

# The Centre Reporter

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## DOCTORS IN UNITED STATES.

To one who observes the considerable number of physicians signs in the average city or large town the report of the last census that there are in the United States only 130,000 physicians, including osteopaths, psychopaths, hydropaths and doctors of every description, may come as a revelation and a surprise. The additional information, afforded by the census, that this country has only one doctor to every 650 of its population is not likely to relieve the observer's wonderment until he reflects that a physician to every 650 people is, after all, a fairly liberal safeguard to the public health, says the Manchester Union. The figures, of course, represent the average the country over, some sections of communities having fewer doctors in proportion to their population and some having more. Manchester, for instance, on the basis of the census figures, would have 107 or 108 physicians. The city directory gives 98. The census report on the matter is not incredible, yet a person traveling along the streets of almost any New England city and remarking the numerous doctors' "shingles" would have been almost certain to estimate the percentage of doctors higher than that given by the census.

Surprise is frequently expressed because there are so many school children who are bad spellers, but there is a substantial reason for it. In Kansas very few of a short list of words were spelled correctly by 112 school and college students. Now these pupils are not taught the way their fathers and mothers were, says the Boston Globe. Under the old public school system there were spelling bees in the schools and the pupils took pride in excelling. Under the spelling bee system children between the ages of eight and twelve can acquire quite a large vocabulary by the practice of spelling words of several syllables. The rising generation is full of poor spellers, but it is not their fault, for little attention is paid to that accomplishment. It would be well for all teachers to put their pupils through a course of spelling every few days, and also to teach them to read aloud. Reading, writing and spelling should go hand in hand. Those lacking these accomplishments are not far removed from the illiterate class.

George Wehler, director of physical education at the University of Wisconsin, has instituted rest classes for fidgety girls whose nervous systems "go to pieces" under the fatigue following undue exertion. In a report to the United States Bureau of Education he says: We do not go on the theory that the gymnasium is good for every one, and, therefore, every one must take gymnastics. The purpose of these classes in rest is to teach girls who are restless from the performance of tasks that ought not to produce fatigue how to acquire control over their own nervous systems. Putting every one—girls as well as boys—through a stiff regimen of gymnasium work has had bad results in many instances, and is a thing to be avoided. If the director of physical culture in the University of Wisconsin makes allowance for constitutional differences students not built to endure overstrain will have reason to thank the good fortune which made him arbiter of their physical destinies.

San Francisco custom house officials have just made the first arrest ever recorded at that port for the offense of smuggling diamonds—and the diamonds in the case were valued at only \$477.50. When the New York custom house looks at the San Francisco custom house it will have to laugh.

The assertion that caviare has supplanted the oyster as the appetizing opening of banquet menus may be premature. Hotel managers may prefer the Russian delicacy, but it will be well to bear from "the general" before taking everything for granted. American blue points on the half shell are very good.

A poultry paper tells us that hens stop laying in cold weather because they cannot lay eggs and grow feathers at the same time. As yet no ingenious poultry raiser has tried the experiment of fitting out his hens in the fall with warm red flannel overcoats.

A New York woman called a policeman when a man proposed to her on the street. Perhaps she merely wanted him held until the Massachusetts spinsters could get out a requisition for him.

Instances are multiplying in which costly fatal fires have been traced to carelessness with lighted cigarettes or matches. It should be made a minor degree of arson for the careless tossing away of fire in this manner.

# ENGLAND'S GREAT WAR FOR WAGES

## Premier Rejects Miners' Amendment to Bill.

### CHECK ON THE NEGOTIATIONS

Funds of the Trade Unions Running Low and Demands Being Made Upon the Government To Relieve the Distress.

London.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons refused to accept the miner's amendment to the minimum wage bill providing a minimum of \$1.25 and 50 cents as the daily wage for men and boys, respectively. Enoch Edwards, labor member of Parliament, and president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, immediately announced that the Premier's rejection of the miners' amendment closed the door to an immediate settlement of the strike. He moved an amendment for the inclusion of the miners' schedule, but, after Mr. MacDonald's offer to waive this demand, there was not much vim in the debate. Mr. Edwards' amendment was defeated, 367 to 55.

The government renewed the peace negotiations with the British coal owners and the miners. Premier Asquith is trying to induce the coal owners to agree to pay the \$1.25 and 50 cents minimum daily wages, and is hoping that the men will be content with the promise of the employers without the inclusion of any figures in the minimum wage bill.

In the meantime starvation stares the industrial population of the country in the face. The funds of the trades unions are running low, and in some places this week's payment of out-of-work benefit will be the last. At Burslem, in Staffordshire, one of the centers of the potteries district, 40,000 meals have been served by the vicar of the parish in the last 11 days, for which a small charge has been made. Now the people of the district are unable to bear the burden of paying even a penny for a meal and are compelled to fall back on charity.

In Wales and Scotland and in the industrial districts of England relief works have been started and soup kitchens established. There is scarcely a mining village in Scotland where the children are not being fed by the public authorities. In the English coal fields the people are better off, as the trades union funds are richer and will last much longer.

It is estimated that the miners thus far have lost in wages \$26,408,850, besides the depletion of the union funds.

### SHOWS HIS HEROISM.

Engineer, Scalded, Succeeds in Stopping Train.

Hammond, Ind.—Frightfully scalded, Bayless Lower, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, climbed over the tender of his engine and stopped his runaway train by cutting the air hose connecting the engine with the first car. The accident occurred just east of Warsaw. A steam pipe leading from the boiler broke, filling the cab with steam. The engineer was driven from his post before he could set the brakes.

### ROOSEVELT, JR., LEAVES.

San Francisco Comrades Give Him Farewell Banquet.

San Francisco.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and his wife and baby left for New York Friday. Mr. Roosevelt was given a farewell banquet by his comrades. Sixty of them met in an informal gathering and told him how much he had endeared himself to them. Roosevelt made a speech in which he said that this proof of friendship was one of the great experiences of his life.

### UNIONS OFFER REWARD.

Will Pay \$5,000 For Detection Of Author Of Explosion.

Galveston, Tex.—The various labor unions operating on the Southern Pacific have offered \$5,000 reward for the identification of the author of the locomotive explosion in the Southern Pacific shops in San Antonio, which resulted in the death of 26 people and the injury of 40 more.

### STEAL POSTAL DEPOSITS.

Yeggs Dynamite Safe In Postoffice Of Ohio Town.

Cleveland.—Yeggs men robbed the postoffice at Hudson, 20 miles south of here, dynamiting the safe and escaping with all the postal bank deposits and a large amount of other cash and stamps. Posses are searching for the thieves.

### CANADA COUNTING COST.

Committee Probing Loss By Defeat Of Reciprocity.

Ottawa.—The taking of testimony by the Senate committee appointed to report on the loss sustained by the Western Grain Growers' Association through the defeat of reciprocity last year began here. This is in line with the policy of the Liberals to keep the reciprocity issue alive for national action when the opportunity presents itself in the future.

# SLEEPLESS NIGHTS IN ENGLAND



## MADERO HEARS PEACE NEWS

Railroads Resuming in Torreon District—Bitter Attack Upon Conduct Of President Made In Newspaper.

Mexico City.—In spite of rumors of revolutionary successes the government reports are most optimistic. It is reported that many peace demonstrations are being held in supposedly disaffected provinces. The government reports that it is receiving a large number of telegrams from different bands pledging fealty to the federal cause.

A reassuring report has just been received from the municipal president of Torreon, who says the railroad line between Torreon and Durango is now open and that the line to San Pedro will be running at an early date. The report continues that the situation in the district is notably improved, that the bandits are being driven out or brought to terms, and that all minor depredations are being energetically pursued. The entire city is supporting the government with perfect confidence.

In a few sections the disorders continue unabated. Eight bandits entered Medina Station on the Isthmus railroad line and demanded money and arms. They were unable to obtain either. A recent attack by bandits near a railroad station in Vera Cruz was more successful. Twenty men held up a train and took 1,400 pesos from an express car.

A bitter attack on the conduct of President Madero has been made by the morning newspaper La Frenza.

### Asked Madero To Resign.

Chihuahua.—Practically complete control of the situation in this state is held by the revolutionary leaders. A demand that President Madero and Vice-President Suarez resign was made by unanimous action of the legislature, and has evoked great enthusiasm.

### Zapata Proclaims Himself President.

Mexico City.—Gen. Emilio Zapata, leader of the insurgents in the central and southern states, has proclaimed himself provisional president of Mexico and has designated Petalcingo, state of Puebla, as his national capital.

### ROBBING AMERICANS.

Mexican Bandits Stripping Them Of All Their Possessions.

Del Rio, Tex.—A party of Americans arrived here from Mexico, after having been robbed by Mexican bandits of everything they possessed. The robbers carried a red flag with "Liberty" inscribed upon it. After stripping them of everything and taking their horses and cattle, the Mexicans warned the Americans never to return to Mexico. It is reported here that bandits are raiding American property in the mountainous region just west of here. Several Del Rio men with large interests in Mexico are trying to get their cattle to American soil, but are having little success.

### WILL AID RAILROADS.

House Committee Opposes Canal Tolls For American Ships.

Washington.—That the assessment of tolls against American ships which will use the Panama Canal will aid the transcontinental railroads is contended by a majority of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which filed a protest against the bill of Chairman Adamson, of Georgia. The minority signers are Representatives Broussard, of Louisiana, and Doremus, of Michigan, Democrats, and Knowland, of California, and Calder, of New York, Republicans.

### POISONED BY WILD PARSNIP.

One Child Dead and Several Others Seriously Ill.

Rochester, N. Y.—Harry Green, aged six, is dead and several other pupils of a district school in Perry are seriously ill from wild parsnip root poisoning. The Green boy found the root on his way to school and divided it with his classmates. Three had to be carried home and several others suffered in convulsions until relief was given by two physicians.

# ARREST IN BIG DIAMOND THEFT

Callahan Taken in St. Louis for Robbing Postoffice.

## JEWELS WORTH OVER \$120,000

Callahan Will Be Held As Leader Of Gang That Stole \$120,000 From Mrs. Drummond's Stateroom On the Liner Amerika.

St. Louis, Mo.—Daniel Callahan was arrested here by postoffice inspectors, who say he is wanted for complicity in three diamond robberies aggregating \$120,000 and in the robbery of a postoffice substation in St. Louis and other points.

Postoffice Inspector Bensen, who made the arrest, says Callahan is being held as the leader of the gang which stole \$120,000 worth of diamonds from Mrs. Maldwin Drummond's stateroom on the steamship Amerika in February, 1911, and who bound and gagged two men and stole \$10,000 worth of jewels from Edward Albert's store in Chicago in April, 1911, and killed a man in getting away.

The Drummond jewels were stolen from aboard the steamship Amerika on which Mrs. Drummond was a passenger in February, 1911. Several clues were followed, but without success. Mrs. Drummond gave to the police the following description of the jewels: One necklace of white and perfectly matched pearls, consisting of 283 pearls arranged in three strands and valued at \$55,000. One black pearl ring, the pearl surrounded by diamonds perfectly white and each weighing a karat and a half, valued at \$9,000.

One large white pearl, set in a ring and surrounded by diamonds, each weighing a karat and a half, valued at \$12,000.

One black and white pearl brooch, set alternately with large and perfectly white diamonds of about two karats each, with a large black pearl pendant. Valued at \$32,000. Two black pearl earrings, surrounded by large diamonds, white and perfectly matched, valued at \$12,000. Total, \$120,000.

### NINE PERSONS KILLED.

Gas Explosion in Pennsylvania Mine Wipes Out Whole Family.

Scranton, Pa.—In a gas explosion, caused, it is thought, by mine settlements, nine persons were killed and two injured in Dunmore, near here. Two families, comprising two women and seven children, were either blown to pieces in the explosion or burned in the fire that followed and destroyed three houses.

More than 20 dwellings near the scene of the explosion were badly damaged by the concussion and the flying timbers, and scores of persons were thrown out of their beds and bruised.

During the past week mine settlements in the neighborhood of the Cavella home have caused alarm. Only a few days ago the cellar dropped out of a house on the opposite side of the street and several miners climbed to the surface on ladders let down by the women of the house.

### TO TEST THE FILIPINOS.

Proposed Bill To Give Them Probationary Independence.

Washington.—Representative Jones, of Virginia, chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, proposed "probationary independence" for the Philippine Islands from July 4, 1913, to July 4, 1921, in a bill introduced Thursday.

During "qualified independence" the archipelago would operate under a system identical with that of the United States, the President of the United States having the right of veto over Philippine island laws.

The right to vote would be given to those in the Philippines who held it prior to the war in 1898, and to those who own any, pay taxes on 500 pesos worth of property, providing they can read and write. The bill would prohibit polygamy.

### GUN FOR AERIAL WAR.

Looks Like Telescope and Weighs Only 100 Pounds.

London.—A rapid-fire gun that looks like an ordinary telescope and is designed to be fired from aeroplanes and dirigibles has been invented by the armament firm of Vickers' Sons & Maxim. The first offer will probably be made to the British government, as negotiations are already under way with the War Office. The gun weighs only 100 pounds, but fires a heavy projectile.

### Married Women's Property Rights.

Washington.—A bill protecting married women in rights acquired to public lands before marriage passed the Senate. The measure was championed by Senator Jones, of Washington.

### Woman Suffrage Defeated.

Boston.—Woman suffrage and the election of United States senators by direct vote were defeated in the Senate by close votes. The vote against suffrage was 17 to 14 and that against direct votes for senators 19 to 14.

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Allentown.—The city tax for the coming year will remain the same as last year, \$6.53 per thousand.

Summit Hill.—President Taft has appointed Dr. W. H. Clowell assistant surgeon of the Medical Reserve Corps.

Pine Grove.—The epidemic of scarlet fever in the neighborhood of Rock has subsided and only three cases remain.

Mauch Chunk.—The Women's Civic Club is making efforts to establish a park.

Catasauqua.—George Beck fell into a ditch while taking a spring ramble and suffered a broken collar bone.

Coplay.—Stanley Diefenderfer was caught in a conveyor at the Coplay cement mill and one of his legs was so badly crushed that it cannot be saved.

Reading.—As the result of trimming a corn, Mrs. Herman Schiffer, of West Reading, this county, died of gangrene in her seventy-second year.

Allentown.—Ida, wife of Edwin Sterner, the youngest bride in Lehigh county, died at the Allentown Hospital, at the age of fifteen years.

Allentown.—At the request of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, an ordinance for the inspection of meat and milk was introduced into Allentown Councils.

South Bethlehem.—A heavy casting that fell on the leg of Warren Koch, of Hellertown, at the Bethlehem Steel Works, fractured the limb in three places.

Lewistown.—The storm brought wild ducks and geese to the Juniata River and inland ponds by the hundreds. They took a southerly course just after daybreak.

Alburtis.—Hundreds of muskrats have been caught by trappers and schoolboys. The muskrats had to leave their burrows which were flooded by the recent rains.

Harrisburg.—Miles Melawic, the barber who bled Stefan Rian so freely to cure a headache that the man died, was sentenced to two months in prison and \$25 fine. He had pleaded guilty.

Carlisle.—Because the estate of his father is ready to be settled, relatives of Franklin G. Smith, who disappeared from his home in West Fairview in 1892, are taking steps to have him legally declared dead.

Richland.—At the annual Church Council of the Church of the Brethren for the Tulpehocken Church District it was deemed advisable to make arrangements to build churches here and at Schaefferstown.

Weissport.—Chicken thieves have robbed dozens of henneries at Weissport and vicinity, but the guilty persons are still at large. Smoke houses and other buildings have also been looted of their contents.

Mauch Chunk.—Twenty-five foreigners of Lansford applied for naturalization papers at the Carbon County Prothonotary's office, the largest number that ever applied at one time under the new naturalization act.

Allentown.—More than one thousand dollars worth of brass was discovered by boys playing on a cinder tip and the officers recognized it as the loot from eleven freight cars robbed during the week.

Hamburg.—Caught in a belting while grinding feed, Irwin Adams, of Windsor township, was thrown to the barn floor and suffered a badly fractured leg and thumb. His condition is precarious.

Palmerston.—R. Steidl, of East Mauch Chunk, a brakeman on the New Jersey Central Railroad, was struck by a trolley bridge at Lansford and is now at the Palmerston Hospital in a serious condition.

Reading.—Louis Cabatz, forty-two years old, fell from a passenger train on the Reading Railway, a short distance below here, down a steep embankment, fracturing his skull and injuring himself internally. He is in a critical condition.

South Bethlehem.—Sent to the store for some groceries, four-year-old Katie Tazkas was killed by a Reading passenger train at the Cherry street crossing, and one of her two companions, Annie Kaldi, was thrown many feet, suffering a broken arm.

Scranton.—The People's Coal Company, it was announced unofficially, would make an offer to their men similar to that made by the Pine Hill Company, at Minersville. At the company's offices it was stated that an offer would be made, but they were not ready to divulge what it is to be like. The People's Company operates the Oxford colliery, the only one that worked during the last strike. The company made as high as eighteen dollars a ton on coal and cleared up a million. It is said, during the six months the strike was on. It is still a non-union mine.

Coplay.—His mind unbalanced by reading dime novels, John Mykoski, an eighteen-year-old youth, chased his mother with a butcher knife, and had dug a hole through his cell in the lock-up when detected. He was removed to the Norristown Asylum.

Mauch Chunk.—Joseph Tonetz, of East Mauch Chunk, a loader employed at the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's tunnel, at Nesquehoning, was smothered to death. He was up in a chute loading coal when the coal suddenly rushed, burying him beneath it.