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JAPS BRINGING DREAD DISEASE

Trachoma, Which Destroys the Eyes, Is Spreading on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Every month there are landed in San Francisco more than twenty-five Japanese who are suffering from trachoma, one of the most terrible and infectious diseases of the eye known to modern science. It has been whispered for some time that a danger lurked in the 300 brown men who are allowed by a mistaken liberality of the law to attend the schools and sit side by side with native American children, but the nature and extent of the danger are by no means appreciated by the public at large.

The average number of Japanese arriving at the port direct from their native country is about 300, while upward of 200 a month come from Honolulu. Fully 12 per cent, and in some instances 80 and 90 per cent of the former class are deported on account of the presence of trachoma.

Honolulu being technically a home port, no examination is made of the eyes of the Japs who are crafty enough to stop a few weeks at Honolulu and reship for the United States. If there is a difference in the physical condition of the immigrants whose passports read from some Japanese port and those which are dated Honolulu it is all in favor of the former. Certainly more than 12 per cent of the Japs who are deported were they examined for this loathsome disease, which is now menacing the health of San Francisco's native population. No less certainly, this 12 per cent and whatever excess there may be is allowed to land and spread the infection.

Conditions Favor Spread.
As trachoma flourishes best in crowded districts, and is favored by low altitudes, dampness or dust, every condition for its propagation exists here save one, and that, too, is here. In some of the crowded lodging houses where newly married Japs are herded together. All other reasons which have been urged against the free immigration of Oriental coolies pale before this, the most urgent of immediate protection for the children of the public schools from a loathsome Asiatic scourge. Trachoma is classed by the immigration laws, along with tuberculosis, under the head of dangerous and contagious diseases, but the quarantine regulations take no note of it. This fact has evidently been discovered by those interested in the coolie passenger trade, for the tip has been sent abroad that the Japs, who crowd the door of the promised land is a passport from Honolulu, which puts the holder beyond the reach of the immigration authorities and allows him to land without an examination of the eyes. That those suffering from the disease have not been slow to avail themselves of the situation is shown by the fact that the manifests of vessels clearing from the islands have of late shown an immense increase in their Japanese immigrant lists while corresponding falling off.

A high immigration official declares that by comparing the names on the manifests of various vessels he had discovered that a large number of these roundabout immigrants who use the newly acquired insular possessions of the United States as a stepping stone have resided in Hawaii but a week or ten days. Then, having remained just long enough to smother them to evade the spirit of American laws, they continue the trip across the Pacific. So strange a phenomenon was not long in attracting the attention of the authorities in Washington, and an investigation which they have insisted has failed to bring to light a single case of trachoma which has been detained by the Honolulu inspectors. This would indicate that a much higher ratio of the diseased reaches California from Honolulu than from Japan, where intending immigrants are somewhat carefully examined by Dr. Moore, acting under orders from the government. The estimates given at the beginning of this article are, therefore, incorrect only in being too small.

The are based on an average of several years and take no note of an enormous increase in the percentage of infected which has recently been noted. Of the nine Japs which the Doric brought over on her last trip eight are being detained on account of manifestations of the dread disease, while of the twenty-four brought here on the last trip of the Corea twenty-one were deported for the same cause. These arrivals were direct from Japan, and if the incomingordes from Honolulu who slip into the country without eye inspection have shown anything like a corresponding deterioration in their bill of health the number of trachoma patients now being deported of 150 a month.

"No one knows how many cases of trachoma there are in this city," said Dr. F. E. Trotter, who, as medical inspector of aliens, is responsible for the condition of the eyes in immigrants from Japan. "Our only knowledge is that all aliens affected with trachoma, but we cannot prevent those proving citizenship from landing and spreading the disease."

Acting Commissioner Crawford, who in the absence of Commissioner North is at the head of the immigration bureau, verifies the statement that Japanese halling from Honolulu are exempt under the regulation from eye inspection. Charles Mehan, inspector of the Chinese bureau, testifies to the same state of facts. Dr. Blue, a former inspector, says that in his time only citizens were exempt and that the percentage of deportations on account of trachoma was then from 10 to 12 per cent, though he has heard from his colleagues that there has lately been a great increase. He also says that he believes it has made its appearance in this city.

Trachoma is in its origin a fifth disease and made its first appearance in Egypt, before historical times. Its effects are terrible in the extreme, and as there is no certain specific it leads in more cases to total and hopeless blindness. Almost always it leaves the eyes in a bad condition, with vision impaired, and often with the lids horribly distorted. By some, it is believed, like other Oriental scourges, to be allied to certain infections of a shameful nature, and no measures calculated to check its spread could be deemed too severe.

In its first stage it is manifested by an inflammation of the eyelid. Granulations then develop, which convert the underside of the lid into a rubbing board which scratches the eyeball in winking. The infected surface looks as if it were covered with frog spawn. Later the opaque white spot which is on the cornea, the lids become de-

formed and turn out or droop, while the sight is lost.

Healthy Jap Is Rare.
Dr. Louis C. Deane, who is chief inspector of the special senses in the public school in the interview yesterday that it was a rare thing to see a Jap who did not show some traces of trachoma. He admitted that it was contagious in its inflammatory stages, but that most of the cases seen here were not dangerous.

Dr. Albert Cohen, one of the assistant special sense examiners, said that he would not be willing to say that there was any stage not infectious. "The disease cannot be detected by suppurated areas," he added, "it is very treacherous, and one pupil would threaten an entire room of pupils. It is particularly likely to be transmitted by towels, and one of its worst features is that it may be dormant for years and then break out suddenly in an acute form."

Another specialist who has been engaged in the work of examination under Dr. Deane is Dr. Anson P. Hall. He flatly contradicted the opinion that trachoma was a disease from which whites were immune, or which could not become epidemic in this country. "All of the cases which I have treated have been among the white population," he declared, "it may affect any race, and its symptoms are such that they might at times escape the notice of a general practitioner." He then described the terrors of the disorder, and told how it lasted several years in its acute stages, and lingered for years in its chronic form. He showed the roller-like forceps which were used in crushing the granulations, and outlined the heroic treatment necessary to check its ravages.

Mary Cases Here.
Another local physician who has made a specialty of eye diseases is Dr. George Brady, and it so chanced that at the very time the writer was calling upon him a Japanese afflicted with trachoma came for treatment. The under surface of his eyelids was in a state of ulceration, yet one would have passed him upon the street as a healthy looking man.

"In one of the most infectious diseases I have to treat," said the physician, "and I always take the utmost precautions to protect myself from it. I find lots of cases of it here in San Francisco among all races, though it particularly affects those who live in dirty, unsanitary lodgings."

Dr. Robert E. Cohn, during his long residence in Vienna, treated no other disease and thinks that it is a standing menace to the children of San Francisco. "We should put every safeguard between us, and this invasion," he said earnestly. "The difficulty lies in the fact that the Japanese herd together in such a way that one infected individual soon carries the disease to all the others in the house. A single towel has been known to infect ten people. The Japs are a menace socially, commercially and physically, in my opinion. Trachoma is an infectious disease which at some stages is very apt to evade ordinary inspection and we should take special precautions here, as has been done in New York, where the ailment is being brought in by immigrants from the more crowded cities of Europe."

In all, some twenty of the most prominent specialists in San Francisco were interviewed for their opinion in regard to this disease, and with great unanimity they agreed that it is a serious and great danger of infection at nearly all stages, and the necessity for immediate steps to rid the city, which is already infested with cases to an alarming extent, from further diseased importations from Japan.

BETTER DRUNK THAN EATEN.

From the London Globe:
A story with a moral comes from Uganda. A lion, thinking it about time to lunch, seized a white man who had been with him through a bottle of whiskey which the man was carrying in his pocket and this gave him such a shock that he turned pale. The moral is obvious: not be a teetotaler. If the man had been a teetotaler he would have been eaten. It is better to be drunk than eaten.

TWO RECORDS BROKEN.

BOSTON, July 4.—Two American professional records were broken today at the games of the Clan-na-Gael societies at Oakland park. Louis Guertin, of Weymouth, Mass., in the running high jump, with weights, cleared the bar at 6 feet 7 inches, defeating the record of the record, Robert F. Baker. Baker's record is 6 feet 6 1/2 inches. Baker, holder of the American record for three standing jumps, who previously did 41 feet 7/8 inches, battered his own record, jumping 42 feet 2 1/2 inches.

CHURCH IS BURNED.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 4.—Fire tonight destroyed McKendrie Methodist Episcopal church on Church street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, one of Nashville's finest houses of worship, and threatened a section of the retail district, in the midst of which the edifice was situated.

CELEBRATE IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, July 4.—The Fourth of July was celebrated by the American colony today in the Tirol Del Elises, a large park in the center of the city. Many thousands of people were present. Ambassador Conger and the members of the diplomatic corps were present.

NEW WAR CHIEF.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 4.—Lieut. Gen. Ridgelmichief of the chancellery of the war office, has been appointed minister of war in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, who recently resigned. Lieut. Gen. Palatyn has been appointed chief of the general staff.

HOT IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, July 4.—The heat, which has now continued four days throughout central Europe, has caused, it is estimated from the reports now coming in, more than 100 deaths in Germany. At midday in the shade the temperature has been as high as 100. On Sunday it had fallen in Berlin to 92.

BAD WEATHER MAY RUIN GRAPE CROP

NEW YORK, July 4.—Reports from grape growers in the Lake Keuka, N. Y. section, are to the effect that blossoms are sloughing off to an alarming extent, more so this season than last by 15 per cent. The berries, which are slightly larger than a pinhead, are already turning brown, owing to the wet, cool weather. The varieties which are reported to be most seriously injured are the Niagara and Concord.

CREW OF PROUT KILLS TWO OFFICERS

ST. PETERSBURG, July 4.—The minister of marine has received the following telegram from Admiral Kruger: "The crew of the transport Prout when leaving Budejovitz, murdered, arrested the captain and other officers. Second Lieutenant Nestortseff and Boatwain Kozitine were killed. The Prout was arrived at Sevastopol and the crew is repentant."

WAR AGAINST CATS IS PROFESSOR'S SLOGAN

NEW YORK, July 4.—Prof. Clifton Hodge, biologist at Clark university, Worcester, Mass., has come out urging the extermination of all cats by municipalities, declaring they are the worst existing enemy of bird life. "We need the German method of cat traps, like those that in one year killed 30,000 cats in Hamburg," says Prof. Hodge.

STEALS MONEY AND COMMITS SUICIDE

FULTON, Mo., July 4.—James R. Penn, real estate and insurance agent and one of the best known business men in this part of the state, has committed suicide by taking poison. He confessed to his business partner and other citizens that he has for the past fifteen years been securing money by illegal manipulation of mortgages, notes and deeds. He stated that he believed himself to be short about \$18,000.

NEGRO'S ESTIMATE OF MEN.

Some years ago the chief justice of the United States was driving in a gig and found that the tire of one of his wheels was loose and kept slipping off. He didn't know a great deal about common affairs, for he had not lived much with the common affairs of life; but he did know that water would tighten a tire on a wheel. Coming to a little stream, he drove into it and got one little section of the wheel wet; then drove out and backed his horse, and the same part of the wheel went into the water again, and he pulled back and kept screwing backward and forward, all the time getting the same part of the wheel wet. A negro came along, and seeing the situation, told the justice to back into the water again. He did so, and the negro took hold of the spokes of the wheel, and turning it around directly had it set all around. The chief justice said: "Well, I never thought of that." "Well," replied the darky, "some men just nat'ly have more sense than others, anyhow."

SEVENTEEN ARE INJURED.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 4.—Through a misunderstanding of orders two interurban trolley cars collided head-on on a curve in the city, 12 miles south of this city tonight. The injured: Motorman Harry Bell, may die; Anton Elveer, Iowa City. Fifteen others received minor injuries.

LEMONS SELL HIGH.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 4.—San Diego lemons are selling at from \$4 to \$5 a box, the highest price ever recorded during July. Owing to the shortage of war lemons, the crop this season is rather light and not enough lemons to fill the orders are coming in.

WILL FIGHT AGAIN.

RENO, Nev., July 4.—Jack Root and Martin Hart, principals in the pugilistic event yesterday, departed today. Root going west and Hart east. Before leaving the men were brought together and it was agreed between Lou Houseman for Root and Jack McCormick, manager of Hart, that the third and deciding battle be arranged.

WOMAN FEARFULLY INJURED.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 4.—Tonight Mrs. Robert Jenkins, of South Wheeling, who conducts a confectionery was sitting in front of the store with a quantity of firecrackers in her lap when they exploded and the woman was dismembered and is not expected to survive the night.

BISHOP JOYCE REPLIES.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 4.—Bishop J. W. Joyce, stricken with paralysis in the pulpit on Sunday, has rallied slightly and has periods of semi-consciousness. His recovery is by no means assured.

AUTO TOURISTS DELAYED.

ST. PAUL, July 4.—The Chicago automobile tourists will make their entry into St. Paul tomorrow afternoon. The delay of one day has been due to the conditions of the roads south of this city.

TAMMANY CELEBRATES.

NEW YORK, July 4.—The Tammany society's annual Fourth of July celebration in front of the wigwam in Fourteenth street constituted about the only public exercises in observance of the Fourth in Manhattan.

DECLARE NEW STRIKE.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, July 4.—An extensive strike was inaugurated at Kielev yesterday as a mark of sympathy with the victims of the rioting at Lodz.

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For a few days only the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railway offers single fare for the round trip to all eastern points.
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