

**The Public Health Service Personnel Bill**

A bill (S. 2117) is now pending in Congress which has for its purpose placing the pay of the physicians of the Public Health Service more nearly on an equality with that of the other government medical services. This legislation has met with many vicissitudes during the last few years. At different times it has been passed, in one form or another, by one house of congress, always, however, to be lost in the other house, or in conference. After its passage in the House of Representatives last year, with an overwhelming majority, it was prevented from coming to a vote in the Senate, although a large majority of the latter body was favorable to it; the only objection offered was that the measure contained provisions for enlarging the functions of the service, a feature which some stated might delay the establishment of a new Department of Health. Notwithstanding the practical unanimity of opinion, not only as to the justice but as to the necessity of this legislation, difficulties are still being placed in the way of its passage. It has for the third time unanimously passed the Senate. It was brought up in the House of Representatives a short time ago under the "unanimous consent rule"; and the only objection raised to its passage was in relation to function, Messrs. Foster and Mann insisting that the bill should contain the same provisions for enlarging the functions of the service as were contained in the Mann bill which passed the House last year—the very feature which caused the failure of the measure in the Senate.

Thus between those in the House who oppose increased pay without increased function, and those in the Senate who oppose increased pay with the only form of increased function which Congress has shown a willingness to grant, the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, with its splendid possibilities for further development, is being seriously hampered in carrying on its work—a work which, according to The Journal of the American Medical Association, is of most vital importance to the people of the whole country, and of which those who are interested in the nation's health may well feel proud.

**Express Agent Hurdled From Car Near Danville**

Danville, July 8.—Much excitement was caused at the South Danville station of the Pennsylvania railroad Saturday night, when it was found that the express car was in disorder and the express agent missing.

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**Exaggerated Reports of Multiple Births**

Occasional newspaper reports of the birth of triplets or even of quadruplets attract a great deal of attention. In many cases the reports are exaggerated or wholly untrue. Recently a paper in Indiana reported the birth of a quintette of children to a farmer's wife, 36 years old. It was stated that the children were perfectly formed and that the mother had two years previously given birth to triplets. The family in question was greatly annoyed by the receipt of numerous inquiries and letters from curious people concerning the unusual occurrence. Inquiry made by The Journal of the American Medical Association of a local physician proved that no such multiple birth had occurred. Such cases, if authenticated, would be of considerable medical interest; but investigation usually proves the reports to be without foundation.

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10:15	8:35	5:25	4:20	2:15	12:50	10:20	7:46	.....	Pennsdale.....	6:28	7:38	9:48	12:33	4:03	5:08	8:08	8:23	9:43
10:18	8:38	5:28	4:23	2:18	12:53	10:23	7:49	.....	Chippewa.....	6:31	7:41	9:51	12:36	4:06	5:11	8:11	8:26	9:46
10:25	8:44	5:35	4:28	2:22	1:00	10:30	7:55	.....	Hughesville.....	6:37	7:47	9:57	12:42	4:12	5:17	8:17	8:32	9:52
8:50	5:42	4:34	.....	.....	.....	8:00	.....	.....	Picture Rocks.....	6:45	7:55	10:05	12:50	4:20	5:25	8:25	8:40	10:00
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9:12	6:08	4:58	.....	.....	.....	8:24	.....	.....	Beech Glen.....	7:05	8:15	10:25	13:09	4:40	5:45	8:45	9:00	10:20
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