

CANCER PENALTY OF CHILDLESSNESS

Dr. Finney Says Mothers of Big Families Rarely Have It.

RADIUM NO CURE, SAYS DR. SPARMANN

May Make Disease Worse, He Says—Brooklyn Surgeon Tells of Sewing Broken Bones.

"Childless women suffer more from cystic diseases that lead to cancer than women who have had children," said Dr. J. M. T. Finney, of Baltimore, at the closing session of the annual convention of the American Surgical Association yesterday at the Hotel Astor.

"The disease is a protest against modern civilization, and is a growing peril. It is most prevalent among childless women and among women who have one or two children, but did not nurse them. Mothers who have reared four or five children and nursed them all rarely have it."

This declaration by Dr. Finney that nature revolts against race suicide and penalizes it divided honors for interest with the address of Dr. Richard Sparmann, of Vienna, who announced that radium as a cure for cancer was practically useless.

Instead of curing cancer, radium often aggravated it, he said. In forty-two cases which he treated six improved, fourteen were aggravated, five showed no effect and seventeen died under treatment.

"We have come to the conclusion," he said, "that cancer has sometimes been hastened by irradiation, and the recurrence of malignant tumors has been hastened by post-operative irradiation. Radium has only a local effect and can never take the place of the knife."

Dr. Sparmann was opposed by Dr. Robert Abbe, of this city, who contended that radium was of great value, but so little was known of it that proper application could not be made. Dr. Abbe's treatment of Congressman Bremner, of New Jersey, with radium attracted wide attention, but the Congressman died.

While Dr. Abbe cited cures he had made Dr. Sparmann listened stolidly. When Dr. Abbe finished he said: "A single instance of cure, if true, proves nothing. Radium is effective only superficially."

Dr. H. Beeckman Delatour, of Brooklyn, who has been experimenting for twenty years, described his method of sewing broken bones together. He treated 101 broken kneecaps in this way, he said, and every operation was successful, leaving the patient without stiffness of the joint. Dr. Delatour's system is not new, having been tried by many surgeons, but none was so successful as he.

Dr. Delatour said that when a bone in the knee is broken ligaments intrude between the splinters and prevent perfect healing. Sewing the bones together, he said, held them in position as no cast could do.

In the morning the election of officers resulted in these officials being chosen: President, Dr. George E. Armstrong, Montreal; vice-presidents, Dr. Lewis S. Fitcher, Brooklyn, and Dr. Frank E. Butts, Cleveland; secretary, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Philadelphia; treasurer, Dr. Charles L. Gibson, New York; recorder, Dr. Archibald MacLaren, St. Paul; council—Dr. W. J. Mayo, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. A. G. Gerster, New York, and Dr. Charles A. Powers, Denver.

Next year's convention will be held in Rochester, Minn.

The fourth congress of the International Surgical Association will convene Monday in the Hotel Astor. Opening addresses will be made by Surgeon General W. C. Gorgas, U. S. A.; Dr. W. J. Mayo, Professor Charles Willem, chairman of the international committee; Professor A. Depage, president of the congress, and Dr. Lewis L. McArthur, chairman of the American committee.

Bess, Black Bear, Bites Boy.

Raymond Riley's visit to the Central Park animal cages yesterday will last him for a good, long time. Last night he was nursing a badly lacerated left hand and bewailing the impulse that moved him to put his arm through the bars of the cage occupied by Bess, a big black bear, when she was in a hungry mood.

Raymond lives at 467 West 153d st. and is eleven years old. He went to the Park with John Dunn, of 568 West 148th st. Dunn took him home after Dr. Whitmarsh, of Flower Hospital, had treated his hand in the Arsenal police station.

BOY ASKED MAYOR FOR MILLION TO WIN MASQUERADE PRIZE

Alois Franc Thought with Help of Mitchel and Secretary McAdoo He Might Collect Pair of Shoes and New Suit—He Lost.

Would a young man wearing a costume made of a million dollars in bills be popular at a masquerade ball? Alois J. Franc, a fifteen-year-old boy, who has written to Mayor Mitchel, asking his help to get the materials for such a costume, thinks it would make a great hit.

Young Franc has in mind the torn money that is sent back to the Treasury Department. He asks the Mayor to use his good offices with Secretary McAdoo to get enough of this damaged paper currency to make a costume. Then, he says, he can go to a ball as the "Million Dollar Kid" and win the first prize, with which he could buy a new suit and a pair of shoes.

The letter as received by the Mayor follows:

I have heard so much of your kindness to the public that I thought I would drop you a line, thinking you could help me out in some way or other.

I am a boy of sixteen (16) years of age and always try to do and learn different things in my young days. I have a little idea I would like to pull through, but I think I need your help before I can even put my own finger on it.

NEW CAMELS EAT PEANUTS Menagerie's Ships of Desert Fearless of Indigestion.

Released from a two weeks' quarantine in Baltimore, after a trip from Europe, two camels arrived at the Central Park menagerie yesterday. At last "Bill" Snyder, the head keeper, had the satisfaction of seeing a pair of camels in the zoo again. For two years negotiations have been going on for their acquisition, or at least for the acquisition of some kind of a camel. The two originally sought are still in Hamburg, kept there because of the hoof and mouth disease quarantine.

Two pairs of camels have died in the menagerie, succumbing to indigestion from eating too many peanuts, though it never could be learned which stomach had caused the trouble. Hardly had the newcomers got in their Central Park quarters when they began to emulate their predecessors by playing slot machines for goobers passed through the bars.

The camels were acquired by a swap, two lions figuring in the deal.

WRIGHT TO BEGIN FLYING, IT IS SAID

Negotiations to Relieve Himself of Business End of Aviation Pending.

Alpheus F. Barnes, secretary of the Wright company, is in Dayton conferring with Orville Wright regarding the taking over by another company of the license-issuing privileges to aviators and manufacturers affected by the Wright patents, according to a story aloft at the Aero Club yesterday.

Orville Wright is said to be eager to devote his time to the development of flying, and he is willing to turn over his commercial interests to a second company, with the understanding that the Wright company receive \$50,000 each year in royalties.

The story is given credence by those close to Mr. Wright, who say that he is essentially an inventor averse to business routine.

Announcement was made at the Aero Club that the Gordon Bennett aviation trophy will be contested for in France on September 18 and 19. American machines will be entered from Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. The men who will fly in the machines have not been picked.

STATE PLAYGROUND READY Sullivan and Nearby Counties Expect Many Visitors.

Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Delaware counties are undergoing their annual metamorphosis. So popular as a summer resort has the "playground of the Empire State" become that its hotels, boarding houses and farmhouses are making vast improvements in accommodations in anticipation of the biggest season in the section's history. The "back to nature" tendency is already taking hold of city dwelling folk, and both hotel and railroad officials prophesy a record making summer.

The new "Summer Homes" booklet of the Ontario & Western Railroad Company has been published. It is a complete guide of the resorts in Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Delaware counties. In the back of the book is a map of the section which the Ontario & Western Railroad travels.

FLACK CONFESSES BANKER'S MURDER

Man Who Summoned Police Now Declares He Shot Marino in Hold-Up.

William Flack confessed yesterday to Assistant District Attorney Breckenridge that he killed Giuseppe Marino last Wednesday at 624 East 11th st.

On Friday Flack ran up to Policeman Sullivan and said a man was dead in the house, and Sullivan discovered Marino's body. Flack was taken into custody and denied knowing anything about the murder, but finally admitted his guilt.

Flack said a girl had told him Marino was wealthy and they lured him into a room, where Flack held him up. In the scuffle that ensued Marino was shot. Flack was positive the girl had nothing to do with the murder, and that she was out of the room when it was committed. She has disappeared, and the police have been unable to find her. Flack lives at 408 East 23d st.

DECLARES CANCER NOT HEREDITARY

Insurance Statistician Says There Is Nothing to Uphold the Idea.

KNIFE, NOT RADIUM, BEST TREATMENT

Disease No Mystery, Except as to Its Origin, and It Is Not Infectious.

That statistics disprove the idea that cancer is hereditary was the point emphasized yesterday by Frederick L. Hoffman, in a lecture at the Hudson Theatre under the auspices of the League for Political Education and the American Society for the Control of Cancer. Mr. Hoffman, who is the statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company, also denied that cancer was infectious, and warned against reliance on radium or any other curative method excepting surgery.

"Because physicians have been unable to discover the cause of cancer," he said, "there is an impression that not a very great deal is known about the disease. On the contrary, excepting this mystery as to its cause, there is no disease of which so much is known. One old-time error, particularly, which has been destroyed in scientific minds but which still persists popularly, is that this disease is hereditary. But there is not one fact to bear out the idea that cancer can be inherited. Where several persons in the same line have been afflicted with the disease it is due to chance or coincidence."

The question of infection, where there are so-called "cancer houses" or "cancer villages" can also be explained on the basis of coincidence. "If cancer were infectious or contagious," he added, "there would be other facts in confirmation. But there is not a single case on record where one of the thousands of physicians who have handled cancerous material has contracted the disease."

Mr. Hoffman said radiotherapy had been in use for twenty years, and in the thousands of cases it had only been fairly successful in superficial cancers. He pointed out that there are 5,000 deaths from cancer a year in this country, 60,000 of whom are women. He said the disease was much more prevalent among the wealthy and overfed than among the poor.

The speaker said not a single case of cancer had been reported among the Yuma Indians or the natives of Labrador.

LARGEST MOVIE THEATRE OPENED

The Strand, Seating 3,500, Shows "The Spoilers" and First Daily News Film.

Broadway's newest theatre was formally opened last night, when the Strand began its career as a moving picture house. It has a seating capacity of 3,500, and is said to be the largest motion picture theatre in the world.

Last night's audience was chiefly an invited one of newspaper men, motion picture players and producers and theatrical managers. At 7 o'clock there was a reception by the management, held on the mezzanine promenade.

The first part of the programme consisted of an alternation of short pictures and musical numbers, together with a number called "A Neapolitan Incident," in which music and pictures were combined.

In the second part a six reel production of Rex Beach's novel, "The Spoilers," was shown, with William Farnum in the role of Roy Glemister and Kathryn Williams as Cherry Malotte. The picture was made at Selig's California studios, under the direction of Mr. Beach, who supervised the construction of a realistic imitation Nome.

The Strand will be operated as a continuous performance house, open from noon until midnight. The daily news pictures, to be known as the Strand Daily Topics, mark the first attempt to offer a news film changing every day.

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CHICKEN Baffles Court

Judge Can't Decide Just How Bird Should Be Carried.

What is the right way to carry a live chicken? John Jackson, of 235 East 191st st., who had to get a chicken home, asked Isidor Kerstein, of 224 East 193d st. Kerstein said the correct way was to hold the feet and let the head hang.

But Agent McGowan, of the Humane Society, happened along and arrested both men, for McGowan insisted that a chicken must be carried with its head up.

In the Harlem court Magistrate Corrigan could not decide. He sought assistance from the bird, but in vain. No matter which way it was held, the chicken didn't seem to mind. So Jackson and Kerstein were discharged.

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TO WAR ON TYPHOID

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C. P. Taft Opposes Foraker.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Cincinnati, April 12.—"The Cincinnati Times-Star," owned by Charles P. Taft, half brother of the former President, is opposing the candidacy of Joseph B. Foraker for United States Senate. It takes the ground that he is a "reactionary."

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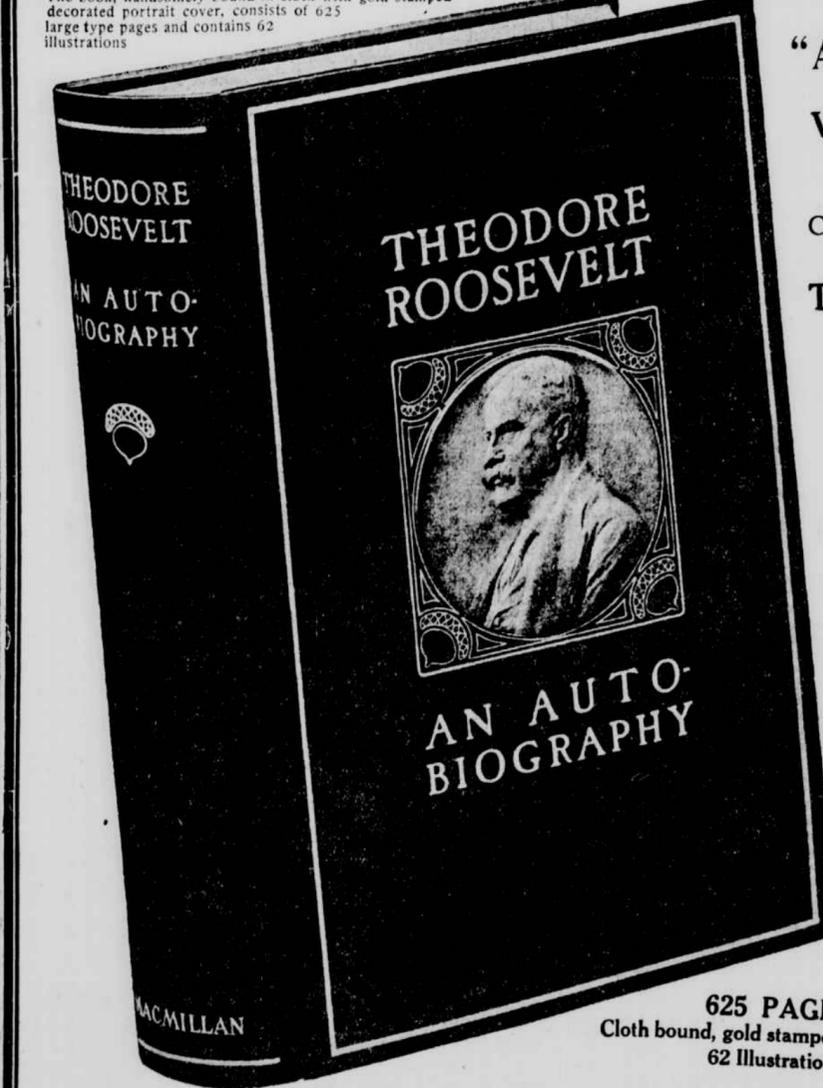
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