

FAIR TONIGHT AND SUNDAY. WARMER IN THE INTERIOR. MODERATE NORTH TO NORTHWEST WINDS.

COMBATING HOOKWORM IS WORLD-WIDE

ITS SOLUTION MAY BE SECURED
BY THE CONGRESS ON HY-
GIENE AND DEMOGRA-
PHY IN WASHINGTON
TODAY SEPT. 23

Special to the Daily News.

Washington, May 18.—Solution of the world-wide problem of combating the hookworm disease may be one of the results secured by the fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography, which meets in Washington, September 23-28, 1912, under the auspices of the United States Government. Scientists have run the hookworm to its lap since the Fourteenth Congress which was held in Berlin in 1907, and the forthcoming meeting will offer the first opportunity for hygienic experts from all countries of the globe to get together, compare notes and adopt a systematic and uniform campaign against what is regarded as the greatest scourge which affects more than half the population of the world.

The latest statistics which have been prepared by the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, contain figures which are startling in their magnitude and illustrate the imperative need for a union of all public health forces in fighting the hookworm. In brief, these statistics show that hookworm infection belts the earth in a zone about 68 degrees wide, extending from parallel 24 north to parallel 36 south, and that practically all countries lying between these parallels are infested. Of the foreign countries from which the commission received reports, fifty-four are infested. In six of these countries—Wales, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, and France and Spain—the infection is wholly, or chiefly, confined to mines. In at least forty-six countries the infection is general and widespread. These countries have an area of 44,464,158 square miles with 919,853,243 inhabitants.

In addition the report of the Commission shows that eleven of our own states with a population in excess of 20,000,000 are also in the infested belt and that of the total population of the world about 1,600,000 people, in round numbers—about 940,000,000 live in countries where hookworm disease is prevalent.

In the program, Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and scientific secretary of the Rockefeller Commission, is expected to act as referee in one of the principal sessions devoted to the hookworm discussion, and he, with other members of the Commission, is now engaged in the preparation of the hookworm exhibit forming a feature of the Exhibition on Health which will be an adjunct of the Congress. The Commission also will assist the various states of the United States in which the Commission has worked in the preparation of a co-operative exhibit also will portray conditions such as exist in Porto Rico, for example, where estimates have been made that ninety out of every hundred of the working people are infested; in Colombia, where ninety per cent of the population living between the sea level and 3,000 feet above, are victims of the disease and in India, where from sixty to eighty per cent of the 300,000,000 inhabitants are infested.

The economic effect of the disease will also be illustrated by charts showing that in many instances fifty per cent of the efficiency of labor is lost because of hookworm anemia cannot do the work of physically sound laborers—and that this loss in the world each year runs into colossal millions of dollars.

AUTOMOBILE PARTY GOES TO BATH

An automobile party consisting of Mrs. George Mackay, Miss Katie Moore, Rev. L. B. Bridgers, Professor R. C. Bird and Mr. James Weston, left this morning at 9:15 o'clock for Bath where they will spend the day where Rev. Mr. Bridgers will visit his afflicted parents.

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AN AUTOMATIC SIGNAL SYSTEM SOUTHERN R. R.

WILL BE INSTALLED ON WASH-
INGTON ATLANTA MAIN LINE
WORK WILL BE COM-
PLETED SHORTLY

Special to the Daily News.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—One of the most complete and up-to-date electrical automatic signal systems in operation on any railway in the world is to be installed by the Southern Railway on the important stretch of its Washington-Atlanta main line lying between Dean, N. C., the first station north of Greensboro, and a point just south of Charlotte and embracing practically 98 miles, nearly all of which is double track. Contract has been let and the work will be completed in the next few months. Not only will the signals be operated by electricity but the same power will be used to light all stations, switch, and signal lights between Greensboro and Charlotte.

One hundred and sixteen three-position upper-quadrant automatic signals, representing the very latest product of engineering science, will be erected and so located that blocks will be approximately two miles in length. The system will be operated by alternating electric current furnished from a main plant at Spencer, N. C., and auxiliary stations at Charlotte and Greensboro, which will be so constructed that should the Spencer plant become inoperative from any cause, the power of the Southern Power Company can be immediately cut in without any interruption to the operation of trains or the lighting system. The current to operate the system will be transmitted by a line carrying 4,400 volts constructed on the right-of-way of the Southern Railway and at each signal and station transformers to step down the current to 110 volts will be located.

The installation of this system of signals will not only provide protection against the possibility of collisions but will also detect the presence of a broken rail, an open switch, a wash out bridge, or a car standing on a side track, dangerously near the main track, thus affording a greatly increased measure of protection. Enginemen approaching a signal and observing the signal arm in a horizontal position or a red light at night will know that a train is in the first block ahead and must stop. Should they find the signal arm raised 45 degrees above horizontal or a green light at night they will know that a train is in the second block ahead and they must proceed with caution. When they find the signal arm vertical or a white light at night they know that they may proceed at full speed as the track is clear of all obstructions and not train nearer than two blocks ahead.

The Southern Railway is just completing a similar system on the twelve mile double track stretch from Monroe, Va., through Lynchburg to Montview, and although a very efficient manual block system is operated on all lines on which traffic is at all heavy. President Finley has announced that it has been determined to install automatic electric signal systems on all double track lines and on all lines which may hereafter be double-tracked.

EAST CAROLINA DIOCESE TO MEET IN EDENTON

The annual meeting of the Diocese of East Carolina, will meet in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, this evening. The session will last until next Tuesday evening. The Council will be presided over by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., bishop of East Carolina. The council will hold its sessions in the second oldest church in North Carolina, and promises to be one of the best sessions of the council yet held. Rev. Nathaniel Harding, Mrs. Harding, Captain J. G. Bragaw, Mr. John G. Bragaw, Miss Bettie Hoyt, Miss Janie Myers, Miss Laura Branch and Miss Mildred Rumley and others, left today to attend the Council.

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Do you live in Washington?
Do the Washington people patronize you?
Do you buy everything you can in the town where you make your living?
If you don't, wouldn't it be a good idea to set the example?
Does Richmond, Philadelphia or New York help pave your streets and pay your school teachers?
Do you really go to the trouble to see if you can buy a thing in Washington before you order it from out of town?
Suppose your customers sent all their orders to the big cities; suppose the people of Washington kept their money in New York banks, where would Washington be in the business world?
Do the merchants of Chicago, New York or Richmond pay any taxes in Washington?
If you want to build a town, isn't it the duty of each individual to help?
Some of us have got to be first to establish the principle.
Will you be first and stick to it longest?
This applies to Bankers, Merchants, Manufacturers, Insurance People, Hotel Managers, Printers, Real Estate Men, Capitalists and plain every day people.

PRIMARYS OF THE CITY WERE HELD LAST NIGHT

The primaries for the respective wards of the city were held last night at the regular meeting places of meeting. The purpose of the primaries was to select delegates to the forthcoming county convention and also for the purpose of selecting members of the precinct executive committee and to ascertain the preference of the voters as to the respective candidates for delegate to the National Democratic convention to be held in Baltimore in June.

The vote for delegate to the National convention in the first, second and third wards was as follows: First Ward—Neal 26, Tayloe 36. Second Ward—Neal 45, Tayloe 25. Third Ward—Neal 9, Tayloe 7. Fourth Ward—uninstructed.

For members of the precinct executive committee the following citizens were named in their respective wards. First Ward—W. D. Grimes, Geo. H. Hill, J. B. Bragaw Jr., Chas. L. Morton, J. M. Saunders.

Second Ward—Lindsay Warren, D. M. Carter Sr., J. D. Grimes, F. S. Worthy and Dr. S. T. Nicholson.

Third Ward—Jesse Hodges, Thomas Robbins, H. S. Winfield, S. F. Burbank Jr., and J. H. Simmons.

Fourth Ward—E. A. Daniel, W. M. Chaucey, Frank Flynn, E. L. Stewart, W. H. McDewitt.

The polls in the respective wards, according to the late law, will be open until six o'clock this evening. The primaries throughout the county are being held as we go to press.

MANAGER OF LOUISE GOES TO NEWBERN

Mr. R. A. Cherry the popular and capable manager of the Hotel Louise is to leave Washington on October 1 next for New Bern where he will become manager of the Hotel Gaston in that town. Mr. Cherry is half-leaves of the Gaston.

He has been the manager of the Louise here for the past five months coming from the Hotel Charles at Morehead City. During his short stay in Washington he has made a large number of friends and his departure is to be regretted. Mr. Cherry is a hotel man of experience and since he assumed the management of the Louise he has increased the popularity of the hotel in every way. It is a common remark that the hotel here is one of the very best in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Cherry has every assurance of success in his new home and the Daily News commends him to the citizens of New Bern. The Gaston under his supervision should and will become a leading hotel in that growing and prosperous town. New Bern is to be congratulated.

DR. H. SNELL STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Dr. Henderson Snell, for years a citizen of Washington and one of the most prominent and efficient members of the Dental profession in North Carolina, was stricken with paralysis while visiting his relatives at Suffolk, Virginia, the early part of the week. Dr. Snell has been in poor health for sometime and the attack of paralysis coming on top of his weakened condition makes his friends apprehensive as to the outcome. The latest reports from his bedside is to the effect that while his condition is still precarious he is slightly better.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY

On Next Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the residence of the secretary, Miss Lena Winkler, corner of Third and Market Streets, the Pamlico Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy are requested to meet. Business of importance is to be transacted and every member of the chapter is urged to be present.

HEAD NEARLY SEVERED FROM HIS BODY

Bennis, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Latham, had his head nearly severed from his body yesterday at the home of his parents at Jessama, and while his condition today is precarious the physicians think there is a slight chance for his recovery.

Daniel Latham, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Latham, was engaged with a bush axe in cutting away the shrubbery from the ditch banks on the farm and the little fellow was following him as the work was being done. The older son did not know that his younger brother was so near and in attempting to cut the shrubbery the axe struck him on the back of the neck, cutting a deep and serious gash.

ADDISCO BOOK CLUB AT MISS MARGIA MYERS

The Addisco Book Club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Marcia Myers on East Main Street. After the usual preliminary exercises and items, which are always full of interest, the club had the pleasure of hearing a fine paper on Queen Victoria, by the president, Mrs. S. R. Fowle. The writer called attention to the fact that the two most important eras in the history of England are named for her great queen, Elizabeth and Victoria. After this feast of the intellect came most delightful refreshments for the finer women and this club adjourned hoping for many more enjoyable meetings.

MUCH DEPENDS UPON OHIO'S VERDICT ON NEXT TUESDAY

Four Aspirants For The Presidency Now Trailing One Another Over Buckeye State. Taft—Roosevelt Fight Waxes Warm.

Special to the Daily News.

Columbus, O., May 18.—The storm of politics which has been sweeping back and forth over the Buckeye State for nearly two weeks became a veritable tempest today, and there is every indication that it will continue up to Monday midnight, a few hours before the polls open for the presidential primaries. Today four aspirants for the presidency are trailing one another over the State. Tonight a vast army of stump-speakers representing the choicest oratorical talent of both parties, will hold forth in every city, town and cross-roads hamlet, from the Pennsylvania to the Indiana lines and from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. The early prediction that the campaign would be the most vigorous ever waged within Ohio's boundaries has been amply fulfilled.

Ohio has no presidential preference primary law, but the primaries to be held next Tuesday are expected nevertheless to make it plain who is favored by the voters of this state for the presidential nominations. The Republican voters will vote for two candidates for delegates to the national convention from their district. The ballots will not bear the names of the presidential candidates. The voters therefore may be somewhat in the dark as to whom the candidates for delegates favor for the presidential nomination, but workers at the polls no doubt will find a way to indicate to the voters how the candidates stand. In a few places there will be LaFollette candidate for national delegates, but as a rule there will be only Taft and Roosevelt lists. Delegates will be named in the twenty-one congressional districts. The six delegates-at-large completing Ohio's forty-eight in the national convention will be named by the state convention next month.

The Democratic primaries will be practically of the straight-out presidential preference variety. Only in one essential feature does the method differ from that already tried out in a number of states. This feature is the provision that the winner of the preference primary shall be authorized to name the delegates-at-large. At first glance this provision may seem an unwise delegation of power, but it is to be remembered that the candidate has much at stake and, if Governor Harmon's name is to be presented to the Baltimore convention he naturally desires delegates from his own state whose loy-

alty to him cannot be under suspicion. The plan was adopted by the state committee at the suggestion of the Harmon forces.

The result of the Ohio primaries is expected to determine definitely the chances of President Taft for re-nomination. His friends believe he will carry his own state, but they realize that his cause is well-nigh hopeless if he does not. The President finds his principal opposition here among the Republican farmers. In the cities they are believed to be more favorably inclined toward him. Ohio is near enough to the Canadian frontier to feel the effect of the Canadian reciprocity treaty negotiated by the President, and the Buckeye farmers were very much opposed to the measure.

The results of the primaries to the Roosevelt candidacy are believed to be equally important. Should the Roosevelt sweep continue as it has been going lately, it would not necessarily give the Colonel votes enough to nominate him. It would however, according to the close students of the situation, either make his nomination inevitable sometime after the first ballot or would bring about a condition where the strong men of the party would be in a position to unite upon a third man whom they might have some hope of electing.

The Democratic contest is a straight-out fight between Governor Harmon and those who oppose his nomination for President. The opposition has been led by William J. Bryan, who has stamped the state in the interest of Woodrow Wilson, who is expected to have the general support of the Ohio progressive Democrats. Friends of Governor Harmon declare that he is sure to win out. They expect him to name the six delegates-at-large and to carry the majority if not all of the congressional districts. Among the farmers the governor is very popular. By the operation of his one per cent tax rate law, which he forced through the legislature, the taxes on farm lands have been very materially reduced. The Harmon opposition is confined to the progressives and is due to the general feeling that the governor, though he has proved a comparatively progressive executive, is not progressive enough on national matters. This feeling has been most pronounced since the governor advised the constitutional convention not to propose the initiative and referendum.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS WAS LAUNCHED TODAY

Special to the Daily News.
Newport News, Va., May 18.—Greeted by a chorus of steam whistles and cheered on by an enthusiastic assemblage of 20,000 spectators the battleship Texas, twin sister of the New York, building at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, glided from her ways today at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

As the big vessel swept down to meet the water of the James River Miss Claudia Lyon, daughter of Col. Cecil Lyon, a wealthy ranch owner and Republican National Committeeman for Texas, broke the traditional bottle of champagne and formally named the ship. Grouped about the sponsor on the official stand were numerous representatives of the State of Texas, together with Secretary Meyer and a number of other officials of the Navy Department and high officers of the navy.

The Texas is designed to be the largest and most formidable warship afloat. Her displacement is nearly four times as great as the old battleship of the same name. Her total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$14,000,000. She will be the first warship of the American Navy to carry a battery of 14 inch guns. Her contract calls for a speed of at least 21 knots an hour.

Misses Archie and Bessie Ormond of Bath, were visiting in the city yesterday.

PRICE INDUCEMENT SALE AT J. K. HOYT'S

Today and Monday Mr. J. K. Hoyt, as will be seen by announcement elsewhere, is conducting a Price Inducement Sale at his store. The sale is for the "Careful Purser" and every since the sale opened yesterday a steady stream of bargain hunters have been pouring into his well-known place of business and judging from the number of packages going to all parts of the city, they are being amply repaid for their visit. Mr. Hoyt is making special prices during the sale and all visiting the store are delighted with the bargains being offered.

**SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
On account of the absence of the Rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, there will be only lay services held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church tomorrow morning. There will be no services at night. Sunday School will meet promptly at 4 o'clock.

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