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TUBERCULOSIS ON A DECLINE IN THIS STATE

Reduction of More Than Five Hundred Deaths From Tuberculosis

FIGURES COMPILED AT STATE SANITORIUM

Other States Show an Increase in Deaths from the White Plague

Sanatorium, November 11.—A reduction of more than five hundred in the number of deaths caused by tuberculosis in North Carolina for 1919 as compared with 1918 is indicated in the tentative figures just compiled at the State Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, these figures covering the first half of the present year.

The total number of deaths reported during the first six months this year is 1,428, which would indicate a total for the year of 2,856. The total number occurring in 1918 caused by tuberculosis was 3,391. The indicated reduction for the year is 535, the most remarkable record ever recorded since accurate statistics have been kept by the State.

Past experience teaches, State authorities say, that a few delayed reports will be received, some extending as far back as six months, that therefore it is probable that the total number of deaths this year from tuberculosis will be greater than that indicated by reports so far received. At the same time it is felt that the number of these delayed reports will not be sufficient to prevent the record of this year from being a most exceptional one.

The situation in North Carolina is very different from any other sections of the country. In nearly all there has been an increase in cases and deaths from tuberculosis this year. Particularly in New York State has the increase been so great as to cause considerable alarm, and a redoubling of the efforts at prevention and cure. North Carolina has had a steadily decreasing number of deaths from this cause during the past few years, the reduction as between 1915 and 1918 having been 391. The marked reduction this year when other sections have been showing an increase following the epidemic of influenza is causing much gratification among the health workers.

Another interesting fact disclosed by these figures is that the number of deaths among white people was greater by thirty-four than among the negroes. The death rate from tuberculosis among the negroes has always been much higher than among the whites, and in spite of the much smaller portion of the population that is black the total number of deaths among the negroes has been each year greater, there being over two hundred more last year.

Buncombe leads the list with a total of 251, of which 102 were soldier patients at the government hospital at Oteen, and nearly all of the others non-residents of the State. The next highest are 64 in Forsyth, 54 in Guilford, 53 in Mecklenburg, 45 in Wake. April is shown to be the worst month for fatalities, a total of 259 occurring in that month.

North Carolina was among the first of the states to take definite steps in fighting tuberculosis, the act providing for a state sanatorium having been passed by the General Assembly of 1907, and the sanatorium opened

YOUR NEXT SUGAR WILL COST 18 1-2 C.

Price of Sugar Now Available Is Set at 18 1-2 Cents by Government

NORTH CAROLINA WANTS SOME GEORGIA SUGAR

North Carolina Not Receiving Her Share of Sugar, She Says

Washington, D. C.—A price of 18 1-2 cents per pound is placed on New Orleans sugar which is now available to the trade according to advice received by Senator Simmons from the sugar division of the food administration here.

Under the price that has been fixed the retailer is allowed one cent per pound, while the wholesale merchant is permitted to receive one-half cent per pound. The wholesaler purchases the sugar from the refiner at 17 cents per pound, thus comprising the total of 18 1-2 cents to the trade.

The sugar equalization board with headquarters in New York is now considering the complaint of North Carolina people that their state is not being fairly treated in receiving a proportion of sugar allotments from the Savannah, Ga., refinery, and the eastern refineries. The Tar Heel dealers object to Louisiana sugar, and they want their share of the product handled through the refineries of the east and Georgia.

The protest has been laid before the board by T. H. Holmes, president of the North Carolina Wholesale Grocers' Association. Senator Simmons has been advised that a reapportionment is being made and that early relief may be reasonably expected.

GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE QUOTATIONS ON COTTON AND COTTON SEED SOON

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—To give producers and others information regarding actual cotton values and prices in their local or nearby important markets, the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture is inaugurating a cotton price quotation service and will issue reports from five important points in the cotton belt. Cottonseed prices also will be covered.

The first report is to be issued from Memphis, Tenn., for the district immediately surrounding that point; other reports will follow from district headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Charlotte, N. C.; and Dallas, Texas, for the territory immediately surrounding each of the points.

Optimistic Thought.
Sunbeams of hope will drive away the mists of suspense.

for patients in 1909. It has since been enlarged and improved so that it now cares for about four hundred patients each year and is considered one of the most efficient institutions of the kind in the United States. In addition two counties have established county sanatoriums, and two others are considering the same move, these latter being Guilford and the county of Wake. In addition there has been an actively waged campaign against the disease by means of local dispensaries, clinics, nurses and an ever broadening educational campaign maintained by the Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health and materially assisted by the State Red Cross Seal Commission, the latter work being financed by the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals each December.



AMERICAN LEGION HAS ITS FIRST CONVENTION

Henry D. Lindsley, of Texas, Permanent Chairman—Legion to Affect America Widely

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 10.—The first convention of the American Legion got under way smoothly here today, although as Chairman Henry D. Lindsley, of Texas, expressed it, "the convention has no powers and I hope no legion will ever have a program."

The importance of decisions which would be expected of the various committees was emphasized, however, by Mr. Lindsley when he declared the legion would affect the trend of thought of the American people as has no other organization ever done.

The report of the advance committee of the legion advocating laws to curb the activities of radical aliens, investigation of the critical industrial situation and the definite pronouncement as to what legislation ex-service men may expect of Congress, was presented by Chairman Lindsley and Secretary Eric Fisher.

Massachusetts was awarded 65 votes, the largest of any state delegation, by the credentials committee. The committee seated four delegates from Mexico in addition to those from states in the union.

Henry D. Lindsley, of Texas, was chosen permanent chairman of the convention, and Sergt. Jack Sullivan of Washington, Vice-Chairman, with other officers of the legion continued during the convention. Bennett Clark, of Missouri, was nominated from the floor for vice-chairman but was defeated.

ERROR ABOUT TAXES

The Herald was in error last week when it stated that a discount would be allowed to those who pay their taxes in the month of December. It should have been adiscout allowed to those who pay in November. Taxes during the month of December will not be discounted, but will be flat. After December and until the month of April taxes increase at the rate of 1 per cent each month.

We call your attention to the warning by Sam Vaughn in this issue. You save by paying your taxes in the month of November. ...Subscribe to the Herald. ...Subscribe to the Herald.

Should Be Restricted
Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold. adv

HOUSE REFUSES TO SEAT VICTOR L. BERGER

Wisconsin Socialist Barred by Vote of 309 to 1—Seat Declared Vacant—New Election

Washington, Nov. 10.—Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, socialist, was denied his seat in the house today by an overwhelming vote, the house holding he was ineligible for membership because of his own opposition to the war.

The vote to upseat Berger was 309 to 1, Representative Voigt, Republican, of Wisconsin, being the only member to support the Wisconsin socialist, either during the debate or roll call.

After denying the seat to Berger the house declared that the seat was vacant, holding that Joseph P. Carney, Democrat who contested Berger's election, did not receive a plurality in the election last year. Without a record vote the house also directed Speaker Gillette to notify the Wisconsin Governor of the vacancy in the state election, so that a special election may be called to choose a new member.

NEBRASKA DEFEATS CHOLERA

The work and vigilance of fifty counties and their farm bureaus in Nebraska, supplemented by the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the veterinary practitioners, have made the state practically free from hog cholera. From an annual loss which formerly amounted to millions of dollars, the losses from cholera during the current year aggregate but a few thousand dollars. The hog-raising sections of the State are now thoroughly organized and practically all of the farmers report the appearance of hog cholera as soon as the outbreak is evident. Vaccination now follows promptly any outbreak, and results in the disease being localized and quickly eradicated. The control measures have been executed so promptly during the year that the total amount of hog cholera serum has been materially reduced. As a result several serum plants have large supplies on hand the State plant having a considerable amount and one private plant reported about 15,000,000 cubic centimeters in its possession.

Mr. P. LaDuke, Farmer, Says, "You Bet Rats Can Bite Through Metal"

"I had feed bins lined with zinc last year, rats got through pretty soon. Was out \$18. A \$1. package of Rat-Snap killed so many rats that I never have been without it since. I collie dog never touched RAT-SNA. You try it. Three sizes, 25c., 50c. and \$1. Sold and guaranteed by Z. V. Bellamy, E. J. Gerock and E. J. Bell & Company.—adv.

Watch the label on your paper.

SERVICE MEN CAN RENEW INSURANCE

Ex-Service Men Can Have Insurance Reinstated More Easily

DEPARTMENT MAKES A MORE LIBERAL RULING

All Men Can Be Reinstated Before December 31, This Year

Washington, D. C.—A series of decisions issued by the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance with the approval of the Treasury provides more liberal conditions for reinstatement of lapsed or cancelled policies of insurance.

The provisions of Treasury Decision No. 47, allowing eighteen months from the date of discharge for reinstatement upon payment of two months' premiums on the amount of insurance to be reinstated, are retained. That decision is liberalized, however, by a new provision that men out of the service are permitted to reinstate by merely paying the two months' premiums without making a statement as to health at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge.

After the three months following the date of discharge have elapsed, a statement from the applicant to the effect that he is in as good health as at the date of discharge or at expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, will be required together with a written application for reinstatement and the tender of two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

In order to give all former service men whose insurance has lapsed or has been cancelled, a fair chance to reinstate their insurance including men who have been out of the service eighteen months or more, and who are, therefore, barred from reinstatement under the former ruling, a special blanket ruling is made that allows all ex-service men to reinstate their insurance before December 31, 1919, provided that each applicant is in good health as at date of discharge or at expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, and so states in his application. Of course it is necessary that he tender the two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

Service men who reinstated their insurance by payment of all back premiums prior to July 25, 1919, when the decision requiring payment of only two months' premiums went into effect, upon written application to the Bureau may have any premiums paid in excess of two applied toward the payment of future premiums. For example, if after a policy had elapsed for six months, a man reinstated and paid six months premiums instead of two, he may secure credit for four months' premiums.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually reinstates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently may not be able to secure reinstatement.

Don't put off reinstatement. Do it now!

Do You Enjoy Your Meals?

If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure—adv.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING ACTIVE HERE

Ahoskie Is at Present Experiencing Greatest Era in Its History

REAL ESTATE VALUES UNUSUALLY HIGH, TOO

Contractors Have All They Can Do for The Next Twelve Months

Never has such a building boom been manifest in the town of Ahoskie as there is at the present time. Along with the building fever is also linked the activity in the real estate market, the two going hand in hand in the development of the town. Building lots for both residences and business houses are at a premium in Ahoskie, and the many land sales reveal the fact that the people of Ahoskie and also the people who have kept in touch with the growth of the town have faith in the future of the town, both as desirable place to live and a profitable place in which to conduct a business venture. In the majority of cases the lots being sold here are bought by natives of the town, who in turn sell them to the outsiders for handsome profits, even though the proverbial whispers are heard on every side that land values are abnormal and can not remain at the present high level. That is true so far as the abnormal prices are concerned; but, too, the growth of the town is abnormal, if one is to judge its growth by the past few years previous to 1919. In fact, when the thing is sifted down, one may reasonably expect even higher land values in and around Ahoskie.

The large brick structure of J. D. Sessoms on Main Street is rapidly taking shape. There will be six apartments to this building and, so great is the demand for space that every one of them has been contracted for by business concerns. One or two storage warehouses and possibly two brick garage buildings will be constructed here in the near future. Other business houses will be constructed here in the early part of the year 1920, the only requisite being the material and labor.

There are several dwellings now in the course of construction. Local contractors are so burdened with work, that they do not hesitate to tell prospective builders that they have all that they can do for the whole of the year 1920. The handsome new Baptist parsonage is about completed on the outside; Mr. Edd Greene has broken the ground for his new home in East Ahoskie; Mr. W. H. Miller will construct a new residence in the same section in the early part of the year; Mr. Joe Phelps of Colerain has purchased a site adjoining that of Mr. Greene and will build soon. Two or three brick bungalows will be built in Ahoskie just as soon as the material can be secured, and many others are waiting for the same reasons. Altogether, the building boom was never so great in Ahoskie.

Ahoskie is fast becoming the real town of northeastern North Carolina and, in its growth, is leading the section between the Chowan and Roanoke rivers.

Nerves-of-Smell Note.
In spite of the vast mechanical improvements of the age, the best alarm clock is still the sweet perfume of frying ham and eggs.—T.ledo Blade.