

CURRENT NEWS

Aviators who wish to fly in Connecticut hereafter must take out a license, same as automobilists.

Thousands of graduating college students have agreed to go to Kansas this month to help harvest the wheat crop.

The legislature of Hawaii has sent to the United States Senate a petition asking that Hawaii be admitted to the Union as a State.

Charles K. Blatchly, of the Charly Organization Society, reports that one hundred thousand beggars, 8000 of them professionals, infest New York.

The air in one of the London underground railways is to be ozonized, and more than 80,000 cubic feet of air charged with ozone will be furnished daily to the passengers.

A thorough investigation of the headache powders, so widely distributed and so dangerous to use, is being made by Dr. Wiley, chief of the National Bureau of Chemistry.

Representative Hobson, of Alabama has introduced a bill looking toward the formation of two highways for automobiles across the country, one from east to west, and one from north to south.

Public-spirited citizens of Chicago are trying to raise \$50,000 for a boys' hotel, for the benefit of boys who come to the city from the country and have no homes. The first \$50,000 has been subscribed.

500 college students of Budapest will become waiters in summer resorts this summer. They will lay aside their own names, carrying on their coats letters of the alphabet, and will be addressed as Mr. A, Mr. B, and so on.

Now our State Department is conferring with Germany with a view to drawing up an arbitration treaty. Such treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France were lately drawn up but have not yet been ratified.

The Post-office Department is planning to send a large part of its heavy magazine mail in freight-cars to six distributing points throughout the country, so as to save the cost of transporting them in the ordinary way.

The British Parliament has made two grants of money—one of £185,000 and the other of £60,000—to pay the expenses of King George's coronation this month. Most of it is to be spent by the Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Steward for the entertainment of royal visitors from abroad and the other representatives of foreign countries.

President Taft went to Chicago to make a speech before the Western Economic Society there, in favor of reciprocity with Canada. He said the principal opposition did not come from the farmers, as the opponents of the bill tried to make out, but from the lumber trust and the manufacturers of print paper. He practically said that the farmers were being deceived in the interest of the trusts.

The greatest naval display ever made by one country will be seen at Spithead, near Portsmouth, on the south coast of England, June 24. The British navy will be exhibited as a part of the coronation festivities. There will be no less than 170 British warships, from Dreadnoughts to submarines. These will require six square miles of water. Besides, there will be eighteen foreign warships.

The Government is borrowing from the people \$50,000,000 with which to carry on the work of making the Panama Canal. In other words, it is selling Government bonds to that amount, and selling them in small denominations. Anyone who has \$50 or \$100 may bid for a bond. The bids were opened June 17. Up to the beginning of this week over 900 bids had been received at the Treasury.

To tempt high school and college graduates to enter the army, Gen. Leonard Wood is asking Congress to authorize short enlistments, for six months. He thinks that many would enlist for half a year who would not enlist for five years. Once in the army some would remain, and all would get a military training which might be useful to the country in time of need.

The Treasury Department lately decided that dogs coming into this country must pay duty—or their owners must pay it for them—although they may be native here and to the manner born. Custom House officers are having an unpleasant time collecting this tax, for there is none which causes so much indignation among returning travelers. Even the most extreme protectionist grumbles at having to pay \$10 or \$20 duty on an American dog that he took abroad with him and is simply bringing back.

National Association Sits Congress Pays Scant Attention to Disease Prevention.

A protest is registered in a statement given out today by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis against the existing conditions in Congress which require measures concerning public health to be referred to a committee on commerce. At the same time, a plea was made for a new Committee on Public Health in the House of Representatives, similar to the one now existing in the Senate.

The National Association in its statement supports the Committee on One Hundred on National Health in its assertion that under the present division of committees, owing to the large number of measures before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, public health matters do not receive the attention they deserve. The statement says that boys, cows, and steel rails receive much more attention than that most vital affairs, public health and the prevention of disease. At the present time, the anti-tuberculosis workers declare, no committee in the House has any direct responsibility for health legislation. It is therefore suggested that a new committee be formed, similar to the one in the Senate.

The National Association is appealing to its 510 affiliated associations in all parts of the United States to support the movement for the formation of such a committee in the House.

REPORTING OF TUBERCULOSIS

Required in 25 States—No Provision in 28—Value of Registration.

Reporting of living cases of tuberculosis is now required by law or health regulation in 25 states, while in 28 states and territories, no provision whatever is made for keeping record of cases of this infectious disease, according to a statement published to-day by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in its official organ, the Journal of the Outdoor Life for June.

Connecticut, District of Columbia, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont are placed in the honor class as having laws which provide specifically for the reporting of tuberculosis and which make provision for the proper registration of living cases of this disease. In fourteen other states, laws or regulations of the state boards of health require that tuberculosis be reported simply as one of a list of infectious diseases. These states are, Alabama, California, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

Topographic Map of Northern Carroll.

The Advocate is in receipt of one of the new Government topographic maps of the Emmitsburg and Taneytown quadrangles surveyed in cooperation with the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania. It has just been completed by the United States Geological Survey, at Washington, and the maps are available for distribution. These maps represent by far the most complete survey ever made of this section of the State. They show so clearly every physical feature of the country covered that the character of any part of the quadrangle, as well as the shapes and areas of the hills and valleys, can be seen at a glance. The elevation of any particular point in the entire area can be easily determined. This relief of the country is graphically shown by means of brown contour lines, each one of which represents a certain elevation above the sea—that is, the traveler following the course shown by any of these contour lines will go neither up hill nor down hill, but on a level. The elevation indicated by every fifth line is shown by figures on the map, and it is interesting to determine the heights of different points, by simply counting the contours up or down from one of the marked lines. It is easy to understand how such a map is of prime value to the engineer who may be laying out a railroad or trolley route, a highway, a drainage or irrigation system—in fact, any piece of engineering work. The water features of the quadrangle—streams, lakes, etc., are shown in blue, with the same exactness of outline as the land features. In addition to the topography, the map shows, in black, all the works of man—roads, principal bridges, towns, houses, etc.

The topographic mapping done by the Geological Survey represents the highest type of geographic work, and the maps show substantially everything as it is on the ground at the time of survey. In making the survey of this particular area, the topographers tramped over practically every portion of the quadrangle, hundreds of miles being thus covered. Permanent iron benchmarks, showing exact elevations, were also set at various points in the quadrangle. The location of these marks is indicated accurately on the map, and they can be used for all time as the basis for any further elevation surveys desired. This sort of map making is a very important undertaking from that of constructing an average geographic map, which is generally a matter of mere approximation and compilation. Everything on the Geological Survey topographic sheet is exact and true to nature.

This sheet forms but one small section of the great topographic atlas or map of the United States which the Geological Survey is making, and which will be the largest and yet most detailed map in the world. Already nearly nineteen hundred of these sheets have been completed, covering over a third of the country. The cost to the Government of these quadrangle surveys, for both field and office work, ranges from \$3500 to \$8,000 each; but the maps are sold at only the nominal cost of paper and printing—5 cents a copy or \$3 a hundred.

The Geological Survey will furnish without charge index sheets showing all the topographic maps which it has published.

Great Men Tall and Short.

A recent investigator has attempted to show that Lombroso and his followers were wrong in asserting that men of genius were of small stature. Of 230 individuals of eminence he found that figures were obtainable for 103; of these sixteen were of middle height, fifty-eight above and twenty-nine below.

Americans particularly combined greatness with inches. Jefferson and Jackson were more than six feet tall. Sumner was six feet four inches, and Washington, Lincoln and Beecher were more than six feet. Among famous foreigners Tolstoy was a large man, and so were Thackeray, Bismarck and Darwin.

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