

VENO'S ALLEGED CURES.

DENOUNCED AS A FRAUD AND IMPOSTER BY A VICTIM.

A "Tribune" Reporter Interviews George Petrouse, of Drifton, Who Was Said to be Cured of Rheumatism—He Says Veno Should be Put in Jail.

It is just six weeks since Veno, the wonder-worker, left here, and if he was to come again and escape being mobbed by some of the people whom he duped, it would be the greatest wonder connected with his rheumatism annihilating concern. By the great display of posters and advertising he convinced several persons in the surrounding towns, who were afflicted with rheumatism, that outside of his treatment there was but little hope for them.

Among this number was George Petrouse, an Austrian by birth and a resident of Drifton for eighteen years. He had been employed as a miner until about a year ago, when he was compelled to quit work on account of a severe attack of rheumatism.

The first evening Veno appeared at the Cottage hotel hall, Mr. Petrouse called on him and stated his case. Veno told him a cure was certain if he would undergo treatment, to which Mr. Petrouse consented, and Veno began operations on his patient at once.

That evening, and for several evenings after, Mr. Petrouse was exhibited to the audience to show the ability of the wonder-worker in curing this dreaded disease, and persons doubting his statements were promptly referred to Mr. Petrouse, of Drifton.

Veno had scarcely left Freeland when his patient had relapsed and has suffered great pain since.

Yesterday a representative of the TRIBUNE called at the residence of Mr. Petrouse, and found the gentleman still in great agony and very willing to tell his experience with Veno.

"Are you still suffering from rheumatism, Mr. Petrouse?" the reporter asked.

"Oh yes," said Mr. Petrouse, "I am very bad. I never had such pain as I have now, but I think Dr. Wentz will soon bring me around again."

"But Veno said he cured you, Mr. Petrouse?"

"Veno," said Mr. Petrouse, "he is the biggest fraud alive and should have been put in jail. Benefit me, no, I am worse now than ever. Wait, I'll tell you all. When I went to see Veno I had pains in my shoulders and arms, and he ordered me to strip to the waist. He took off his coat and rolled up his shirt sleeves, then he put liniment on my back and began to rub.

"The pain was terrible and I told him I couldn't stand it, but he said if I wanted to be cured that was the only way, and he rubbed me like that for one hour. Then I was brought out on the stage to show the people I was cured.

"When I was going home he told me before I went to bed to wet a flannel with the liniment and put it on my chest. I did and next morning the flesh was burned off. See my arms where he rubbed me. The skin was all off and my back was all raw for three weeks after."

"What kind of liniment was it, Mr. Petrouse?"

His wife took a bottle of it from a shelf and sat it on the table, and Mr. Petrouse said: "The doctor says it's nearly all turpentine; that it's not liniment. But no matter, it's no good; a person might as well throw his money out in the garden as to spend it for that stuff."

"What did Veno charge you, for the medicine and for curing you?"

"He gave me treatment and the liniment for nothing—ten bottles of liniment and one of medicine. When he treated me the first night he used two bottles of liniment on my back and arms, and that's the reason I could lift my arms. The stuff he said was liniment so where he had rubbed the skin off that I was sweating."

"You can see for yourself," he continued, as he rolled up his shirt sleeves and showed his arms which were covered with blotches where the skin had been rubbed off.

"He said I could get plenty more liniment in the drug stores in Freeland when what had was used. I don't want any more and anyone who buys any is foolish. They are just throwing money away. Yes, Veno is a fraud and a robber, and nobody who trusts him to be cured will find it out."

"How about that affidavit you gave him, saying you were cured?" asked the senator.

"Well, he could talk so nice he made me believe I was going to get better; but I didn't write that. He brought it to me the way you saw it, and I signed it. But I want the people to know that what is in that paper is not true, because I am worse now than ever, and I believe he would kill me instead of curing me."

Lodge to Succeed Dawes.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—The senatorial fight was practically settled by the selection of Congressman Henry Cabot Lodge in a fully attended caucus of Republican legislators. When the election occurs two weeks hence Mr. Lodge will receive the unanimous support of the Republicans in each branch of the assembly as the successor of United States Senator Dawes and will be elected.

Big Blaze at Coney Island.

CONY ISLAND, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The West Brighton hotel, Vanderpaele's bathing pavilion, Chambers' drug store, Eberhardt's barber shop, Burkhardt's hotel and Overton's milk dairy were burned. Loss, \$100,000.

General Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—COTTON—Spot dull; middling uplands, 9½-10c. Futures quiet, but steady; January, 9½c.; February, 9½c.; March, 9¾c.; April, 9¾c.

FLOUR—Steady; fine spring, \$1.709½-1.90c.; per barrel, \$1.80-2.00c.; city malt, \$4.35-4.50c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 14,725 bushels; shipments, 10,000 bushels; average, 2½c. per bushel. January, 78c.; March, 80c.; May, 82c.; July, 84c.

CORN—Receipts, 30,400 bushels; shipments, 10,183 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 51c.; February, 1c.; May, 52c.

COFFEE—Opened steadily at about closing prices, and at noon was about 10 points below the opening.

RICE—Quiet, unchanged.

PORK—Good demand, strong; old mess, \$17.50

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LARD—Dull, nominal.

BUTTER—Quiet; western, 32¢-34¢; eastern, 33¢-35¢; creamery, state, tubs, best, 28¢-30¢.

CHEESE—Dull; state, factory, full cream, with whey, 11¢-12¢; cheese, 10¢-11¢.

Eggs—Quiet; firm state and Pennsylvania, choice, 3½c.; western, best, 3½c.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 31¢-31½¢.

ROSIN—Steady; strained to good, \$1.30-1.35.

Charitable Distributions.

The Duke of Portland, in accordance with a custom which he began last year, has distributed among the various charitable institutions in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire the amount received during the summer as entrance fees to Welbeck abbey. The receipts this year amounted to £1,033.—London Tit-Bits.

THE NEWS OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Report of the Business in Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The feature of the day's session of the senate was the three hours' speech delivered by Mr. Vilas, of Wisconsin, against the antionion bill, in which he outlined the constitutional objections which in his opinion precluded the possibility of its passage by the senate. He denounced it as a flagrant advance to centralization and as involving the characteristics of the most odious paternalism.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The house passed the fortificationsappropriation bill without amendment or debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The session of the senate was given up exclusively to the discussion of the bill on the subject of quarantine regulations and its correlative measure, the bill to suspend immigration for one year. Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, spoke for about three hours, devoting most of his argument to the last mentioned bill, although the other was really on the one that was up for discussion. To this latter, however, an amendment was pending to authorize the president to issue a proclamation suspending immigration from countries where cholera may be prevalent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The District of Columbia appropriation bill was passed.

An hour was consumed in the consideration of a bill to promote the efficiency of the militia, but there were no determinations. The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of a bill permitting the Norfolk and Western Railroad company to enter the District of Columbia.

This was bitterly opposed and after a three hours' struggle, by permission of both sides, a truce was declared and the struggle was postponed until 11:45 today.

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