

TO ESTABLISH HOSPITALS. A WORK OF MERCY.

American Insurance Companies to Care for Policy Holders During the War.

President Thomas H. Bowles, of the National Association of Life Underwriters, has issued a letter to the presidents of all the life insurance companies in the United States in regard to the establishment of cooperative hospital service between the American life insurance companies for the benefit of policy holders who are taking part in the present conflict between the United States and Spain.

In the line of progress and scientific development, that has so marked the history of the American life insurance companies of to-day, it would appear only natural and proper that the scope of their usefulness should be extended at this time in a patriotic effort to give care and protection to those of their policy holders who may be called to battle, in providing a hospital service for those who may become sick and wounded. While the government will provide such service, as far as possible, the insurance companies can offer valuable aid in looking after those of their own holders. In the event of an extended war in Cuba, it might be decided to locate a hospital at Key West and one on the island of Cuba.

The letter is for the purpose of bringing attention of the various insurance companies to the subject prior to a meeting to be held in New York on a later day, at which action will be taken on the question.

FLOOD IN A BALLROOM.

Miniature Johnstown Fresh Sweeps Through the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel—Little Damage Done.

A miniature Johnstown flood swept through the big ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel just before midnight the other night. The water filled the room to a depth of four inches, and poured in cataclysmic fashion under the electric lights, over the balcony and down into the street below.

The flood was caused by the breaking of a five-inch water main on the third floor on the west side of the hotel, just above the ballroom. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gebhard gave the alarm. They were returning to the hotel, and were surprised to find themselves surrounded by water. There was a swish of skirts, a quick cry, a man's usual exclamation. The water swept into the ballroom, pouring from the ceiling only five feet from E. H. Blasfield's \$5,000 painting, "Music." It fell in torrents on the floor and formed an exit by peculiar aptness between Will H. Low's panels of "America and Spain." From there it fell two stories to the balcony below, and then in another leap made a cascade to the ground.

"Chappies" turned up their trousers and agreed that it was "nawsty wet." Manager Boldt turned on all of the electric lights, and the costly paintings were reflected in the crystal floor on the ballroom floor. It was a sight worth seeing, and, strange to say, not an expensive performance, for the only thing injured was a piece of red velvet carpet. The paintings by a lucky chance escaped all damage.

ALLER POSTS A NOTICE.

Joins a Century Club and Declares He Will Ride a Century If It Takes Two Weeks.

Frank Aller, of Chicago, is a novice on the wheel. After making a tour of the park system of the city nothing would satisfy his ardent but membership in a century club. His name was proposed and in due course of time accepted. Frank was shortly afterward provided with a printed list of the excursions placed on the newly initiated. One of these nearly gave him a "header." It provided that all new members should make a century within two weeks after admission or forfeit their standing in the organization. After the first shock Frank decided that he would endeavor to comply with the provision or fall manfully in one of the ditches near Elgin. Acting on his determination, Aller inserted the following personal in the club organ:

To Friends and Enemies, Greeting: This is to inform everyone concerned that I have left town to make a century. I intend covering the 100 miles on my bicycle. I will not be found on a train. I will stick to the task it takes me the entire two weeks. I regret that I cannot say with Gen. Grant that I will persevere in my attempt if it takes all summer. The club only gives me two weeks.

Friends of the determined wheelman say his journey will be for naught. While two weeks are allowed, according to the rules, during which to make the century, a further restriction of 14 hours is placed on the rider. He must start and finish his task during the shorter interval or be disqualified.

The Lion and the Unicorn. The lion and unicorn were adopted as the supporters of the British kingdom in 1603, at the time of the union of the crowns of England and Scotland, under King James I. Queen Elizabeth's supporters were, on the right, a lion crowned, on the left a red dragon. The reason for the unicorn being substituted for the dragon was because James I.'s supporters, as king of Scotland, were two unicorns.

Electrolysis at Sea. It has recently been claimed that iron ships with electric plants suffer rapid deterioration of their pipes having direct connection with the sea, due to electrolytic action.

United States Ambulance Ship Solace and Her Mission.

Fitted Out Most Completely for the Caring for the Wounded and Dying—Able Corps of Surgeons and Nurses.

It looks like stern business when the hospital corps is sent to the front. The first of those who will attend the wounded on board ship has reached Key West in the United States ambulance ship Solace. The Solace has been at anchor for several weeks at Hampton Roads. Her officers, surgeons and others were anxious to get to work, if there was any work to be done. The ambulance ship has been beautifully supplied by the women of America with the good things that are generally lacking at sea and in the field. Perhaps no ship of the war will be the center of so much concern as the Solace. Her white sides and her Red Cross flag will mark her to friend and foe. Her mission will be one of mercy—to build up that which has been partly destroyed; to care for the wounded, to comfort the dying. She is staunch and fast, and 200 or more wounded sailors can be accommodated on board this floating hospital. While the battle rages the Solace will occupy a position similar to that of the hospital tents ashore, and after the battle her boats will be sent to the ships and the wounded will be removed. Then, as soon as possible, she will carry her patients to the hospitals at some port of safety.

At Newport News and at other ports at which the Solace has touched the work of fitting her out has been completed, and now she is in every way ready to receive the wounded. She is divided into wards, with bunks, narrow but each separated from the other by passageways. The operating-room is finely equipped with surgical instruments, and there is a tiled bathroom with an appliance for heating or cooling the water; a complete paraphernalia for treating wounds, and a convalescents' room.

The commander of the Solace is Andrew Dunlap, a pleasant, hearty, genial naval officer. The surgeon is Dr. Thomas H. Streets, and Dr. C. F. Stokes, passed assistant surgeon of the United States navy, is chief assistant. The other surgeons on board the Solace are Dr. G. T. Smith and Dr. E. S. Bogert. There are eight nurses from the Bellevue school on board, and three apothecaries have been provided. There is a ghastly department to the floating ambulance. The Solace carries coffins in a section of the boat set aside for the care of the dead. No one, known or unknown, need be buried at sea or be placed away in a desolate corner on the Cuban coast. Arrangements have been made for the embalming of bodies, after which they may be deposited in metal lined boxes, a number of which are stored away on the Solace.

LOVE AFFAIR OF A PASTOR.

Creates a Sensation at Paterson, N. J., by Marrying a Girl of Twenty-Two.

A congregational crisis threatens the Third Presbyterian church of Paterson, N. J., because the pastor, aged 50, has married a girl of 22. The pastor is Rev. Joshua B. Galloway. His bride was Bessie Cannon, a daughter of H. M. Cannon, in whose family the pastor has boarded since Bessie was a little girl of eight years. She is a member of the church and sang in the choir. The Cannon family thought the attachment of the pastor for their daughter was but a fatherly friendship until a few weeks ago, when Rev. Mr. Galloway announced his engagement. Thereupon the weeping girl was banished to Brooklyn to live with relatives and forget her love affair. The pastor was ejected from the Cannon home. Last Tuesday Miss Cannon escaped from her Brooklyn relatives on the plea of paying a visit to her parents. Instead of going home she met her venerable sweetheart and married him in his own church. The ceremony was performed by the assistant pastor, Rev. J. H. Holden, with none but perfunctory witnesses. Parents, friends and relatives knew nothing of it until they saw the wedding announcement in the Paterson papers. At that time the bride and groom had started for Niagara.

DEWEY THANKS PRESIDENT.

Takes Occasion to Compliment the Bravery of the Officers in Command of His Ships.

A telegram has been received from Admiral Dewey thanking the president for his promotion and complimenting Capt. B. F. Lambertson, his chief of staff; Capt. C. V. Gridley, of the Olympia; Capt. N. M. Dyer, of the Baltimore; Capt. J. B. Coghlan, of the Raleigh; Capt. Frank Wildes, of the Boston; Lieutenant Commander E. B. Colvorcross, of the Concord; Commander E. T. Wood, of the Petrel; and Capt. D. H. Hodgson, of the cutter McCulloch. The department will probably make some special recognition by form of letter of the services of the officers who are commended in Dewey's message.

Meats in Berlin.

Meats are, so far as the better cuts are concerned, from 100 to 150 per cent. higher in Berlin than in this country. Tenderloin of beef, for instance, costs from 40 to 50 cents a pound; good steak, 30 to 40 cents; pork roasts, 25 to 30 cents.

Turns the Tables.

In India there is a fly which attacks and devours large spiders.

JAW BONE FOR SAMPSON.

Tennesseeans Send a Unique Present to Commander of the North Atlantic Squadron.

Admiral Sampson is destined to go down in history as the modern prototype of his Scriptural ancestor, who slew 1,000 men with the jaw bone of an ass. Perhaps future historians will see fit to disregard the American admiral's ancestry in this respect, but several Tennesseeans have taken it upon themselves to establish a lineage between Admiral Sampson and the strong man of ancient history. Our Sampson will have the jaw bone, but whether he will be able to create as much havoc with it among the Spaniards of the Cape Verde fleet as his ancestor did with a similar weapon among his enemies thousands of years ago remains to be seen. In any event, W. G. Gillespie and L. C. Leonard, of McMinnville, Tenn., are morally certain the American naval officer will come pretty near emulating the Sampson of old, more especially when he is "hoodooed" by the jaw bone of a mule which they have sent to Secretary Long for Admiral Sampson. It is highly polished, resembling ivory in hue, and with the teeth of the beast still attached, it is, so far as known, a counterpart of the historical jaw bone mentioned in the Scriptures. Its handle is ornamented with silver, in which respect it differs materially from old Sampson's weapon, but this is not calculated to throw any discredit upon its powers, should it come in contact with the head of a Spaniard. Messrs. Leonard and Gillespie send the following note with the jaw bone:

"While this weapon may be regarded by you as obsolete, we trust that the victory won by your illustrious ancestor may inspire you to win a greater victory, with the additional equipments which you possess." Secretary Long will forward the mascot to Admiral Sampson at the earliest moment.

A SECOND MOON.

Dr. Georg Wallemath, Astronomer of Hamburg, Germany, Makes Remarkable Discovery.

Dr. Georg Wallemath, the astronomer of Hamburg, Germany, has discovered a second moon, which revolves about the earth. In writing of his discovery, he says: "There is a second moon revolving around the earth. It is the most erratic creature in the heavens, so far as we know. Sometimes it flares out in a sheet of flame that looks like a drawn scimitar. In a moment it may vanish, flashing its rays like a searchlight off into another part of distant space. Again it may be seen in the daytime—a small, black spot, crossing the sun's disk in the same way that the big moon does at the time of an eclipse. At the time of its greatest brilliancy it has even been seen during daytime, a small, white speck in the azure heavens."

KILLED BY HIS COLLAR.

A Celluloid Neckband Brings a Carabuncle to a Jersey City (N. J.) Policeman.

The almost obsolete celluloid collar question has been revived by the death of Policeman Enoch Perry in Jersey City, N. J. Policeman Perry expired Sunday morning from the effects of a carbuncle on his neck, caused, his relatives say, by a celluloid collar, which he was compelled to wear by order of the police authorities. Some time ago an order was issued from police headquarters in Jersey City requiring patrolmen to wear white gloves and collars. White cotton gloves were specified and a regulation collar made of celluloid was named as the decoration for the police neck. There was much objection to the form of collar ordered. Patrolmen who had been comfortable all their lives with their necks encased in the upper works of a flannel shirt revived stories of the explosive qualities of celluloid and spread them. Within three days every policeman wearing a celluloid collar walked his beat in momentary fear that his head would be blown off. Perry was the loudest objector on the force, but being a policeman of 26 years' experience he wore the collar. A few days ago a carbuncle developed on his neck and Perry told his fellow policemen that it had been caused by the irritation of the celluloid collar.

Newspapers in the United States.

The number of newspapers published in this country is 19,582 in the English language, with 741 German, 65 Swedish, 56 Spanish, 51 French, 33 Bohemian, 33 Polish, 25 Italian, 18 Dutch, 18 Hebrew, etc.

The Herring as Food.

A medical authority on the virtues of various kinds of foods declares that the herring gives the muscles elasticity, the body strength, and the brain vigor, and is not flesh-forming.

Bulletin Financier, Bulletin Commercial

Le Board of Trade donne les cotes suivantes pour les lots de chargement de café.

Table with market data for Rio-Jacuti, Fair No 1, Low Fair No 2, Good Ordinary No 3, etc.

Marché de la Nlle-Orléans.

Table with market data for Le Coton, Le Coton Exchangé, Le Coton de la Nlle-Orléans, etc.

Marchés Diverses.

Table with market data for Ajourd'hui le mouton était cote, Marché de la Nlle-Orléans, etc.

Marchés de New-York.

Table with market data for Calmes, Janvier, Février, Mars, Avril, Mai, Juin, etc.

Mouvement du Coton.

Table with market data for A la Nlle-Orléans depuis le 1er septembre, A la Nouvelle-Orléans depuis le 1er septembre, etc.

Marché de Liverpool.

Table with market data for Demande limitée, Demande 3 1/2 pour le Middling Américain, etc.

Marché du Havre.

Table with market data for Calmes, Oignons, Café, etc.

Sucre et Mélasse.

Table with market data for Jobbing à 300 plus élevé par livre pour le sucre, Mélasse, etc.

Marchés Diverses.

Table with market data for Nouveaux barils de sucre et de café, Nouveaux barils de sucre, etc.

Tonnellerie.

Table with market data for Nouveaux barils de sucre et de café, Nouveaux barils de sucre, etc.

Grains et Fourrages.

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