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BATTLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

About 150,000 people die each year in the United States from tuberculosis. If the present death rate continues six million people NOW LIVING in this country are doomed to be victims of the White Plague.

Not only does this disease kill more people than four or five of the other leading diseases combined, but it takes its victims in the very prime of manhood and womanhood. Nearly one-third of all adults dying between the ages of twenty and forty years die of tuberculosis.

It is impossible to picture with words the enormous amount of suffering and unhappiness caused by this dread disease. The statistics regarding the number of deaths utterly fail to impress us with the actual condition. Perhaps a statement of the money loss caused by tuberculosis will make more vivid the extent of the slaughter.

Dr. Price of Baltimore, an authority on tuberculosis made a study of several hundred cases in workmen's families. He found that the drain on the family income was so severe that over forty per cent became dependent upon charity sooner or later, and fourteen per cent of the victims die in charitable institutions.

He found that on an average each worker was ill over three years. During the first year and a half his earning power was reduced to about fifty per cent; during the second year and a half he could earn nothing at all. Estimating the average earnings of each workingman at \$700 per year, he found that the total loss of earnings before death amounted to \$1,575. The cost for medicine and attendance averaged about \$1.50 per day during the period of total disability, or a total of \$800. Thus the loss of earnings, and the cost of attendance together amounted to nearly \$2,400 for each case.

In addition to this there must be included the cost of the funeral, the burden to the other members of the family, and the loss of future earnings which are conservatively estimated at \$4000 per worker. Thus, each adult case of tuberculosis represents on an average a loss of \$6,400.

If we multiply this amount by only one hundred thousand (and the number of cases certainly must exceed this) we find that the total annual monetary loss from tuberculosis among adults in the United States exceeds \$640,000,000.

These figures are almost staggering and they are all the more impressive when we realize that nine-tenths of this loss of life and money is absolutely unnecessary. In the city of Chicago alone there are about 3,700 deaths per year of tuberculosis, representing a monetary loss of about twenty-five million dollars.

We do not for a moment mean to state that the loss of life can be expressed in terms of dollars and cents. We simply wish to point out that in addition to the terrible loss of life there is also a financial loss equal to the total running expenses of the United States government.

It is recognized by all authorities that tuberculosis is preventable disease. If we take the right sort of action this terrible slaughter can be abolished.

WHAT DOES SOCIALISM TEACH?

The Alliance, published at La Grande, is supposed to be a socialist paper, and it is certainly an able one; therefore we think it is fair to assume that its editorial utterances are the teachings of socialism, says the Elgin Recorder. It appears to be very strongly opposed to the organization of the Boy Scouts and to what it terms "Militarism." In an editorial in last week's issue it says, continues the Recorder:

"While the leaders of the movement deny that the training is of a military nature, they do admit that the ob-

ject is to teach patriotism, a love of country and the flag, which is the rudimentary education of militarism and war."

Is not this a statement that, according to socialism, it is wrong to teach patriotism, love of country and the flag? These have been considered the mainstays of the government for whose preservation the editor of the Alliance fought during the war of the rebellion and it seems to us that to omit these teachings is but little short of treason. If socialism does not believe in patriotism, a love of country and the flag, will Mr. Hamilton please inform us what it does believe to be the proper attitude of the citizen toward the state?

There are nearly 12,000 lawyers in active practice in New York City. No wonder some of the people there prefer to settle their disputes on the streets with revolvers.

The girls who are wearing men's socks in Chicago say they are doing it because it is cheaper and cooler. But is that the real reason? Aren't they doing it because they want to show their independence?

Dr. Sun is spoken of as "China's rising statesman." No wonder he can rise. Look at his name.

Dr. Anna Shaw says that soon the "women will do everything better than the men." We dare her to submit that question to a vote of the show ladies of the Great White Way.

Politics and Politicians.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts is out for a third term.

Aakansas will pass on the State-wide prohibition question at the fall election.

Indiana Progressives have decided to hold their State convention in Indianapolis on August 1.

The National Progressive party in Louisiana will hold a convention in New Orleans August 2 to name delegates to the Chicago convention.

The new primary law in Colorado provides that none but women may serve as precinct vice-chairmen of the various political parties in that state.

Governor Johnson of California and former Senator Beveridge of Indiana are prominently mentioned for the second place on the Roosevelt national ticket.

The Democratic, Republican, Socialist, Socialist Labor and Prohibition parties have put up tickets to be voted for in the Missouri State primaries next week.

Arthur Capper, the Topeka editor, and Frank J. Ryan of Leavenworth are contesting for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Kansas. The nomination will be made in the general primary next week.

Federal Judge George Gray, once prominently mentioned for the Democratic presidential nomination, has just declined to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Delaware.

The next Colorado legislature will be called upon to select two United States senators, one to succeed Senator Guggenheim and the other to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hughes.

Eugene V. Debs of Indiana and Emil Seldel of Wisconsin, the Socialist candidates, respectively, for President and vice president of the United States, have entered upon a stumping tour of the country.

Friends of William Flinn of Pittsburgh, who defeated Boies Penrose for the leadership of the Republican organization in Pittsburgh, expect that he will have the most influential hand in the direction of the Roosevelt national campaign in the East.

Congressman Samuel W. McCall, who has served in the national house of representatives continuously for a score of years, from the Eighth Massachusetts district, has announced that he will not again be a candidate. It is expected that he will try for the seat in the United States senate soon to be vacated by W. Murray Crane.

The Republican members of the United States senate whose terms will expire next March and whose seats the Democrats believe they have an excellent chance of capturing are Briggs of New Jersey, Brown of Nebraska, Guggenheim of Colorado, Richardson of Delaware, Crane of Massachusetts, Dixon of Montana, Gamble of South Dakota, Curtis of Kansas and possibly Cullom of Illinois and Nelson of Minnesota.

More than two hundred cities have

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now adopted the commission form of government, of which about one-half began the experiment since the beginning of 1911. Despite their distribution over thirty-five states, more than one-fourth of them are in the two states of Texas and Kansas, and over half of them in these states and Illinois, California, Oklahoma and North Dakota. The cities of the East as a rule have taken up the idea less readily than the municipalities in the South and West.

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My wife, Ruby Macey, having left my bed and board without just cause I will pay no more bills contracted by her from this date, Aug. 5th, 1912.

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