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DREAD PELLAGRA AGITATES PUPILS

Interesting Question Put Up to Board of Health

IS DISEASE CONTAGIOUS?

Pellagra Patient Insists on Attending Public School and Other Students Strike—Mysterious Disease Disrupts Work of County School. No Law Covering Question.

At a meeting of the county health board called for Friday afternoon the perplexing question as to whether pupils suffering from pellagra can be excluded from the public schools of the county will come up for discussion and settlement by the board.

The question is raised by the practical suspension of one of the largest schools of the county on account of the mysterious disease which fastens itself on people of rural communities as well as city people, rich and poor alike. A pupil of the school showed signs of affliction with the disease several weeks ago. The skin eruptions appeared on the hands and arms and there were other unmistakable symptoms. The afflicted scholar was asked to stay out of school by the teacher and did so for several days, taking treatment under a quack doctor, who claims to be able to effect mysterious cures. After taking this treatment for several days, the pupil returned to school claiming that the disease had been cured. The next day the afflicted pupil was the only one left in the grade which she was attending, all of the other pupils refusing to attend for fear of contagion. The pupil has refused to leave the school and the matter has been placed in the hands of the board of health and the county school board for solution.

There is no law that would deny the pupil attendance at the school except the general law against the presence of pupils with contagious diseases in the school. Whether pellagra is a contagious disease is a much disputed question, in general being contrary to such a theory.

TAPT IN CUMMINS' BAILWICK.

President to Spend Two Days Touring in State of Iowa.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Sept. 28.—President Taft arrived here this morning from Kansas to begin a two days' tour of Iowa, the Home State of Senator Cummins and the originator of the "insurgent" idea. Governor Carroll, Senator Kenyon and a number of other Republican leaders met the President here and will accompany him until he leaves the State tomorrow night. From the rear end of his car the President spoke a few words of greeting to the crowd assembled at the Illinois Central station, to witness his departure shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Wants Home for a Boy.

Captain Breasale, of the local Salvation Army, would like to get a home for a boy 19 years of age, in good health and very smart. Any one who would be willing to take such a boy for life will please let the captain know. A good farm home is preferred.

Get-Rich-Quick Operators Iudged.

New York, Sept. 28.—Jared Flag and three other men said to have been associated with him in alleged fraudulent stock promoting schemes promising 52 per cent profit were indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday. The specific charges in the indictment are that Flag and the other defendants used the mails with intent to defraud.

WILL CONTINUE PROGRAM

THE STEEL TRUST INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE NOT OVERAWED

BY STATEMENT OF JUDGE GARY

Washington, Sept. 28.—The steel trust investigating committee will proceed to carry out its program, notwithstanding the assurance of Judge Gary and J. P. Morgan that the law has not been violated, said Representative Stanley of Kentucky, chairman of the house committee, which is probing into the steel corporation's affairs.

Mr. Stanley declined to comment further upon the statement issued by the United States Steel Corporation officials, because, as head of the investigating committee, he felt that he occupied a quasi-judicial position toward the investigation. The committee will meet about the first week in November, said Mr. Stanley, and its work carried on with a great deal of general interest during the extra session, will be continued for some time, with steel corporation managers again among the prospective witnesses.

TWENTY STATES ARE DOMINATED

By the So-Called Lumber Trust, Says Government

ILLEGAL METHODS USED

Maintains a Spy System, Blacklists, Division of Territory and Otherwise Unlawfully Controls Business Through Lumber Secretaries' Bureau of Information.

Denver, Sept. 28.—Sensational charges that the so-called lumber trust completely dominates the lumber trade of at least 20 states by maintaining a spy system, blacklists, division of territory and other alleged illegal methods conducted through a central agency in Chicago called the Lumber Secretaries' Bureau of Information, are made in an anti-trust suit filed in the United States court here, yesterday by the department of justice.

This is the government's fourth move in a nation-wide fight against the lumber trust in addition to the criminal indictments already standing against the secretaries of four lumbermen's associations. Anti-trust suits under the Sherman law are now pending against the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' Association and the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.

The secretaries' bureau and the Colorado and Wyoming Lumber Dealers' Association are defendants in the action filed yesterday. The government asks the court to enjoin the bureau from continuing an espionage upon lumber men by paid spies and circulating "blacklists" and other "confidential information." It asks that the Colorado and Wyoming associations be enjoined from subscribing to the aid of the bureau. Lumber dealers' associations in about 20 states are named in the bill as members of the secretaries' bureau but are not named as defendants in this suit. Fourteen secretaries of various lumber associations represented in the bureau were indicted recently in Chicago under the criminal sections of the Sherman law.

The government charges that the operation of the alleged conspiracy between the lumbermen and the secretaries' bureau has eliminated all competition for the trade of the consumer, except among retail yards. It is charged that a dealer is prevented from soliciting or competing for business in the territory of another; that contracting builders and other large consumers are prevented from buying at wholesale; that lumber dealers who have not obeyed the "ethics" prescribed by the organization have been watched by detectives from the central bureau and their "irregular" sales published to other members of the association; that they have been "blacklisted" and have found it difficult to continue business. The effect of all this, the government alleges, has been to fix prices and restrain trade.

The bill is replete with allegations of threats and intimidations said to have been practiced upon manufacturers, wholesalers and so-called "unethical" methods. "Customers' lists," made up annually, the government charges, designated from which manufacturers and wholesalers, members of the allied associations, are permitted to buy their supplies. The Lumber Secretaries' Bureau, acting as the "clearing house," is alleged to be the medium through which the alleged blacklists, etc., have been furnished to all dealers in the combined associations.

The government holds that by attacking the bureau the department of justice expects to strike at the root of the alleged restraints, which are said to make costly the distribution of lumber from the manufacturer to the consumer.

Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, Clark Mc Kercher, have been working more than a year gathering the evidence upon which the suits are brought.

Fireman Killed in Bad Fire at Wichita

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 28.—One fireman dead, five persons buried under a fallen wall and a financial loss of half a million dollars, was the toll at 1 o'clock this morning of a fire that broke out last night in a broom corn storehouse.

The fire, which started at midnight, had swept near two blocks in the business section.

Moroccan Negotiations Still On. Paris, Sept. 28.—The German minister of foreign affairs, Herr Von Kiderlen-Waechter yesterday received the French ambassador, M. Cambon, at the foreign office in Berlin, and communicated to him Germany's reply, committing on France's latest proposals concerning Morocco.

ARMY AVIATOR BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD—HITCHCOCK, AERIAL POSTMAN



Left to Right: INSPECTOR M. H. BOYLE, POSTMASTER GENERAL HITCHCOCK, CAPTAIN BECK AND ATTORNEY GENERAL WICKERSHAM.

Aviation's oldest world's record was smashed at Nassau Boulevard, L. I., when Lieutenant T. De Witt Milling, of the United States army, remained for 1 hour, 54 minutes and 42.25 seconds in the air with two passengers.

Although barely fifteen hundred persons witnessed this achievement, Lieutenant Milling was greeted with the heartiest applause any aviator has received at the meet when he descended. The crowd cheered heartily for several minutes, the band blared forth the "Star Spangled Banner" and Postmaster General Hitchcock and Attorney General Wickersham hurried into the field to congratulate him.

The meet was also distinguished by the actual carrying of a sack of mail by the Postmaster General of the United States through the air in an aeroplane.



MISS HELEN MARTZ OF BALTIMORE. Miss Helen Martz, whose portrait is society girl who is in daily attendance shows above, is a beautiful Baltimore at the meet.

2 BANKS MERGE AT GREENSBORO

Commercial National and American Exchange Consolidate

Greensboro, Sept. 28.—A merger of vital importance to the financial and commercial interests of Greensboro and this section, and one which gives to Greensboro the largest and strongest bank in point of capital and resources in this section, was made public last night by the official announcement that the Commercial National Bank had, by action of its directors consolidated with the American Exchange Bank, the merger to become effective about November 1, when the consolidated banks will be converted into one and operated as the American Exchange National Bank. The merger also includes the bank of South Greensboro, which has been operated as a branch of the American Exchange Bank, and which, it is announced will be continued as a branch of the new American Exchange National Bank. With the announcement of the merger comes the additional announcement that Robert G. Vaughan will be president of the American Exchange National Bank, while Frank C. Boyles will become cashier. Mr. Vaughan has been president of the American Exchange Bank, and Mr. Boyles cashier of the Commercial National.

By the consolidation, the details of which are yet to be submitted to the stockholders for ratification, the American Exchange National Bank begins its career with a capital of \$400,000, the largest of any bank in this section and exceeded by few in the entire state. According to the last published statements of the two banks the consolidation will mean a total in deposits of more than \$1,400,000 for the American Exchange National, with resources of more than \$2,000,000. The published statements in September showed the deposits of the American Exchange Bank to be more than \$1,000,000, while those of the Commercial National exceeded \$400,000.

Explosion in Church Kills Four in Mexico

Guadalajara, Mex., Sept. 28.—A terrific explosion of rockets and bombs in a crowded church here, resulting in four dead and fifteen seriously injured, cast a shadow of gloom over the merry-making attending the coming of Madero yesterday. Of the wounded many were so seriously burned or trampled in the panic which followed that they are believed to have been fatally injured.

FAVORS FAIR FOR DURHAM COUNTY

Colonel Cunningham Thinks It Will Do Great Things

"I certainly hope you fellows will be able to get that fair for Durham county to go on," said Colonel John S. Cunningham, one of the county's most prominent farmers, to a Sun reporter this morning. "A fair would be the greatest thing in the world to the farmers of the county. The exhibits would be educational, and would stimulate the farmers to greater effort. All of the other large cities of the state have fairs, and there is no reason why Durham should not have a successful one. The trouble with the merchants and business men of Durham is that they pay too much attention to the factories and do not cater to the farmers. As a result the farmers are taking their tobacco and other products to the smaller towns which are more aggressive. We need something to stimulate the interest of the farmer in Durham and a fair will be considerably."

DURHAM TOBACCO MARKET

SALES ARE INCREASING VERY RAPIDLY AND PRICES ARE RISING GOOD.

Tobacco sales on the Durham market are increasing very rapidly in spite of the very unfavorable weather. At the Banner today more than 25,000 pounds was sold and there was good sales at the Planter's sales. Prices for all grades are from 4 to 6 cents higher this year than last year. Only the lower grades have been sold on the market so far for the most part, but prices have been very good. Some tobacco has sold for as much as 25 cents on the Durham market this year.

Mr. Everett Passes Through. Mr. R. B. Everett, who has been attending the University of Wisconsin, passed through Durham Wednesday on his way home, stopping a short time with his brother. Mr. Everett is doing some advanced work in agriculture at the famous university.

Mr. Moss Returns. Mr. Claud E. Moss, manager of Ellis-Stone and Company returned Wednesday evening from Chase City, where he has been for a week on a vacation. Mr. Moss returns much refreshed for his fall and winter seasons.

'HIDDEN CHECK' NOT FOUND YET

More Difficult Than Heretofore. Next Week \$10 Will be Given

Up to the time of going to press today the "Hidden Check" that was offered in the Sun of yesterday had not been found. It is quietly awaiting some one and is located in a public place in Durham. It only requires that you take the "Hidden Check" page, carefully read every advertisement on that page, pick out the superfluous letters in the many "ads," put them together in such a combination that spell out the words that will guide you as faithfully as a sign post to the exact spot where the check lies waiting for you.

For the past three weeks the town has gone fairly wild over the "Hidden Check" page. Men, women and children, the sedate preacher, the analytical lawyer, the scientific doctor, the skillful dentist, the patient teacher, clerks, salesladies stenographers, the "butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker," have all been absorbed in the intricate problem of working out the magic sentence that told where the "Hidden Check" lay.

Advertisers on this page realize what an excellent medium it has been for advertising purposes. To those advertisers who took space in the first series of the "Hidden Check" page we offer the same space to run four weeks longer at the same rate per week, and in order to make it still more interesting the Durham Sun is going to give away \$10.00 each week, or \$40.00 in all during the month of October to the lucky ones finding the checks.

There are a number of enterprising business concerns in Durham who wish to get space on the "Hidden Check" page under our new proposition and advertisers in the first series should inform us at once if they wish to continue. If not we can sell the space to others. Remember that \$10.00 is to be given away every week for four consecutive weeks until \$40.00 is given away, provided advertisers wish us to continue running the "Hidden Check" page.

Two New Libraries For County Schools

Two new school libraries for the Lakewood and Fowler schools were purchased by Superintendent Massey this morning. The libraries are made up of books of especial interest to the young people of rural communities, besides the classic literature. The libraries will be placed at the school within the next few weeks.

FOUND A MODERN LUCRETIA BORGIA

New Orleans Woman Charged With Poisoning Sister

TO SECURE LIFE INSURANCE

Three Other Members of Her Family Have Died Under Peculiar Circumstances and It is Believed She Poisoned Them—Had Policies on Their Lives Also.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—In the arrest here late yesterday afternoon of Annie Crawford, an alleged drug fiend, on the charge of poisoning her younger sister, Elise, a pretty stenographer, the police took their first step in an avowed effort to reveal the woman as a modern Lucretia Borgia.

Three other members of the Crawford family have died under mysterious circumstances within the past fifteen months and Annie Crawford was the beneficiary named in the insurance policies on the life of each. The policies she held on all four amounted to only \$1,750, however. The police say she has spent nearly all the money for clothes.

Elise Crawford died suddenly last Saturday and under circumstances so suspicious that the coroner had the contents of the stomach analyzed by an expert chemist. The finding of traces of morphine was followed by the arrest of the sister. The authorities indicated that the bodies of the three other members of the family would be exhumed for a similar examination.

For five hours the Crawford woman was under examination by the police. She stoutly maintained her innocence and appeared cool and unconcerned throughout. She is alleged to have made numerous contradictory statements and when confronted with evidence tending to incriminate her she would declare again and again, "It isn't so."

Annie Crawford also holds an insurance policy on the life of her youngest sister, Gertrude, who told the district attorney that she was afraid of her sister.

In one-fifth of a cupful of the contents of Elise Crawford's stomach, Dr. A. L. Metz, the city chemist, found three and one-half grains of morphine, sufficient to kill two persons.

The first of the Crawford household to die was Mary Agnes Crawford, sister of the prisoner. Her death occurred June 25, 1910, suddenly, supposedly of acute meningitis. Three weeks later, July 15, 1910, her father died, uremic poisoning being given as the cause. After an interval of two weeks, or on July 29, 1910, her mother died. In her case uremic poisoning was given as the cause.

Annie Crawford held insurance policies on the lives of the deceased in the following sums: Walter C. Crawford, father, \$800; Mrs. Agnes Crawford, mother, \$400; Mary Agnes Crawford, sister, \$300; Elise Crawford, sister, \$250. She collected the insurance in each case except that of her sister, Elise, payment of which was withheld pending receipt of the certificate of death. On Monday morning following her sister's death, Annie made demand on the insurance company for the money. On that day she also went to the railroad office where her sister had been employed as stenographer and collected \$45 due the deceased.

For several years Annie Crawford had charge of the drug department of the Presbyterian hospital. She lost her position here more than a year ago, it is said, following the disappearance of a quantity of drugs. Recently she has made several visits to the hospital.

Walter Crawford, the father, was a carpenter and a native of this city. Annie Crawford is pale and frail and of small stature. She looks more like a prim and self-conscious school teacher than a person with criminal inclinations. A wealth of dark sandy hair, arranged in an elderly fashion, causes her to really look older than her 29 years. She has pale, blue eyes magnified by eyeglasses of large thick lenses, her nose is rather small and short and her mouth is large with full lips. She frustrated every attempt of the newspaper photographers to get her picture by persistently holding a large black fan before her face.

Confesses to Poisoning Sister. New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Miss Annie Crawford, aged 29, charged with killing her sister, Elise, last week by administering poison, has made a partial confession to the district attorney.

Atlanta Defeats Commission Form. Atlanta, Sept. 28.—Complete returns on the new charter election held yesterday, providing for a compromise form of commission government shows the defeat of the charter by a majority of 1,995.

ENDEAVORING TO PROVOKE TURKEY

Italy Trying to Put Turks on the Aggressive

SERIOUS INTERNAL STRIFE

Government is Pressed by Public Opinion and International Considerations—Situation Causes Uneasiness, Especially in Germany—Troops on the Move.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Sept. 28.—The latest dispatches from Rome indicate that Italy is trying to put Turkey on the aggressive, in an endeavor to provoke an incident which would amount to a casus belli, justifying a declaration of war or the sudden occupation of Tripoli. Turkey is determined not to do almost anything, while the much-talked of Mussolinian fanaticism has not as yet manifested itself.

The Italian government is pressed by public opinion and by international considerations and sees the necessity for hurrying things. The first expedition of 23,000 men will sail, it is understood, October 3, and will be followed by a second expedition of 13,000 men if nothing occurs to change the present plans. The deadlock in the negotiations between Italy and Turkey is causing great uneasiness, especially in Germany, which is divided between duty towards its ally, Italy, and the desire not to lose Turkey, where Germany has powerful interests at work with the object of replacing Great Britain commercially.

In Milan, Rome, Florence and other large cities, troops are held in readiness. Groups of carabinieri guard the streets and squares, and the outskirts are patrolled by cavalry. In the industrial towns railway stations are occupied by the military. These places are practically in a state of siege. A few encounters between manifestants and the police and troops have occurred, but the casualties have been few.

The town authorities everywhere have been instructed to do all possible to avoid bloodshed, which would complicate the international situation with serious home troubles.

Advices from Rome state that the anti-militarism demonstrations have assumed a grave character in the provinces of Ravenna and Forli, Italy, where the socialist and republican elements predominate. A mob, after stopping the trams which were transporting troops, stoned the soldiers. The rioters used the street cars to form barricades in the streets.

At Vigevano, province of Pavia, the manifestants paraded led by a woman and singing anarchistic songs. They stoned the carabinieri who attempted to head them off, wounding some of the soldiers. A judge who sought to interfere got his ears boxed.

The revolutionary socialists, backed by the anarchists, are attempting to provoke anti-military disorders and have compelled the government to make a great display of force to check their plan. The Milan newspapers failed to publish, lacking news because of the censorship, and this led to alarming reports. The extremists among the agitators, hunted by police, carabinieri and soldiers, and being prevented from holding public meetings had recourse to private reunions where there were inflammatory harangues. Some of these speakers went so far as to glory in the idea and say that the expedition to Tripoli was prepared entirely in the interests of dynasty and against the welfare of the proletariat.

REGULARS WIN IN JERSEY

NEW ELECTION LAW ADVOCATED BY GOVERNOR WILSON PUT IN TO EFFECT.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28.—The result of the primaries in New Jersey, held yesterday under the Geran election law, was in the main a victory for the "regulars" of both the republican and democratic parties. The Geran law was passed by the last legislature and was advocated by Governor Woodrow Wilson.

In Essex, Camden and Atlantic counties, where warm contests were waged the "regulars" won decisive victories. Candidates were nominated for the lower house of the legislature, state senators, county and municipal offices. In the first congressional district Wm. J. Browning was nominated by the republicans without opposition to succeed Henry C. Loudenslager. Thos. Farrell was nominated for the office by the democrats also without opposition.