

White Plague Serum May Be Brought Here

Munsey Agent Confers With Dr. Spahlinger at Geneva Regarding the Results of Scientist's Experiments

Vaccine Tests Give Hope

Young Swiss Physician Is Confident His Discoveries Will Conquer the Disease

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GENEVA, Sept. 16.—Establishment of laboratories near New York to make large quantities of the famous Spahlinger anti-tuberculosis vaccines may result from the presence in Geneva today of Samuel Felder, European representative of Frank Munsey. Mr. Felder announced today that the millionaire New York publisher had authorized him to make a thorough scientific investigation of the Spahlinger remedy, and that if he was satisfied that the treatment offered a means of wiping out the white plague, as is indicated here, Mr. Munsey would furnish the funds to produce it in the United States for free distribution among the poor.

Mr. Felder said Mr. Munsey was actuated solely by philanthropic motives and felt that his money might be the means of doing work of incalculable importance to humanity.

Convinced Serum Is Cure
The Tribune correspondent talked today with Henri Spahlinger, the young Swiss scientist and bacteriologist, who has been experimenting for many years at an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars from his private fortune. He is now convinced that he has brought to perfection a serum and vaccine against tuberculosis which in time will eliminate the plague from the world.

During the last few months investigations have quietly been carried out here by committees of scientists and physicians from many countries. While the results of the inquiries are not yet available for the public, there is a possibility that the Spahlinger

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treatment will be known throughout the world within the next few years. The sincerity of Dr. Spahlinger's claim is indicated by his extreme aversion to any thought of distributing the remedy in any way which hints at commercialism. If the world benefits from the remedy it will be on a basis of pure philanthropy, he said today.

Before the young scientist would consent to mention of his name in The Tribune he insisted that his name should not be given any human sufferer at present so far as his treatment was concerned.

Treatment Impossible Now

While Dr. Spahlinger himself is convinced that he has found an absolute cure for the majority of tuberculous cases, even those in advanced stages, he said that it would be at least a year before it would be possible to produce sufficient vaccines to begin distribution on any large scale. At present, he added, it would be criminal to raise false hopes which would bring sufferers to Switzerland or prompt a correspondence which it would be impossible to answer satisfactorily. The vaccine not only is not available now, but it is impossible to treat patients at Geneva, Dr. Spahlinger said.

The Tribune correspondent today visited Dr. Spahlinger's laboratory, which ten years ago was the Spahlinger family home, situated in the center of a beautiful park on the outskirts of Geneva. Besides being a laboratory, it is now a veritable "germ farm," where tuberculous germs are grown in glass tubes, requiring a long period of cul-

ture before they are sufficiently virulent to produce their poisons.

Standing in the green meadows adjoining the laboratory are horses, cows and goats, all of which are being used to prepare antitoxins or establish vaccination for cattle. Pens filled with guinea pigs also are numerous.

Experiments Successful

Experiments carried on in the last fourteen years and during the war, in which the bacteriologist studied constantly and applied his treatment to several hundred persons, some of them in the last stages of the disease, convinced him that he had finally tested the remedy to the point where it was advisable to invite outside scientific investigation. The results of this investigation, along with the results obtained in the treatment of human beings, caused Dr. Spahlinger to plan production of his vaccines on a large scale basis.

I have seen the records of many of these investigations and I also have talked with patients. The data of their cases and the full scientific discussion of the treatment will soon be published in a manner which will make them available to the entire world of science. In the meantime, lay explanations of the remedy must be incomplete.

In the preparation of Dr. Spahlinger's anti-toxin, tuberculous germs are put through a special process to stimulate their virulence, and make them exude strong poisons. These toxins are then injected into animals whose healthy bodies fight the poisons

until the animals have reached the stage of anti-toxic immunity. The blood of the animals is drained off in small quantities, furnishing the serum which is used in the treatment of advanced cases.

Serum From Several Horses

Dr. Spahlinger discovered a number of years ago that the tuberculous bacillus produces a great many different toxins, each of which must be used in the preparation of partial sera. A compound of these partial sera makes the complete serum, used in bad cases of tuberculosis. It requires not one horse, but several to prepare the complete serum.

Dr. Spahlinger said today that he had been informed that his treatment had been used in the United States, but, he added, that not a single dose of complete serum had yet crossed the Atlantic because for many years he had been producing only partial sera, often ineffective, in order to establish the eventual therapeutic action of each partial tuberculous anti-toxin.

The most important part of the treatment, he says, is the anti-tuberculous vaccine made with specific extracts of tuberculous bacilli. It applies to all chronic tubercularis and all surgical cases, he declares.

Conversation with the young scientist convinces one that commercialism is remote from his thoughts in his work with the remedy, which may make him in brief time known as among the greatest scientists in the world working for the good of mankind.

French Houses Called in Special Session Oct. 18

Briand Praises Striking Workmen for Consenting to Conciliation

PARIS, Sept. 16 (By The Associated Press).—The Cabinet, at a meeting presided over this morning by President Millerand, decided to call an extraordinary session of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies for October 18.

Premier Briand presented the strike situation in Roubaix and Turcoing to the Cabinet. He praised the strikers for their readiness for conciliation and expressed the hope that the employers would consent to the same method of settling their differences with the employees.

Premier Briand later received a deputation of the workers, following which an official note was issued stating merely that the government, in conformity with the wishes of the Cabinet, was continuing every effort to insure a prompt and friendly solution of the difficulty.

After Briand had received the delegation Leon Jouhaux, president of the Federation of Labor, said the Premier had told the delegates that as the result of today's Cabinet meeting he was summoning a delegation of the employers to meet the workers' delegation in his offices on Monday.

British Expert Sees No Worry In Philippines

Vice-Admiral Kerr Writes Belief Airplanes Easily Could Repel Any Attack by Forces of Japanese

He Argues Against Navy Says Realization Sea Power Is Not Needed Will Stop Building of Dreadnoughts

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LONDON, Sept. 16.—Vice Admiral Mark Kerr has an article in the current number of "The Outlook" entitled "The Defense of the Philippines," in which he attempts to prove that an enemy fleet attacking the islands could be destroyed by aircraft.

The same weekly contains an editorial under the heading: "Sink or Swim at Washington," which says: "American publicists, and until recently American naval opinion, have considered that the Achilles heel of the United States is the Philippines. The Philippines, it was thought, could not be defended against a Japanese battle fleet because American first line ships could not be risked in these landlocked waters miles and miles from home."

"The nearest United States base for the American fleet when the islands are fortified will be Guam, but Japan has obtained Yap, between Guam and the Philippines, and is now objecting that if the Americans fortify Guam a new situation will be created that will necessitate further defensive action on her part."

"Admiral Kerr sweeps all these conditions aside. He argues that America could defend the Philippines without sending a battle fleet to the East. If this be true, Americans do not need any more dreadnoughts and nobody will be more pleased than they when the facts are driven home. Moreover, if America does not need a great fleet to defend the Philippines, neither would a great fleet help them to attack Japan. The problem of the defense of Japanese possessions will be

worked out on the same lines as American defense of the Philippines.

"If the technical experts of America, Japan and ourselves can agree with Admiral Kerr, naval building, even without political agreement on Pacific issues, may be expected to enter a new and less costly phase and the complete economic breakdown of at least two of the three powers concerned need not be considered as the alternative to a political settlement. But we are afraid it is almost too much to hope for in Washington."

Chaplin Granted Injunction In Film Infringement Suit

A temporary injunction restraining the Rollo Sales Corporation, during the pendency of an alleged infringement suit, from releasing, distributing, or exhibiting photoplays named "The Bootlegger," "Dollars and Doughnuts" and "The Movie Nut," or any other photoplays made up in whole or in part from cuts of films discarded by Charles Chaplin, was granted by Judge Charles M. Hough in the Federal District Court yesterday. The action was taken on motion of Nathan Burkan, counsel for the screen star.

Chaplin was required to file a bond of \$20,000 to cover claims for damages in the event of his losing the infringement suit.

Veterans Bar Rose P. Stokes

Ex-service men in Yonkers objected yesterday when they learned that Rose Pastor Stokes was to speak there tomorrow in Philipsburg Hall on conditions in Russia. They said they would ask the Mayor to forbid the meeting.

Mexico Celebrates 100th Anniversary Of Independence

Parades and Other Festivities Mark Centennial Day's Observance; Obregon Rings Historic Bell of Hidalgo

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—The 100th anniversary of the proclamation of Mexico's independence was celebrated here today with parades and other festivities, such as have been incident to the centennial festival in progress since the early part of the month. The celebration was ushered in at midnight by the usual anniversary demonstration in the downtown district, culminating in the ringing by President Obregon of the historic Bell of Hidalgo and reading the independence proclamation.

The daytime festivities were begun with a visit by President Obregon to the cathedral, where he deposited wreaths on the urns containing the ashes of the national heroes. Shortly before noon he reviewed a parade of thirteen battalions of infantry and presented each unit with a flag. The feature of the centennial, how-

ever, will occur on September 27, when 16,000 soldiers, representing all branches of the service, will enter Mexico City over the same route as that followed by the patriots of 1821. The special foreign missions attending the festivities were augmented today by the arrival of Dr. Florencio Aragon Etchart, of Uruguay, and by the appointment of Adolfo Grimwood to represent Denmark, which carries with it recognition of the Mexican government by that nation. The missions have been given a continuous round of entertainment with numerous expressions of good will. Antonio Feitoso, of Brazil, acting as spokesman for the visitors.

America Not Represented

The presentation next week of the American colony of a public playground to the children of Mexico City is the only participation by Americans in the festivities. George T. Summerlin, United States Charge d'Affaires, has attended none of the functions in connection with the celebration, but says he expects to attend the playground presentation in a personal capacity only.

The optimism of several weeks over the possibilities for recognition of the government by the United States now is not so prevalent, and President Obregon's failure to announce recognition today as a birthday surprise for the nation passed unnoticed by the newspapers.

The visit of Thomas W. Lamont, of New York, to arrange with the government for the payment of Mexican bonds now in default, however, is regarded here as a highly important step in the right direction.

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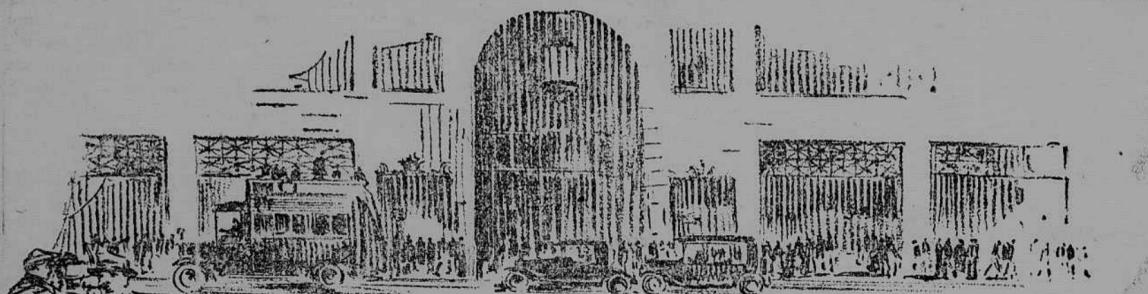
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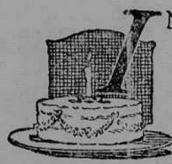
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