

SUICIDE EPIDEMIC SWEEPING GERMANY

Economic Depression Given as the Cause.

Berlin.—A grim and mysterious epidemic of suicides is sweeping Germany...

The causes of the abnormal rate of suicides in present-day Germany are, no doubt, the widespread economic depression...

Where Pessimism Lingers.

When the man's philosophy goes to pieces upon the rocks of experience, the man himself often goes to pieces likewise...

But it is not only the poor, the distraught, the loveless or the inexperienced who lay violent hands upon themselves in the German republic...

There is also the mystery of the death of Jurjevskaja, a beautiful and celebrated star of the National opera at Berlin...

Strange tragedies are of daily occurrence. Day after day the newspaper reader is confronted with such little notices as this: "Suicide of an Aged Married Couple."

Cards Amundsen Mailed 13 Years Ago, Delivered

Chicago.—As Capt. Roald Amundsen swept over the northern roof of the earth recently a sack of mail, from Finland reached Chicago...

Stanley G. Swanberg, Wilmette, received one of the cards. It was sent to him by a friend, who has been dead eight years, and started on its journey in Colon harbor in the Canal zone...

Movies Help

Paris.—Movies are keeping French women away from the saloons. The pictures and improved housing, thinks Professor Labbe of the Academy of Medicine...

MUCH BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE

Proper Workshop Condition of Importance.

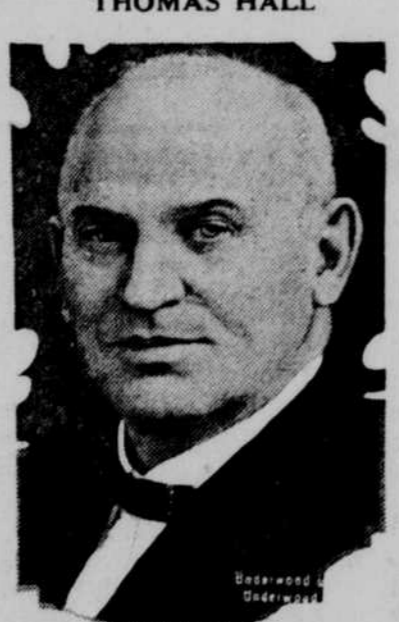
St. Louis.—"Half of all blindness is preventable," declared Dr. Park Lewis, ophthalmologist of Buffalo, N. Y., and vice president of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness...

Speaking on the economic necessity for conservation of vision, Doctor Lewis pointed out that the cost of educating a blind child is at least ten times that of educating a normal-sighted child...

"In considering the economic phase of the subject," Doctor Lewis said, "we are not thinking of the frightful loss to the man in the moral suffering which he incurs, in the dependency which necessarily follows from the loss of his own self-efficiency..."

There is not a loss suffered by any individual member of a community," Doctor Lewis added, "that is not in some degree shared by every other member. I think, then, that it would be agreed that in industry today, it is a matter only of forethought and business acumen to so plan each factory and workshop that the greatest returns are produced with a minimum of loss..."

THOMAS HALL



An especially posed portrait of Representative Thomas Hall, Republican, of North Dakota. He is a member of the house committee on agriculture.

Sound Waves in Water Used to Fight Disease

Baltimore, Md.—Dr. R. W. Wood, professor of experimental physics at Johns Hopkins university, makes public the results so far attained in the experiments conducted on the estate of Alfred L. Loomis, a New York banker, at Tuxedo, N. Y., with treatment of diseases by high-frequency sound waves sent through water...

Doctor Wood said that while the experiments had not gone far enough for him to claim that cures might be accomplished, it had been found that circulation could be tremendously stimulated and that a method for stimulating circulation without injury was valuable to medicine.

Indian Relics Sold to Museum at New York

Los Angeles.—Purchase by the Museum of American Indians, New York city, of the A. R. Sanger collection of relics of Indian civilization in southern California was announced by Prof. M. R. Harrington of New York. The collection, described by Professor Harrington as the most complete in existence, consists of 1,350 stone implements, shell ornaments, beads, skeletons and other archeological specimens unearthed on Catalina and other channel islands and assembled here.

TINY GERM SPREADS DISEASE AMONG FISH

Diminutive Parasite Attacks the Gills.

Washington.—There are fish epidemics as well as human epidemics. Really serious ones due to a tiny parasite rejoicing in the name Ichthyophthirius multifiliis have occurred from time to time in France, Germany, Holland and in various parts of the United States...

In a recent paper H. E. Prytherch of the United States bureau of fisheries describes various methods of controlling this disease in hatcheries, fish farms and all places where fish are kept in artificial confinement. To make clear how the problem can be attacked, he says, it is first necessary to understand something of the life history of the parasite.

"Polka Dots" Are Symptoms.

The young Ichthyophthirius, according to Mr. Prytherch, goes through a free swimming stage during which it wanders around through the water in search of a host. On coming in contact with a fish it burrows into some unscathed part, especially preferring the gills or fins. Once embedded in the fish's skin it grows rapidly from the nourishment it absorbs from the tissues and soon shows on the outside as a small white spot. Badly infected fish are covered with these "polka dots" all over their bodies.

In a few days this white body leaves the fish and sinks to the bottom, where it shortly undergoes a transformation into a hard-shelled reproductive cyst. When reproduction is complete the cyst wall bursts and releases hundreds of young parasites of the free-swimming stage.

Mr. Prytherch states: "There are two general methods for treating the disease—first, by killing the parasites while they are attached to the fish, and second, by destroying them after they leave the fish and are free-swimming in the water. The first general method can be used to hold the disease in check, but will not completely wipe it out."

Alum Sulphate Helps.

The logical time to begin treatment, he continues, is when the first symptoms of the disease appear and the whole fight in controlling the disease should be directed against reinfection. Direct application of alum sulphate has been found most efficacious in ridding the fish of the parasites. The healing action of the alum leaves the "patient" in a less weakened condition than any of the various other chemicals tried so far for this purpose.

The second method which attacks the adult parasite after it has left the fish is more successful, and should be utilized, says Mr. Prytherch, wherever possible. It consists simply in placing the fish in swiftly running water where the parasites will be carried away before reproduction can take place. The overflow should be carried off both at the top and the bottom to take care of any that do not fall directly to the bottom. Infected fish, in warm weather, it is stated, may be cured in this way in a week or ten days and further epidemics prevented by quarantining new stock in running water. In some instances swiftly-flowing streams may be fenced off and used for this purpose by leaving the fish in the enclosure until cured.

Tadpoles and goldfish kept in tanks with fishes subject to this disease have been found extremely helpful in keeping it down, since they prey on the parasites for food.

Finds Movies Offer Field for Organist

New York.—Modern organists have found their greatest opportunity for development in a place where a few years ago it was least expected to exist—the American motion picture theater—says Dr. Melchiorre Mauro-Cottone, concert organist and composer.

Many of the finest organs in the world are in the cinema palaces and the men who play them, in Doctor Cottone's opinion, reach larger audiences than they have ever had before. "There was a time," he said, "when it was thought the organ was not very adaptable to the motion picture theater. But we now know how false this opinion was. The organ is most elastic, even more so than the orchestra, and in playing for the screen we can switch instantly from one theme to another."

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Heat in One Peanut Can Type 1,000 Words

Princeton, N. J.—One thousand words may be written on a typewriter with the expenditure of heat contained in a single peanut, Prof. Andrew Hunter of the University of California said. The amount of heat given off by persons in various occupations during a day he estimates as: No work, 1,830 calories; tailor, 2,700 calories; carpenter, 3,500; and lumberman, 5,500.

SOME HINTS FOR THE OCEAN "TENDERFOOT"

First Passage Is Full of New Adventures.

Washington.—Increased facilities for crossing the Atlantic at reasonable cost, prosperity at home, and cheap money abroad are combining to send a larger army of American tourists to Europe this summer than any, probably, that has ever invaded the Old World in a like period. Many of these travelers, familiar enough with their pullmans and river steamers, will find conditions on an ocean liner disconcertingly strange. A bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society introduces the "ocean tenderfoot" to this new environment in which he will be confined from five to ten days.

"Getting off is an exciting matter," says the bulletin, "and the temptation is to spend the last hour or so near the gangplanks, chatting with your own friends and watching the milling throng of travelers and well-wishers in holiday spirit. If you are wise, however, you will invest say 20 minutes of this time for your own future comfort. Take a turn around the promenade deck and select the neighborhood in which you would like to have your deck chair. You will not find distinguishing numbers on the chairs, but where you would least expect them—on the ceiling above."

Selecting a Steamer Chair.

"You probably will want your chair on the starboard (or right) side going to Europe and on the port (or left) side returning, for those are the sunny sides. Having decided on the location you desire and noticed the neighboring numbers, look up the deck steward and try to persuade him to allot you a chair somewhere in the neighborhood. There will be a fee, of course, for the chair and a steamer rug. If you are traveling with friends you will wish to make this a joint arrangement so as not to be separated."

"Watch the bulletin boards. These are the town criers and newspapers on shipboard. There are little daily papers, too, on the larger liners. Usually there will be a bulletin board in the main companionway at the promenade deck level, another outside the dining saloon and a third, perhaps, in the smoking room."

"Your seat in the dining saloon is usually arranged for, unless otherwise announced, at the first meal after sailing."

"Cheerful bugle blasts order your life on many of the big liners, but you must learn what they mean or they will lead you hopelessly astray. The blast in the reasonably early morning, say at eight o'clock, ship's time, means either of two things: If you are an early riser and are taking a pre-breakfast walk on deck, it is a signal that your food is ready. If you are a late sleeper (and an ocean voyage is the chance of a lifetime for laziness) it means that you can take forty winks and still be in time for a late breakfast."

"If you hear a bugle blast at about 10:30 pay no attention to it. It is not for you and your fellow passengers, but for the ship's crew. It signifies that the captain is making an unexpected inspection of some part of his domain."

Hot Broth Unheralded.

"Having made the acquaintance of the breakfast bugle, the 'ocean tenderfoot' might well think the 10:30 bugle call connected in some way with the hot broth that appears about this time for those in deck chairs. But this comes quite unheralded—a mere detail in carrying out the ship management's evident intention to keep the passengers continually busy with food. The food schedule on a big liner runs something like this: Breakfast, 8 to 10; hot broth, 10:30 to 11; luncheon, 1 to 2:30; after-luncheon coffee, 2 to 3; afternoon tea and cakes, 4 to 5; dinner, 7:30 to 9; after-dinner coffee, 8:30 to 9:30; sandwiches in the smoking room, 10 to 11."

"The second bugle for passengers blows at one o'clock and means that luncheon is then ready. At 7 p. m. the bugle sounds again. But do not rush to the dining saloon. It is simply a signal that it is time to dress for dinner! At 7:30 the bugler quite outdoes himself in the cheeriness of his call to the chief prandial occasion of the day."

"The only other major signal of the day on shipboard is the blowing of the whistle exactly at noon, ship's time. On the larger liners, at least, the whistle is heard at no other time unless there is a dense fog. The whistle is blown for a double purpose at noon: to signal the time and to test the whistle itself."

"You must watch your time carefully on shipboard. On the trip to Europe you will lose five hours. What the loss is each twenty-four hours depends on the speed. On the fastest liners it amounts to an hour a day."

"Don't fancy you can stand at the rail and see the traffic of the Seven Seas go by on your way to Europe. The day of crowded steamer lanes is no more. Now two tracks are 'staked out' in the ocean for ships: one eastbound and one westbound. On one of its most recent voyages to Europe the huge Majestic was seemingly almost as isolated as Columbus' little fleet. It sighted a tramp steamer the second day out from New York. There was no additional visual evidence that other ships sail the Atlantic until the big vessel approached the English channel only a few miles from her destination."

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