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SAYS MOSQUITOES ARE NOT GUILTY

DR. BURGESS DOES NOT THINK THEY CARRY GERMS OF DENGUE FEVER.

Dr. G. W. Burgess is not one of those physicians who believes that the mosquito is the agent of dengue fever. In fact the doctor is very skeptical on this score.

"I do not think that the mosquito is the means of communicating the dengue fever," he said. "And not until the theory shall have been demonstrated to a more certain degree than has been thus far attempted will I be apt to entertain a different belief. No body so far as I have heard, has been able to get the mosquito in action under a microscope and I think that will be a very effective means of proving to what extent there is any truth in this mosquito theory."

"The mosquito draws blood but I do not think that he infuses blood. I have treated nearly 170 cases of dengue and I have not observed any special indications that go to prove that the mosquito had anything to do with the patients contracting the sickness. People living in mosquito proof houses were so far as I could see, just as susceptible to the disease as those living outside. I have observed nothing on this score that would incriminate the mosquito. Of course, it is possible that the mosquito may be working the mischief that he is charged with doing but until the matter has been more positively demonstrated, I shall continue to be very skeptical regarding the theory. "My opinion is that dengue is communicated just as is any dermatological disease. The scales or flakes of diseased skin may become imbedded in the clothes and be communicated to healthy people in one way or another, or else the flakes may be carried directly from the patient as by inoculation."

AFTER THE TRANSPORTS.

The following letter to the Secretary of War was approved at the meeting of the Builders and Traders' Exchange Thursday evening and will be sent. Sir: The Builders and Traders' Exchange of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, would respectfully petition that the United States transport service continue to forward its steamers via the Honolulu route to and from the Philippine Islands and the Orient.

The inducements to the Department in evidence are, the favorable weather conditions by this route, cable communication at three Pacific island stations, free harbor and dock facilities, ample depth of water and safety, ample facilities for repairs, coal supplies and particularly the upbuilding and maintaining of resources for repairs and supplies in this most strategic point in the Pacific and by retention here in time of peace of the skilled mechanics and labor necessary to serve the needs of the United States in time of war.

In turn we, citizens of Honolulu, employ ninety per cent of the skilled labor, believe we should be entitled to all possible governmental support in maintaining an aggressive up to date community, such as will enable us to strengthen the position of the United States to a far greater degree than any other city of its size under the American flag. Certainly the patronage of the government may be of more than temporary benefit to both itself and the citizens of Honolulu in continuing the transport service via the Honolulu route.

P. M. ARTHUR DROPS DEAD.

Associated Press, Morning Service. WINNIPEG, July 17.—P. M. Arthur, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead tonight while speaking at a banquet.

P. M. Arthur had been prominent as a labor leader for the past twenty-five years and during that time was the head of the great organization known as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. This body was but ten years old in 1873 when Arthur was elected its chief. Arthur has led his men in all of their dealings with the railway companies on the principle of conducting a labor union without strikes. He always said to the hot-headed men who wished to strike at once. "Remember always that the burden of a strike falls on the women and children. Our duty is to them; consult them." These words have saved many a railway in the States from being tied up. Mr. Arthur has been known as an aristocratic labor leader as his home was in a splendid mansion on Cleveland, Ohio's most famous street, Euclid avenue. His neighbors there have been the men who own railroads. His wife was a society leader, of the set in which Senator Hanna's daughter made her debut. Recently he had aged considerably and a year ago was a white-haired, kindly looking old man. Arthur began his career as a "wiper" in an engine house. Later he was a fireman, then an engineer, and finally chief of all American engineers.

TWO SERVICES CO-OPERATE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star. WASHINGTON, July 17.—Secretaries Root and Moody have agreed to the formation of a joint board of four officers to determine action in all matters requiring the co-operation of the War and Navy Departments.

RUSSIA WILL OPEN THE DOOR

Associated Press, Morning Service. TOKYO, July 17.—Russia has assured Japan that two ports of Manchuria will be opened for trade.

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WHISTLER DEAD

Associated Press, Morning Service. LONDON, July 17.—James McNeill Whistler, the artist, died today. James McNeill Whistler was a son of Major George Washington Whistler of Baltimore. The painter received his education at the West Point military academy but having a bent for art did not follow an army career, but instead became a pupil of Gleyre, of Paris, and grew famous as a painter. Numerous foreign governments have showered decorations upon him. He was an officer of the Legion of Honor, Knight of the Order of St. Michael, Bavaria; an honorary member of the Royal Academies of Rome and Bavaria; member of numerous British art associations, and had won a great reputation all over Europe. Some of the most famous of his paintings are portraits of Carlyle, Sarasate, "The Peacock Room," and the portrait of his mother, which is on view in the Luxembourg Palace, Paris. He was the author of "Ten O'Clock," "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies" and the "Baronet and the Butterfly."

TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.

Associated Press, Morning Service. STREATOR, Ill., July 17.—Five were killed and nineteen fatally hurt in a tornado that swept over this city today demolishing factories and unroofing houses. The loss is \$2,000,000.

MENDOTA, Ill., July 17.—Four were killed and ten seriously hurt today by a tornado.

CHICAGO, July 17.—A tornado which swept over many portions of the State today caused great loss of life and inestimable damage.

IN THE GRIP OF THE LAW.

Associated Press, Morning Service. WASHINGTON, July 17.—George Beayer, former chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Allowances of the Postoffice Department, has been indicted and arrested on a bench warrant for attempted bribery and various irregularities. Three thousand promotions, approved by the Secretary, were cancelled by Beayer.

George W. Beaver was general superintendent of the salaries and allowances division of the Postoffice Department. At the opening of the postal scandal he resigned from his place under a cloud although his reputation for efficiency in that branch of postal work had given him a world-wide reputation. His work was, in part, to make the recommendations upon which thousands of clerks and other postal officials annually received promotions during the past few years in the department and the charge is now made that undue influences caused him to recommend the advancement of many and that promotions and bribery went hand and hand in the department under his control.

THE POPE.

Associated Press, Morning Service. ROME July 18.—The condition of the Pope early this morning shows a slight improvement. He is able to take more nourishment than he has been taking during the past few days. He sleeps quietly but he still has great difficulty in breathing and has become bedsores. Despite the improvement preparations for his death are still being made about the Vatican.

EPPINGER IN THE TOILS.

Associated Press, Morning Service. SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The Grand Jury has indicted Jacob Eppinger, head of the bankrupt firm of Eppinger & Co., for obtaining money under false pretenses. More indictments will follow.

CHANGES IN JAPANESE CABINET

Associated Press Cable to the Star. TOKYO, July 17.—The Minister of the Interior has resigned on account of illness and will be succeeded by Baron Kodama.

RUSSIA IS FOR PEACE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star. BRUSSELS, July 17.—Russia has agreed to abide by the conditions of the international peace convention.

REFINERY PRICES ADVANCE.

Associated Press, Morning Service. SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The Western refinery has advanced sugar ten cents per hundred.

THE BARS LET DOWN.

Associated Press, Morning Service. PEKING, July 17.—The prohibition of the importation of arms ceases in August.

MAY FORECLOSE.

Associated Press, Morning Service. NEW YORK, July 17.—The decision of the court permits the Mercantile Trust Company to foreclose its mortgage on the shipbuilding trust for \$16,000,000. There will be an appeal.

The Mercantile Trust Company is suing for bondholders of the trust to foreclose the mortgage given to secure \$16,000,000 of a bond issue. The ship trust was organized a year ago with an authorized capital of \$20,000,000 and a provision for a bond issue of sixteen millions. The Trust Company sues because they claim that it was stated to them at the time they took the bonds that the trust had contracts on hand amounting to thirty-six millions on which there would be a profit of five million dollars. It is now claimed by the bondholders that this was a misrepresentation and that the trust only had fourteen millions in contracts and that there was no profit at all in sight. Before going ahead with the suit of foreclosure it was necessary to get permission from the court which appointed a receiver for the trust and at the same time issued a restraining order to prevent creditors from bringing suits against it.

THE CUP.

Associated Press Cable to the Star. ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., July 17.—The challenger defeated Shamrock I today by twelve minutes in a race of thirty miles.

NEW HAVEN, July 17.—The Constitution defeated the Reliance today, with a time allowance, in a race of thirty-seven miles, by eighteen minutes.

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