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THE DRUG HABIT AMONG AMERICANS

(From The Outlook)
When we speak of the drug habit in America, we are apt to think only of opium or cocaine. And yet there is another deadly drug that is attacking the lives and morals of men and women on this continent.
The drug is peyote, and the men and women are Indians.
Peyote is obtained from the roots of a cactus (of which it is the Indian name) known to botanists as Anhalonium Lewinii. The narcotic drug thus obtained produces results upon the user somewhat analogous to those produced by opium. We quote from some vouched-for statements in the files of the department of the interior:
"My name is Pa-na-ro. I am a Lipan-Apache; I live five miles northeast of Indianola, Oklahoma, on my own allotment. I am about fifty-seven years old. . . . I first ate peyote in Mexico. . . . It was used as a medicine at first. . . . It is called mescal-peyote in Mexico; here in Oklahoma it is called peyote sometimes, and sometimes mescal. When I was sixteen years old, I ate forty peyote beans at a feast and was crazy for two days. I ran off to the mountains naked, and was caught and tied up with a lariat. I have the marks of the lariat on my body yet.
Here is another:
"I am a full-blood Comanche Indian, fifty-one years old. . . . I used peyote. . . . I have also drunk whisky to excess, and I know the effects of peyote. . . . on the mind are worse than those of whisky. . . . At our peyote or mescal, feasts all of us chewed the same ball or quid of peyote, and if one of the men had consumption he chewed it and passed it to the next man in the circle just the same as if he was well, and then the next man chewed it. . . . I have seen the effects of peyote. . . . and I know it to be a curse, and I wish we might be saved from it.
And another—this time from a woman:
"I am about half-blood Comanche. . . . After my first baby was born I was told by the peyote-men that peyote was good for babies, so I took my baby to the mescal or peyote feast when it got sick, and the peyote-men spat in its mouth to cure it; but they did not cure my baby. My baby died a few weeks later. I have had eight children, but the five older ones died in childhood or infancy. Those born since I quit using peyote are living and are in good health. I never ate more than four peyote beans during the night or day of a peyote feast. After I had eaten that many the faces of those people around me looked strange. . . . My husband. . . . was using peyote at the same time I was, but he quit it the same time I did. We saw there was no good in it, but bad."
The drug was in use long before the Spaniards came to Mexico. It is now used ceremonially and medicinally (for it has some medical uses, as opium has) by the Apache, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, Omaha, Winnebago, Osage and other tribes. It

is sapping nervous energy and will power. It is a dire reminder of debased superstition.
Can nothing be done to deal with this situation? The department of agriculture has prohibited the importation of peyote into the United States as an article injurious to the health of the people. The postoffice department has excluded it from the mails as a poison. A few states have passed prohibitory laws. But beyond these measures we have no means of stamping out its use.
The present session of congress, the "short session," should be long enough for the passage of an anti-peyote bill similar in its provisions to the anti-opium bill of 1915.

PRAYING GENERALS THE MEN WHO WON

The pronounced religious tone of the leading officers on the Allied side is a quality that matches itself with the justice of their cause. Our readers have already seen how devout a man is Marshal Foch. That the head of the American forces as well as generals are praying men is one of the personal factors noted by The Congregationalist (Boston), which sketches the scene on Thanksgiving day at Chaumont, the American headquarters in eastern France, where a formal service was held under the auspices of the leaders of our American army with many dignitaries present representing the Allied nations:
"The commander of the American forces made an address in which all boasting was conspicuously absent and the serious and religious note was dominant. Here are some of his striking words with regard to recognition of the divine help without which even the superb valor of our troops might not have been crowned with success.
"Victory was our goal. It is a hard-won gift of the soldier to his country. Only the soldier knows the cost of a gift we now present to the nation. As soldiers inspired by every spiritual sentiment, we have each silently prayed that the success of righteousness should be ours.
"Great cause, indeed, have we to thank God for trials successfully met and victories won. Still more should be thank Him for the golden future, with its wealth of opportunity and its hope of a permanent universal peace.
"With thankfulness, we humbly acknowledge that his strength has given us the victory. We are thankful that the privilege has been given to us to serve in such a cause."
These words of General Pershing recall the remark credited to that great British soldier, Lord Kitchener, when the news came to the London office in October, 1914, that General Joffre had thrown the Germans back at the Marne. "Somebody has been praying," Marshal Foch's well-known custom of taking a portion of every day for quiet meditation and prayer and the devout spirit of General Allenby, the conqueror of Jerusalem, must also be noted in this connection.
"That men of iron will like these military leaders in the course of freedom have all through these terrible months realized that it had not been the Lord who was on our side; these proud warriors had gone over our soul's should, carry a powerful lesson to the whole world."

HORSES MAY LOSE EXCLUSIVE DRIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—New Yorkers have been doing some worrying recently about the city's \$5,000,000 "Lonesome Trail."
It is the Harlem river speedway, famous a generation ago as a fashionable driveway, on which the obnoxious horseless carriages were not permitted to trespass. In order to assure the horses of perpetual immunity from gasoline odors, a law was put through the state legislature, forever banning horseless contraptions from the speedway.
The speedway is a beautiful scenic driveway, extending for several miles along the Manhattan bank of the Harlem river. The cost of its upkeep is considerable.
Recently an unfeeling citizen, having observed that the drive way was absolutely deserted, drove his motor car on it. He was arrested and fined. A supreme court upheld the sentence. Statisticians who have taken up lottery watches along the speedway assert that as many as three persons have been known to ride horseback on the expensive roadway in one day, during the last years, while a horse in harness has been seen passing as many as fifty-eight times within twenty-four hours. Most of these horses are racers being exercised by their tenders.
Motorists want the speedway opened to motor traffic, like any other parkway or drive. They claim the city is not getting its money's worth for its \$5,000,000, and that the road members, almost the sole moving figures along the long stretch of highway, are having entirely too easy a life. They are planning an appeal to the legislature.

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 - Divorced—
 - Embarrassed—
 - Left Town—
 - Came to Town—
 - Had Twins or Colic—
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SINN FENNER DEFIANT

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 1.—(By United Press)—Sinn Fen prisoners here have barricaded themselves in the wing of the jail and have declared their defiance of authority. The prisoners are reported to have accumulated a sufficient supply of provisions to enable them to hold out during a long siege. They have raised an Irish flag, made from bed coverlets, and are playing revolutionary songs on instruments made from kitchen utensils.

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POISON PLANT IS ERADICATED

TALL LARKSPUR HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY GRUBBED

Plant Has Caused Large Annual Cattle Loss in Northwestern States in Years Past

The tall larkspur growing on twenty acres of grazing range on the Stiklyou national forest, Oregon, was grubbed out by the cattlemen of the region in co-operation with the forest service, during the last grazing season, according to a report received by District Forester George H. Cecil. This little patch of poisonous larkspur is the first area to be eliminated by this method in Oregon. It has been responsible for a yearly loss of cattle valued at \$280. The grubbing out operation cost \$200.
A similar area on the Minam national forest which, for the last seven years has caused an average annual loss of cattle valued at \$427, will be grubbed next season by the forest service at an estimated cost of \$300.
The value of cattle lost on the national forests of the United States from tall larkspur poisoning during the past year was \$125,050, representing 2500 head of cattle. During the previous year losses were reduced \$15,850 by the grubbing out of larkspur from 380 acres. The average cost of eradication is about one-half the value of the average annual loss. Since the loss is continuous from year to year unless the poisonous plants are eradicated, it assumes an enormous value in a few years.
Tall larkspur is a plant similar in appearance to the larkspur or delphinium of the flower gardens. It is responsible for more loss to range stock than any other poisonous plant that grows on the western ranges. Where its presence in large areas is known in the national forest ranges, the poison areas are sometimes fenced to keep stock away from it, but wherever the areas are smaller so that the total cost of eradication is not prohibitive the complete grubbing out of the plant is the more satisfactory treatment.
The grubbing out method for eradicating larkspur was developed by the forest service during 1913-14 on the Stanislaus national forest in California. It is now being used extensively by the forest service and stockmen in several western states.

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Season Greetings

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