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ADDRESSES ON HEALTH

Second Day of National Congress On Hygiene and Demography

Washington, Sept. 24.—"The Chicago stock yards is a gray neighborhood," declared Dr. Caroline Hedger, of Chicago, in her address here today before the National Congress of Hygiene and Demography.

Speaking of the children of the stock yard district, Dr. Hedger said: "In the region in which they live, the smoke comes down in clouds and with it comes the smell of the fertilizer plants. This is not conducive to deep breathing or sound sleep and the children are round shouldered, thin and rather pale. They have not the spirit and the nervous balance to make their grades."

"If the child grows inactive, discontented, becomes idle and a criminal," asked the doctor, "is the child to blame, or is the snug citizen who lives on the fat of returns of stocks, whose money is made by the sweat and blood deprivation of the industrial neighborhoods like this?"

T. Kennard Thomson, vice-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers of New York, addressed the congress on the subject of the "Causes of Calsson Disease," or the "Bends," a dangerous malady contracted by men who work in compressed air. Mr. Thomson expressed the opinion that quite as many cases of the "Bends" were caused by working in foul air as in compressed air, and made the startling declaration that New York was running a great risk of an epidemic because of "the criminal folly of depositing sewerage in the Harlem river."

He said that several tests had proved that the tides do not carry away all the sewage and as a consequence any excavation at the bottoms of the Hudson or East rivers reveals a foul smell.

"It would be dangerous," he said, "to pump the waters from these rivers to put out fires as so much foul mud would thus be scattered over the city to dry and spread as dust."

In an address before the congress on "Cerebro Spinal Meningitis," Dr. Abraham Sophian, of the department of health, New York city, strongly endorsed the use of vaccination as a preventive of that dread disease.

"Epidemic meningitis," said Dr. Sophian, "is an acutely infectious contagious disease that is transmitted principally through the medium of healthy carriers; that is, healthy people who harbor the infecting agent in their noses and throats. These healthy carriers are in constant danger, since they may at any time develop meningitis; they are also a menace to their neighbors."

"There are a few diseases that can be as easily eradicated as rabies," declared Prof. Henry Albert, of the Iowa University, in an address here today before the congress.

He presented a system, which, if carried out, he thought would drive the last vestige of hydrophobia from the North American continent. It has already been done, he declared, by Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and, said he, "if the example offered by these countries were followed the world over, rabies, as a disease soon would lose all of its terrors for both the human kind and the animal kind."

Prof. Albert would insist that all dogs be licensed, and that all dogs not provided with a collar and license tag should be destroyed. He would further require that when rabies is present in a given place, all dogs permitted to run at large should be muzzled and kept muzzled for six months at least.

He said he would also insist that all dogs imported into this country should be held in quarantine for at least six months.

He presented statistics showing that in the United States in 1911, there were 3,385 persons bitten by rabid dogs and nearly all these cases were confined to the states east of the Mississippi river. Last year New York had more cases of hydrophobia than any other state. It headed the list with 699 persons bitten by mad dogs or animals presumed to be mad. Georgia was second with 485; Ohio third with 410, and South Carolina fourth with 350.

Aside from T. Kennard Thomson the subject of "Calsson Disease" or the "Bends," was discussed by Dr. Peter Bassoe, of Rush Medical College, Chicago, Henry Japp, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Dr. Seward Erdman, instructor

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TEACHERS MAY WEAR GARB OF RELIGION.

President Taft Revokes Order Barring Them From Indian Schools.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Secretary Fisher's action last January in re-issuing the order of former Indian Commissioner Valentine, barring religious garb or insignia from government Indian schools, was upheld by President Taft, in an order made public today.

The decision of the president is that teachers now employed in Indian schools may continue to wear the garb of their religious orders; but the privilege is denied to any persons hereafter entering the service. This ruling will enable the government to fulfill its obligations, the president says, to the teachers who were taken into the government service when religious schools were taken over bodily as government institutions.

The president's ruling is the final step in a controversy that has engaged the interior department with religious bodies more than a year. Commissioner Valentine's order would have prohibited any teachers from wearing religious garb in the Indian schools after the end of the last school year.

President Taft's order, and a letter from Secretary Fisher to Mr. Valentine, which accompanies it, lay stress on the fact that Commissioner Valentine issued his ruling without consulting the secretary or the president; and while the entire subject was under investigation. Mr. Fisher's revocation of the order now is made final.

Secretary Fisher's formal letter states the government had long felt the education of the Indians to religious missionaries; and that when it finally began a systematic handling of the educational problem it took over many of the religious schools, and brought their teachers into the government classified service.

"The transfers thus have often been effected by the government's renting denominational schools and taking over the whole plant and the teachers as well," said President Taft.

"It appears that out of 2,000 teachers in the Indian schools there are 51 who wear a religious garb and who are regularly classified members of the government civil service. To direct them to give up their religious garb would necessarily cause their leaving the service because of their vows under which they have assumed the garb."

Secretary Fisher holds there is no legal prohibition against the employment of government teachers who wear religious dress; and that government teachers by the instruction is not given in any of the schools now under government control.

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NOW FAVORS THIRD TERM

Deadly Parallel Drawn Against Chicago Tribune—Opposed Grant; Favors Roosevelt

Chicago, Sept. 24.—When the republican party proposed to nominate General Grant for a third term, the Chicago Tribune bitterly opposed the movement. After the republican convention had refused General Grant a third nomination, medals were struck for the 306 delegates who voted for General Grant on thirty-six consecutive ballots. The Chicago Tribune at that time ridiculed the "old guard" and its medallions and agitated the third term movement and the effort which was made to confer an honor upon General Grant which had been denied to all of his predecessors. Now, the Chicago Tribune is advocating the election of Theodore Roosevelt as president for a third term. When the Chicago Tribune was opposed to the third term movement, and when it ridiculed the 306 medallions, it printed the following editorial under date of July 1, 1882:

The Third-Term Medals.

"Titles and decorations have never been regarded with favor by the people of the United States. The prejudice against baubles of this description was so decided in the early days of the republic that the framers of the constitution inserted in that instrument the provision that 'no title of nobility shall be granted by the United States,' and also that 'no person holding any office of profit or trust shall, without the consent of congress, accept any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince, or foreign state.' As a result of this rule and the practice of the people which it has influenced, the number of persons is exceedingly limited who go about with ribbons in their buttonholes and medals hanging on the lapels of their coats. There are some decorations which were earned by gallant service in the cause of the union to which the possessors may point with pride, and which they may wear without ostentation. There are others which denote foreign appreciation of the American inventive faculty, and testify to good service in the common cause of progress and for the common benefit of mankind. To these rare and valuable specimens of decoration have now been added the 306 medals which have been distributed among the 'old guard' which stood out so boldly for Grant in the Chicago convention. President Arthur will probably wear his medal on state occasions only, and upon the same principle the Rev. Mr. Hicks may have done his for the first time yesterday in assisting at the execution of Giteau.

"The notion of celebrating the defeat of the third-term movement by the distribution of medals among those who sustained it was not altogether happy, though happier for the American people than if the aforesaid medals celebrated the success of that movement. Just how the possessors of these medals are going to take any pride in them is not easy to understand. They represent an idea which was condemned by the American people, viz.: the proposed invasion of the solemn precedent against a third term in the presidential office. Further than this, they represent an element in American politics which has been visited with equal popular condemnation—the element of bossism. The success of the third-term movement depended upon the manipulation and control of the conventions of three great states—New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. The respective bosses did their work thoroughly and marshalled their delegates in the Chicago convention under ironclad instructions. There they encountered a force stronger than the political machinery under their control. It was the force of the popular will, exerted partly through the representatives of the people and partly through the various channels which public sentiment uses to reach any particular object. The convention of the people said to the New York and Pennsylvania delegates that they had the right to vote as they pleased, according to the preferences of their constituents and the dictates of their own consciences, and it opened the doors to the Illinois district delegates whom the boss system would have excluded. Thus the third termism was beaten and all that is left of it now is the brass medal which denotes its failure.

"If these 306 medals were designed to mark any distinguished service to the country or in any way to memorialize General Grant's eminent claims upon the American people, they would command universal respect. But they are calculated, and we fear designed, to prolong the bitterness of a factional struggle, and on that account they are not and can never be an honor to those who parade them. For the rest they are purely tokens of spleen and spitefulness, and will never rise to the dignity of a place in the numismatic collections."

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