

PHILA. DEATH RATE HITS LOWEST MARK

Figures for 1921 Show Tremendous Decrease in Mortality From Pneumonia

138 DIED OF INFLUENZA

The health of Philadelphia in 1921 was the best in the city's history. The death rate was never so low as during the last year, due, in the opinion of Director Furbush, of the Department of Health, to measures toward the prevention of disease and promoting individual health.

Medical men say that a death rate of 12.55 per thousand population is extraordinary. The figures show a tremendous decrease in the mortality from pneumonia. Among the infectious diseases pneumonia caused 1315 deaths in 1921 than in the preceding year, when it headed the death list.

Influenza caused only 138 deaths last year, as compared with 844 in 1920, a decrease of 706.

There were also 301 less deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, 143 less deaths from measles, there being only a total of 125 during the entire year, and ninety-nine less deaths from diphtheria. There was a saving of over 2500 lives from these five infectious diseases.

Heart Disease Deaths Increase There has been a slight increase in the death rate from heart disease, which caused one death in every seven from all diseases. The five principal causes, heart disease, pneumonia, Bright's disease, cancer and influenza, were responsible for one-half of the total deaths. All of these diseases can be controlled within reasonable limitations, and the efforts of the Health Department will be redoubled during the present year to cause a further reduction in mortality from the preventable causes.

Typhoid fever, which is often regarded as an index of sanitation, has caused a death rate of only 2.2 per 100,000, the lowest on record in the city, and compares favorably with other large cities in this country. Fully 25 per cent of the typhoid fever cases are contracted from sources outside the city. If allowance was made for out-of-town cases, this city would have a very low death rate from typhoid fever. The excellent record attained may be attributed largely to modern sanitary improvements and the efforts to locate the sources of infection and checking the spread of the disease.

The respiratory diseases can be further reduced by more careful attention to personal hygiene, by proper ventilation of offices, workshops, homes and public conveyances, by improvement in housing conditions and by curbing the practice of careless expectoration and coughing and sneezing without using a handkerchief.

Heart disease is not always a fatal condition and much can be done, especially among children, in curing, improving and rendering stationary defects caused by various systematic diseases. The correction of physical defects which may be responsible for cardiac conditions are urged by the Division of School Medical Inspection. It is planned by the Department of Public Health to have a number of heart clinics where cases can be studied and remedies outlined for those affected.

See Check in Cancer Deaths Much can also be done in reducing the mortality from cancer, by early recognition of cases and prompt treatment. The Radiological Clinic of the Philadelphia General Hospital will be at the service of those who wish to avail themselves of it.

The control and prevention of communicable diseases are under the jurisdiction of the Division of Medical Inspection, which was organized in 1905, when Philadelphia had a population of less than a million and a half. Today this city has reached a population of almost two million people. With this increase there has been no change in the number of medical inspectors; also the city has not been able to establish, as in other large cities, the much-needed corps of public health nurses, who are one of the most important factors in public health work. New York, Chicago and several other cities have almost doubled their corps of medical inspectors and public health nurses.

CLIFTON HEIGHTS READY!

House-owners Warned to Watch Out for Possible Thieves

Thieves, including three-story workers, bootleggers and whatnot, lately take warning in Upper Merion, Lansdowne, Norwood, Clifton Heights, Blythe Park and other boroughs along the Chester pike there is a warning against you. Here it follows: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed and all the residents of this borough should take notice and act accordingly."

MISSIONARY FUND SOUGHT

Wife of Bishop McDowell to Talk to Methodist Women Here

Mrs. William F. McDowell, wife of Bishop McDowell, of Washington, will address a meeting of Methodist and Episcopal churches tomorrow evening at the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, Forty-ninth street and Baltimore avenue. The reception, which was arranged by Mrs. William Boyd, will be used by Mrs. McDowell to bring to the attention of the city and vicinity the Methodist campaign in which the women build seven union colleges in the Orient. The women are contributing \$2,000,000 Memorial Fund Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Fund \$1,000,000.

TO TRAIN GIRL SCOUTS

Course of Instruction Will Be Given Officers Here

An intensive training course for Girl Scout officers will commence tomorrow night and continue for ten evenings under the instruction of Mrs. Flora B. Handy, national training school director. The course will include such practical demonstrations as opening and closing a Girl Scout ceremony as well as handling of special subjects, such as military drill, map making, outdoor cooking, games, etc. The course will be held every evening at the headquarters, 1503 Walnut street, with the exception of Saturday when it will be held in the afternoon.

Recent Bride



MRS. WALLACE F. WELLER Who was Miss Martha Bacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bacon, Jr., of 2533 Myer street, Treant, N. J., before her marriage New Year's Day in Philadelphia to W. B. Weller, of Quantico, Va.

WILL TELL OF SEA STUDIES

Research in Oriental Waters to Be Topic of Dr. Bartsch

Dr. Paul Bartsch, of the National Museum, Washington, will give an illustrated lecture at the Academy of Natural Sciences, at 8 P. M. tonight, on the deep sea work of the United States Bureau of Fisheries steamship Albatross in the Oriental seas. The evening lecture program for the rest of the season is as follows: January 16, Witmer Stone, "Wild Bird Life on Our New Jersey Coast"; January 23, Henry W. Fowler, "Tropical Fishes"; January 30, J. Fletcher Street, "Wassie Blooms"; February 6, Dr. Robert C. Murphy, "The Way to Spain"; February 13, Dr. Spencer Trotter, "Backbone Animals"; February 20, James A. G. Rehn, "Problems of Insect Life"; February 27, Dr. Henry A. Pilbry, "The Life of a Lake"; March 6, Dr. W. D. Matthews, "Cretaceous Dinosaurs"; March 13, Dr. Witmer Stone, "The Southern Alleghenies"; March 20, Dr. Francis C. Penell, "The Aristocrats of the Plant World"; March 27, Henry W. Fowler, "Lowland Fishes"; April 3, Dr. E. F. Phillips, "The Life of a Lake"; April 10, James A. G. Rehn, "The Economic Aspect of Entomology"; April 17, Dr. Spencer Trotter, "The Domesticated Animals"; April 24, Dr. Henry Pilbry, "Useful and Injurious Mollusks and Shells."

NO CHARM IN THIS MUSIC

Warbling Butcher Locked in Ice Box—Robbers Get \$75

When Nathan Waldorf, a butcher at 540 Oxford street, was closing his shop Saturday night, he hummed a tune about "Wanted to be in Sunny Alabama." Three minutes later he thought he was at the North Pole. Two well-dressed strangers entered the shop and ordered a pound of beefsteak. Still singing about "Sunny Alabama," Waldorf sharpened his knife and sliced off a section of sirloin. The stranger ordered it wrapped and handed it to one of the customers. Then having turned from the cash register in which he had made change he found himself looking into the barrels of two pistols. The holders commanded Waldorf to cut out the warbling and walk back fifteen steps. Waldorf obeyed and soon heard a door slam. Fifteen minutes later when the butcher got out of the ice box which he had been forced to enter, he found that the stranger with the heavy artillery had departed. With them went \$75 from the cash register and the pound of sirloin. Waldorf does not believe that old saying about music having charms.

OPEN SMALLEST BOROUGH

Visitors Inspect Golfing Village at Tavistock, N. J.

Tavistock, the smallest borough in New Jersey which has the largest golf course close to Philadelphia, attracted many visitors yesterday following the opening of the new \$100,000 clubhouse Saturday night. The new borough is near Hadonfield and occupies two former farms. The golf grounds have eighteen holes. The borough has its own government as the members of the club a year ago, after much opposition, succeeded in having the Legislature incorporate it as a borough. It has its own laws, members of the borough officials, and any violation of the law will be taken before B. Frank Middleton, the club president, who is Mayor. Outside police or constables are not welcome. The "Tavistock Country Club" is an exclusive organization composed of prominent men of Camden County, who bought the farms for their own pleasure. J. Edward Fagen is the Borough Assessor, besides being the Solicitor.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Peter Barberi Found Dead in Bed; Wife Unconscious

Peter Barberi, sixty-one years old, of 2023 Mantion street, was asphyxiated and his wife Angelina is in a critical condition in the Polyclinic Hospital from a leaking gas main which filled their home with fumes late Saturday night. Only the timely arrival of the police saved Mrs. Barberi. The couple lived alone at the Mantion street address, and neighbors, alarmed at not seeing them all day Saturday, notified the police late at night. Patrolman Carlin, of the Twentieth and Federal streets station, forced his way into the house and found Mr. and Mrs. Barberi in bed. The house was filled with gas. They were removed to the Polyclinic Hospital, where pulmonary were used, but physicians said the husband had been dead for several hours. An investigation by the police revealed that a gas main runs directly beneath the house and a leak developed in the pipes.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN DIES

Victim of Acute Alcoholism Found on Sidewalk

A man whose body has not yet been identified was found shortly after midnight yesterday morning lying unconscious on the sidewalk on Noble street close North by police. He was taken to the Haberman Hospital and treated for acute alcoholism. Although vigorous attempts were made to restore him, he died at 5:30 A. M. The body was removed to the Morgue. He is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs about 140 pounds, of light complexion, hair and mustache, and was wearing a dark overcoat, gray trousers, black sweater and shoes and brown soft hat.

KRAUSKOPF HITS BERRY ON DRY ACT

Rabbi Quotes Bible in Support of Beer and Light Wines

WOULD LEGALIZE SALE

Legalizing the sale of beer and light wines is advocated by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf. In an address upon the Volstead act in Temple Kenesseth Israel he attacked the position assumed by Bishop Berry, who had declared most of the men in the Association Against Prohibition were "bums, bootleggers and criminals."

While deprecating the abuse of spirituous liquors, Dr. Krauskopf showed that mankind had abused them since the dawn of history, and he expressed the fear that "the golden age of the Nation" might pass away forever with the passing of "stimulating and energizing drink." He cited the Puritans and William Penn as advocates of the "cup that cheers," and made many quotations from Scripture to show that the Bible was not opposed to the proper use of spirituous drink.

Invited to attend a public meeting of the Pennsylvania Division of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, that counts among its membership many honored leaders in the professions and in the lay pursuits, Bishop Berry, said the rabbi, "declined on the ground that he has no desire to mingle with a malodorous company of brewers, saloonkeepers, bootleggers, bums and criminals." He declared it to be an indispensible fact that "fully 80 per cent of those who seek to nullify the Federal Constitution and bring back the unspeakable dishonour of rum domination belong to the lawless classes of society."

GOES TO THE BIBLE

"Bishop Berry's bitter denunciation of the more than two hundred thousand members of the society that advocates a reasonable interpretation of the Eighteenth Amendment is no doubt based upon his knowledge of the frightful abuses to which alcoholic drink has led. As a religious man it is hoped he will be fair enough to believe that both Cardinal Merier and Dean Inge are as conversant as he is with the consequences of the abuse of liquor, and that their disapproval of teetotalism is not based upon a desire on their part to see the abuses of alcohol perpetuated. And as a biblical scholar he certainly knows the evils of spirituous drink, and that it inveighs in diverse places and in very strong terms against intemperate indulgence of it. Yet, with all this knowledge, it speaks of wine as gladdening the heart of man and sanctions its use even for religious purposes. Dr. Krauskopf cited many authorities, Scriptural and otherwise, to show that "the use of fermented drink was as old as history." He continued: "What would the Pilgrim Fathers and the Puritans have done without the stimulation of spirituous drink when they entered this new and at that time inhospitable world? Limited in space as the Mayflower was, room was found in it for ample supply of liquor. "William Penn, founder of our State, was certainly a religious man and, above all things, a gentleman, and yet Bishop Berry may class him with 'bootleggers, bums and criminals,' because he was fond of his 'cup of cheer,' and retained a little brewery of his own, kept his cellar well stocked with beer and cider, with sherry, madeira and claret, and hospitably entertained his guests and friends with their choice of his supplies."

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TWO DIE ATTENDING MASS

Woman Kneeling in Prayer Sinks to Floor of Church Unconscious

While attending mass yesterday morning, two women in South Philadelphia died from heart disease. The body of Mrs. Emma Glass, of 835 Roseberry street, was identified last night by members of her family, after it had been taken to the morgue. Mrs. Glass attended the 8:30 mass yesterday morning in St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Seventeenth and Ritner streets. While kneeling in prayer, she was seen to sink unconscious to the floor. Dr. G. B. Siffer, of 1707 Ritner street, was summoned to the church. He pronounced the woman dead.

SHOE STORE BURNS

Fire of unknown origin gutted the shoe store of George Schwartz, 4004 Lancaster avenue, at 7:45 this morning. The damage is estimated at about \$5000. The blaze was discovered by Patrolman Holler, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue police station, who turned in the alarm.

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