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THE FEW PERSONS who remained indoors yesterday were either disabled or indeed lonely!

THE CROWDS that greeted Gipsy Smith indicated that the city was ripe for the kind of gospel he preaches!

GOVERNOR McCRAY'S statements relative to salary increase bills show a disposition to remember campaign pledges in the face of much importuning.

## It Is Different Now

Already there are beginning to emanate from administrative sources in Washington explanations of a necessity for postponing the fulfillment of Mr. Harding's pre-election promises. The first relates to the readoption of the Knox resolution for a separate peace with Germany. The exigencies of the campaign, in the minds of the Republican leaders, seemed to justify the definite promise of the immediate passage of the resolution, to that element of voters who, through nationality and interest, were strongly pro-German. It was understood that that promise was a part of the consideration for the Vierick-Bernstorff support given the Harding ticket. That it proved effective no one doubts.

The resolution was vigorously denounced by its patriotic opponents as an act of treachery to our allies, one that would bring upon us the deserved contempt of the nations with whom we stood solemnly pledged to attempt a world-wide peace.

Now that the administration is functioning, what of this resolution? The word comes from Washington that its passage at this time might "embarrass" the allies in their efforts to enforce the terms of the Versailles treaty.

Why now any more or even as much embarrassment to them as when the first meeting of the League of Nations was being held and its organization being perfected at Geneva?

The Republican Congress did not hesitate then to deliver a slap in the face of our friends by passing the resolution.

The difference lies in the fact that was before the presidential election. Now the friends of the resolution are facing a situation in which they realize political expediency cannot be the controlling element. It is a question for serious statesmanship and Senator Lodge and other Republican leaders, know that the passage of the resolution will place a stigma upon the Harding administration that never can be removed.

## Businesslike

Mayor Charles W. Jewett's promise that the \$175,000 garbage plant be purchased from James P. Goodrich et al. would "pay for itself in a few years" has gone the way of the coliseum, terminal market, improved car system and other things promised at the beginning of his administration.

Reluctantly, his sanitary board has permitted the fact to become known that the garbage plant is being operated at a loss of more than \$33,000 a year and that the administration is unable to collect more than about four-tenths as much garbage as was collected under a contract, in spite of the fact that the population of the city has increased at least a sixth since the contract was effective.

Previously, before the Goodrich crowd conceived the idea of unloading a junk pile on the Jewett administration, garbage was collected and disposed of in Indianapolis for approximately \$50,000 a year of the taxpayers' money.

Under the "business-like" administration of Mayor Jewett, \$75,000 a year is being spent collecting less garbage, \$33,000 a year is being lost in disposing of this garbage, and the city is paying interest on \$175,000 of bonds issued to buy a plant one of whose owners swore could not have anything to do with causing the disease.

DOCTOR AMONG MAKURA VOYAGERS.

It was interesting then to find aboard the K. M. S. Makura the man who probably has examined more lepers than any other physician in the world. Dr. Victor G. Hesler of New York City, for twelve years he was the medical health officer of the Philippines Islands, and was associated with Dr. William C. Gorgas, the man who was regarded as one of the greatest authorities on contagious diseases, and who was for years chief of the United States Federal Health Service. Dr. Hesler since 1914 has been connected with the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation and has traveled the world studying diseases of all kinds and in all stages.

I found him most affable and willing to tell me a great deal about the disease which interests him most—leprosy. He has personally examined and inspected 30,000 cases and can speak with authority.

"Leprosy," Dr. Hesler told me, "is not necessarily contagious, but it is communicable. In other words, a person might live with lepers and not contract the disease and again he might not. It seems to be pretty well agreed, however, that it requires long and intimate association with a leper to catch the disease. Science never has been able to trace the cause. Many experiments have been made in an

## American Doctor Hope of Lepers All Over World

(W. D. Boyce, owner of The Times, on way to New Zealand with his wife and son, is shown with Dr. V. G. Hesler, who is devoting his skill to perfecting a cure for dread disease.)

By W. D. BOYCE.

SEVERAL years ago when I was on a trip through India I stopped over in Rangoon, in Burma, and became very much interested in studying the condition there as regarded leprosy. Among other things I wanted photographs of the leper colony and asked Merl LaVoy, who was with me on that trip, too, in his capacity as photographer, to get me some snapshots. Of course I expected him to poke his camera through holes in the fence and take the pictures at long range and was surprised when he came back with close-ups of the lepers.



Among the pictures was that of a man said, was the worst case he had. It is presented herewith because this is a story about the latest developments in the treatment of leprosy. Peculiarly enough, it has always been the one disease for which scientists could discover neither a cause nor a cure. From the first ray of hope ever extended to the lepers of Burma, by the way, is the country in which there are more lepers than anywhere else in the world.

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On the island of Mokog, one of the Fiji group, the British government maintains a model colony for lepers. The island was bought for that purpose alone and cost \$50,000. About 300 lepers are under treatment there now in modern buildings and are nursed by the Sisters of Mary, a Catholic organization. Two white lepers are in charge of the colony. The island's gardens furnish food enough to virtually support the colony. They are cultivated by hired labor and lepers who are able to work and wish to do so are paid wages, too. Fiji is probably as well governed from a medical standpoint as any group of islands in the world. To guard against both leprosy and leprosy hospital stations are located in all of the islands, as even the most remote points of medical and is always within reach of the natives.

effort to find a cure without avail. From India, however, came a clue which put us on what appears to be the right track. In India leprosy is very common. There are probably 200,000 known lepers there. And it was in India that was discovered the gynocardate tree, from which comes chaulmugra oil, which seemed to do the work. Burmese lepers apparently knew the value of the oil, for they seemed to find it in the leaves and bark of the tree. Sir Leonard Rogers, a physician there, was about the first to experiment with chaulmugra. Like others who experimented with the oil, he found that the principal trouble was to get it down the patient's throat and keep it down. It has a most nauseating effect on a patient who is tried. It was given internally, injected, given with a hypodermic needle, and by other methods, but the cure seemed almost as bad as the

leprosy.

Dr. Hesler has charge of the work for the International Health Board in the Eastern Hemisphere. Just now he is going to New Zealand to find out what makes its residents so healthy. At the same time he is planning a trip which will keep him busy during the rest of the year in an effort to locate the places where the tree which furnishes chaulmugra oil grows. So far the supply of these trees is limited for they are not known to grow any place but in Burma along the Siamese border. The number of lepers in the world is estimated at 2,000,000 up and down which are now available are not sufficient to furnish the needed amount of oil.

"Are you afraid of catching leprosy?" I asked Dr. Hesler.

"There is always that danger," he replied, "but it would not alarm me very much if we were to find a leprosy spot on my body. I am sure that with chaulmugra oil a cure is certain if the disease is caught in time."

"What is the most interesting thing you have found in your study of leprosy?"

"The one with which the leper greatest. There was a time when their faces bore only a look of despair. Today their eyes are shining with hope and the gratitude they display when they see me is the greatest reward I ever want to receive."

ANOTHER FORWARD

SA. T. T. HENRY BY U. S.

The United States Federal Government recently took a forward step in the treatment of leprosy when it acquired the State leper colony of Louisiana at Iberia parish. In the future all cases of leprosy will be promptly transferred to the new hospital.

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"Passion" will undoubtedly be the dramatic film triumph of the year and I am not forgetting Griffith's "Way Down East," which comes under the head of film melodrama. I earnestly confess that I doubt if "Passion" for the intensity of its story, for the broad treatment of its moral themes and over-all holding and crushing scenes, will not be as good as "The Devil" in two respects. The supporting cast includes Nigel Barrie, Arthur Hoyt, Daisy Robinson and others. This new movie employing the services of Miss Frederick is on view at the Colonial all week.

Pauline Frederick, in "A Slave of Vanity," Miss Pauline Frederick has a chance to create for the movie screen the part of Iris Bellamy, the chief character in Sir Arthur Wing Pinero's drama, "Iris." Miss Frederick in the first part of the story has one of those dressed society roles of a woman who has been left a fortune by her late husband's will. The husband, being more modern than most husbands, pro-

vides in his will that his wife should

re-marry only when she desires to for

her right in his estate. The struggle of the woman is an intensive and a dramatic one and the big scenes of "Iris" have made the play a strong offering. The supporting cast includes Nigel Barrie, Arthur Hoyt, Daisy Robinson and others. This new movie employing the services of Miss Frederick is on view at the Colonial all week.

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