

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

BELGIUM A PLAGUE SPOT

Cholera Certainly Has Gained a Foothold in That Country.

IT IS OF THE DREADED ASIATIC KIND

Hamburg and Antwerp Seats of the Pestilence—United States Authorities Taking Every Precaution Against the Disease—Russia's Great Death Rate.

ANTWERP, Aug. 24.—For some little time past there have been a number of suspicious cases of sickness in this city, but the authorities have steadily maintained that the disease was not the dreaded epidemic, cholera.

Further Precautionary Measures. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 24.—Dr. J. N. McCormack of Bowling Green, president of the international conference of state boards of health, has called a meeting of the executive committee of the conference for Friday next in Indianapolis.

Spreading in Belgium. LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Hamburg correspondent of the Standard says the municipal authorities warned the citizens of the danger of using water from the river Elbe.

Rags Must Be Disinfected. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—The Treasury department has ordered that after September 20 all rags from any foreign port shall not be received into the United States unless accompanied by a certificate of an American consul that they have been disinfected.

Boston Takes Action. BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 24.—In view of the rapid spread of cholera in Europe the customs authorities of Boston today issued an order that no rags shall be landed from any European port until examinations are made in accordance with the order.

Russia's Death Roll. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—Official returns show 5,505 cases of cholera and 2,559 deaths in Russia yesterday, a decrease of 1,381 cases and 770 deaths compared with Monday.

Enforcing the Quarantine. ANTWERP, Aug. 24.—All arrivals at this port from Hamburg, Havre and Rhine, will be subject to one week's quarantine.

Every Precaution Being Taken to Prevent the Introduction of Cholera. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—The following dispatches were received at the State department from the United States consul at Hamburg:

Hamburg, Aug. 24.—Hamburg emigrants must be regarded as coming from a cholera infected district. Small sea that steamers and baggage are disinfected.

Philadelphia's Precaution. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 24.—Having been officially notified of the prevalence of the cholera in foreign ports, the Board of Health at a meeting today adopted stringent measures to prevent the disease from being introduced into this country through this port.

Delegations from Several Iowa Counties Meet at Tabor. MALVERN, Ia., Aug. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The old settlers reunion at Tabor today was largely attended.

Price of Her Husband's Love. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Mrs. Martha Baerthel has brought suit in the district court against her husband for divorce.

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SUPREME LODGE BUSINESS

Knights of Pythias Leaders Attending to the Session's Routine Work.

GAVE THE NEW RITUAL A TRIAL

Proposed Substitute for the Secret Work of the Order Examined—Night Candidates for the High Officers—Competitive Drills.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 24.—This was a busy day for the Knights of Pythias supreme lodge. Three sessions were held and much hard work was done.

At the morning session the routine business under consideration, but not disposed of yesterday, was taken up and consideration of it resumed. Twelve aspirants for the honors of the supreme lodge rank were admitted and the rank conferred.

At 11 o'clock the supreme lodge resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss the proposed substitute for the secret work of the order.

Two years ago a committee of five was appointed to revise the ritual. The committee is composed of: W. B. Ritchie, D. F. Glendon of Detroit, past supreme representative; E. E. French of Omaha, past supreme representative; W. A. Redcliffe of St. Louis, supreme representative; R. L. C. White of Nashville, Tenn., supreme representative; and J. H. Smith of St. Louis, supreme representative.

The new ritual is mainly the work of Walter B. Ritchie, supreme representative for Ohio and Kentucky, now supreme vice chancellor, the stepping stone to supreme chancellor of the order for the world.

In the revision of the ritual, which is one of the most important of the order, the supreme lodge at its seventeenth session, the entire Pythian world is concerned, and the exemplification of the new ritual will be a great benefit to the order.

Tomorrow the supreme lodge will elect its officers for the coming two years. Supreme Chancellor Shaw, who has ruled the order since the death of the late supreme chancellor, H. C. Blackwell, has captured all the honors of the order.

For supreme vice chancellor, Walter B. Ritchie of Lima, Pa., supreme representative from his state, and E. H. Blackmer of San Diego, Cal., supreme prelate of the supreme lodge, are candidates. Well informed sources here say that Ritchie is the man chosen tomorrow, and that two years hence he will become the supreme chancellor.

The election of the supreme officers will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the office of the supreme master-at-arms, now held by Morrison of Nevada. These are the candidates for the office of supreme master-at-arms: J. H. Lyon of Kansas are candidates for the office of supreme master-at-arms, now held by Morrison of Nevada.

Pythian Battalions Go Through Fancy Evolutions and Drills. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 24.—The Knights of Pythias drilling at Camp Shaw began promptly at 9 o'clock this morning and will continue each day of the engagement. The competition will comprise battalions and division drills.

Today there were three divisions and one battalion drill. The latter was given by the First Indiana battalion, which went through the movements promptly and in good form, notwithstanding the fact that Colonel W. L. Heiskell, who was in command, was barely able to go on the field as he was suffering from an attack of syncope in the early part of the drill.

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Grand Master Sweeney Admits That the Switchmen Have Lost the Fight.

WANT OF FUNDS AND LACK OF SYMPATHY

Other Railroad Organizations Refuse to Lend Them Aid in Their Struggle—Meeting of the State Board of Arbitration—Strike Notes.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 24.—At midnight the Grand Master Sweeney, the head of the switchmen's order, officially announced the fact that the strike movement of the switchmen, which was inaugurated twelve days ago in this city, had failed.

The men who were formerly employed as switchmen in the yards here will be long benefited by their local officials that the purpose for which they quit their employment has not been accomplished.

Enquiry in the Cause of the Present Switchmen's Strike. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 24.—In a large hall at Swan street and Main the state arbitration board gathered at 10 o'clock this morning.

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NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE AFFAIR

May Not Need to Make a Formal Protest—Some New Dates Fixed by the Hawaiian Legislature—Selection of the Home Rule Bill.

HONOLULU, Aug. 24.—The cabinet is still incomplete. The attorney generalship has not yet been filled. With regard to the acquisition of Johnston Island as territory of Great Britain, particularly in connection with the minister of foreign affairs states that the cabinet has not been officially informed of the occupation of Johnston Island, but that the government believes Johnston and Kalama islands are still a portion of Hawaii.

Hawaii's New Tariff Law. HONOLULU, Aug. 24.—The tariff bill has passed the third reading and become a law. It will greatly affect trade between Hawaii and other countries, particularly the United States.

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