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NATIONAL CANCER WEEK HAS BEEN INAUGURATED

In Hope to Stem Mortality From This Dread Disease. Great Harm Done by Quick Cures.

NATIONAL CANCER WEEK

Dr. Francis Carter Wood, Director of the Institute of Cancer Research, Columbia University, and one of the eminent scientists heading the "National Cancer Week" movement, undertaken by the American Society for the Control of Cancer, has in aid of the work, prepared an unusual article on "The Cancer Quack and His Methods." This has been made public by the Society as a part of its campaign of education, by which it hopes to reduce mortality from the dread disease. In his article Dr. Wood has struck straight from the shoulder.

By DR. FRANCIS CARTER WOOD

The dictionary defines quack as "a pretender to medical skill; an ignorant practitioner or empiric; hence one who pretends to any skill or knowledge he does not possess; a charlatan." By the medical profession which he impersonates the quack is considered anathema; by those under his influence he is thought to be a marvel.

The American Society for the Control of Cancer has bitterly attacked the cancer quack. Why is he worse than any other quack, and how may he be recognized? One reason why he is regarded as particularly evil is that cancer together with a few other diseases is considered incurable unless it is treated early and by the best methods. Certainly, salves and fine thoughts have never cured a broken leg. Why should they cure a cancer? No one need criticize a quack who beautifies the complexions of those who are desirous of such adornment, or treats "catarrh" and many of the other minor ailments which are not fatal. It is, therefore, only when he tampers with a person afflicted with cancer or other serious disease that the medical profession rises up in arms.

Now quacks are of many varieties, beginning with the more or less harmless crank and shading to those who, when they treat cancer, really become active and virulent destroyers of human life. Among the thousands of letters which I have in my possession from people of this class are many that are most amusing and which hardly anyone would take seriously. One of the most interesting "cures" is proposed by a well educated electrical engineer. It is made by taking a pint of milk and a pound of birdshot and boiling them together until thoroughly done, then straining off the birdshot and drinking the milk. Incidentally, the engineer omits to tell how one is to know when the mixture is done. This is such a fascinating and harmless idea that no one could blame this particular crank for having a large following. There is Miss Lucy Jones on Concord, New Hampshire, who writes me that cancer can be cured by a clear conscience and attention to the bowels. She is no doubt good New England spinster and would harm no one. We all believe that both of her suggestions, as excellent in their way, but I imagine that Miss Lucy's practice is limited and fortunately so, for either of these remedies affects cancer in the east.

Then there comes a group of what they call West "gold-diggers," that I seekers after coin of the realm. Some of these write me delightful letters. One Frenchman said he had cured that had come down to him on his great-grandfather and who had never failed to produce excellent results. He would not thin for a moment of asking me for money for this wonderful cure, it as he had long desired to visit at great country America, he would accept 20,000 francs for travel expenses and

would call upon me and make me a present of the cure. From Siberia and from Kansas, the latter state being particularly affected by cancer quacks, come passionate appeals for advances of sums from \$100 to \$1,000,000 in exchange for the formula or some herb stew which has come down through seven generations. Unfortunately no known medicine, whether made in stowpan by a person who can neither read nor write or evolved in the most elaborate chemical glassware by a laboratory expert, will cure cancer.

Some approach the question with an delicacy at all. "Put down \$1,000,000 and I will make a demonstration," says a gentleman from Ohio. Most of these people are ignorant and do but little damage because the number of patients they treat is very small and if they fall the news of the unhappy results is quickly circulated by the gossiping neighbors of the community, and the popularity of the cancer cure is but short-lived.

Another and more dangerous type is the unscrupulous person who uses caustics or salves and advertises heavily in the less reputable journals that cancer can be cured without the knife. So it can be at times, but many unfortunate are attracted by the flashy advertisements which these people put forth, and find that not only is their cancer not cured but their savings bank accounts are seriously decreased. If not dead before the patient, caustics have been Pharaoh reigned on the river Nile, tried on the human being since for the type of cancer to which X-rays and X-rays which are far better but they are now replaced by radicaustics were applied in the past. Of course, all the deep, internal cancers are beyond the reach of caustics.

From the scheming quack who is often shrewd in his knowledge of human nature and effective in his business methods, but without professional education, we step across the border to another still more dangerous group which is composed of those bearing the high honors of the medical profession, and who yet treat cancer by methods which everyone should know are of no avail. The serious part of this is, as has been said, that improperly treated cancer is always fatal. No one minds very much if a banker prefers to have his rheumatic joints massaged by a chiropractor or an osteopath or treated wholly by prayer, because the banker does not die of his rheumatism and in fact he may get well without treatment. But if that self-same banker or it may be a bricklayer—no matter how robust or healthy—has a cancer anywhere in the body, unless that cancer is properly removed by proper methods he will die with almost the same degree of certainty that the sun will rise tomorrow morning. True, it has been variously estimated that perhaps one case of cancer in 100,000 may disappear without treatment, but it is certain the number is no larger than this and is probably much less. So these quacks of our profession deny that surgery has ever produced a cure when the statistics of the most eminent practitioners are available in any textbook showing that depending upon the nature and situation of the tumor from 20 up to 90 per cent of the patients with early cancer, after being operated upon, have remained well for many years.

Each one of these quacks as a rule, has a cancer theory of his own, which theory lends support to his particular method of treatment. They say, for instance, that the Eskimos have no cancer, hence, cancer must be derived from eating uncooked vegetables. When confronted with the fact

Paving Way For Church Union

TORONTO, Oct. 24.—Four decisive steps that pave the way for union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches of Canada were taken at yesterday's sessions of the joint union committee of the three bodies.

Convened in the Metropolitan Methodist church, the official representatives of the three negotiating denominations authorized the drawing up of the legislative bills necessary to the formation of a united church, provided for the widest possible measure of departmental co-operation pending the consummation of organic union, encouraged local union between weak self-sustaining congregations of the three bodies and took steps which will tighten the bonds between the united churches in western Canada and the parent bodies.

Preparations of the legislation necessary to give effect to the union of the three denominations was placed in the hands of a joint committee of fifteen, composed of six Methodists, six Presbyterians and three Congregationalists. The body was authorized to secure the necessary legal assistance, to report to the union committee and through it to the supreme courts of the three churches.

Valera's Note To the Pope

According to a despatch from London to the Montreal Star, Eamon de Valera has despatched the following message to Pope Benedict in Rome: "The people of Ireland read the message sent by Your Holiness to the King of Great Britain and appreciate your kindly interest in their welfare and the paternal regard which suggested it. I tender to you Your Holiness their gratitude. They are confident that the ambiguities in the reply sent in the name of King George will not mislead you, as it may the uninformed, into believing that the troubles are in Ireland or that the people of Ireland owe allegiance to the British King.

"The independence of Ireland has been proclaimed by regularly elected representatives of the people of Ireland and ratified by subsequent plebiscites. The trouble is between Ireland and Great Britain and its source is due to the fact

that the Eskimo does have cancer, but that fresh vegetables are somewhat scanty in the snow covered Arctic, instantly it is evident to the quack that cancer is due to excessive meat eating. So, according to his notion, you either cut meat from your diet or shun all fresh vegetables.

The great popular interest in the mystery surrounding radium and X-ray has permitted a group of quacks to play upon the unsuspecting by giving treatments with insufficient quantities of radium and badly administered X-ray. If too small doses of either of these remedies is used the tumor is stimulated to grow faster rather than helped. The mechanical manipulative therapists also do great harm by attempting to rub tumors away. Instead, they rub the tumor all over the patient, prevent any possibility of a successful operation and ultimately hasten the patient's death.

Facts such as these are just what American the Society for the Control of Cancer is trying to spread in its "National Cancer Week" which will be held all over the country from October 30th to November 5th inclusive. A vast number of people will be urged by the Society's speaker to have frequent medical examinations after they reach the cancer age, which is about 45, and always to employ a reputable physician, to shun the quack, and not to put off from day to day and from week to week treatment which in many instances will result in a permanent cure. There is no disease in which delay is more fatal than in cancer.

IMPOSSIBLE TO LIFT THIS SESSION EMBARGO AGAINST CANADA'S CATTLE

British Minister of Agriculture Says Legislative Effect Cannot Now be Given by Parliament to Resolution Passed by Finlay Commission.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The British Cabinet will temporize with the question of removing the embargo on Canadian store cattle, to judge by an answer given at the question hour in the House of Commons today by Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, Minister of Agriculture. The Minister said that the Government must consider the evidence taken by the Finlay Commission before the House could be allowed to discuss the commissioner's report and its resolution that the embargo be removed. It would be impossible, the Minister added to give legislative effect to the resolution at the present session.

This reply will be strongly commented upon tomorrow by the Daily Express, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, which first made the embargo a political issue and with it defeated the present Minister of Agriculture at a bye-election. The express will ask

that the rulers of Great Britain have sought to impose their will and by brutal force have endeavored to rob her peoples of their liberty which is their natural right and ancient heritage.

"We long to be at peace and friendship with the people of Great Britain, as with other people, but the same constancy through persecution and martyrdom that has proved the reality of our peoples' attachment to the faith of their fathers proves the reality of their attachment to their national freedom and no consideration will ever induce them to abandon it."

WOULD SEND ABROAD RUSSIAN CHILDREN

RIGA, Oct. 24.—Planes are being made by the Russian Soviet Government for sending abroad numbers of children famine sufferers. Those from the German Volga commune will go to Germany, while those who have arrived at Moscow and Petrograd from the various famine regions, will be sent to England. They will remain abroad until they become 17 years of age.

Twenty-eight billion roubles has been appropriated for the evacuation to various Russian provinces

Cambridge Refuses Women Membership

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Cambridge University today again voted against granting women membership in the University by a majority of 214. On December 8th last the University refused women membership by a vote of 908 to 1712. It was voted, however, to give women titular degrees by diplomas. This recommendation was adopted by a majority of 642.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRELAND AT BREAKING POINT.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The negotiations between British officials and Sinn Fein leaders today barely escaped being definitely broken off and for a time it seemed possible that the Sinn Fein delegates would return to Dublin tonight, it was learned after today's adjournment was taken. The Sinn Fein delegates were apprehensive this afternoon that the scheduled meeting for next Monday night be the last.

No progress at all was made at today's meeting, it was said, a combination of events bringing about what practically amounted to an impasse. The Government delegates, according to Sinn Fein sources, took violent exception to Eamon de Valera's message to the Pope, and this, with other subjects, including that of Ulster, which were down for discussion, left the negotiations hanging by a mere string.

The Sinn Fein delegates were very much depressed this afternoon, for there was little doubt that the delegation was anxious to reach some sort of an agreement. One of them said gloomily: "The ship is barely afloat."

There are no plans for any meetings between members of the two delegations over the week-end. Consequently the situation must hang fire, it was understood, until Monday's session, which will be faced with the decision of whether it is to be "peace or war."

Children from the Volga region, numbering 100,000, Bulgaria has agreed to receive 20,000 of them.

RT. HON. R. BENNETT PAYS P. E. I. TRIBUTE

At a Great Reunion of Maritime Province People in Calgary, P. E. I. Occupies the Star Position.

(By Jeffrey Dingman)

CALGARY, Oct. 27.—"I boldly make the statement and as boldly challenge anyone to deny it: that there are no people in the Dominion, or, aye, on the Continent who equal in any way the people of the Maritime Provinces, either mentally, morally or physically and I challenge anyone to deny that among the Provinces by the Seas, good of Prince Edward Island is the foremost and leading, first, last and all the time!"

Above are the words of Justice Hyndman of Calgary, a native born P. E. Islander, spoken at a gigantic and elaborately arranged reunion of all natives of the Maritime Provinces, held in the huge ballroom of the C. P. R. hotel here.

No sooner were the words out of Justice Hyndman's mouth than a resounding roar from the Buneses and Brunswickers shook the very pillars of the ball room. A good old fashioned fight was averred by the rare touch of humor injected into the tense atmosphere of the psychological moment by Mr. Hyndman.

Approximately 1250 invited guests were present at the affair when the native sons and daughters of the sea girt provinces gathered to do honor to the land of their birth, and to refresh and strengthen the ties of national kinship that are so strong and enduring as the welding power of blood.

In all probability no census of any other section of the city or the Province were present at the reunion. In the course of events the writer was able to ascertain that among those present that were representatives of the three provinces, (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) practically one-half of the sum total were Islanders.

The Right Honorable R. B. Bennett, who recently accepted the portfolio of Minister of Justice in the rejuvenated Meighen Government, paid a glowing tribute to the sons of the Island.

"If we look at the big men in the limelight of the public life of the Dominion today, we will invariably find a generous sprinkling of native Sons of the Island," Mr. Bennett said. "Before me tonight I can see many prominent men, prominent in municipal affairs, prominent also in the Provincial and even Federal politics who are wearing the Prince Edward Island tags on their coat lapels. Although I am a New Brunswicker, it was rather a

matter of fate than deliberate choice but frankly, no one, no matter how fluent, can convince me that that Island, in spite of its deficiency in size, does not rank with the foremost provinces in this great Dominion of ours."

"I firmly believe," Mr. Bennett continued, "that the greatest asset that a young man or a young woman can have in life is poverty. Not the grinding, soul-agonizing poverty of absolute destitution, but that poverty that inspires the noble and praiseworthy desire to work and achieve great things in the eyes of the world and a keen appreciation of the liabilities, the responsibilities and the obligations of the future."

"The lesson that we can take from this gathering tonight, is that we must stand true to the faith of our forefathers, those great pioneers of the Maritime Provinces, who through the long years of terrible toil, trial and tribulations, a noble and anxious that would fill the ordinary man, had that great and noble and clear sighted vision of the future that paves the way to our civilization of today!"

The Rt. Hon. Duncan Marshall, former Federal Member for Olds, Alta., and former Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Cabinet is a native of New Brunswick but shares his affection for the Maritime Provinces with Prince Edward Island, as he married a girl from the most picturesque and beautiful of the Provinces of Canada, where "Terra Nova" is a beautiful fields and fair waids are "Institutions." Most of the speakers were rather sentimental in their sweet memories and poignant recollections of the "Days of real Sport" "Down Home" which is more or less natural, considering that practically all are long time exiles from the provinces of their heritage and birth.

It is expected that all Maritimers will hold an annual reunion in Calgary and that a club of Prince Edward Islanders will be formed.

The following were elected as officers of the organization for 1922: Honorary President, Rev. Father Cameron, (P. E. I.); Honorary Vice President, J. T. "Jack" MacDonald, (P. E. I.); President, Justice, T. M. Tweedie, Vice Presidents, T. M. McKay, J. S. Mavor, (P. E. I.); E. F. Ryan, (P. E. I.); Secretary Treasurer, John A. Irvine, Committee, L. U. Fowler, (P. E. I.); H. D. Ferguson, (P. E. I.); J. L. Spear, (P. E. I.); Dr. G. P. Payzant, (P. E. I.).

Are Still After U. S. In Europe Asking \$8 Square For Rental Space

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Rents in the financial district show little decline, although new buildings are going up. Before the war, office space went begging in Wall street for \$1.75 a square foot. Later the Equitable building signed up several representative banking firms for something like \$2 a square foot.

During the war rents mounted rapidly, and even after hostilities ceased, the advance continued. Last May a Broad street building renewed leases at \$7.50 a square foot. Now the owners of a large building nearing completion are asking \$8 a square foot for space.

During the past week the embassy and the consulate have received a number of letters containing resolutions on behalf of the condemned men adopted by various labor organizations in London and its suburbs. They were addressed to the United States government and have been forwarded to Washington.

None of these letters carried any threats against Ambassador Harvey, Consul-General Skinner or other officials.

The proposed demonstration for Sunday, it is understood, is being planned with the aid of the Communist organ, The Workers' Dreadnought, and which Sylvia Pankhurst is identified.

Scotland Yard is preparing to deal with any scenes the proposed demonstration may develop.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Demonstrations for next Sunday at the United States consulate throughout the French provinces continue to be planned by communists as a form of protest against the conviction of the Italians, Sacco and Vanzetti, in Massachusetts, last summer.

It was openly announced today that the Nantes communists will hold a manifestation before the United States consulate there.

Similar displays were announced for Lille, Bordeaux, Marseilles, St. Zaire, Lyons and at other places wherever the American government is represented. The demonstration, which, according to police information, was set for 4 o'clock this afternoon in front of the American embassy here, did not develop. There was little apparent show of force by the police around the embassy but nearly every civilian strolling around Place D'Iena in front of the embassy and in stores of that neighborhood as well as many visitors in the embassy itself, proved to be plainclothes detectives.

Fear London Trouble.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—A demonstration is being organized to take place Sunday outside the United States embassy in London in protest against the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti in the United States, it developed today.



Loud Cheers from across the border