

No After Effects From War Gas, Service Chemists Say

WASHINGTON (AP)—Armed with a mass of statistics and scientific data, the army chemical warfare service has launched a campaign to slay a ghost that came back with the army from France. War has been declared against the haunting specter that lingers in the minds of thousands of those who got a whiff of gas "over there," that some day, because of lasting injury done by gas to their lung tissues, they will fall victim to the dread white plague—tuberculosis.

This specter is a pure figment of fancy, said Major General Amos Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service. Exhaustive scientific investigation during and since the war, General Fries maintains—and he marshalled casualty figures and the verdict of British, French and American doctors to sustain his assertion—has failed to disclose any

case whatever of evil after effects of gassing.

Gassed men, he declared, either died or got well; there was and is no middle ground; no army of maimed and crippled veterans such as bullet and bayonet and shell left in their wake.

General Fries admitted the task he and the regular and reserve officers of the chemical service have undertaken is a titanic job. He did not attempt to deny that the overwhelming verdict of public opinion is against his settled judgment that gas is the most humane and at the same time the most effective weapon of war yet devised by man.

"It is a big job to convince 14,000,000 people, nearly all of whom think otherwise," General Fries said, "but that is what we are trying to do."

In the judgment of the chemical

How Baseball Owners Spend the Winter.



Charlie Griffith of Washington has a baseball team family and then he has a family of seven children—all adopted. The seven are shown with Daddy Griffith in this picture, taken in their home. Left to right they are Billy and Jimmy, the five-year-old twins, seated in Griffith's lap; Calvin, 14; Mildred, 17; Thelma, 18; Sherod, 7; Bruce, 6.

officers, fear of the after-effects of gas in the minds of veterans is the most difficult obstacle to overcome in changing the views of these millions of people on the general question of using gas in war. Almost everybody, General

Fries pointed out, has talked with veterans who sincerely felt that they had been forever impaired physically by reason of a touch of gas.

On the possibility that gassing induces subsequent tuberculosis, the war casualty reports of the surgeon general are illuminating. They show that 73 cases of tuberculosis occurred in 1918 among the 79,527 men in the army who had been gassed, the rate per 1,000 being 2.45. The annual rate for troops in Europe that year, other than the gassed men, was 2.50 and in the following year 4.30.

"It would seem apparent," the surgeon general commented, "that tuberculosis did not occur any more frequently among the soldiers who had been gassed than among those who had not been gassed."

"Deaths from gas are at least lower than one to ten compared with other war weapons; permanent disabilities are practically negligible and after effects are of no moment," General Fries contended, adding that compared to older methods, gas warfare "must be commended instead of being condemned."

Gold-Filled Elephant Tusk Is Found in Mining Claims

SEATTLE (AP)—An authentic fossil tusk of the woolly elephant of the glacial or postglacial period, with gold fillings—like a modern tooth, has been presented to the museum of the University of Washington by Edward Squires, who discovered it on a mining claim on Dominion Creek, forty miles from Dawson, Yukon territory.

The tusk is ten feet long and weighs 23 pounds. The theory of Nathan Kresge, museum caretaker and former Alaskan, is that the tusk was there when tons of earth with pay-streak settled down, so that gold nuggets were forced into the cracks of the tusk giving the effect of modern gold tooth fillings.

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Mr. Patterson, who is an ex-gas aviator, is his pilot. They Sunday.

Bicycles Keep Pedestrians

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