

IS IN GOOD HEALTH

London Has Low Death Toll Compared with Other Cities.

Precautions Taken in British Metropolis Against Epidemics Prove Effective—Cancer Cases Numerous.

London.—Sir Shirley Murphy, medical officer in charge of the county of London, has recently issued his annual report. It shows that the British metropolis, with its maze of intertwined, narrow, medievally planned streets and its numerous extensive areas of squalor and poverty, is maintaining its claim to be one of the healthiest cities in the world.

The birth rate for the metropolis, however, has been falling steadily during the past thirty years. For the decade 1851-60 it stood at 33.6 per 1,000 of the population, for 1891-1900 at 30.3 and for the last year at 25.2.

Improvement in the physique of the coming generation is expected from the great care now being bestowed upon the infant children of the poor.

The elaborate precautions taken to help every epidemic in the bud are attaining their end. During 1908 no death occurred from smallpox, and the deaths from measles, whoopingcough, diphtheria, enteric fever, diarrhoea, and phthisis were well below the average for the last ten years.

The great scourges of cancer and phthisis are changing their position; while the death rate due to the latter is steadily decreasing, cancer is gaining its hold on the nation.

Buffalo Meat on Sale. New York.—Buffalo meat is on sale in the markets of New York for the first time in many years.

Price for Largest Family. London.—Mrs. Cross, who won the prize given at a Bristol gathering for the largest family, said that it was true that she had had 27 children, but that only seven were living.

Follows Hounds on Foot at 90. London.—Following the Llangibby hounds on foot, and covering 28 miles, William Danks, a shoemaker of Caerleon, Monmouthshire, is 90 years of age, and has been out with the hounds on foot for 76 years.

TOURISTS ANNOYED IN ROME

Victimised by Sharpers and Swindlers and Arrested by Would-Be Protectors.

Rome.—The Association for the Protection of Foreigners, an institution founded by hotel keepers and tradesmen with the object of encouraging tourist traffic in Italy, became alarmed over the number of tourists who are victimised by confidence men in Rome, fearing that the reputation of the city will suffer, with a consequent bad season.

Nevertheless American and English tourists continued to be swindled, whereupon the waiters at the cafe decided to arrest all foreigners frequenting the place whom they deemed to be suspicious. The police were busy for a time answering telephone calls from the cafe and rushing there to arrest foreigners pointed out by the seclusive waiters.

The Association for the Protection of Foreigners has seen the wisdom of withdrawing its offer of rewards.

WEDDED 60 YEARS AND HAPPY

Old Mr. Hoppin Honors His Wife and She is Not Spoiled by It—Faith is Essential.

Chicago.—How to be happy though married 60 years is explained by Mr. and Mrs. Bushrod C. Hoppin, who celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding the other day.

"Implicit faith is another great help to peace. It must never be destroyed. If two persons have faith and work for a common end and common good, happiness is easy."

HEART BEATS ARE RECORDED

Acetylene Flame, Gas Jet, Tubes and a Tuning Fork Form Parts of Working Device.

London.—An ingenious instrument for recording the beats of the human heart has been made by Prof. Marbe of Frankfurt.

Another tube and capsule are led to a tuning fork, which when struck gives a definite number of vibrations each second, and these again cause the flame to produce smoke marks at regular intervals on the paper.

These marks enable Prof. Marbe to measure the number of beats of the heart each second, and the shape of the smoke rings on the paper band is said to furnish valuable evidence about the heart's action.

Didn't Know Husband's Name. Altoona, Pa.—"What is his name?" asked Chief of Police Clark, when a pretty, sad-faced woman came to his office the other day to have him locate her missing husband.

Princes to Tour the World. Melbourne.—A private letter recently received here indicates that the two sons of the prince of Wales, Prince Edward and Prince Albert, will make a tour of the empire, including Australia, in 1912.

To Extend Scope of Wireless. Berlin.—The imperial minister for the colonies has been conducting negotiations with the German Telefunken Company for the purpose of establishing wireless telegraphic communication between Germany and her overseas dominions in different parts of the world.

WAS IT METEORITE?

People of Hartford, Conn., Much Alarmed by Stones.

Mass Strikes Earth and Explodes—First Made Its Appearance at Mansfield, Where Skies Were Illuminated.

Hartford, Conn.—Although residents of Hartford and its environs have never presumed to dictate to meteors or even to meteorites, they feel that after certain occurrences meteors and their kindfolk would be more popular in this neighborhood if they would learn to behave.

Everybody at the Connecticut Agricultural college at Storrs is firmly convinced that it was an exploding meteorite that destroyed the flagpole in front of F. M. Chadwick's residence, broke windows in that and other residences, stopped clocks and rocked the buildings of the agricultural college.

L. J. Strause of New York, whose face was cut by flying glass, was inclined at first to ascribe the throwing of the stone to some human agency.

Members of the family of F. M. Chadwick were thrown from their beds when the house was rocked to its foundations following a series of loud explosions.

Overjoyed that the ball of fire had selected the tree instead of himself as a target, McLean ran home through the rain and told of what he had seen.

From all parts of the countryside near Mansfield and Storrs came reports confirming the stories told by McLean, Beebe and Gunther.

The fact that as yet no portions of this meteorite have been found does not disturb the supporters of the meteorite theory. Some of them said that a meteorite capable of such brilliant work would have no trouble at all in losing itself in the ground, thus leaving the case enshrouded in mystery.

Bride Need Not Be a Pupil. Sixteen-Year-Old Pennsylvania Girl Raises New Educational Kink Easily Settled.

Altoona, Pa.—Prof. H. H. Balsh, superintendent of public schools, was somewhat nonplused when an Italian girl applied for a certificate to go to work. She was under 18. She brought with her the certificate of baptism, but when the secretary started to write the name she stopped him.

Illinois Wolf Hunt. Monmouth, Ill.—Wolves, big, old-fashioned gray fellows, are so numerous in Warren and Mercer counties that there is no longer any peace or safety in the rural districts.

Legless Man Kicks Him. New York.—"This man kicked me in the stomach, your honor," said John Curran to Magistrate Butts in the Harlem court, the records show the other day.

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BEET SUGAR PLAN NOT GOOD

England Falls to Raise Money to Establish Industry—Capital Shied at Experiment.

London.—Another attempt to establish the beet sugar industry in England has failed. Land owners, farmers and business men had co-operated extensively in an effort to raise capital for the erection of the first factory of that kind in this country at Sleaford, in Lincolnshire.

It is to be regretted that the project has failed," asserted, Lord Denbigh in discussing the matter. "Here was a chance of starting in England under the most favorable circumstances the one industry that is required in our rural districts to give employment both in summer and winter to unskilled labor and likely to bring again under the plow much of the land that has gone down in inferior grass."

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VALUE OF HUG AND KISS \$25

Question is Raised as to What Age Has to Do with Respective Worth—Knotty Puzzle.

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SEE PRINCE ITO MURDERED

Cinematograph Picture of Assassination Taken and Sold to a Japanese for \$7,500.

Tokyo, Japan.—It appears to be a fact that a cinematograph picture was actually taken of the assassination of Prince Ito. The man who took it had, of course, no pretension of what was going to happen.

Gets Gift from the Dead. Altoona, Pa.—In accordance with his desire to make a present to the girl he preferred most in all the world, Herman Bleiser, a car inspector, bought a locket at a local jeweler's and left it to be engraved with the initials "L. M. R."

Titles for the Deposed Shah. Odessa.—An imperial rescript is published here, giving to the deposed Shah of Persia the titles of "shah" and "majesty" in Russia.

Wichita's Birth Rate Soaring. Wichita, Kan.—According to the report of the city health department given out, the birth rate in Wichita for the last year has been almost twice as great as that of the deaths.

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GIRLS GROW BULBS

Young Women from Puget Sound Make Money in Flowers.

Go to Boston from Washington State for Education After Getting Capital from Their Home Industry.

Boston.—"My sister and I earned the money to come east to school by growing bulbs for profit," a girl from the state of Washington explained to a friend the other day.

"This money was all gained from the gladioli, as it takes them only one year to make good bulbs. As daffodils only have to be replanted every three years our second spring was devoted to enlarging our gladioli bed.

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MAN COULDN'T HOLD BIG PIG

Ohio Town Enjoys Novel Entertainment—Oral Betting Ruled Because Mayor Was Present.

Columbus, O.—Bill Minor, the strong man, of Reynoldsburg, stands humiliated in the sight of the villagers tonight and the Minor home is without meat. He failed miserably in his effort to carry one of Sam Rickly's 225 pound hogs from Sam's place to his home.

A movement is on foot to purchase the hog and present it to the defeated hero. A thousand people saw the unequal contest.

Reynoldsburg poured out her entire 300 population and all the countryside gathered early to gain vantage viewpoints. From Milo, Grogan, Black Lick, Pataaska, Dublin and even distant Gabehana they came in bugles.

A light snow fell all the morning, making the hog slippery. Besides he was fat and his skin was tight. But for this Bill would no doubt have carried off the prize.

There were no jeers from the spectators; he was a hero even in defeat. There were many bets made on the result by visitors, and considerable money changed hands on the results. At the penultimate the gambling was kept under cover because of the presence of Mayor George McBerry, Marshal King Pickering and Squire Henry Mullens.

VARIOUS CAUSES OF SLEEP

Michigan Professor Upsets Old Theory—Says There is More Blood in Brain in Sleep.

Detroit, Mich.—Experiments at the University of Michigan overturn a long adopted theory as to the cause of sleep. It has been said that natural loss of consciousness is due to a lessened flow of blood to the brain.

The summary of what has been demonstrated is: The size or volume of brain increases when the individual goes to sleep and decreases when he awakes.

The striking evidence is furnished that the size of the arterial pulse from the brain increases steadily with increase in volume, that is, the dilating of the arteries after each beat of the heart is more pronounced. This is particularly true when the subject is propped up.

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CANADA TO FURNISH WHEAT

Dominion Minister of Agriculture Sees Scarcity in United States Within Few Years.

Ottawa, Ont.—That Canada before many years will have to supply wheat to feed citizens of the United States was the prophecy made by Sydney Fisher, Canada's minister of agriculture, before a crowded meeting of the Canadian club here this afternoon.

He touched an important agriculture problem and dwelt on the marked growth of the west, recalled the time when Canada used to copy United States methods with respect to raising grain, but said there was none of that now.

He intimated that the United States, now raising about 700,000,000 bushels of wheat annually, would not be able to raise sufficient for its own people in upward of fifty years from now, when that country would probably have a population of 200,000,000.

He touched on the bacon trade. He said it was a remarkable fact that Canadian bacon was sold in London and Liverpool for two cents less per pound than in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, while bread made from Canadian wheat sold in English cities for about half what it sold for in Canada.

Aged Man Expert Skater. Lewiston, Pa.—Joseph A. Fitchorn, 77 years old, put on his skates and took his annual spin on the bosom of the Juniata river.

Mr. Fitchorn was considered one of the best artists of his day and proved to the young people at his last attempt that age had robbed him of little of his cunning.

The figure eight, rolling straggle, cutting his monogram and buck and wing dancing with the running high jump are his specialties.

Mr. Fitchorn believes he can out-skate any man of his age in the state of Pennsylvania, and the challenge stands open for all comers.

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