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PELLAGRA INVESTIGATION.

The following from the Durham Sun would indicate that at length the government is to take a hand in the fight to combat the ravages of the dread disease pellagra: "Announcement from Washington of the likelihood of the investigation by the government of the alarming spread of pellagra is very gratifying. For some time, the Sun has been advocating the investigation of the spread of the disease in Durham and vicinity. The contemplated action of the public health and marine hospital service of the federal government furnishes an excellent opportunity for securing the establishment of an investigation station in Durham if the proper authorities will bestir themselves. "One by one the diseases which afflict mankind have been subdued by medical science. The record of the achievements of the medical profession in preventative medicine is more glorious than that of a conquering army. Pellagra is bound to yield to science sooner or later if those who have in their keeping the public health will expend the proper amount of effort. There is some cause for the rapid spread of the scourge in this immediate section, a cause that has come into existence within the last six or seven years. If the proper facilities were provided for an investigation by trained men, there seems to be strong probability that this cause could be found."

Here is an opportunity for the proper authorities in Charlotte to bestir themselves in the effort to have Charlotte made headquarters of the proposed investigation.

Day by day the press has recorded deaths from this mysterious disease. As the Sun well says, there is some definite cause, which has developed during recent years, for the rapid spread of the disease, and trained men, equipped with funds and appliances necessary to successfully carry on their investigations, should be able to ascertain the cause and discover a remedy for a plague which is claiming annually hundreds of lives.

Surely the ends in view warrant every effort possible to be put forth to end the spread of pellagra.

In Atlanta one of the leading churches has taken the matter up and provided a free clinic for the treatment of pellagrins. Besides, the city has established a free ward where victims of the malady may be received and treated.

There is every reason why the government should take a hand in this fight for the salvation of human life. And there is every reason why we of this section should join the fight, for it is in our section that men and women are falling before its deadly influence daily.

We are doing much towards the eradication of the hookworm. This is well and good, but the hookworm disease is of small importance when compared to this malady.

Let interested parties here take the matter up and secure means and equipment for the thorough investigation of pellagra in this section.

An indication of the growing appreciation of the value of educational equipment is shown in the fact that without exception North Carolina colleges report greater attendance this year than ever before. While the state is outstripping all others in industrial growth there appears to be no inclination to forget the power of education in the making of a great commonwealth. "Knowledge is power" and each year boys and girls of the state learn fully the truth of this statement.

Welcome, Caine, to the honored role of bromides. Your badge of distinction is passed out by the esteemed Spartanburg Journal:

"The Asheville Citizen is another North Carolina bromide that takes a shot at the Journal for remarking that Miss Myrtle Hawkins' fiancé must have been surprised to learn the cause of her death."

President Taft is spending the week in the painful attitude of "central figure."

Those who are tired of life should become aviators.

BEN TILLMAN COMES BACK.

Although twice stricken with apoplexy Senator Benjamin Tillman is by no means out of commission. He went to Columbia the other day and purchased two new pitchforks—an extremely ominous incident—and incidentally remarked that he would stand for re-election.

It is doubtful if the south has ever sent to the senate a brainer man than Honest Ben Tillman. In the notable railroad fight he won for himself a national reputation as a man of brains and ability to handle great problems. The World of New York pays him this merited tribute:

"A dispatch from Columbia, S. C., announces that Senator Tillman, being in town, bought two pitchforks for use on his plantation and announced his candidacy for another term in the senate."

"Should he be re-elected he will be almost like a ghost in the senate. The battles in which he took part in his prime are all ended. The friends that stood by him and foes that fought him alike are gone. Yet no one would be likely to accuse the old statesman of 'lagging superfluous on the stage.' He has always been a brave, stalwart, fighter, and it is doubtful if Carolina has a man who could better fill his place."

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

The Tobacco Trust.

The report upon the inquiry into the operations and profits of the American Tobacco Company, otherwise known as the Tobacco Trust, which has been made public by the bureau of corporations, is full of interesting facts. It is shown, first of all, that where the corporation enjoyed monopolistic control—as in the manufacture of smoking tobacco and snuff—the earnings were enormous. They increased from 17 per cent in 1900 to 55 per cent in 1908, with even higher dividends in the snuff business. Inasmuch as the trust has never succeeded in securing a monopoly of the cigar or flat plug trade, its earnings in those branches have only averaged between 6 and 9 per cent. Nothing could better illustrate the value of trust combination than these figures. It is worth while to note, also, that the trust was able to capitalize this monopolistic power. Thus, when the trust was formed, in 1890, its tangible assets amounted to less than \$5,000,000, although it arbitrarily added more than \$9,000,000 under the head of good will. In later years, after new combinations had been formed, the capitalization had reached \$102,000,000, although the tangible assets were less than half that sum. In fact, the main arrangement of the trust is one of excessive overcapitalization. It was enabled through the exercise of what the government officials characterize as monopolistic power, to earn, in 1908, almost 20 per cent upon its

united stock, or 32 per cent upon the tangible assets. All through the report the fact is emphasized that control to the building up of enormous profits.

But there is another phase of the situation which will appeal directly to the public mind. When it became necessary for the government, in 1908, to provide for the cost of the war with Spain by the imposition of higher taxes, the internal tax upon manufactured tobacco was raised from 6 to 12 cents per pound. Prices were thereupon increased in proportion. In 1902, however, the tax was reduced to its former basis, but, says the report, "the combination was powerful enough to keep its prices on the higher level. If thus absorbed practically all the benefits of the reduction, adding millions yearly to its income. The episode shows the unforeseen results of fiscal legislation affecting monopolistic conditions not fully recognized. The tax reduction, of course, was intended to benefit the consumer. As a matter of fact, it benefited almost solely the controlling interest in the industry."

Nothing could better illustrate the great financial value of a monopoly such as the tobacco trust than the above quotation from the government report. It demonstrates, also, why the great business combinations deem it of such importance to dominate legislation. Even when congress enacts the beneficent purposes of the laws are perverted so as to inure solely to the financial advantage of those who control the output of the product. This condition applies also to the tariff, and is undoubtedly responsible for the spirit of protest which is abroad in the land.—Washington Herald.

Willing to Arbitrate.

Let's have peace, brethren. The Charlotte News, the Greensboro News and the Asheville Citizen have tried, convicted and sentenced the Spartanburg Journal. The Journal, in answer to the question as to whether or not it had anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed responded that it enjoyed being convicted by such peers as those that tried it. We propose to hear motions for a new trial in this matter since all of the publications concerned are our friends. We want a new trial ordered so that a compromise might be affected before the case is heard again. Really the Journal, The Charlotte News and the Greensboro News are all good papers and there is no use of them carrying this fuss further. We wish to ask the Spartanburg Herald to kindly assist us in restoring peace instead of "sigg'ing 'em" on in the fight. In the meantime an effort will be had to have Mr. Carnegie donate a part of his peace fund to be applied in the arbitration. If Mr. Carnegie will give us \$10,000 we will guarantee peace within thirty days.—Greenville Piedmont.

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