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CONTAGION NOT INFECTION.

For many years the idea of infection in disease has gradually merged into contagion. The International Congress of Hygiene, which held its sessions in Washington, would seem to have definitely settled that disease conveyance is always by contagion and not infection. It is contact, either direct or indirect, with a patient suffering from a particular disease that causes the occurrence of that disease in a second patient. Much used to be said of infected places, says the New York Herald. Swamps, low ground or marshy surroundings were thought to be the cause of disease. The night air had a bad reputation as a fomite of illness of various kinds. Now we know that it is the mosquito which directly carries various diseases and acts as an intermediate host between one human victim and another. In the same way other carriers of disease have been found. Flies, fleas, ticks, rats and various forms of parasites are responsible for disease distribution. Even among human beings certain individuals prove to be "carriers" of infectious material. They may be insusceptible themselves or have acquired immunity from the disease, yet can convey it to others. Always when a communicable disease occurs it can be traced to a preceding case with which there has been contact either directly or indirectly.

Dr. Wiley is right in his contention that people die too young. Human life should be prolonged, and it can be by higher education on matters of hygiene. The average expectation of life in the United States is only about 44 years. It should be much higher, and probably will be hereafter, for people are learning more and more concerning the prevention of disease. As a matter of fact, the most valuable study in our schools is hygiene, says the Boston Globe. If the young folks are taught the value of food and moderate exercise they will grow up strong and possess a knowledge of how to take care of their bodies. There is too much ignorance among young and old concerning the proper care of the health. How few there are who know even how to eat; that is, to consume only those things which will create a sufficient supply of vitality with which to ward off disease. The sooner more attention is paid in all our institutions of learning to hygiene and kindred topics the better it will be for the students. None but the strong and healthy can enjoy life or engage successfully in its battles.

The age when we boasted of holding our own opinions is past. Today, if we possess any view at all, it is not usual to express them. This is a polite, a non-controversial age, one in which one fears to confess to strong feelings. To hold one's own opinion is to risk being called opinionated, and the world of today would avoid that at all costs, says the London Mirror. Our conversation has degenerated into a state of non-committal phrasology, and a superficial amiability is the right note to strike. Amiable we must be, the world demands it; argument is the worst of forms. There was a time when two subjects only—politics and religion—were held taboo; today all subjects that may lead to dissension are to be avoided.

In 1908 Great Britain imported 348 American automobiles. See how the figures have expanded: 1909, 427; 1910, 1,101; 1911, 3,734. In the first six months of the present year the number of American automobiles purchased in Great Britain was 2,327. The total value of these machines was \$481,000 in 1908 and \$2,961,000 in 1911. The machines shipped to Great Britain from this country in the first half of the current year were worth \$2,792,000. It is evident that American manufacturers can make serviceable automobiles, and make them cheaply.

Beyond reasonable duration, applause is an uncivilized nuisance. Public meetings are making it wear that character, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Manufactured applause is becoming a contest of "stunts." "Stunts" such as have been resorted to are simply barbarous. Public opinion should stop them and candidates should resent them. They made no votes. They are a hindrance to good manners and an offense to good taste.

Every automobile of Serbia and Bulgaria was appropriated by the government at the outbreak of the war. Talk about the deprivations of the battlefield! They're not in it with the deprivations of the home!

A California man has just been given a judgment of \$100,000 against a man who alienated the affections of his wife. Now it only remains for him to collect the judgment and marry again.

PARCELS POST REGULATIONS

What the Public Can and Cannot Send.

NO SNAKES ARE ALLOWED.

Postmaster General Hitchcock Issues Regulations—Railroad Officials Kick On Weighing and the Pay.

Washington.—According to the regulations governing the parcels post system promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restrictions as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles, likely quickly to decay, may be sent for short distances when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when packed properly in a container and for any distance when each egg is separately packed in a perfectly secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass, in whole or in part, must be securely packed and marked "fragile."

Articles that may not be sent by parcels post include intoxicating liquors of all kinds, poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles, explosives of every kind, inflammable articles, including matches; infernal machines, pistols or revolvers, disease germs, any obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law, live or dead animals or birds or live poultry, raw hides or pelts or anything having a bad odor.

Books and printed matter may not be forwarded at parcel post rates, but only at the pound rates of third-class matter.

A committee of railroad officials, headed by President Ralph Peters, of the Long Island Railroad, petitioned the House Postoffice Committee for a rearrangement of weighing and pay for transporting mails. The railroad men set out that they did not contemplate carrying the parcels post when their present contracts were made, and declared that as a matter of contract they were not obliged to accept packages weighing more than four pounds.

TOBACCO VS. CHOLERA.

Smoke From Cigar of Pipe Deadly To Germs That Develop In Mouth.

Paris.—Tobacco is the most efficacious preventive of cholera, according to M. Wenck, a noted French scientist, who in a statement gave the results of his observations of the recent epidemic in Hamburg. "Tobacco smoke kills in five minutes cholera germs carried in saliva," he said. "I found that not a single employe in the cigar factories of Hamburg was affected by the disease, though several of them live in houses where there were cases of cholera."

BIG DEMAND FOR NEW COINS.

Government Finds Supply Of Quarters and Halves Is Limited.

Washington.—The Christmas demand for new quarters and halves is greater this year than ever before. The entire supply of new fractional coin at the Philadelphia Mint has been exhausted, and the Treasury Department is now drawing on the Denver Mint to satisfy the craving of the East for glittering silver. During the past few days the department has paid out \$2,000,000 in quarters and \$1,600,000 in halves.

GRACE SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Still Maintains That His Wife Shot Him For Insurance.

Newman, Ga.—Reiterating the charge that his wife shot him to obtain his life insurance, Eugene H. Grace filed suit for divorce against Daisy Opie Grace. At her trial here in June Mrs. Grace was acquitted and returned to Philadelphia to live.

SUICIDE TO HYMN MUSIC.

"Nearer, My God, To Thee" Played On a Phonograph.

New York.—After placing a song record, "Nearer, My God, To Thee," in a phonograph at their home in Brooklyn, Mrs. Marie Uitzer, 60 years old, wife of a well-to-do architect, and her son, William Uitzer, Jr., 40, fastened rubber tubes to their faces, turned on the gas and committed suicide.

FRESH WATER BENEATH SALT.

Peculiar Phenomena Discovered In San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco.—San Francisco Bay appears to be underlaid with a basin of fresh water. A pile 110 feet long driven in the bay bottom at the foot of Mission street today tapped a pressure vein that is still gushing. The first spur rose four feet above the salt water. The jet was about 10 inches in diameter and continued undiminished at last reports.

THE PRICE OF PEACE



TWO CONVICTED OF CORRUPTION

11th Pennsylvania District Minus a Congressman.

LIE PASSED IN THE HOUSE.

Sitting Republican Member Ousted and His Democratic Contestant Declared Guilty of Violating the Corrupt Practices Act.

Washington.—Representative Chas. C. Bowman, of the Eleventh Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the House by the passage, 153 to 118, of a resolution declaring that corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910. At the same time the House refused, 181 to 88, to seat George R. McLean, his Democratic opponent. It was charged on the floor that he had been guilty of the same practices as were alleged against Bowman. The seat from the Eleventh district will be vacant until March 4, when it will be filled by John J. Casey, a Democrat, elected in November.

The fight over the case on the floor was enlivened by a bitter passage between Representatives A. Mitchell Palmer and John R. Farr, both of Pennsylvania. Mr. Palmer had referred to the charge that the influence of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad had been used for Bowman.

"The gentleman must not forget the efforts which that corporation, through its officials, made for him at his solicitation," observed Mr. Farr, as he mentioned that Mr. Palmer was a local attorney for the railroad in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Palmer replied that he was a local counsel for the Lackawanna, but declared that any statement that he had ever solicited the aid of any corporation for himself or anyone else was a "wilful, deliberate and malicious falsehood." He demanded that Farr either apologize or prove his charge to the House.

The incident ended by Representative Heflin making a point of order and Uncle Joe Cannon counselling Representative Farr to "sit down."

MUST BE FIREPROOF.

Otherwise Santa Claus Will Be Barred From Gotham Stores.

New York.—Santa Claus is to be barred from New York—unless he is fireproof. Fire Commissioner Johnson so ruled. To enforce his ruling the fire commissioner started out inspectors to visit every store in the city which has a Santa Claus and to make sure that his whiskers and costume are non-inflammable.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

Secret Service Men Capture Italian and His Wife.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—With the melting pot at white heat and molds waiting for the liquid metal, Giacinto de Carrio and his wife were arrested at their home in Graddock by secret service operative William Nye and a squad of Braddock police. The officers confiscated 100 counterfeit half-dollars.

EXCOMMUNICANT SUES.

Pittsburgh Woman Asks \$20,000 For Being Ousted From Church.

Pittsburgh.—Charging that she was excommunicated, Mrs. Edward Sutter filed a \$20,000 damage suit against the Rev. John B. Wilson and Grant Street Reformed Presbyterian Church.

CUPID'S HEALTH LAW.

Governor Aldrich Will Propose Measure For Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Aldrich will in his forthcoming message to the Legislature recommend the enactment of a law to prevent the marriage of the physically or mentally unsound. He has not outlined fully his plan, but it will probably be similar to the laws in other States where registration is required.

ALLEN LEADER ESCAPES DEATH

Sentenced at Wytheville, to Thirty-five Years.

EDWARDS GETS 27 YEARS.

Compromise in the Hillsville Tragedy Cases May Result In a New Trial For the Two Condemned Men.

Wytheville, Va.—Following the verdict of the jury in the second trial of Sidna Allen, of guilty of involuntary manslaughter for the death of William M. Foster, commonwealth's attorney of Carroll county, and fixing his punishment at five years in the state prison. Developments came fast, with the result that all of the cases against the defendants for shooting up the Hillsville courthouse on March 14 last, and slaying the judiciary of Carroll county, were ended by compromise.

One other indictment against Sidna Allen for the murder of Sheriff Lewis Webb, and three indictments against Wesley Edwards, for being implicated in the courtroom tragedy, were compromised at 6 o'clock, when Sidna Allen pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and took 15 years in the penitentiary. This added to the 15 years' sentence in the first trial and five years of the verdict of today's trial, makes an aggregate of 35 years for Sidna Allen, while Wesley Edwards pleaded guilty to the indictments against him and drew an aggregate of 27 years in the state prison.

On the first poll of the jurors in the Sidna Allen case Wednesday afternoon they stood nine for acquittal and three for murder in the second degree. They asked that the several degrees of murder be read to them, which was done, and 20 minutes later they reported a verdict of involuntary manslaughter, with five years in the penitentiary. Several of the jurors, after their discharge, were emphatic in their statement that there was no evidence on the part of the commonwealth to prove conspiracy or intentionally aiding and abetting the person or persons who actually killed Foster, and no evidence was adduced to show that the defendant killed the commonwealth's attorney.

Thomas A. Williams, of Fairfax, said the jurors had all gone into the box with opinions against the defendant, but these had been changed by the evidence given.

The compromise in these cases brings to an end the prosecution of the Allen clan, which about 11 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, March 14 last, swept down upon the little courthouse at Hillsville, in Carroll county, and killed the entire judiciary, with the exception of Clerk Dexter Goad, who was seriously wounded.

This ends so far as the courts are concerned a tragedy without a parallel and which stirred the country from one end to the other.

TO PAY SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

House Passes Bill To Restore Millions Taken After Civil War.

Washington.—More than \$5,000,000 derived from sales of property taken from owners in the South after the Civil War would be repaid to the Southern claimants by the terms of a bill passed by the House Wednesday. The bill would amend the codification of laws relating to the judiciary so as to dispense with the allegation and proof of loyalty in those claims affecting only proceeds of property taken after the date mentioned. The bill has not yet passed the Senate.

KILLS HIS SWEETHEART.

Oregon Youth Lures Girl Into Depths Of Mine.

Palouse, Wash.—Luring his sweetheart, Miss Jennie Limer, 18 years old, into the depths of a mine near Harvard, Idaho, Jesse Dillman shot and killed her and fatally wounded himself. Men entered the mine to investigate the cause of the two shots they had heard, but Dillman opened fire on them and drove them out. Dillman crawled to the mouth of the tunnel and surrendered.

HEN SELLS FOR \$800.

"Lady Show You" Captured Prize For Egg Laying Record.

Springfield, Mo.—Lady Show You, a hen that won the national egg-laying contest at the State Poultry Station, Mountain Grove, Mo., this year, was sold here for \$800 by J. A. Bickerdite, of Millersville, Ill. The hen has a record of laying 281 full weight eggs this year. Lady Show You is a White Plymouth Rock.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy In Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Working on a planer, Joseph Brown was seriously injured at Tyrone.

Isaac Dreese, 66 years old, was run down and instantly killed by a shifting locomotive at Lewistown.

The Bethlehem branch of the State Tuberculosis Society is planning to institute an open-air school.

Superintendent Jones of the public schools of West Chester reports 783 boys and 805 girls enrolled.

York ministers are planning an association for improved charity methods.

W. U. Hensel has been elected president of Lancaster County Bar Association.

After being lost in a fog on the Susquehanna, York County rivermen from Turkey Hill finally reached shore exhausted.

Charles Faust, of Lewistown, has purchased the general store of the late Jacob Heisler at New Mahoning for \$8,000.

State Veterinarian Marshall is working on the codification of the laws relating to the health and sanitation of live stock in this State.

The Packerton schools, Professor Elmer J. Brown, principal, are introducing manual labor training this winter.

The Bethlehem City Water Company has received a contract to supply the Rittersville Hospital with water.

E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, has been elected treasurer of the Scranton Union Lodge of Masons for the fiftieth consecutive time.

Miss Phoebe Dietz, of Lock Haven, is one of the two women deputy collectors of internal revenue in Pennsylvania.

A Northumberland County board of viewers decided that Coal township, with a population of 18,000, adjoining Shamokin, should not be divided.

The "votes for women" movement has received considerable impetus to Carlisle by the organization of a club for an active campaign.

For shooting a doe, Frank Houston, of Shawnee, and Luther Michaels, of Middle Smithfield township, paid \$200 fines.

Hanging herself to the knob of a door with an apron string, Mrs. Caroline Jackson committed suicide in a fit of melancholy, at Kingston.

His team struck at Leola on the Downingtown Railroad, Elam Stoltzfus fell from the wagon and escaped with a few bruises, while his horse was dragged 125 feet and killed.

Because he warmed his hands at a bonfire at Lewistown, James McCoy, 30 years old, was knocked senseless by a brick thrown by William Harris, another lad, and seriously hurt.

Though summer had badly riddled their crops, York County tobacco growers have not suffered a complete loss, since much of the damaged leaf has been sold for 3 cents a pound.

W. S. Simpson, who died at Pittston, had the distinction of having erected the first coal breaker ever built in Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys.

To facilitate the search for missing heirs of Rebecca and Elizabeth Gross, legatees to a tract of land at Speeceville, permission of the Dauphin County Court has been obtained to have the Sheriff advertise. The proceeding was begun by Attorney C. C. Stroh, counsel for Jesse McCarty, Williamsport, the present owner of the land. McCarty is about to dispose of the tract of 96 acres to W. R. Blough, and the title is clear with the exception of \$2,000 legacies directed in 1843 to be paid Rebecca and Elizabeth Gross, under the will of Christian Gross, the first owner of the land.

The Junlatra shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad are making a new record in the amount of work turned out. They are manufacturing eight engines a week. The highest record that was ever before attained in Altoona was six engines a week.

Pleading guilty to robbing a store at Yeagertown, Charles, alias "Red" Jones, who, after being long a fugitive, was captured, broke jail and returned to his own accord, was committed to the Reform School at Huntlagdon.