

**DOPE EVIL GRIPS CHILDREN OF CITY**

**Moyamensing Prison Physician Tells Doctors How Scourge Spreads**

**WARNING GIVEN PARENTS**

Many school children in Philadelphia are victims of the narcotic drug scourge, according to Dr. Frederick S. Baldi, consulting physician at Moyamensing Prison, in an address before the Philadelphia County Medical Society in the College of Physicians.

Pointing out that eighty per cent of the addicts to the drug habit are between the ages of twelve and thirty, Doctor Baldi said:

"It is alarming to find how many children are becoming drug fiends, users of heroin or cocaine. It is time parents of the city awakened to the peril which is confronting the youth of Philadelphia. We must stamp out this scourge before it is too late."

Harry B. French, president of Smith, Klins & French, says that the illicit trade in such narcotics as cocaine, morphine, heroin and morphin has grown "until it has exceeded all reason." He said, however, that Philadelphia manufacturers are not engaged in the illicit trade; that the narcotics are sold abroad in the proper manner, and get back into the country by being bought and smuggled from Canada and Mexico.

Secretary of State Lansing has been asked by the California State Board of Pharmacy to negotiate agreements with Canada and Mexico to wipe out the illegal traffic across the borders.

**SHOULD WATCH PLAYMATES**

"Parents should watch the companions of their children," said Doctor Baldi. "Be aware of the association of the small boy with the lad of sixteen or seventeen. I have found that very often the older boys start the younger children on their path to ruin."

"Many of the school children we regard as backward and mentally deficient are in reality as bright as any other average child, but their brains have become dulled by usage of heroin or cocaine."

"We must find a way to keep drugs from our school children."

Here Doctor Baldi denounced the so-called reduction treatment which unscrupulous physicians in this city have used to stoke their sale of drugs to "dope" fiends.

"This alleged reduction treatment," he said, "is a miserable farce—a farce which should be stopped for the sake of the youth of our city. We must cut out drugs altogether. Let the addicts do without them; that is the only safe method."

Doctor Baldi spoke in a symposium on the "Ravages of the Drug Evil."

**UPPER CLASSES AFFECTED**

Dr. Francis X. Dercum said the drug habit was found mostly in the "upper and middle classes." This was denied by Doctor Baldi, who declared that all classes, the lawyer, doctor, business man and street gamin furnish addicts to the habit.

United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane, who more than a year ago appointed a citizens' committee to investigate the narcotic drug habit in Philadelphia, advocated legislation with "teeth" as the only real solution of the problem.

"All States, including Pennsylvania," he said, "should enact drastic legislation and then follow this up with rigid Federal laws."

**Pottsville Gets Carnegie Donation**

POTTSVILLE, Nov. 23.—The Pottsville school board has entered into an agreement with the Carnegie Corporation, of New York, by which the latter is to donate \$25,000 for the free public library building to be erected upon a site in the heart of the city which has been offered by the Free Public Library Association. The school board under the agreement is bound to appropriate \$3600 annually for the maintenance of the library.

**Rose D. Weston Weds**

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Rose D. Weston and John Bull, Jr. The ceremony was performed in New York on Tuesday. Miss Weston is a magazine writer and formerly was on the editorial staff of a Philadelphia newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. Bull will live in New York.

**F. L. NEALL, FREIGHT RATE AUTHORITY, DIES**

**Noted Statistician and Developer of Port Was Ill Only Three Days**

Frank L. Neall, one of the foremost experts on freight rates in the United States, died early today of pneumonia at his home, 102 East Mermaid lane, after an illness of three days. He was seventy-two years old.

Mr. Neall had an eventful career. He was especially active in the development of the port of Philadelphia, and for many years was an associate of Clement A. Griscom, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company. For one year he was chief of the Bureau of Highways under the Union League administration, and frequently was called upon to do work for the Interstate Commerce Commission owing to his expert knowledge of freight rates.

Yet Mr. Neall led the simple life of the scholar and investigator, spending most of his time in the later years of his life working upon statistics and shipping problems. He shunned club life and resigned membership in the Union League many years ago.

He was a Philadelphian, and the development of the city's port was Mr. Neall's pet hobby.

After attending the Friends' Central School in this city he entered the shipping business at the age of fifteen years. The boy showed such an aptitude for his work, however, that both he and Mr. Griscom, then a clerk, were made members of the shipping firm of Peter Wright & Sons when they became twenty-one. When Mr. Griscom left to head the International Mercantile Marine Company, Mr. Neall conducted the business of the Peter Wright firm alone.

Mr. Neall is survived by a widow and five children, Mrs. George G. Bartlett, wife of Doctor Bartlett, dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary; Mrs. Sidney J. Reppner, Mrs. Alfred L. Phillips, of Chicago; Miss Adelaide W. Neall and Miss Margaret Neall.

Funeral services will be held next Saturday at 3 o'clock at his late home in Chestnut Hill. Doctor Bartlett, his son-in-law, will officiate. The interment will be in South Laurel Hill Cemetery.

**JACK LONDON, NOTED AUTHOR, DIES ON RANCH**

**Writer Who Rose From Abyss to Fame Victim of Uremic Poisoning**

SANTA ROSA, Nov. 23.—Jack London, the noted author, died at his Glen Ellen, Cal., ranch near here at 7:45 o'clock last night, a victim of uremic poisoning. London was taken ill Tuesday night and was found unconscious early yesterday by a servant who went to his room to awaken him.

Besides his sister, Mrs. Shepard, London is survived by a daughter, who is a student at the University of California; his mother, who lives in Oakland, and his wife, Charmian London. Mrs. London was with her husband when death came to do work for the London would have been forty-one years old on January 12.

London began his tempestuous career in San Francisco January 12, 1876. He was the son of John and Flora (Wallman) London, who were very poor. Their son ran the streets in his childhood, and at fifteen, according to his own account, he spent his pennies for beer instead of candy because he thought it more manly. He was to become a strong prohibition mover in later life.

While doing thirteen hours a day in the jute mill he won the first prize in a competition of a San Francisco newspaper with a description of a typhoon off the coast of Japan. It was all written after midnight. A little later he became a tramp, travel-

ing all through the United States and in Canada, where he served a term in jail for vagrancy.

With the increased popularity of his books came wealth, and he built beautiful Glen Ellen among the California Mountains. He married Charmian Madder, of Oakland, Cal., in 1900, but in a few years their romance ended in a divorce. His second wife was Charmian Kittredge, whom he married in 1908.



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