

SENATOR OWEN'S BIG ASSERTION

Says Six Hundred Thousand Lives Are Sacrificed Annually On the Altar of Ignorance.

THREE MILLION PEOPLE SICK

Senator Gallinger Favored He Was Drawing on His Imagination For His Facts.

Washington, March 24.—That six hundred thousand lives are sacrificed annually in this country on the altar of ignorance and neglect of sanitary laws was asserted by Senator Owen of Oklahoma in a speech in the senate today in support of his bill creating a department of health, with a cabinet officer at its head.

Mr. Owen's address was based on the theory that the various health agencies of the government should be concentrated. He declared with proper attention to the prevention of contagion and to protection against the use of polluted water and impure and adulterated food, human life could be greatly extended.

In addition to the 600,000 cases of fatal illness annually, Mr. Owen asserted an average of 2,000,000 were constantly sick in this country with preventable diseases.

Mr. Owen said he had been informed by an expert that 60 per cent of the children of one of the southern states were afflicted with the hookworm.

"I don't care who the expert is," remarked Mr. Money of Mississippi, "I don't believe a word of what he says."

EXTERMINATING HOOKWORM.

Mr. Owen having asserted hookworm could be cured by two doses of thymol, at a cost of 25 cents, Senator Heyburn suggested there was one million dollars "now on tap" for the eradication of hookworm.

Mr. Gallinger thought that since there was so much money available to check the mysterious hookworm, there would be a corresponding increase in the disease.

Mr. Owen charged that there had been suppression of facts about the bubonic plague in San Francisco a few years ago, and he asserted such a course would not have been pursued if the matter had been in charge of a health department instead of a mere health bureau.

"I am afraid the senator is drawing on his imagination for his facts," objected Mr. Gallinger.

"I will give the senate the whole record," the Oklahoma senator retorted. "If the senate invites it."

"I do invite it," Mr. Gallinger said. "You shall have all the facts within two days," said Mr. Owen.

In conclusion Mr. Owen spoke of the prevalence of malaria in Oklahoma. He declared every school

teacher should be armed with a pamphlet of instruction against the ravages of poisonous flies and mosquitoes.

Replying to the Oklahoma senator, Mr. Gallinger expressed the opinion that the government should go slow in establishing a department of health as marine hospital service and health departments in the various states were doing reasonably well. The contention that the period of life could be materially lengthened he regarded as a "dream, pure and simple."

Senator Owen declared that, while he was in favor of the conservation of the natural resources of the country, "the conservation of the life of our people is of far greater importance, and the conservation of the vitality and efficiency of our people is the problem of the first magnitude, demanding immediate intelligent attention."

He strove against the bureau system of looking out for the public health, asserting that the question was of such great importance that it could not be handled efficiently except by a separate department with powers as great as those now enjoyed by any of the other departments of the government.

"We have had bureaus for 100 years," he said. "They are scattered in eight departments. They have been disconnected and without co-ordination. They have been jealous of each other, the one nullifying and hampering the work of the other. They have been without a responsible head because of the subdivision, and because the chief of the most important of these bureaus, the surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, cannot express an opinion or give information until he has consulted the secretary of the treasury."

BUBONIC PLAGUE REPORTS.

The secretary of the treasury was selected as a cabinet officer, he added, "not because of his knowledge of the public health, but because he is an expert on finance." This government officer, he thought, should not direct government activities in fighting disease. He declared that in the case of certain reports on the bubonic plague on the Pacific coast "the bureau dealing with public health was easily suppressed by commercialism and its special interests, putting in jeopardy the national health, the national interests and the national wealth, and was required to withhold and suppress truth in violation of section 4 of the quarantine laws."

Under a subordinate bureau, co-operation in the fight against disease is impracticable, he declared. The bureau has not sufficient dignity or power in an emergency, he continued. It has no national standing. It cannot take the initiative, but must always stand subject to the orders of a secretary too greatly influenced by mere apparent commercial and fiscal interests.

The bill introduced by Senator Owen would co-ordinate into one working body all of the various health agencies of the government. It proposes no new officers, except the secretary and his assistants, and calls for no new appropriation aside from the salaries of the secretaries. It will provide a number of efficiencies, said Senator Owen, by preventing duplication.

A commercial nation, he said, "should not be unmindful of the commercial value of the saving of all life and efficiency possible, which is worth \$3,000,000,000 per annum. The humane nation will not fail to act when it is known that we could save the lives of 600,000 of our people annually, prevent the sickness of 2,000,000 of people per annum, who now suffer from preventable diseases."

The bill, he said, was in accordance

with the earnest repeated desires of the American Medical Association, which, he declared, was "probably the largest and most honorable association of physicians and surgeons in the whole world."

Senator Owen quoted numerous statistics in proof of the arguments which he advanced as to the importance of the work that the department would be called on to do. He expressed the hope that action would be taken on the matter at the present session.

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MOB LEADERS OF CAIRO, ILL., ARE INDICTED

Cairo, Ill., March 24.—Twelve indictments for rioting were returned this afternoon by the special grand jury investigating the attack on the Alexander county jail Feb. 17, during which one man was killed and several injured.

Those indicted are: George B. Walker, newspaper man; Frank Gorman, an alderman; James Davidge, a constable; C. O. Foster, former deputy circuit clerk; Lee Watson, stock dealer; Samuel Wessinger, special agent of the big four railroad and deputy sheriff; W. H. Simpson, manager of a lumber company; James Casey, former policeman; J. H. Scott, blacksmith; W. C. Charles, liverman; O. P. Hurd, Jr., president of a lumber company; John Maloney, wagon manufacturer.

The 12 were released on bonds. Their trial has been set for May 9 and funds for their defense will be raised by popular subscription.

The indictments caused a sensation, as no such drastic action was anticipated.

A fine of \$500 and six months' imprisonment is possible in case of conviction.

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JOHN P. CUDAHY WILL SPEND YEAR ON FARM

Kansas City, Mo., March 24.—John P. Cudahy, who figured in an affair with Jere F. Ellis in the Cudahy house here three weeks ago, will spend the next year on his father's ranch near Pasadena, Cal.

Cudahy passed through here on a train en route to California, Michael Cudahy, who joined his son in Chicago, was also on the train.

Mr. Cudahy is believed to keep his identity a secret. Upon boarding the train in Chicago he asked a porter if he recognized him. The porter did.

BLACK HANDER KILLED BY COLORADO SHERIFF

Jueblo, Colo., March 24.—Sam Falcone, a Black Hand operator, was shot through the heart and instantly killed shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon in a fight with a sheriff's posse headed by Under-Sheriff Warren Hill. A companion of Falcone escaped on horseback, but is believed to have been wounded.

The shooting followed letters to Tony Santuso, who was ordered to place \$2,000 in a can at a point several miles beyond the county poor farm, under penalty of death. This afternoon he complied with the repeated demands and when the two men were taking the money from the can the sheriff's posse concealed nearby, ordered the men to throw up their hands, they refused and opened fire on the posse. Falcone fell at the first volley fired in return.

HANNA MINE SUITS.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 24.—Thirteen suits for damages aggregating \$450,000 growing out of the Hanna mine disaster, in which 19 miners lost their lives, were filed today in the district court. The suits followed a supreme court ruling that the law limiting the amount of damages for death in a coal mine accident to \$5,000 does not apply in cases of this nature.

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By Charles Edward Russell

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By Benjamin B. Hampton

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