

WILL COMBAT PELLAGRA

Organization Formed to Study Its Mysterious Nature and Check Its Spreading Sweep.

Columbia, Special.—The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Pellagra was formally organized Thursday at the conclusion of a two days' conference on pellagra attended by more than three hundred physicians, the first meeting of national scope held in this country for the study of this disease. Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the South Carolina State hospital for the insane, Columbia, was elected president of the association; Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the United States hospital for the insane, Washington, D. C., vice president, and Dr. George A. Zeller, superintendent of the State hospital for the insane, Peoria, Ill., secretary-treasurer. Later a vice president for each State interested in the movement will be named.

An official pellagra congress, to be held under the auspices of the association, is scheduled for June, 1910, in Peoria, Ill., which city was chosen without a contest.

The association, following the presentation of forty-odd addresses and papers by men prominent in the medical profession, covering a wide range of investigation of pellagra in the United States and foreign countries, unanimously adopted the following resolution, presented by Dr. J. Howell Way of the North Carolina Board of Health:

Dr. Way's Resolution.

"Resolved, That this conference recognize the widespread existence of pellagra in the United States and in the national government, and the necessity of bringing its powerful resources to bear upon the vital questions of its cause, prevention and control.

PEARY ENDORSED BY SCIENTISTS RECEIVES MEDAL.

Washington, Special.—For having reached the North Pole, Commander Robert E. Peary was voted a gold medal by the National Geographic Society.

The board of managers of the Society accepted unanimously the report of its substitute committee of scientists, who had examined the explorer's records and proofs, and found them to be conclusive of his claim that he had reached the Pole.

Report of the Committee.

"The substitute committee, to which was referred the task of examining the records of Commander Peary in evidence of his having reached the North Pole, beg to report they have completed their task. Commander Peary has submitted to this substitute committee his original journal and records of observations, together with all of his instruments and apparatus and certain of the most important of the scientific results of his expedition. These have been carefully examined by your substitute committee and they are unanimously of the opinion that Commander Peary reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

"They also feel warranted in stating that the organization, planning and management of the expedition, its complete success and its scientific results reflect the greatest credit on the ability of Commander Robert E. Peary and render him worthy of the highest honors that the National Geographic Society can bestow upon him. (Signed)

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"Resolved, That the work of this conference be brought to the attention of the various State and Territorial boards of health and they severally be urged to specially investigate the disease, particularly as regards its prevalence, and that they also see that the proper inspection of corn products sold in the various States be had."

In another resolution adopted, Dr. Babcock was recognized "as the father of the movement for the study and control of pellagra in America."

Disease Attacks All.

One of the most interesting addresses of the conference was delivered by Dr. Sara A. Castle of Meridian, Miss., who made the somewhat startling statement that of the many cases of pellagra which she had treated since it was first recognized in Meridian, six of the patients were socially prominent in the city, and five of these died. It is not necessarily a disease confined to the poor, according to a prevailing popular impression, declared Dr. Castle. All of her patients were eaters of cornbread and grits. She stated also that several of her hookworm patients subsequently developed pellagra and died.

Dr. J. M. Buchanan of the State hospital, Meridian, Miss., addressed the conference on the treatment of cases in that institution. A number of other addresses were delivered at the closing sessions.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

The Clark School for the Deaf at Northampton, Mass., is the largest single beneficiary under the terms of the will of the late Gertrude M. Hubbard, who was killed in an automobile accident here October 15. In leaving \$50,000 to that institution she directs that it be used for the erection of a memorial building to her husband, the late Gardiner Greene Hubbard, the founder of the Nation Geographic Society, in whose honor the present home of the institution was built.

The corwning event of the visit to Washington of the Commercial Commissioners from Japan, headed by Baron Shibusawa, came at the end of the three days' festivities here, when Mr. Matsui, counselor and charge d'affaires of the Japanese Embassy, gave an elaborate dinner in their honor at the Willard Hotel Wednesday night. The dinner was given on the birthday of the Japanese Emperor.

The question of granting naturalization to Turkish subjects is for the determination of competent courts. This is the attitude of the State Department as defined in a statement issued Wednesday and is taken to indicate that the department is not prepared to accept without question the conclusion of the Bureau of Naturalization that Turkish subjects are not entitled to naturalization.

On the ground that they have sent circular matter through the United States mails exploiting the Hamburg State lottery, fraud orders have been issued by the Postoffice Department against Franz Steinbeck and C. Schweedt, both of Hamburg, Germany. Loewenherz & Co., of Hamburg, and Louis Gyraud, of Paris, have also been placed under the ban.

Rich mineral deposits, principally coal, have been discovered by Government agents on large tracts of public land in New Mexico, and the Interior Department has withdrawn from public entry class in that State approximately 162,440 acres pending classification.

A postal deficiency of \$17,479,770, an increase of \$569,491 over last year was announced in the annual report of Merrit O. Chance, auditor of the Postoffice Department, made public Wednesday. The audited revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30 last amounted to \$203,562,383, an increase of 6.31 per cent. over the preceding year. The audited expenditures increased 6.07 per cent., including losses by fire, burglary, etc.

A whirlwind tour of the city, a pilgrimage to Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, and a visit to the Congressional Library and the Capitol filled the first day at Washington of the honorary commercial commissioners of Japan. The commissioners and their party were especially pleased with the Congressional Library and the Capitol, which were especially illuminated in their honor Monday night. The flag on the Capitol flew at half-mast out of respect to the memory of the late Prince Ito.

People who have recently delighted in the fact that the hook worm disease was prevalent in the South, got a good hard jolt here Wednesday when it was reported that at least one hundred cases exist under the very shadow of the Capitol dome.

The commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet reports by cablegram the following deaths in the fleet en route from Honolulu to Manila, where it arrived Sunday: Roy E. Vermilyea, Henry J. Smith, Otto Doerr.

"In the Western part of the United States the present demand for the refrigerating cars exceeds any possible supply," says Vice President C. H. Schlaacks, of the Denver and Rio Grande, in a dispatch to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has been calling the attention of some of the Western roads to complaints of inadequacy of transportation facilities for perishable fruit.

Imports into the United States from the Philippines during September, 1909, the first full month under the new tariff, amounted to only \$821,036, against \$1,631,976 in September of last year. All the imports last month entered free of duty except \$426 worth. No sugar produced in the Philippines was imported into the United States during the month though in September, 1908, the quantity was 35,168,000 pounds. The August import statement showed 9,856,000 pounds of sugar coming in from the Philippine Islands free of duty under the new tariff, as against 24,640,000 pounds dutiable in August of the preceding year.

To devise some means of defense against aerial invasion, the bureau of ordinance of the War Department, it was learned, is about to begin a series of experiments of shooting at air craft with cannon.

Ormsby McHarg, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, retired October 30th from that office to begin the practice of law in New York and Washington.

SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

Thirty students of the Georgia Military academy are still sick from the eating of boneless ham that contained ptomaine poison.

Two of Wilbur Wright's students at College Park made a fly of 613-1 minutes duration Wednesday, exceeding all amateur records and coming nearly up to their tutor.

Tom L. Johnson for 12 years mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, was defeated in the election Tuesday.

It is said that the cranberry crop of Massachusetts is 32 per cent and that of New Jersey is 80 per cent greater this year than last year, making something of an impetus to the turkey Thanksgiving dinner.

The "loving cup" presented by Mrs. Lindsey Patterson of Winston, N. C., for the best literary work for the past year was won by Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer. It was presented on Thursday by Ambassador Brice who attended the farmers' congress at Raleigh. The book on which Editor Poe won the prize is entitled "A Southerner in Europe."

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad is now restored to the management of its regular officials, all of whom are retained and the policies are to be continued by which the receivership made it a crowning success.

A serious situation exists at Gassaway, W. Va., growing out of an assault by a negro man on a white woman. The supposed guilty party was shot down while running to escape. Two others said to be accomplices are in jail and mobocracy reigns. Two military companies are present but in answer to Gov. Glasscock's direct question the captain said his men had voted to do all they could to save the prisoners except to shoot their fellow citizens.

William Holloway, of Sioux City, Iowa, had lost his sight. His son Tom had been away for some time and on visiting his father recently, the latter buried his face on Tom's shoulder and wept. When he wiped away his tears he could see his son.

The Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterways association mean to send 500 lobbyists to the national capitol at the next session of congress to urge action on the subject.

Trespassing on railroad property in violation of law, says the Philadelphia Dispatch, is responsible for 47,416 deaths in the United States within the last 10 years, and along with these were more than \$50,000 persons injured.

Rougie, the French aeroplanist, made a flight Tuesday at Antwerp, in which he attained a height of 880 feet.

The great national Farmers' Congress met in Raleigh, N. C., Thursday. Ambassador Brice from the court of St. James was the principal speaker and greatly pleased his audience.

Gov. Ansel, of South Carolina, ordered the dispensaries closed Friday and Saturday as a means of preserving the best of behavior while President Taft was the city's guest.

The National Association for the study and prevention of pellagra was formed at Columbia, S. C., on Thursday night at the close of a two days conference for the study of the disease.

Cito Mueller who murdered Annie Luther in New York State now confesses to have murdered seven wives. His motive seems always to have been to obtain a few hundred dollars from them.

Practicing physicians, heads of medical colleges and prominent educators will convene at New Haven, Conn., on the 11th and 12th to consider means to lessen the mortality of infants.

A monument to the Confederate veterans of Granville, N. C., county was unveiled at Oxford last Saturday.

Kentucky farmers not in the compact are again uneasy and are arming against the outrageous barnburning night riders.

Nine lives were lost in a burning bank building at Johnsburg, Va., on last Saturday.

Forty-five fine horses and mares were burned in a lively stable fire at Pelham, Ga., on Monday.

Two men were killed and one was seriously scalded in a freight wreck at Hannastown, Pa., Saturday.

Milton Mullen, an old man living near Rolfe, Logan county, W. Va., believing that he was going to die revealed to his grand son the hiding place in the ground of \$7,000 which he had accumulated. It was first thought that his mind was wandering.

The New York to Atlanta autoists reached Charlotte, N. C., Saturday evening and left there Monday morning.

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