

SEE WIFE AS ONLY APPENDICITIS FOE

Philadelphia Doctors Assail Dakota Law Curbing Surgery

MORTALITY DECREASES

Experts Condemn Curbing of Surgery by State Law

BILL in South Dakota Legislature, which would restrict operations for appendicitis, finds little favor among surgeons of Philadelphia, whose efficiency in "immediate operations" has saved many lives.

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General view is that operations, even when not vitally necessary, do no harm, but prevent future attacks of appendicitis. Statistics show that appendicitis mortality increases with each succeeding day's delay.

A bill in the South Dakota Legislature which would restrict operations for appendicitis was not viewed with favor today by surgeons of Philadelphia, which, with its great hospitals, is regarded as the medical center of the country.

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 all removed vermiform appendices to the State laboratories for examination and that if examination shows the appendix is not diseased the surgeon collect his bill.

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

"Legislation of this nature is not a remedy," said Dr. 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."

Dr. 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 Dr. Babcock, at his wife's request, was operated upon for appendicitis after he had diagnosed his own case.

Dr. Clark's opinion of the value of the immediate operation after diagnosis was summed up by him in exactly twenty-five words. He said: "I don't know."

"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 is shown by the fact that about one-seventh 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 Dr. Babcock. "Heavy mortality cases, some from delayed operations."

There is a growing tendency, Dr. Babcock said, on the part of the American College of Medicine to supervise operations. This organization, which has between 2,000 and 3,000 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.

Dr. Babcock referred to several series of figures that have been tabulated, all showing that substantial figures were decreasing. 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.

SHACKLETON'S PARTY FOUND RELICS OF SCOTT

Two Sledges Were Only Traces Discovered of Former Expedition

MAROONED 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-continental 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, but 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 the blizzard drove them back and 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. It was a desperate race, 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 crusts 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 left in camp on the twenty-ninth. They found the party without food. Mackintosh and Smith were 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 two men a chance to reach safely. 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 ever and vegetable were procured.

Three days afterward Joyce, Richards and Wild started back to fetch Mackintosh. They successfully achieved and by March 13 all were safe at Hut Point, only 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 13, 1916. They covered 1569 statute miles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Miss Katherine Du Bose, seventeen-year-old daughter of Captain William Richardson 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. Captain Du Bose stands at the head of the medical corps list, and if the President had followed the rule of seniority it would have been in whom Mr. Wilson would have promoted to the rank of rear admiral instead of Doctor Grayson.

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



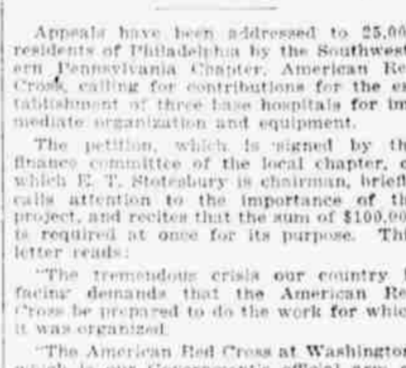
TO THE KAISER Every little U-boat king Must, we take it, have his Kings; But it's too bad of you, Wilhelm, Reay, The way you bother Wilson, Reay; Keep him writing, writing, writing; On the methods of your fighting; Seem to hold his notes as low As your daring U-boats go; What you need's an early lesson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



TO THE BIRD IN THE PRICE OF COAL "If you love me I love you You'll make me jump do the work of two." This new proposal, anonymous, Results from the coalman's latest antic. Who's "blat" the price of anthracite Higher than Brany Franklin's kite.



TO MARTIN BREMBROUGH 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 Peasone probe.



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

RED CROSS HERE ASKS FOR \$100,000 FUND Southeastern Penna. Chapter Says It Is Needed to Establish Base Hospitals

Appeals have been addressed to 25,000 residents of Philadelphia by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, American Red Cross, asking for contributions for the establishment of three base hospitals for immediate organization and equipment.

The petition, which is signed by the finance committee of the local chapter, of which E. T. Stobely is chairman, briefly calls attention to the importance of the project, and recites that the sum of \$100,000 is required at once for its purpose. This letter reads:

"The tremendous crisis our country is facing demands that the American Red Cross be prepared to do the work for which it was organized.

"The American Red Cross at Washington, which is our Government's official arm of relief to the army and navy in time of war, has instructed the Southeastern Pennsylvania chapter to organize and equip immediately three base hospitals, containing 1250 beds, the organization of the medical and surgical staffs for these hospitals is nearly completed, and it is now necessary to provide the essential equipment and sufficient supplies of all kinds of stores, such as surgical instruments, medical supplies, drugs, bedding, kitchen equipment, etc.

One hundred thousand dollars is required at once for this purpose, and prompt and liberal subscriptions are imperatively needed.

This is a cause that should appeal to every one, as it is possible that these hospitals may be needed to take care of those who are closest and dearest to us.

The signatures attached to this letter are those of E. T. Stobely, Richard L. Austin, Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Albert B. Johnson, William R. Nicholson, Charles J. Rhoads and Walter George Smith.

Subscribers are requested to send their donations to Charles C. Harrison, Jr., treasurer, at the chapter headquarters, 221 South Eighteenth street.

NOBODY MOURNS DEMISE OF "COMIC" VALENTINES

"Funny" Cards With Offensive Pictures and Verses Pass From Vogue

FEW ON SALE THIS YEAR

The comic valentine, with Valentine Day only a few days away, is dead. On its tombstone is written the epitaph, "Too Cheap." Those sheets which had a grotesque colorful cartoon printed upon them, together with a verse, could not be obtained by the jobbers in the market this year, and if they appear at all in shops, they have been carried over from last year.

Several dealers in valentines about town declared that they were glad anyhow that the old-fashioned "comic" was out of date. "It used to be a quiet joke," said one, "but these things were hideous and in many instances insulting. But business is business and we had to sell that kind of goods if the public appeared to want it. I have heard of lawyers suing for damages for cards which were the result of these valentines. Some of them were quite beyond the pale."

Valentines are for little children now most of the year. Green folk observe the day, but they send many and other tokens instead of their little pictures. I even heard of a man buying an expensive phonograph for his wife for Valentine Day. Now the "comics" might be said to have been born, not only because they were used to hurt their feelings sometimes, but they certainly are not suited to little boys and girls, who would take them to heart."

Reason for Demise But the demise of the comic valentines was not wholly caused by the characters of the pictures and verses themselves. The "comics" really died when the famous McLaughlin Brothers went out of the business. The McLaughlin Brothers lived in Brooklyn, and all the year around they did little else than print "comics." They originated the business and were the only ones to make that kind of goods.

Several years ago when they retired another firm bought the business. The head of this firm was not a keen admirer of the "funny" valentine, and he asked himself, "The people really want them or do they not?" Some of his associates were sturdy in their upholding of the unlavishly grotesque things, but the manager decided to experiment and see how much of the old-time demand there was for picture cards. He found that the die had been thrown, and since that time no one has taken up the making of the penny sheets.

Club to Lease Building Collingsworth Organization Obtains Desirable Headquarters on Lake Shore

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., Feb. 12.—At a meeting of the members of the All-Collingsworth Club tonight the lease entered into last week by the board of governors for the property of the defunct Collingswood Tennis Club will be confirmed. The lease is for a term of five years at a rental of \$500 per year, with an option of purchase within the next three years at \$1000.

The club has a membership of close to 400, having been formed in December. The club property consists of a modern club-house, four and a half acres of ground, six newly built grass tennis courts, a golf shooting ground and other athletic features. It is situated on the shores of Lake Newton.

Scarlet Fever Season Here City Health Director Urges Parents to Increase Watchfulness

Scarlet fever thrives at this season of the year, and every parent should take precautions to safeguard his children, according to Director Krusen, of the Bureau of Public Health and Charities, of the city. "The disease attacks principally children, the director said, it may occur among adults. Parents, he said, should look with suspicion upon every case of illness among children. Fever, nausea, sore throat, and the appearance of rash are the early signs of the disease, he explained.

Mystery in Woman's Death Husband Says He Found Body When He Returned From Work

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Mystery surrounds the death of Josephine Cook, a woman who was found dead on the floor of her home in Wyoming. The death was reported to the authorities by her husband, who says he found his wife dead when he returned from work.

Third Fire in Paper Plant Flames Cause Several Hundred Dollars' Damage to Works

GLOUCESTER CITY, Feb. 12.—The Fire Department was called out to extinguish flames in the plant of the Hinde-Daugh Paper Company. A watchman discovered the fire in a storage shed. After several hours' work the flames were extinguished.

French Ban Breakfast Roll Decree Also Forbids Sale of All Fresh Bread

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The sale of fresh bread in France is prohibited until four o'clock, a decree signed by President Poincare and published in the official Journal.

Glass Makers Record Year WILLIAMSTOWN, Feb. 12.—With fire placed under an additional furnace, at the glassworks here and the recently started plant at Swedesboro, the business is on a better basis than for years past, and it is predicted that all records for making bottles will be broken.

Pearl Stickpin Worth \$2500 Lost ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 12.—Houses detective for a boardwalk hotel refused to reveal the name of the owner of a \$2500 pearl stickpin lost in going from the hotel to the Pennsylvania station yesterday. A reward of \$500 and no question asked was advertised.

Ask For and Get HORRICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK

PREMIER PEER DEAD Duke of Norfolk, ranking member of the English nobility and one of the foremost English Catholics, was seen envoy to the Pope.

WATER BUREAU CHIEF PLANS TO STOP WASTE

Meters and Patent Equipment Designed to Aid Proposed System of Economy

PREPARING FOR SUMMER

Manufacturing Plants, Other Large Consumers and Private Citizens Adopting Saving Devices

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.

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 work will be done through 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 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.

Meters are being noticed in the increased demand on the general daily supply from all the pumping stations, and the charge of \$8 for the first cubic foot of water provided 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. Officials of the Highways Bureau agree this change will be made in the near future.

Chief Tuck's plan for handling water resources 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 25,000,000 gallons a day and the one at Queen Lane 25,000,000 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 supply provided for water plant extension in 1916, 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 did not frighten Miss Mary Entwistle, 2417 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 in a few minutes her mother, 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, Freaton street and Haverford avenue. The damage was about \$100.

Farmer Smith's Column

WHAT DO YOU EAT? Dearest Children—I invite your attention today to three trays of silkworms. We will feed the workers in the first tray on lime leaves; their neighbors in the second tray on lettuce; and the last tray will have a diet of mulberry leaves.

Do you suppose the worms in each of the three trays spin silk of the same color? Not at all. Each tray produces silk of a different color.

From this lesson taught us by our tiny friends we may learn that we are affected to a great extent by what we eat.

Some one has said: "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are." I sometimes long for the old days when

THE SKATING RINK

By Farmer Smith

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Billy hurries in to his window and saws Bill E. Goat going by with a wheelbarrow loaded with bricks. Soon after him came a load of mortar and then more wheelbarrows loaded with bricks.

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Miss Ann Giraffe got some tearing through the street, followed by a wagon load of lumber. What could be the matter.

Billy, putting on his hat and coat, started out the door. He resolved to see in quick order what was going on. He hurried to get almost bumped into Mister Giraffe, who was walking along leisurely.

"More haste, less speed," said the fellow with the long neck.

"What is all this hurry?" asked Billy. "Am not in any hurry," replied Mr. Giraffe.

"I mean all this lumber and bricks—what's going on?"

"What's that?" exclaimed Mr. Giraffe. "Do you mean to tell me that a fellow who is wide awake like you does not know what is going on?"

"We are going to have a skating rink in the park, and we are all going to help build it; that is, those who are invited."

"Am I invited?" asked Billy.

"You are the one to answer that question," replied the long-necked fellow.

"I guess I better go back and see if there is any mail for me. I rushed out in such a hurry I forgot to see what the mail man left," said Billy.

"That's good," answered Mr. Giraffe. "I don't understand you," replied Billy.

"It would be just as well if you knew what you were doing before you try to do it," said Mr. Giraffe.

"If you don't be careful I will give you a tap on the jaw that will make your head swim," said Billy's reply.

"You hit my eye." Why, you are not knee high to a grasshopper."

Billy looked at Mr. Giraffe's shoe and noticed that it was untied.

"I advise you to tie your shoe before you go much farther." Billy was looking very serious.

Mr. Giraffe stooped over and started to tie his shoe, while Billy gave him a light tap on his jaw, at the same time adding, "It doesn't pay to be TOO sure in this world, even if your head is high in the air."

This enraged Mr. Giraffe so that he started after Billy, but he tripped on his shoe string and had to give up the chase.

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