

CHOLERA RAGES IN THE UKRAINE CAUSING ALARM

District Physician McElroy for American Relief Tells of Cases.

REFUGEES TAX FACILITIES

More Than Half Million in Throes of Disease Roam Countryside.

By United Press

LONDON, July 18.—Europe's greatest cholera epidemic is now raging in its last stronghold, the Ukraine, according to Dr. J. L. McElroy, who has been for the last year district physician for the American Relief Administration in the Ukraine.

Both the cholera epidemic and the less terrible spotted-typhus epidemic have at present, however, become more alarming in Odessa and the Ukraine than they have ever been in Russia, without excepting even the Saratov region, he told the United Press.

The continual impounding of refugees from the Volga into Odessa has taxed the facilities of the Relief Administration to the fullest, according to McElroy.

There are today 2,000 cases of cholera in Odessa and fully 500,000 cases in the Ukraine, Dr. McElroy stated. The number of typhus cases are approximately twice that number. The present death rate of the cholera victims is 60 per cent, with typhus only about 10 per cent.

"The Russian epidemic centers have become very much quieter in the last six months, thanks to the government's measures and its cooperation with the American Relief Organization. We hope to reduce the proportions of the epidemic to a much less alarming degree before the winter."

"Our greatest trouble in checking the diseases," he continued, "has been in not being able to check the indiscriminate entry of refugees, starving and infected, from other areas. Once in the Ukraine it is almost impossible for them to continue into other countries, unless they run the risk of being shot by the border sentries, and they can only roam the streets of Odessa, a menace to the already stricken people."

Try to Bribe Guards

Those fortunate enough to obtain passports are required to undergo vaccination against cholera, but the vaccination is easier to secure than the passport. Attempts at bribery of the guards is often attempted, but the governmental system of unexpectedly changing the guard makes this method a bad gamble for the fugitive.

The Ukrainian government is at present operating four hospitals in Odessa, but practically all their supplies and medicines are given them by the Relief Administration, through the donations of the American Red Cross.

CONVERSION OF ORDINARY WOOD BY NEW MEANS

German Invention Expected to Have Marked Effect on World Trade.

By CARL D. GROAT, United Press Staff Correspondent.

BERLIN, July 18.—Conversion of pine, poplar and other ordinary woods into hard wood, comparable in all respects to ebony, mahogany and the like, is possible under a new German invention.

Rights to this invention have been obtained by Albert Theodore Otto, New York's business man, who represents in America the great Krupp concern.

Otto believes that the invention will have a marked effect upon the hardwood industry of the world, causing a vast drop in the importation of mahogany, ebony and such woods.

Hydraulic Apparatus

The device consists in a hydraulic apparatus, which compresses ordinary soft woods to the point where they are so heavy that they will sink in water. Any desired color of wood can be obtained by putting a stain through the wood fiber under force before the actual compression of the wood is accomplished. Then the whole structure has the same color. Ebony is obtained with black stain; mahogany with the rich dark brown stain.

It is absolutely impossible to distinguish the fabricated hardwood from the natural, for it has all of the characteristics of weight, wear and beauty, according to German experts.

Mayflies Have Single Day of Life in the Air

By PROF. M. J. ELROD, Chair of Biology, University of Montana. Mayflies belong to the ephemerida. The original meaning of the word, fleeting, lasting but a day, is almost



literally true for adult mayflies. Sometimes the adults live but a few hours, and rarely more than a few days. The mouthparts are so atrophied many never take nourishment in adult state. They mate, the female lay eggs, and they die.

Were it not for the occasional countless numbers these insects probably never be noticed. The young live in the water, hiding on the bottom under stones and debris. The average larval life is two years, though it is frequently twice that time. The life of the adult is rarely as many days. What a strange contrast, and what a remarkable adaptation this is.

When the young insect leaves the water and the adult comes from the broken shell to fan its very delicate wings in the air, that they may dry, objects about the shore are likely to be covered with the empty cases and with adults.

They do not emerge like bees, all leaving the hive at once, but the great majority emerge during a single day, a wave of life, in numbers incredible.

James G. Needham, in a bulletin, records an instance when street car traffic was stopped by slippery rails from the soft bodies of millions of the insects, and another, when machines were stopped because the great masses of insect bodies made this necessary.

When the adults are on the wing, birds and fish gorge themselves on the juicy bodies. The birds take them in the air, the fish take them in the water. In a few days they are gone. But millions of eggs have been placed in the streams and ponds, to hatch and slowly prepare for another wave of life two or three years hence.

HOLDS MAN POLYGAMOUS

London Brain Specialist Expounds Startling Theories.

By United Press

LONDON, July 18.—"Man by nature is polygamous, and, if he gave way to his natural inclinations, would probably marry two or more wives at a time."

"Man can love three women at the same time."

"Seventy-five per cent of mankind loves more than one woman."

These statements came from Dr. Bernard Hollander, London brain specialist, psychoanalyst, and student of psychology, who, in a series of statements, has given England to think.

Man, he averred, was not meant to love one woman.

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MICROBES SERVE PURPOSE

"Don't Kill 'Em," Advises Dr. Roux, Head of Pasteur Institute.

By United Press

LONDON, July 18.—"Don't kill a microbe," that is the advice of Dr. Roux, head of the Pasteur Institute. Microbes serve no less a purpose than the preservation of animal life. Experiments made on guinea pigs by Dr. Roux revealed this fact, and there is no telling that future experiments will not prove microbes necessary to human existence.

Dr. Roux reared guinea pigs free from all microbes, also sterilizing all their food. The guinea pigs developed

scurvy and died of it, proving that contrary to current belief, scurvy is not a disease provoked by microbes.

Guinea pigs thus reared and later exposed to microbes also proved far more susceptible to microbe germs.

FIND PROOF OF LION
Vindication for Those Who Do Not Follow Pussyfoot Johnson.

By United Press

LONDON, July 18.—A party of

small boys, playing on the sands at Blackburn, England, found the partially decomposed body of a lion in the

FARM HANDS CHEAP

Oregon Baptists Attracted With Mormons From Utah to Canada.

By United Press

PRINCE GEORGE, British Colum-

bia, July 18.—Representatives of Mormons of Idaho and Baptists of Oregon settlements are in the vicinity looking over land with a view to locating parties of their respective churches drawn by the low price of farm lands in Canada.

Images were introduced into various churches about 200 A. D. Read "The Tattooed Arm," by the mistress of mystery stories, Isabel Ostrander, in the Times, Thursday, July 20.

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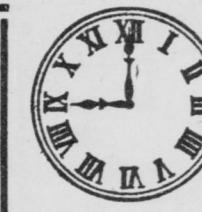
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