

NEW "DOPE" LAW TO LESSEN CRIME

Anti-narcotic Act Limits Sales of All Harmful Drugs.

BIG INCREASE IN IMPORTS.

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Washington.—The Harrison anti-narcotic act, effective March 1, will greatly decrease the use of drugs and tend to lessen crime in this country if it proves as effective as its sponsors hope.

This measure, enacted last December, provides in effect that on and after March 1, 1915, no dealer shall be allowed to sell or give away habit forming drugs without a physician's prescription or direct instructions from a doctor.

Remedies which contain more than two grains of opium or more than one-fourth of a grain of morphine, or one-eighth of a grain of heroin, or one grain of codeine are included in the list of narcotics which cannot be dispensed in any manner unless specifically ordered by a physician.

Congress appropriated \$150,000 to be dispensed by the commissioner of internal revenue to enforce the new law.

According to statistics furnished congress at the time the Harrison bill was under consideration, 6 per cent of the prisoners in large jails and state prisons are addicted to the opium habit in some one of its forms, and of the general criminal population, 45.48 per cent are habitual users of the drug.

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SOUGHT LOVER IN WAR ZONE.

Young Girl Describes Experiences on Cracow Battlefield.

New York.—A slim, pink checked, bright eyed young woman wearing medals she had picked up on battlefields of the Russian war front arrived here from Liverpool with a story of her wanderings to find her sweetheart, an officer in the Austrian army.

She is Isabel Szeliga Strusinska, a Pole, who comes here to rest and recover from the shock to her nerves due to her experience in Warsaw and other cities for which the Russians and Austro-German forces have been struggling.

She was in Warsaw on Nov. 27, she said, when a Zeppelin flew over the city and dropped bombs, one of which killed her brother, who was a soldier. After the death of her brother she decided to make an effort to find her sweetheart, who she says is the son of a "celebrated Austrian general."

She walked from Warsaw to Lemberg, passing over places where there had been hard fighting and gathering mementos. From Lemberg she went to the outskirts of Cracow. She says she became obsessed with the idea that her sweetheart had been killed on the battlefield there, and she wandered for several days over it, hoping to find some trace of him.

She called her experience a "nightmare" and did not wish to talk of it. She made her way from Cracow to Kieff, to Petrograd, to Sweden, to Newcastle and thence to London. She now believes she will soon hear from the young Austrian officer, having learned that his command escaped.

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NOVELIST TELLS OF POLAND'S RUIN

Author of "Quo Vadis" Describes Suffering.

BROTHER FIGHTING BROTHER

Fifteen Thousand Villages Wrecked, 1,500,000 Poles Killing Each Other and Refugees Dying by the Thousands—Not a Grain of Corn, Scrap of Meat or Drop of Milk For Civilians.

Berne, Switzerland.—Henryk Sienkiewicz, the famous Polish novelist, author of "Quo Vadis," is, like tens of thousands of his compatriots, a refugee driven from home by the war.

He is now at Vevey with the members of the committee on relief for war victims in Poland, of which he is president, and Ignace Paderevski, the famous pianist, is vice president.

No more appalling picture of death, destruction and devastation has ever been drawn than that outlined by Sienkiewicz, who declares it is unique in history. He said: "Poland has nothing to do with the war. Conquered and partitioned, she is not one of the belligerent nations, yet 1,500,000 of her sons are fighting fratricidal battles in the armies of three different warring states. Our country is made a cockpit and is devastated from end to end.

"Think what this means when the order for a charge is given. Hordes of soldiers rush on each other, and when they get within striking distance commence cutting one another down. They find the language in which they are uttering imprecations is the common natal tongue.

"It frequently happens when the Red Cross forces go to collect the wounded they lift from the heap one man in a



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HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ.

German uniform, another in the Austrian, a third in the Russian, all three Poles.

"The misery is really very great. In the kingdom of Poland alone there are 15,000 villages burned or damaged and 1,000 churches and chapels destroyed.

"Homeless villagers have sought shelter in the forests, where women and children are dying of cold and hunger by the thousands daily. In the whole 60,000 square miles of territory in possession of the armies not a grain of corn, a scrap of meat or a drop of milk has remained for the civil population.

"The material losses are estimated at \$500,000,000. Agriculture is ruined, industry destroyed, and 400,000 workers have lost the means of livelihood.

"The state of things in Galicia is just as dreadful. The Russians have commandeered 900,000 horses and 2,000,000 horned cattle and have seized all the corn. The rich country is a desert. Over 1,000,000 inhabitants have sought refuge in other parts of Austria in sheer destitution.

"I was at my home in Oblegorek, government of Kieles, during the early part of the war working on a new novel. I was forced to leave my home without even my papers. The last I heard of my home was that trenches were being dug around it, even in the garden.

"I made my way to Vienna. There it was reported I had been arrested by the Austrians, but it was not true. After some difficulty they accorded me a permit to come here to Switzerland.

"There has been a committee for the relief of Polish distress created in Berlin, of which the United States ambassador is a member. But America can sell no more corn, and Russia would not sell to the Berlin committee for fear it might be used to feed the German troops. It is only to our committee established in neutral Switzerland that the Russians are likely to supply corn."

Valuable Statuary Moved. London.—The Elgin marbles from the Parthenon, the most valuable collection of statuary in the world, have been removed from their room in the British museum for the first time since 1816, when they were taken from Greece. They are now in the basement as a precaution against German airship raids.

WOUNDED, STICKS TO POST.

Directs British Ship From Chair In Turkish Attack on Suez.

London.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs as follows:

"A stirring little story of quiet heroism displayed during a battle against Turkish invaders the other day has been told me here. The hero of the incident is a pilot named Carew, who was on board the Hardinge, one of the ships on the canal helping to repel the Ottoman attack.

"Carew's ship came under the heaviest fire, and he was severely wounded in an arm and a leg. He would not, however, leave his post, although suffering terribly.

"Bring me a chair and prop me up," he said to one of the crew. "I will see you through."

"The gallant pilot is now in a hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. Happily he is making good progress, and his recovery is assured."

HOW TO CURE HAY FEVER.

Pick Your Favorite Pollen, Brew Vaccine and Inoculate.

Boston.—Summer trips to high altitudes will be no longer necessary to hay fever sufferers if the experiments announced by Dr. Harris P. Mosher at the Harvard medical school fulfill his expectations.

Dr. Mosher has been experimenting to find a vaccine for hay fever, and at a public lecture before the medical school he explained that if a hay fever patient could decide on the particular flower or weed pollen which caused his affliction he had only to inoculate himself with a vaccine made from extracts of this pollen to become immune to its effects.

The only effect thus far noticed from inoculation with pollen serum, the physician said, was a local rash, which vanished in a short time.

IF YOU WOULD GET THIN, EAT CELERY

Chicago Woman Has Reduced Twenty-five Pounds.

Chicago.—"There is no reason for any healthy woman to weigh more than 130 pounds if she has any moral courage," said Mrs. May Belle McArthur. "Look at me.

"This is my twenty-third day of fasting. I'm cheerful; I'm happy. I weigh twenty-five pounds less than when I started. I haven't any intention of giving up until I'm down to 125 pounds.

"I aspire to 125 pounds because stout women can't think so well as medium weight ones. They can't look so beautiful or feel so well."

In the twenty-three days of her fast Mrs. McArthur ate two stalks of celery a day. One glass of water a day is the only liquid taken.

"Celery is all I've eaten for almost a month," she said. "I don't mind the fasting much."

"What do you eat for breakfast, Mrs. McArthur?" she asked. "Nothing," she replied. "For luncheon?" "Nothing. Sometimes a glass of water."

"For dinner?" "Ah!" breathed Mrs. McArthur. "Two stalks of celery."

"I don't exercise except to walk. I walk several miles every day."

"Do you think all women, if in good health, could reduce as you have done?"

"Absolutely. The trouble with women is cowardice. They like the sensation of eating too much. They would rather taste a chocolate drop than be able to think rapidly or move about gracefully."

"Do you consider dieting infallible?" "Indeed, I do. Look at me. My figure has improved every day since I started, and there is little room left for further improvement. Most women are lazy—downright lazy. They start to exercise, keep it up for two days or a week and then stop. They start to diet, keep it up for two meals or two days and then slip.

"Stout women are handicapped a great deal in life. If they are indifferent about their weight and happy in spite of it, well and good. But those who long and dream of getting thin are more to be scolded than pitied. All they have to do is eat celery and maybe watermelon, drink water and walk. They're bound to reduce."

SHIP SHOWS IDENTITY.

Holland-America Liner Equipped With Huge Electric Sign.

New York.—In accordance with the order from the government of The Netherlands the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, from Rotterdam, had her name painted on each side in huge capital letters before she started for the other side.

Of the same size as the painted lettering will be arranged huge electric light signs spelling the name of the ship. These will be located amidships and can be read at a distance of several miles.

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