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BRAZIL ACCEPTS CARNEGIE'S AID HOOKWORM FIGHT

[By Associated Press] SAO PAULO, Brazil.—Health authorities of the state of Rio de Janeiro have announced that they would accept the offer of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, which proposes to cooperate with the Brazilian government in a campaign to be waged against the hook worm. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of laborers and others are suffering from the effects of this parasite which is sapping their vigor and decreasing the crop output by at least 100 per cent.

Dr. Lewis Wendell Hackett of Harvard University, who is one of the staff of physicians sent out by the Foundation, arrived here from New York a short time ago and as a result of his conference with the authorities here the announcement of the campaign was made. This is of particular interest to the planters of the state of Sao Paulo, where three-quarters of the coffee crop of Brazil and nearly one-half of that of the world is grown.

A coffee plantation is one of the greatest known breeders of the hook worm. The trees grow on a very wet soil in a rolling or hilly country, and as they require shade the ground underneath is in a continuous soggy condition. Here the dangerous worm propagates with great rapidity and is introduced into the systems of the humans through the bare feet of the crop pickers and cultivators.

The symptoms of the disease caused by the presence of this worm are pronounced anemia with the inability of the laborer to work more than three or four hours out of the 24. The economic aspect of the scourge has appealed to the planters, who are losing much through the short hours and poor quality of the labor. Dr. Hackett recently discussed the results of the campaign waged by the United States throughout Porto Rico, where the death rate was greatly reduced, the labor output enormously increased and the planters' returns correspondingly augmented.

The first work will be done in a selected region in the state of Rio de Janeiro, where field hospitals are now being erected. It is planned to treat 4000 cases, keeping a careful record of the deaths, recoveries and changes of residence of the inhabitants of the chosen experimental field under the belief that the results will be so patent that the campaign will be rapidly spread to other parts of the republic.

On the steamer that brought Dr. Hackett there was carried in the hold many gallons of new remedy for this dread disease, the oil of chenopodium, which is everyday kigango is called worm seed oil. This is not only cheaper and easier to give to the patient, but in many cases is more efficient than the old treatment by thymol. Chenopodium is found in the Levant and in the islands of Java and Sumatra. It is believed also that it is native of Brazil as the Indians for many years have been in the habit of boiling a somewhat similar weed to make a concoction for the cure of anemia.

In addition to this new oil the doctor brought with him 500,000 iron tonic pills which will be fed to the convalescents. It is estimated by the doctors in charge of the work that the physical health of the laborers of the district will be increased by 50 per cent, while in many instances there will be an increase of as much as 400 per cent in the crop output.

The cost of this work will be borne by the Rockefeller Foundation, the Brazilian government only being asked to enforce such sanitary laws as are the necessary concomitant of a successful campaign of this sort. A campaign of education among the people themselves will also be waged by which means will be taught the necessity of the practise of the ordinary laws of hygiene. This is the first movement of the sort ever started in South America, and, if successful, will be tried out in many of the other republics.

GERMANS SEEK TO CHANGE LANGUAGE IN CITIES TAKEN

[By Associated Press] BERLIN, Germany.—Local authorities in various towns and cities having failed to enforce certain arbitrary changes in language, to the end that all words of foreign origin might be weeded out, the minister of the interior has taken a hand in the matter.

In communication to all the presidents of individual governments, he urges that they give up the effort to weed out foreign words by compulsion, and that rather they work along lines of common sense, leaving such words as are almost impossible of replacement or translation into German, and urging the acceptance of other words that may take the place of foreign words meaninglessly adopted.

He suggests that a list of German substitutes for foreign words, drawn up by the former police president of Berlin, von Jazow, after consultation with representatives of various trades and businesses and with the "General German Speech Association" be urged upon everyone, particularly upon those who still use foreign words in advertising their trade or business.

He cites a number of industries, notably the textile, in which foreign words are still customary though they have perfect German equivalents that are not at all far-fetched as are some of the attempted translations along other lines and in other connections. In cases where there is doubt about a good translation he urged recourse to the Speech Association.

An attachment for camera carrying cases that also carries tripods when folded has been invented by an Iowa inventor.

SAYS U. S. COULD BE INVADIED WITH EASE

BROOKLYN—Capt. Charles Long, street floor of the Naval Militia of New York State, who has charge of the field work of the Navy League in the Middle Atlantic states, delivered a lecture on "The United States Navy and the Citizens," before members of the Engineers' Club at 177 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, recently. Capt. Long illustrated his lecture with stereopticon views.

"The average citizen gives little thought to the navy," said Capt. Long. "He knows the blue-jacket is loyal and is ready to fulfill his trust in case of a crisis, and gives him no further thought." The U. S. Navy is entitled to a little more than mere moral encouragement at the hands of the citizen.

Capt. Long said the recent submarine incidents had disproved the contention of the pacifists that the United States could not be invaded. He said it was now evident that either Germany or France could easily invade American ports in time of war. Capt. Long urged a strong naval reserve along the east coast to fortify the country against any such attempt.

"If a foreign power ever gained control of the territory east of the Alleghenies, the United States would be like a man without a heart," he declared. "All, or nearly all, the munitions in this country are manufactured within a radius of 400 miles of New York."

ANYONE LOST A COMET? METCALF FINDS FOURTH

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Have you lost a comet? The finding of one by the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester was announced by the Harvard college observatory today. The minister-astronomer now has four to his credit.

The comet, so faint that it was discovered only by photography, was first seen by Metcalf November 21. In its official report on the discovery, the Harvard observatory states it was made November 21, 5673, Greenwich mean time, right ascension three hours 38 minutes 5 seconds; declination plus 18 degrees, 38 minutes, 50 seconds.

The daily motion was stated as 11.5 minutes of time, west; 35.4 minutes arc, south.

LONDON EMPLOYS HER DISTRESSED ARTISTS TO DECORATE SCHOOLS

[By Associated Press] LONDON, Eng.—Artists in distress through the war are being employed to decorate the walls of many of the public schools of this city with friezes and panels, illustrative of life and industry in the British Dominions beyond the seas. One of the most striking pictures depicts London with St. Paul's cathedral overlooking the Thames, and barges and steamers moving about the river. Others are of pastoral scenes in Canada, Australia, South Africa and the Indies. By extending the work through the school system the board of education hopes to develop the imagination of the pupils and possibly develop a large school of decorative painting in England.

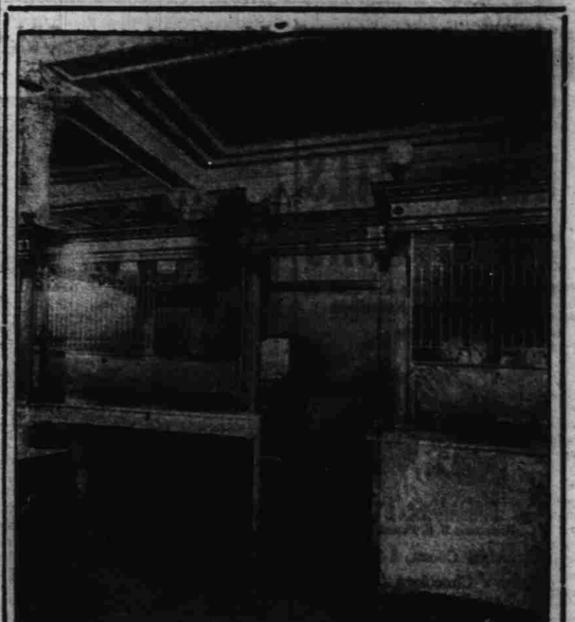
STATE OFFICIALS TO GET EVIDENCE IN COAL INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Denouncing as "abnormal and suspicious" the recent increase in the price of coal and other commodities, Thomas W. Gregory, Attorney General, has issued a statement saying that the Department of Justice would insist on the most severe penalties provided under the federal anti-trust laws.

"The Department of Justice is investigating the recent increases in the prices of various necessities of life, especially coal," Mr. Gregory said. "Whether any such increase is found to have been due to conspiracy or other unlawful action the department will invoke against the offenders the severest penalties which the law prescribes."

All United States attorneys have been instructed to investigate the recent increase in the price of coal as part of the inquiry they started several weeks ago into the bread and milk situation. Special investigators are to be sent into the field. Mr. Gregory, according to information from the department officials, intends to take personal charge of the investigation and will direct whatever prosecutions are determined upon.

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