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TYPHOID FEVER AT A LOW EBB IN STATE DURING 1914

Work and Education Improving the Health Conditions in Pennsylvania, According to Statement Issued by Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon

There have been 50,000 fewer cases of communicable diseases in Pennsylvania during the year 1914 than during the previous year, according to the statement issued to-day by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health.

"The people of the Commonwealth have cause to be thankful for the general freedom from disease during the past year. Never in the history of the State has it been so free from typhoid fever as during 1914. The result of nine years work for the purification of our water ways and the protection of our public water supplies may be told tersely by the comparison of figures of the morbidity and mortality from typhoid fever in Pennsylvania in 1906 and 1914.

"In the former year there was 24,471 cases of typhoid fever reported in this State and 3,971 deaths from the same cause. In 1914 only 7,000 cases were reported up to November 31 and but 731 deaths. This means that there was a decrease of over 70 per cent. in typhoid fever in the Commonwealth.

"Considered from its economic standpoint this means a saving of several millions of dollars annually, to say nothing of the sorrow and suffering which has been eliminated. If there were no other results this achievement alone would justify the general activities of the State and local authorities and their expenditures for public health work. There are however numerous other gratifying evidences.

"The general death rate for Pennsylvania during 1914 will be 14.1 per thousand inhabitants which in a State with the great urban population and the vast number of manufacturing and mining communities is evidence of general health conditions which while not ideal are a decided improvement over those of a few years ago.

"Tuberculosis, which is the greatest foe to life, has been steadily declining as a result of the active campaign which has been waged by the Commonwealth and supplemented by various philanthropic agencies. The State now maintains three great sanatoria; one in the eastern, one in the central and one in the western portion of the State for the free treatment of indigent sufferers from this disease. The capacity of these institutions is over 2,000 beds which are at the disposal of those residents of Pennsylvania who are in need of sanatorium treatment. The system of free dispensaries which has been established brings this aid within the reach of every one of our eight million two hundred thousand people.

"Cancer alone of all the various reportable diseases has shown a slight but steady increase during the past few years. Up to the present the medical profession has been unable to cope with this foe except through early surgical aid to those afflicted. However, many of our scientific men are devoting their energies to the investigation of this disease and we hope that within comparatively few years some more potent aid may be forthcoming as a result of their exhaustive investigations.

"The activities of the State has stimulated every sinew in the general public health agencies in the Commonwealth. The educational work which has been carried on since the establishment of this department has borne excellent fruit. The local boards of health, the press, the philanthropic agencies and most important of all the general public has understood, appreciated and cooperated in the work of bettering conditions. The time is rapidly approaching when every individual will not only act as his own sanitary policeman but will familiarize himself with those principles of personal hygiene and right living which will serve more than all else to increase the span of human life and fill to the brim the cup of individual happiness.

ARREST FOLLOWS SHOOTING

Danville Man Says He Mistook Identity of Friend, Who Escaped Bullet
Danville, Pa., Jan. 1.—Samuel Sainsbury, a prominent resident of Danville, is under arrest for firing a revolver at Ralph Fouk, a lifelong friend.

Fouk, in company with several ladies, came out of a restaurant, when the party noticed a man lurking in a doorway opposite. Fouk went across the street to investigate. He was within a few yards of the sidewalk when the man fired at him. At that instant they recognized each other.

Sainsbury said: "Ralph, I made a awful mistake. I was not looking for you. I was looking for a man who insulted my daughter." Sainsbury has waived a hearing and entered bail for court.

BRAKEMAN IS HELD

Must Answer to Jury for Roystersford Wreck That Killed Two

Norristown, Pa., Jan. 1.—Magistrate Egbert yesterday afternoon held Paul Reider, of Philadelphia, conductor of the freight train who also had been arrested by Coroner Neville, was supercharged, as, according to Division Superintendent Keffer, a conductor is not solely responsible for acts of subordinates who may act at the instance of an engineer, which Snyder claims he did, for Engineer Fisher.

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The Star-Independent Calendar for 1915 is another of the handsome series, featuring important local views, issued by this paper for many years. It is 11x14 inches in size and shows a picture, extraordinary for clearness and detail, of the "Old Capitol," built 1818 and destroyed by fire in 1897. It is in fine half-tone effect and will be appreciated for its historic value as well as for its beauty.

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AMUSEMENTS

MAJESTIC

To-night only, David Bispham in a concert recital. To-morrow, afternoon and evening, Edmund Brees in "To-Day." Three days, commencing Monday, with matinee Tuesday and Wednesday, Chicago "Tribune's" Belgian War Pictures.

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Every afternoon and evening, high class vaudeville.

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Daily continuous vaudeville and pictures.

David Bispham To-night

The Majestic will open the New Year with a concert by the famous baritone, David Bispham, this evening at 8.15. Mr. Bispham, besides being a great singer, with the power of making his auditors see the picture he has in mind, is an actor of great force. He has often considered going upon the dramatic stage, and it may be that to-night will be the last opportunity for the public to enjoy his concerts, for it is his intention ere long to appear in the play which has been written for him around the career of Benjamin Franklin, a character which has never before been seen upon the stage. All who desire to hear him in his concert should, therefore, seize the present opportunity, as it may be the last. Mr. Bispham will be accompanied by Francis Rogers, pianist.

"To-Day"

The Manuscript Producing Company will offer "To-Day," the vital and vivid drama of New York life by George Broadhurst and Abraham Schomer, at the Majestic for a return engagement to-morrow, matinee and evening. "To-Day" is said to present a vital phase of contemporary life and to depict in all its seriousness one of the greatest problems of married life. The four acts are laid in New York, and as the story develops there is unfolded a condition, the existence of which has never been denied, resulting from the feminine love for finery and the dangers attendant thereto. In it is shown the gradual mental and moral dissolution of a young wife, buoyantly happy in affluence, unable to adjust herself to reverses. Lily Wagner had to have clothes—she had had them and she would be miserable without them. Thanks to the evil suggestions of a woman friend, she got them, and with them, finally, her deserts. "To-Day" will be interpreted by the original New York cast, headed by Edmund Brees. Adv.

Belgian Battlefield Scenes

At the Majestic for three days, commencing Monday, with matinee Tuesday and Wednesday, the Poplar Motion Picture Company will exhibit for the first time in this city the Belgian Battlefield Motion Pictures, which are the first and only authentic films depicting fighting that have been made during the present European war. The pictures were taken on the firing line in Belgium by Edwin F. Weigle, staff photographer of the Chicago "Tribune," which paper by contract with the Belgian government received special permission to secure motion pictures of scenes on the fighting line of the Belgian army. Under the terms of the contract, 50 per cent. of the sale of the pictures is given to the Belgian Red Cross Society. Sections of the battle of Termonde, Alost, Mairnes and Liere are shown. The fall of Alost and the flight of the refugees to Holland are remarkable features of the film. One of the most dramatic of the pictures is that showing the explosion of a German shell, which tears to pieces a house located near a position defended by the Belgians in the battle of Termonde. Many pitiful scenes are revealed in the frantic exodus of the non-combatants from Antwerp. Adv.

"Twin Beds"

This season has been productive of no greater theatrical success than that scored by "Twin Beds," Salisbury Field's and Margaret Mayo's original and refreshing new farce, which is the popular laughing sensation in New York, where for eight months past it has been keeping crowds of metropolitan playgoers in paroxysms of merriment. "Twin Beds" is described as an irresistibly funny story of life among the apartment dwellers. Selwyn & Company, the firm that gave "Within the Law" to the stage, is also sponsor for "Twin Beds" and is to offer its latest success at the Majestic Saturday, January 9. Adv.

At the Orpheum

The Orpheum's current offering is the season's best bet. It is the consensus of opinion of those who have witnessed this week's show that the real hit of the Orpheum's whole career is here this week. This is true not only

because of the presence of the beautiful Kitty Gordon, but because she is supported by a regulation metropolitan vaudeville show. Keene and Window, late stars of the New York Winter Garden; Mary Eline and Kingdom Brown, moving picture favorites, present a delightful kid playlet; Pipifax and Panto, comedy acrobats, who do some great tumbles and falls and inject tomfoolery that is good for one long, loud laugh, are some of the other fine hits of the bill. This, however, does not include all the choice plums, for the truth of the matter is that every act on the Orpheum bill is a winner and there isn't a dull minute in the least of them. Adv.

At the Colonial

Apdala's Animal Circus of bears, dogs, monkeys and anteater are offering a comedy animal act at the Busy Corner as the headline attraction of that theatre's New Year greeting. The show was uncovered for the first time yesterday and it proved a veritable treat. There is something to be interested in and amused at every minute this troupe is on view. Another act of merit is that of Mack Albright and Maek, who serve up something clever in the way of harmony singing and comedy; Ann Sutherland and company are offering a comedy playlet called "10, 20, 30," while Barrington is the best ventriloquist artist yet seen at the Colonial. "To Have and to Hold," a splendid two-part dramatic picture fea-

ture, and "Professor Bugs," comedy, comprise the picture entertainment for the last half of the week. Adv.

HEAD OF COUNCIL ARRESTED

Louis Jacobs, Exeter Borough, Is Charged With Taking Funds
Wilkes-Barre Pa., Jan. 1.—Charged with keeping money which he had taken from the borough's funds with which to pay James Langan, a surveyor, for work done for the borough, Louis Jacobs, president of the Council of Exeter borough, was arrested here yesterday, and after a hearing before Alderman M. J. Ruddy, of this city, was held under \$1,000 bail for his appearance at court.

He secured a bondsman and was released.

PINCHOT INHERITS \$537,616

Share Made Known of New York Portion of Mother's Estate
New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary E. Pinchot mother of Gifford Pinchot, Amos R. E. Pinchot and Lady Alan Johnston, who died in Washington, D. C., recently, left taxable assets in this State of more than \$1,000. The value of the decedent's entire estate was not disclosed. Of the New York property, which is in real estate, Mrs. Pinchot's sons receive \$537,616 each, while Lady Johnston receives \$28,666.

DAUGHTERS OF LATE COPPER KING BUILD PLAYHOUSE



In the centre of the crowded east side districts of New York city the Misses Alice and Irene Lewisohn, daughters of the late Leonard Lewisohn, the copper capitalist, have built a handsome theatre designed to further their betterment work among the poor of that district, to which they devote largely their time and fortune.

Some time during January this little theatre, known as the Neighborhood Playhouse, will open its doors.

Miss Grace Griswold, who in private life is Mrs. Grace Griswold Hall and

who is an actress, a dramatist and a poet, will manage the new theatre. She made her debut on the stage in 1894 with the late Augustin Daly's company and later played many roles in England and America.

The dramatic scheme of the new playhouse is to offer juvenile entertainment each afternoon and performances for adults at night. Some of the entertainers will be Miss Eldora Stanford, soprano, and Mr. Peter Newton, magician. Some of the plays will be of the order of "The Pipes of Pan," in which fairies and simple beliefs of various kinds will be important factors.

DELICATESSEN BULLETIN NO. 1

Ten Million Pounds of Herring Shipped From Bay of Islands
St. John's, N. F., Jan. 1.—Ten million pounds of herring have been shipped from the Bay of Islands this month and a number of American vessels still are in the bay awaiting their cargoes. The fishing has been favored by comparatively mild weather. There are 1,620,000 pounds of cod awaiting shipment at Bonne Bay, southeast of St. John's.

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Wants a National Musician

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1.—The creation of the office of official musician in nation, State and municipality was advocated by Peter W. Dykema, professor of music in the University of Wisconsin, at the convention of the Music Teachers' National Association here yesterday.

75,000,000 Cigars Made in Reading

Reading, Pa., Jan. 1.—Over 75,000,000 cigars have been manufactured in Reading this year, according to an estimate of the union and non-union factories and the figures at the internal revenue department. The receipts from the sale of cigar stamps were about \$409,000.

Gas Fumes Cause Death

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 1.—With his head a few inches away from a tube used on a small gas heater, Patrick Fagan, aged 63 years, was found yesterday in his boarding place at 78 South Washington street, this city, death having been caused by escaping gas fumes. Officials believe death was accidental.

\$30,000 FOR EMPLOYEES

Reading Paper Mills Company Make Generous Gifts
Reading, Pa., Jan. 1.—Following a custom started 39 years ago by the late George F. Baer, as president-owner of the Reading Paper Mills Company, the sum of \$30,000 was distributed to-day among the 165 employees of the company's three plants in this city. Each employe received \$180 for each year of his service, the maximum, \$35, going to two women, who have been with the company since its establishment in Reading.

Parade at Lebanon Last Night

Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 1.—New Year's Eve was celebrated with a large parade here that started at 11 o'clock last night. Large delegations from the Lebanon, Anville and Fredericksburg tribes of Red Men, all the city fire companies, Company H, Fourth Infantry, N. G. P., local lodges of Foresters, Owls and Mystic Chain, the Lebanon Athletic Association and other organizations participated in the parade, which was followed by a war dance by the Red Men in Market square.