

BLOOD DISEASES CAUSE INSANITY, SAYS SCIENTIST

Tests of Blood of Patients in Salem Institution by Scientists Show Why People Lose Their Reason.

WORK CARRIED ON BY DR. MATSON

Forty Different Types of Insanity Found as Result of Comprehensive Research.

"The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children even unto the fourth and fifth generations," written centuries ago by chroniclers of Holy Writ, is beginning, in meaning, to become clear to Oregon scientists. How insanity thrusts its terrifying visage, its clutching hands, its dreaded presence, into lives, not through brain but blood, is being established and fixed in startling manner by testing the blood of the insane at Salem.

In the field of medical science these tests are unique. Undertaken by Dr. Ralph C. Matson, under the direction of the state board of health, and Dr. Robert Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon institution, the research work into the causes of insanity thus instituted is the largest and most comprehensive in medical history.

Take Blood From Veins. Blood has been taken from the veins of 500 of the patients at the asylum. One by one the samples have been analyzed and the microscope, humanity's life current, made to give up the secret of its content. The investigation so far as carried proves that 26 per cent of the insanity is caused by specific blood diseases. Not so obscure is the ailment that only in 5 per cent has it been admitted or known to exist.

General paralysis, that abnormal condition of mind and body when bodily functions act with unnatural vigor, then suspend, and a living death ensues, is caused, says Dr. Matson, altogether by the specific disease of the blood. In this condition first come visions of the grandeur. The patient is Caesar, or Queen Victoria, or Napoleon or Abraham Lincoln. Then melancholy and the patient is nothing, life is nothing, nothing is real or tangible, consciousness is all. Frantic longing to snuff out the breath here makes the strait jacket, the padded cell, necessary.

"Every 'dope fiend,' every case of alcoholic degeneration gave a positive reaction to specific blood disease," said Dr. Matson. Fifty per cent of the epileptic imbeciles were affected thus, and 30 per cent of the epileptics.

"We have found 40 different types of insanity, but all with a possible beginning from this source." Blood Cause of Insanity. But no matter what the type of lunacy, no matter what its manifestation, whether vicious, violent, or harmless, it is from the blood, insists the scientist. Unnatural life of the father or the mother, or the grandparents makes its appearance in the children and the children's children, inciting them to unnatural actions, impelling them toward unnatural appetites. Blood transmitted from generation to generation carries its latent, maddening influence. It transforms the seat of imagination into a wild riot and looks out from the eyes, the specter that man in all ages has dreaded with an unreasoning dread, that among simpler peoples has been taken as the wrath of the divinity, but is proved to be but the results of violating natural law. Dr. Matson continued:

"I am ambitious for the day," he said, "when the rewards of living right and in accord with natural law will be taught in the schools. We know less today about the prevention of specific blood diseases than we knew of tuberculosis 15 years ago. Proper dissemination of knowledge is the necessity of our times. Heart to heart talks between parents and children, between teachers and pupils will prevent future misery and heartaches, will diminish the number in our insane asylums right here in Oregon, and lift from us a curse that hinders the development of a clear, clean, red blooded manhood." The state health board will soon complete its tests of blood from the insane and will then make tests of blood of the prisoners in the penitentiary to determine the blood causes of criminality.

RAILWAY MEN ARE ON THE VERGE OF SYMPATHY STRIKE

Council in Session Includes Representatives of All Interests Involved, and Today Will Tell the Tale.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—A sympathetic strike of some of the labor organizations of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor. It is said, will probably be called this evening, should the conference being held today between the railroads and the representatives of the railroad department of the federation fail to result in an agreement. Governor Eberhart was this morning summoned to a meeting of the representatives of the railroads and the delegates to the conference of the railroad department of the federation, which has been in session in the Foley hotel here since Sunday. The object of this meeting was to reopen negotiations between the railroads and the striking switchmen.

The railroads were represented by Messrs. Gruber and Slade of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific respectively, while H. B. Perham, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor; Frank T. Hawley of the switchmen, and several other labor conferees appeared, for the labor side.

If this conference fails of its purpose it is said on the best authority that a strike of several of the allied railroad organizations will be called at 6 p. m. today. It is said the railroad clerks and freight handlers will be the first to go out, and will go if they go at all, as soon as votes can be taken, and the other organizations will follow.

President Perham declined this morning to discuss the matter of a sympathetic strike, in advance of the conference with the railroads. "It would be manifestly improper for me to go into the conference with a threat on my lips," he said. It is said on the best authority, however, that a sympathetic strike has practically been decided on.

MORE THAN 2000 MEN WILL GO OUT IF STRIKE CALLED

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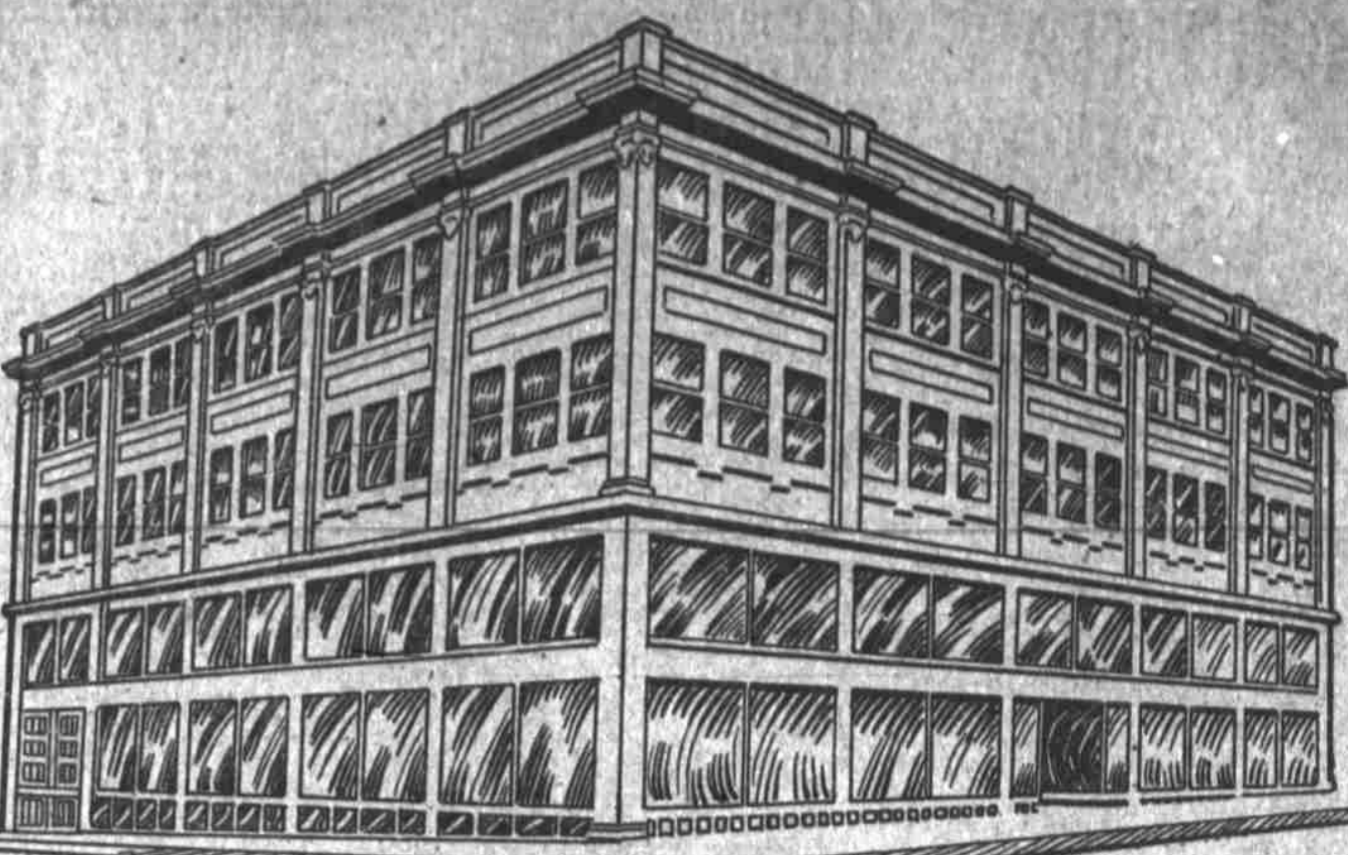
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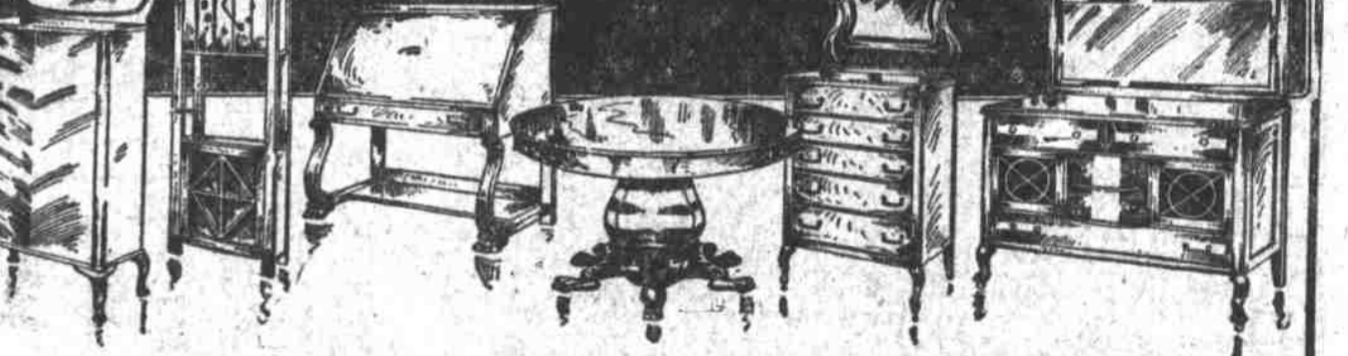


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BOATSWAIN MURDERS WIFE; MAY BE INSANE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 21.—John Stokes, a boatswain, is held in the naval prison here following his arrest at Charleston last evening for killing his wife. The murder was committed on the main street of the town, after a brief quarrel, the nature of which has not been learned. After firing a bullet from his revolver through the woman's breast, Stokes picked her up and carried her into a nearby drug store. He then slipped away, but later was overtaken and turned over to the naval authorities. Stokes had been under treatment at the naval hospital here for several months for an intermittent mental trouble that resulted from a fall two years ago that injured his head.

Unity Conference in London.

London, Dec. 21.—The conference of the commission on Christian unity opened here today, with delegates from nearly every civilized country in attendance. Sir Andrew Fraser, former governor of Bengal, is presiding over the conference and Dr. Sills McRee of New York, the American delegate, is vice chairman. The principal business before the conference is the preparation of a report that is to be submitted to the World's Missionary conference to be held June 19-24, 1910.

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