlin yesterday respecting the uprising of Dervishes and their successes in the Khartoum and Nubia regions.

The Berlin dispatches said that an uprising of the Semnani tribesmen occurred in November. The Sudan Times on February 11, contains the following official report: "Sheikh Sid Ahmed, grand senussi, in conversation with a British official expressed great annoyance that certain people are spreading baseless reports in regard to his intention and thus throw doubt on his pledged word of friendship to Egypt and his government."

Missionary Ridicules Story. DES MOINES, Ia., March 18.—No uprising among the Dervishes of Egyptian Sudan had occurred up to December 21 last, according to the Rev. D. S. Oyster of Atlantic, Ia., a missionary of the United Presbyterian church who left his mission at Fashoda on that date.

Kurds Massacre Many Armenians. LONDON, March 18.—Appalling accounts of conditions in Armenia have reached the officials in London of the Armenian Red Cross fund.

Female Labor Law Change is Advanced. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—The amendment to the female labor law exempting from its operation the country and all cities and towns under 5,000 population, was advanced to third reading by the senate committee of the whole this morning.

SOCIALIST ELECTED ALDERMAN IN BERLIN. BERLIN, March 18.—(Via London.)—The alderman of Berlin today elected Herr Sassenbach, socialist and secretary of a labor union, to be member of the city council. This is the first time that a socialist ever has been nominated to this office.

SECRETARY BRYAN IS FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD. WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary Bryan celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday anniversary today by exchanging ratifications of the peace treaty with Italy with the Italian ambassador, Count Di Cellaere.

FOUNDER OF ADVENTIST CHURCH SERIOUSLY ILL. ST. HELENA, Cal., March 18.—Mrs. Ellen G. White, founder of the Adventist church, is seriously ill at her home near here. Several weeks ago she broke her hip in a fall. Mrs. White is 55 years old.

Secretary of Trade Board. WASHINGTON, March 18.—Frank Jones of Chicago was today appointed the temporary secretary of the Federal Trade commission.

Two New Writs May Delay Thaw Case for Another Month

NEW YORK, March 18.—As the result of various writs and orders sworn out in his behalf and the resultant tangle Harry Kendall Thaw is not in danger of being returned to the state hospital for at least a month.

Supreme Court Justice Bijur, signer of two writs of habeas corpus in Thaw's behalf, said today upon the conclusion of a conference between himself, counsel for Thaw, the sheriff of New York county, the warden of the Tombs prison and representatives of the state attorney general's office, that Thaw's attorney could, by means of securing adjournments, delay the final hearing upon the first writ, secured early in the week, until April 19.

Turks of Smyrna Threaten Massacre. LONDON, March 18.—The text of an alleged proclamation issued at Smyrna by Rahmy Bey, the Turkish governor, threatening to massacre the foreign residents of the city is given by the Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent as follows: "By the grace of the Almighty, the enemy's attacks will cost dearly. A defence equal to that made by the forts and more terrible will be organized against the enemy within the town."

Proposed Cotton Rate Increase Considered. CHICAGO, March 18.—Proposed increases on freight rates for cotton goods in western territory were considered here today at the Interstate Commerce commission's hearing of a petition from forty-one western railroads.

HOAGLAND NAMED HEAD OF LEGISLATIVE LEAGUE. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—At the business meeting of the Nebraska Legislative league Thursday afternoon, President C. W. Fette and Secretary H. C. Richmond reported briefly on the affairs of the organization during the last year.

TWO DOUGLAS DAMAGE SUITS ARE APPEALED. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—Appeals in two cases were filed in the supreme court yesterday from Douglas county. The Burlington appeals from the verdict of the lower court jury giving Timothy Murphy \$1,000 for land in Douglas county damaged by flood waters.

Cabinet Discusses Draft of New Note to Be Sent England

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The note to be sent to Great Britain in the near future, protesting against some features of the British order in council and asking for more detailed information about other features was taken up today at the cabinet meeting.

British War Office Conceals Number of Killed and Wounded. LONDON, March 18.—Evidence is accumulating of the heavy British losses in the recent fighting in Flanders. Lord Claud Hamilton, addressing a meeting in London last night said that the papers were not giving full lists of the losses. His own regiment, the Grenadier Guards, he declared, lost their colonel and sixteen officers killed and wounded and of 1,100 men, the finest in the army, only 200 survived.

New Washable Dresses For Girls. For the little Miss of two years to the Junior Girl of fourteen. The styles are unusually fetching and simple enough to make laundering easy, while the colors are fast and very pleasing.



Advertisement for Benson & Thorne Co. featuring 'New Coats for Little Tots', 'Hats to go with these Pretty Coats', 'Coats for Larger Girls', 'New Washable Dresses For Girls', and 'Wash Suits for Small Boys'. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$11.50.

Advertisement for King Beddeo's Spring Opening Saturday. Features a portrait of King Beddeo and text: 'DON'T MISS KING BEDDEO'S SPRING OPENING SATURDAY. Free Souvenirs to Everybody. Good Music All the Time. Come and View the Greatest Showing of Spring Apparel for Men, Women and Children Ever Shown West of Chicago.'

Advertisement for Saturday Reminder. Features a cartoon character and text: 'SATURDAY REMINDER. DID YOU ORDER Hardings for Tomorrow's DINNER?'.

Advertisement for Piles. Text: 'PILES No Money Till Cured. DR. E. R. TARRY - 240 Bee Bldg. Omaha, Neb.'

Advertisement for Luxus Coupons. Text: 'LUXUS COUPONS. Not each case, but each bottle of LUXUS, the beer you like, will bring you a valuable coupon. A fine premium catalogue is ready to be mailed and unless you have received one phone D. 1889—as you will certainly be interested in many splendid articles listed therein.'

Advertisement for The Bee Building. Text: 'Spring moving time will soon be upon us. It is true that we cannot give you a very general selection of offices, but if one of these pleases you, come and look at it at once, because you may not be able to get it next month.'

Advertisement for The Bee Building Company. Text: 'The Bee Building. The building that is always new. The fact that there are but two vacant offices in the Bee Building is the best testimonial we can offer you of service, comfort, safety and location.'

Advertisement for Tom Coleman's hair shampoo. Text: 'Tom Coleman says—Lee's Shampoo does the best work and leaves the hair in better condition than anything we have ever used.—Thos. B. Coleman. Many fine heads of hair are ruined by soapy soaps—soap left in hair body and scalp pores after drying. Lee's Liquid Shampoo is the liquid soap of right fluidity, that goes instantly to the scalp, where most needed, in full strength. It sees the latter passes through the hair but does not—going out, a thick, heavy, non-penetrating lather that cuts grease, dirt and dandruff quicker and better than the light, foamy, soapy kind.'