

MY LUNG HAS AN ADVOCATE

Body Not Dwarfed by Weed, Says Meylan, After Exhaustive Tests.

EXAMINES 687 STUDENTS

Tobacco Does Not Dwarf Height of Lungs, but May, in Some Cases, Affect the Heart, Says Physical Director.

NEW YORK, March 1.—(Special.)—Dr. George L. Meylan, physical director of Columbia University, has just completed a series of tests showing the effect of the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages upon 687 students, mostly freshmen, who have attended Columbia in the last two years.

The results contradicted to some extent the findings of Dr. W. W. Weaver, the Yale physical director, who, in a recent series of similar tests, discovered that the use of tobacco tended not only to stunt the growth of undergraduates, but also to retard their mental development. Dr. Meylan has found that the physical condition of the smokers—that is, their weight, height, lung capacity and total strength—is, on the average, better than that of the non-smokers.

Age May Be Factor.

To some extent this superiority may be explained by the fact that the smokers were older, their average age being 20 years and 8 months, as against 19 years and 8 months for the non-smokers. About 90 per cent of the smokers examined were freshmen in Columbia College and the schools of mines, engineering and chemistry. The remaining 10 per cent were new students in the law and graduate schools of the university.

Accepted Theories Refuted.

The two most significant facts brought out by the test, according to Dr. Meylan, are that smoking does not affect the lung capacity, as is generally supposed; neither does it seem to have any effect upon the height of the individual. On the contrary, it was found that in these measurements as well as the others the smokers excelled.

Effect on Heart and Nerves.

The inference drawn by Dr. Meylan is that the popular belief concerning the injurious effects of tobacco is largely exaggerated. He makes no attempt to deny that smoking has its bad effects upon the heart and the nervous system, but he does maintain that smoking may be indulged in by the average healthy individual in moderation without appreciable damage to his physical condition.

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(Continued From First Page.) affirmative showing by the carrier, it might happen that many reductions now voluntarily accorded would not be made.

SCRIP DIVIDENDS NOT LEGAL

Case Decided Against Directors of Erie Railroad.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 1.—The Public Service Commission has decided that scrip dividends cannot be authorized under the public service law and has denied the application of the Erie Railroad Company for authority from the commission to issue such dividends upon its first and second preferred stocks.

The board of directors of the Erie Railroad Company on August 28, 1917, declared a dividend of 2 per cent upon the preferred stock, payable November 1, 1917, and a dividend of 4 per cent upon its second preferred stock, payable November 1, 1917. It further determined to issue interest-bearing warrants, evidencing the right of the stockholders to the dividends so declared, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission.

Chiefman Rivison in his opinion says: "Assuming that the dividends declared would have been paid in cash, the public service law, which prohibits the issuing of stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more than 12 months after the date of issue, would have prohibited that a railroad corporation organized or existing under or by virtue of the laws of New York should issue such notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more than 12 months after the date of issue."

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FOUR PERISH IN A FIRE

Father and Three Young Children Burned to Death. BUFFALO, N. Y., March 1.—Anthony Schultze, 54 years old, and three of his children—Nellie, 13; Joseph, 11, and May, 8—were burned to death in a fire in their home in Dewey, 10 miles from here, early this morning. Mrs. Schultze and her four younger children were rescued.

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