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Such legislation, it was held, would increase mortality from appendicitis by curbing surgery in the immediate operations that have reduced the appendicitis death rate. The bill proposes that surgeons be compelled to send uniformiform appendicitis to the State laboratories for examination and that if examination shows the appendix is not diseased the surgeon cannot collect his bill.

Dr. John G. Clark, of the University Hospital, and Dr. W. Wayne Babcock, of the Barman Hospital, two of the noted surgeons of Philadelphia, discounted the value of such a bill.

"Legislation of this nature is not a remedy," declared Doctor Babcock. "It would tend to check immediate operations after diagnosis, which have been proved, in honest hands, to be the safest and surest method of preventing complications."

Doctor Babcock's opinion is backed up not only by his reputation as a surgeon, but also by the practical application of his theory to himself. More than a month ago Doctor Babcock, at the request, was operated upon for appendicitis after he had diagnosed his own case.

Doctor Clark's opinion of the value of the immediate operation after diagnosis was summed up by him in exactly twenty-five words. He said: "It is better to take out a normal appendix occasionally than to make a practice of waiting until the patient becomes worse or perhaps dies. That is my opinion in a nutshell."

The prime object of immediate operation, the surgeons said, is to remove the vermiform appendix before it becomes markedly diseased and before the disastrous complications set in. That these operations are performed in the first stage of appendicitis are safe is shown by the fact that about one-fifth of one per cent of the patients—or about a thousand—die from the effects of operation in the worst cases, they said.

Two per cent, it was estimated, in the mortality in all classes of cases in good hands—including the worst cases developing abscess, gangrene, perforation or other complications.

"Virtually every death from appendicitis means that some one has been derelict in delaying the operation," said Doctor Babcock. "Heavy statistics mortality comes from delayed operations."

There is a growing tendency, Doctor Babcock said, on the part of the American College of Medicine to supervise operations. This organization, which has been since 2000 and 2600 physicians as members, admits no candidate for membership unless he presents proof that he does not operate indiscriminately for money.

The time is coming, he predicted, when the college will co-operate with hospitals in a closer supervision of operations, so that surgery shall be placed on a still higher plane than the high one which it occupies.

Doctor Babcock referred to several series of figures that have been tabulated, all showing that substantial figures were obtained. According to these tables, mortality from appendicitis rises from an insignificant percentage when operation takes place the first day to rather substantial figures when operation is postponed. Nearly a fourth of the patients who undergo operations upon the fourth day and after die.

A series of operations observed during 1905-12 and reported by the Surgical Society show the following mortality percentages, taken from all classes of cases:

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A German series, compiled by Von Bornemann and presented before the Berlin Medical Society, illustrates the same increase in mortality accompanying delayed operations. In the German series and the Swiss series the percentages for the corresponding days are very nearly parallel one another. The German data are as follows:

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The number of deaths a year remains virtually constant—229 in 1915, 213 in 1914 and 226 in 1916, according to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. In Greater Berlin one out of every 500 dies, or about 6000 annually. In England and Wales 2000 die annually of appendicitis, 12,000 persons having died in the period 1901-07, according to a report of the registrar general. Europe is more reticent than is America in the matter of immediate operations, a fact that accounts for the high mortality figures.

DR. SHARPLESS FOR PEACE U. S. Should Set Example, Says Haverford President

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 12.—Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, speaking at a Y. M. C. A. meeting here, said the time had come for the United States to set an example for the whole Christian world by practicing the precepts of peace and forbearance it has heard and professed for years upon years.

SHACKLETON'S PARTY FOUND RELICS OF SCOTT

Two Sledges Were Only Traces Discovered of Former Expedition

MARONED IN BLIZZARD

Explorer Tells Story of Frightful Hardship and Heroic Sacrifice

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Sir Ernest Shackleton in a message from Wellington to the Chronicle describes the experiences of his men, marooned when the Aurora broke away from her moorings in May, 1915. Captain Mackintosh, commissioned to lay depots for use by Shackleton's trans-antarctic party, reached Cape Evans June 1 after experiencing terrible hardships and losing all but four dogs.

But the worst experience befell the explorers when in October, 1915, six of them, headed by Mackintosh, went south to lay depots. The last depot was laid at Mount Hope, where they found two of Scott's sledges, the only traces they came across of the Scott expedition.

On the return journey to January scurvy attacked the party. The Rev. Spencer Smith became an invalid, that he had to be lashed to a sledge in his sleeping bag. Mackintosh suffered also, but continued pulling a sledge. When only eleven miles from the depot of the bluff depot and within thirty miles of where Scott perished they were overtaken by a furious blizzard which raged from February 17 to March 1, when the temperature thirty degrees below zero.

Fuel and provisions in the mountains became virtually exhausted. After camping for six days the party on February 23 started in the blinding drift to attempt to reach the depot. Soon after starting, Shackleton says, Mackintosh fell in his tracks, having reached the limit of human endurance. He was left with Smith, and with Wild to look after them. The other three, Joyce, Richards and Hayward, with four starving dogs, struggled on to reach the depot. A few big crabs and tea was the only food left.

In momentary clearance of the snow drift on the twenty-sixth the depot was sighted. The party started to return with food and oil. Hayward was now broken down and the blizzard continued to rage. Joyce and Richards, with the dogs, were now in camp on the twenty-ninth. They found the party without food, Mackintosh and Smith very sick and helpless. An immediate start was made again for the depot. Mackintosh and Smith were lashed to a sledge and Hayward staggered along beside them.

At first the party was helped by the sledge trail, but on March 7 the wind dropped and the three men were now unable to move the sledges, burdened with their sick comrades. Mackintosh, seeing the gravity of the situation, unhesitatingly decided to remain behind so as to give the other sick men a chance to reach safety. They left him in a tent with three weeks' provisions on the eighth, fifty miles from safety.

The party pushed on, with Hayward and Spencer Smith, all now weakening from scurvy. Spencer Smith died on the ninth, after forty-seven days of sickness. He was cheerful to the end. On March 11 Hut Point was reached, all now weaker than when they started. The wind was now from the west and all were glad to see the sea.

Three days afterward Joyce, Richards and Wild started back to fetch Mackintosh. They successfully achieved and by March 18 all were safe at Hut Point, except Shackleton, Mackintosh and Hayward's lives were saved by the devoted efforts of their comrades and by the endurance and work of the four dogs. Under the worst conditions of weather and temperature, with short food and sometimes none at all, the party had virtually been adrift from September 1, 1915, to March 15, 1916. They covered 1569 statute miles.

GIRL FIGHTS GRAYSON; WANTS JOB FOR DAD

Daughter's Works Helps to Keep Captain Du Bose Head of Medical Corps

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Miss Katherine Du Bose, seventeen-year-old daughter of Captain William Richards Du Bose, confessed reluctantly today that she had been quietly working among members of the Senate to try to prevent the confirmation of Dr. Cary F. Grayson, the President's personal medical adviser, as medical director with the rank of rear admiral.

When the young woman was informed yesterday that the report had leaked out that she was partly responsible for the Senate's action in refusing to go into executive session to consider Doctor Grayson's nomination, this virtually ending the chances of his confirmation at this session of Congress, she expressed her indignation that the story had been made public, but said:

"Yes, I worked for my father, but my family did not know it, and I didn't want them to know it. I wish it could have been kept secret."

Hazleton Hospital Overcrowded HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 12.—The State Hospital authorities have been forced to place cots for children between the beds of the crowded condition of the institution. The trustees have asked for an additional appropriation for the erection of a nurses' home.

CONE JOHNSON Solicitor of the State Department, who has resigned to resume the practice of law in Texas.

UP-TO-DATE VALENTINES TO THE KAISER Every little U-boat king Must, we take it, have his Kings; But it's too bad of you, Wilhelm, Reay, The way you bother Wilson, Reay; Keep him writing, writing, writing; On the methods of your fighting; Seem to hold his notes as low As your daring U-boats go; What you need's an early lesson In the pacifist's profession.

TO THE BIRD IN THE PRICE OF COAL "If you love me as I love you You'll make one lump do the work of two." This new, original, romantic, Results from the continent's latest antic. Who's "bated" the price of anthracite Higher than Brany Franklin's kite.

TO FRENZED FINANCE We sing the peace note leak inquiry With testifiers loud and fervid, We think it would be mighty fine To Lawson, say, little Bill, Or better, still, a large-sized sieve.

TO MARTIN BREMBAUGH You see a man who's in a pickle, With enemies strong and friends too feeble, He clutches fast the Governor's robe To save it from the Peonage probe.

TO A LONELY SENATE SEAT We here portray, oh, gentle reader, A dumb and solitary plender, It hankers for an occupant, Who'll listen to the Senate cant; But such a lot of foolish noise Tempts not Pennsylvania's Boies.

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PROTECT YOUR EYES, ADVISES DR. DIXON

Efficiency Depends Largely on One's Sight, State Health Chief Points Out

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.—"Eyes are good and necessary friends and should be taken care of," declared Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, in a week-end health talk, in which he points out how essential it is to preserve the eyesight. The statement follows:

Every one realizes what sight means for the comfort and efficiency of daily life. Man is not much better off without his eyes than a submarine would be without his periscope. A blind hermit would soon die for want of food. One's efficiency along most lines nowadays depends a great deal upon the strength of the sight. The perfect young eye has a wide margin of endurance and a few of us realize when the strength is being used up until it is crippled.

Now that the price of paper is soaring higher and higher, small type is being introduced in all kinds of reading matter. It exhausts the eye if worked long at a time to decipher small letters or figures. This causes nervous disturbance, headaches, indigestion, sleeplessness, etc. We should use a large type and avoid reading matter with legible type and economize in other ways—tobacco or imitation flowers on our spring hats, for instance.

Save your eyes from dust as much as possible. If you have to read when riding in cars or trolleys do not rest your book or arm on any part of the seat, but hold it in your hand or hands so that it will move with the body and not be going one way while the head and eyes are swinging in another direction.

Never read with a bright light shining directly in your face, but try and get it over one or the other shoulder, or shining down over your head.

Try and hold your reading matter at an angle so that the light reflected from the paper will not shine directly in your eyes. The color of the paper is worth considering in account books and such things. The contrast between a pure white paper and a jet black handkerchief or type causes a little confusion along the lines between the white and black. It is easier to follow letters or figures if they are brown on a light buff paper. Practical tests will soon convince you that the lines under the latter condition will be more distinct than when the sharper contrast of black with white is made.

The desk upon which you have your reading matter should be of a material that will not reflect the glare of the light into the face, which will irritate the eyes.

When you have to wear artificial aid by the use of glasses, there is no one too learned in the anatomy of the eye and the many abnormalities to which it is subject for the task of giving advice. Often more harm is done by glasses selected by those not educated in medical science than would be done without the glasses. Furthermore, one is misled by a false sense of security, while an undetected diseased condition of the eye runs on until it is too late to remedy it.

DIGNIFIED YOUNGSTER TO LEAD WEDDING MARCH Six-Year-Old Will Wear Evening Dress at Petti-Morziello Ceremony at St. Rita's Church

A six-year-old boy in evening dress, high silk hat and accompanying regalia will lead the march for a picturesque Italian wedding to be celebrated today at 3 o'clock in St. Rita's Catholic Church, Broad and Elmworth streets. The clothes for the youngster were made by a tailor especially for the occasion.

The marriage will be solemnized between Miss Anna L. Moriello, of 1702 Carpenter street, and Charles Petti, of 1510 Dickinson street. The bride and bridegroom will be honored by the attendance of three bridesmaids and groomsmen.

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Anticipating an unprecedented demand for water during 1917, with no hope of supplying the entire city during the heated months, Chief Carlisle E. Tuck of the Water Bureau, has instituted a rigid system of water economy which will result in the curtailment of waste at many points. The plan to save water for consumers by meter installations, patent equipment and spray sprinklers for street lighting instead of ordinary nozzle hose.

Meters are rapidly being installed in big manufacturing plants and in many private residences as well. Meters are now in operation in many plants suspected in the past of wasting water under the old fixture rates. Accurate records are being kept for meter use, and this week bills for the 53,000 meters now in service will be sent out covering the minimum prices for the year. With a view to the ultimate metering of the more than 300,000 homes and business houses now on fixture rates, the Water Bureau has had built special machines that will care for meter records, not only of the meters now in service, but of the more than 10,000 that will be installed by the bureau before summer comes.

Metering of the installation of meters is being noted in the lessened demand on the general daily supply from all the pumping stations, and the charge of \$8 for the first cubic foot of water meter, with an additional charge for all used in excess of this amount is acting as a deterrent to old-time wasters.

The waste prevention plan calls for the cooperation of the Bureau of Highways in that it includes a scheme to use spray sprinklers in washing down the streets. Thousands of gallons of water are wasted daily through the present custom of washing streets or flushing them in hot weather. If officials of the Highway Bureau agree this change will be made in the near future. The new plan for installing water metering sources and adding to them by having installed between now and summer new pumps at Lardner's Point and Queen Lane. The new pump at Lardner's Point will have a capacity of 25,000 gallons a day and the one at Queen Lane 25,000 gallons. The increase in the daily supply will not be so great, however, as these details would indicate, as some of the old pumps will be abandoned as obsolete.

Special efforts are being made to curtail the supply, as the city water works provided for water plant extensions before the spring of 1918, and the abandonment of the loan program for this year has caused the temporary abandonment of extensive plans for the bureau.

DAUGHTER OF FIREMAN HERO SUBDUES FLAMES Mary Entwistle, Whose Father Died in Bodine Street Blaze, Saves Family

Smoke and flames didn't frighten Miss Mary Entwistle, of 3417 Haverford avenue, daughter of Thomas Entwistle, a fireman, who was killed six years ago at the Bodine street fire, when she found her room afire about 2 o'clock this morning. She jumped out of the window and ran to her father's sister, Mrs. George Diller, and her two nieces. After directing her sister to open the window and call for help she started to extinguish the blaze with buckets of water.

The fire, caused by a defective fuse, was quickly extinguished by Truck Company No. 6, Preaton street and Haverford avenue. The damage was about \$100.

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