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MEN OF GIRTH STAND WARMTH VERY EASILY

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 20.—Fat men endure high temperatures and excessive humidity better than thin men, and ice water does not necessarily develop intestinal distress. These facts are disclosed in a report of experiments conducted here by the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Mines and the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

In experiments to determine the relative effect of various temperatures and humidities on the human body, the scientists also found that sweat is the chief factor affecting the eyes when the human body becomes heated.

The object of the experiments was to establish the exact degree of temperature and of humidity or "comfort lines" a human being should be subjected to in a room. The problem was first attacked several years ago, and the research work has now reached a point where definite results have been obtained. First experiments were to study the physiological effects of temperatures and humidities on human subjects in still air, and for these a staff of physicians and employees of the society have subjected themselves to great hardships.

One of the most important results of the experiments was the discovery of the great variations of external temperature which a human being can endure, and at the same time retain his physiological efficiency. Another fact developed was that increasing pulse rate is more the cause of discomfort than is body temperature when in a heated room.

"While irrelevant to the present study, an attempt was made to determine the cause of inflammation of the eyes, and also to determine whether drinking of ice water produces cramps, as so often complained of by industrial workers," said the report.

"On a day when the eyes were normal, a small quantity of sweat which had been collected during an experiment, was dropped into the eye. The conjunctive almost immediately became inflamed and the eye felt 'sore.' The sweat collected from the face seemed less irritable than sweat from the chest or arms. Sweat banks were then applied to the forehead, preventing the sweat from entering the eyes. There was no inflammation. This proves sufficiently that sweat is the chief factor in producing conjunctivitis, which accompanies exposure to heat."

"It has frequently been stated that workers exposed to high temperatures developed severe cramps after drinking ice water. A few of the subjects of these experiments volunteered to drink ice water after about an hour's exposure to high temperature, and two of them, in one experiment, drank a quart of ice water in less than 15 minutes without ill effects. Cramps did not develop in any of the subjects at any time."

On entering and leaving the specially heated chamber, the report said, the weight varied with the individual, the heavier and stouter men losing more than the light and thin one. Notwithstanding this, the lighter man, as a rule, could not endure the temperature conditions as long, and complained more of the exhaustion which followed.

RUSS CHURCHES STILL CLOSED

Catholic Churches Un-opened; Thousands Worship at Priests' Homes.

(By Associated Press)

PETROGRAD, April 20.—Petrograd's Catholic churches are still closed, but hundreds of parishioners daily crowd the small apartments of the priests to pray and to hear mass, much as did the first Christians in the catacombs of old Rome.

St. Catherine's church, of which the late Monsignor Butchkevitch was curate, looks out across the broad Nevsky Prospekt, its bell silent and its doors locked, while the faithful, young and old, stream through the courtyard to the parish house. They kneel in the doorways and corridors and cross themselves before the cheap crucifixes which the priests have hung inside the walls of the edifice.

From the size of the crowd that passed through the courtyard of St. Catherine's Sunday, one might have thought that the church was open. Father Casimir, who has been left in charge of parish affairs, said that he and one other priest were busy from daybreak until noon saying one mass after another. He estimated that 6,000 persons were in the long lines. There are only 15,000 Catholics in Petrograd.

Some of those who could not be accommodated at St. Catherine's sought the rooms of other priests, many of whom are living in cold, barren chambers at the top of flights of rickety stairs in houses adjoining the closed church. The majority of these priests are without funds with which to buy fuel and are obliged to say mass with heavy coats over their vestments.

The 12 priests remaining in Petrograd have been in no way molested since the trial of Monsignor Butchkevitch, one of their number said.

NIGHT GOWNS ARE REPLACING PAJAMAS HERE

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find six dirty collars to every dirty shirt," said the manager of one laundry. "Many men seem to make two changes of collars daily but get along with only two clean shirts a week. A partly soiled shirt may be hidden under the coat and vest, but a dirty collar can't be camouflaged."

"Handkerchiefs are the dirtiest articles sent to a laundry. Many men seem to get along with only three a week. From their looks, they are used not only for their primary purpose but as towels for mechanics, shining shoes and wiping engines."

"Still men are much more fastidious about their linen than they used to be. Where they used to change collars twice a week, they now change twice a day."

"Collars Are Barometers. The amount of dirt on men's collars is an accurate barometer of business," he said. "During hard times men wear them longer. After one side is soiled, they turn them inside out and wear them that way. During good times, they will not try to double the wear."

"Soft collars or semi-soft collars are gaining over the hard-boiled kind every day. The stiff collar is being supplanted by a collar that looks stiff but isn't. Before the war a collar was good for 30 washings but the quality has deteriorated so that

15 washings is all they stand today.

"Twenty years ago, we used much caustic soda, chloride of lime and other sharp detergents. Nowadays no injurious chemicals are used in a good laundry though some of the antiquated clothes-destroying places still exist. We use potash in our washing which brings out colors brilliantly instead of making them run and which imports a brilliant white to the clothes. It does not harm clothes."

Abandon Marking. Laundrymen state that the practice of marking clothes is gradually being given up. Only shirts and collars are now marked. Machines do the work. The rest of the bundle is put into an individual net bag and kept together making marking unnecessary and reducing losses to a minimum.

The daily grind of the laundry worker is not entirely prosaic. In the smaller laundries especially, the wash men watch with a mother's care the same bundles that come to them week after week.

"Mrs. Peck gave a party last week," said one. "She has eight children I think. Anyway all their party

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"Some of our accounts are small. One man I know sends in a collar once a week and a shirt every two weeks. Being charitable in my judgments, I presume he sends his underwear somewhere else."

AUTO WRECKED, WOMAN HURT
MOLALLA, Ore., Apr. 18.—Mrs. Ora Kooder suffered serious injuries when a truck from the Molalla lumber yard backed into the automobile

in which she and her husband were riding into Molalla at 7:30 o'clock last night. She sustained a broken leg and numerous cuts. The automobile was wrecked.



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CO-EDS ARE TAKING TO ATHLETICS NOW

(By Associated Press)
Stanford University, Cal., Apr. 20.—Women's track and field athletics have been started here by the Stanford Women's Physical Educational Department for the first time in 20 years. Fifty women registered for instruction under Miss Christine Fabb. The courses will include instruction in the shot put, broad jump, high jump, relay, 100 yards dash, 220 yard dash, quarter mile, and possibly the javelin and discus throw.

If present plans are carried out, the physical education department will build a track back of the women's gymnasium. Failing in this, the present hockey field will be used until a track is built in connection with the gymnasium proposed by enrollment fund authorities.

Near the end of the present college quarter the various class teams will compete for interclass honors in an attempt to build up a team for inter-collegiate competition next year. No meets with outside teams will be held this season.

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