

# FAMOUS LEPER IS AT LARGE AGAIN

### John Early, Runaway, Has Escaped From the Colony Many Times

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 17.—John Early, America's most famous leper, has escaped once more. Well on the road to a complete cure, his whereabouts at Carrville, La., this Spanish-American War veteran, who completed his course while on military service in the Philippine Islands, has run away from the leper hospital and escaped into the world as a matter of fact, less than two years ago.

"This man got up at 3 o'clock, and his nurse escapes the window for Early and when they are over the outside back toward Carrville, he and his wife, recently purchased a leper and placed in the hospital."

John is an insubordinate runaway and has escaped many times.

**Old Leper's Cure Works**  
"Physicians all taken on leprosy into the body in the treatment that within few years would have set John Early free. Physicians all in treatment for leprosy that it was that one thousand years ago had been which which there is no question as to the fact that it is a disease of the blood."

"There is no longer any question in our minds," says Dr. P. E. Jernsey, of the U. S. Public Health Service, in charge of the U. S. sanitarium at Carrville, "that when we get hold of a case of leprosy early enough, and treat it with chemotherapy, all we can remove from that patient any danger of communicating the disease to those with whom the patient comes in contact. We have already discharged fourteen patients from Carrville after that treatment and after long periods of observation. We are discharging two more this week. And within two years we would have discharged John Early."

All patients of the leprosanitarium at Carrville are protected by an immunity.

**Most Famous Leper**  
That it would have been foolish, the authorities knew, to try to strand John Early with the protection of anonymity, for he is the most widely known leper in the world. He has nobody but himself to thank for it. Too often John Early has set the white United States by the ears.

Back in 1888 he enlisted in the army and fought through the Spanish-American war, with service in Cuba and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged after the war ended. He married, two children were born.

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# OUT OUR WAY



By Williams

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**Organized Lepers' Club**  
Then the doctors decided John Early had leprosy, and his whole world came tumbling down about his ears. He fought the decision. Early was taken in custody to a New York hospital, and later transferred to the U. S. leper colony at Carrville. There he has been a colorful figure ever since. He organized a club at Carrville, the members all ex-servicemen who had developed leprosy. They built a club house on the edge of the colony and fitted it up with all conveniences. But John Early had the itching foot.

The government paid him a pension for his army services. He would let the pension checks pile up until they totaled a sizable sum. Then he would vanish from the leper colony, to keep out of sight days and weeks, months even, and hot up again anywhere in the United States.

**Always Comes Back**  
Once he went to Washington, registered as a prominent theater en-

joyed the sights of the capital for two weeks, and then broke and went, gave himself up to the federal health authorities.

About six months ago he escaped, went to North Carolina, and set up a camp near Harnsville, on a tract of land he claimed he owned. When he got tired of camping out he invited the authorities to come and get him.

Always at the end of his temporary escapes to freedom, Early came back or is brought back to Dr. Williams C. Fowler, at Washington, his oldest friend.

Now it happens that Dr. Fowler has a large staff of clerks and stenographers, girls and boys alike. And while Dr. Fowler has a physician's indifference to associating with a leper, his office staff can't get that viewpoint. Too many times John Early has walked into the office, walked down the long aisles, and brought sleeves with dirty stenographers and well-groomed clerks. They don't like it. So now, when the wires carry the news that John Early is out again, there is always a near-walk-out in Dr. Fowler's office until the leper is safely back at Carrville.

But that office has developed a system. There is one girl employe who knows John Early, well by sight. The bundle of daily papers carry the news that John Early is out again, that employe goes on wrenly duty. And the office works peacefully away knowing that sometime, sooner or later, the door will open and the wrenly girl call "Here he comes!"

**RAMON TO BECOME MONK**  
NEW YORK — The New York American says that Ramon Navarro, whose handsome face on the screen has set hearts aflutter, is to enter a monastery, probably about Christmas time.

Knowing that you don't know much is knowing a lot.

One sin may find you out, but they can generally be rolled upon to this again.

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**Sewer Improvement**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of the improvement in sewer improvement district No. 4-2, within the City of La Grande, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications for said sewer improvement now on file in the office of the City Recorder of said City.

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