

MILLION "DRUG FIENDS" IN U. S.

Congress Gets Report of Investigation Conducted by Committee.

PROMPT ACTION IS URGED

Strict Enforcement of Law and Stopping of Smuggling From Canada and Mexico is Recommended—Lack of Adequate Laws.

Washington.—The alarming spread of the narcotic drug habit in the United States is about to be called to the attention of congress in the report of an investigation conducted by a committee appointed by the secretary of the treasury.

The chief findings of the committee are:

The number of persons in the United States addicted to the use of drugs "exceeds 1,000,000 at the present time."

Increase of the drug habit in the dry South leads many authorities to the conclusion that national prohibition will swell the number of victims of narcotics.

Illegitimate supplies of opium and other drugs are smuggled from Mexico and Canada and along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and furnished to 1,800 organized "dope" peddlers.

Summary of Recommendations. The committee's recommendations include strict enforcement of the present federal anti-narcotic act; additional federal legislation; enforcement of state laws; concerted action on the part of state and municipal governments to suppress the illicit traffic; stopping smuggling of dope from Canada and Mexico.

"It is also recommended that educational campaigns be instituted in all parts of the United States for the purpose of informing the people of this country including the medical profession, of the seriousness of drug addiction and its extent in the United States," says the report.

The committee which made the investigation consisted of Congressman Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, Prof. Reed S. Hunt, Harvard university; Deputy Commissioner B. C. Keith, internal revenue bureau, and Dr. A. G. Dumes, United States public health service.

"The number of individuals addicted to the use of opium, its preparations or alkaloids, and coca leaves, their preparations or alkaloids, in the United States has at various times been estimated to be from 200,000 to 4,000,000," says the committee. "These estimates must, however, be looked upon as mere guesses."

"Owing to the lack of laws and regulations making it compulsory for the registration of addicts, it has been impossible for the committee to obtain information which would give the exact number of addicts in the United States."

Causes of Drug Addiction. The causes of drug addiction in the order of frequency were given by police authorities as follows: Use of physicians' prescriptions, association with other addicts, prohibition, use of narcotic drugs for chronic diseases, curiosity to learn the effect of the drug, prostitution, use of patent or proprietary medicines, use of certain narcotic drugs as a stimulant, idleness, and use by dentists.

"What effect, if any, nation-wide prohibition will have on the situation could not be definitely determined by the committee," the report says. "The consensus appears to be that the number of addicts will increase as soon as the prohibition laws are enforced. This opinion apparently receives some support from investigations made in some of the southern states where prohibition has been in effect for some years."

FINDS CLUE TO BURIED GOLD

Custodian of Ruins of Jesuit Mission in Arizona on Track of Ancient Treasure.

Tucson, Ariz.—What is believed to be the first clue to the reputed buried treasures of the padres of the Tumacacori mission, built by Spanish Jesuits high up in the Tumacacori mountains, less than three hours' journey from Tucson, has been discovered by Frank Pinckley, custodian of the ruins. It is the gateway to the mission cemetery. From this gateway, it is said, the plans and maps left by the padres start to outline the way to the buried gold and silver. The Tumacacori mission was built near what are believed to be the ruins of one of the Seven Cities of Cibola. The entire region is said to show evidences of rich mineral deposits, which, declare those who have inspected the mountains, doubtless led the padres to build their mission there.

Thieves Return Loot. Cleveland, Ohio—Friday thieves took \$655 in cash from a trunk in Edward Fuczek's home here. On Saturday he found \$360 in a package on the front porch. On Tuesday morning there was \$300 in the milk bottle. That left \$295 to be returned on Wednesday or Thursday, so local newspapers pointed out. But Fuczek hasn't recovered another nickel.

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breath. My appetite was very poor—there were many things I couldn't eat at all—and at times I was very dizzy. I couldn't get any sound sleep, had fallen off a great deal in weight and just felt miserable most all the time.

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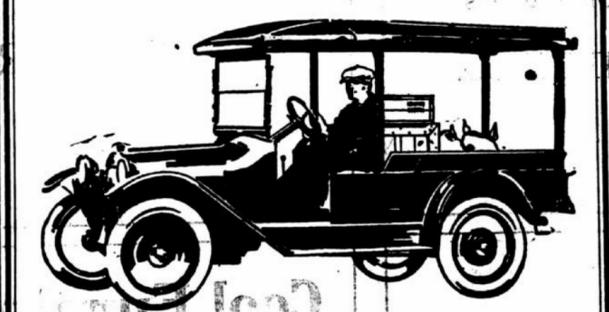
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