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## NEW "DOPE" LAW TO LESSEN CRIME

Anti-narcotic Act Limits Sales of All Harmful Drugs.

### BIG INCREASE IN IMPORTS.

Figures Show That 8 Per Cent of Prisoners in Large Jails Are Addicted to Use of Opium in Some of Its Forms—Over 400,000 Pounds Consumed in This Country Annually.

Washington.—The Harrison anti-narcotic act, effective March 1, will greatly decrease the use of drugs and tend to lessen crime in this country if it proves as effective as its sponsors hope.

This measure, enacted last December, provides in effect that on and after March 1, 1915, no dealer shall be allowed to sell or give away habit forming drugs without a physician's prescription or direct instructions from a doctor. Drugs thus placed under the ban are opium, coca leaves or any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative or preparation made from such drugs. Remedies which contain more than two grains of opium or more than one-fourth of a grain of morphine, or one-eighth of a grain of heroin, or one grain of cocaine are included in the list of narcotics which cannot be dispensed in any manner unless specifically ordered by a physician. A special tax of \$1 a year must be paid from March 1 by all persons who sell or dispense such drugs. Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of the law is subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for a term of five years, or both.

Congress appropriated \$180,000 to be dispensed by the commissioner of internal revenue to enforce the new law.

According to statistics furnished congress at the time the Harrison bill was under consideration, 6 per cent of the prisoners in large jails and state prisons are addicted to the opium habit in some one of its forms, and of the general criminal population, 45.48 per cent are habitual users of the drug. In the medical profession of this same territory there appears to be an average of 2.66 per cent who use opium and 1.82 per cent of trained nurses are likewise addicted to drugs in one form or another.

Statistics furnished by manufacturers show that the use of morphine in the rural districts of some eastern states has increased 100 per cent in the last ten years. An estimate made from the sales book of one firm shows that in one or two of these states the use of opium has increased 150 per cent.

According to the arguments made by the proponents of the law the United States government is bound by the convention signed at The Hague, Jan. 23, 1912, to control the sale of opium and allied traffics in this country. It has been pointed out that during the last twenty-five years opium, morphine, coca leaves and cocaine have been imported into this country, manufactured and placed upon the general market in such forms as to be available to any one who desires them or who desires to trade in them.

The report of the international opium commission shows that Italy, with a population of 33,000,000, imports and consumes but 4,000 pounds of medicinal opium each year; that Spain, with a population of 19,000,000, imports and uses so little that it is not separately entered in customs or other returns. Germany, whose population is 60,000,000, imports about 17,000 pounds for home consumption and Holland about 8,000 pounds a year. These figures show that the five European countries, with a total population of 164,000,000, import and consume less than 60,000 pounds of opium annually.

According to figures laid before congress, the United States imports and consumes over 400,000 pounds of opium each year. It has been claimed that the importation of opium and morphine into the United States during the last fifty years has not been excessive, but has simply grown with the increase in population. Advocates of the law which has just been written upon the statute books deny this assertion. Figures in their possession show that the importation of opium during the decade of 1800-9 was

1,226,106 pounds as against an importation of 6,435,623 pounds for the decade 1800-9, an increase of 351 per cent. This has not taken into account opium smuggled during this period. Thus, as against a 133 per cent increase in the total population in the five decades, there was an increase in the importation and consumption of opium of 351 per cent.

It is claimed that this enormous increase is directly due to the facility with which the drug may be imported, manufactured into its various derivatives and preparations and placed within the reach of the individual.

"There has been in this country," says the report on the Harrison bill, "an almost shameless traffic in these drugs. Criminal classes have been created, and the use of the drugs, with much accompanying moral and economic degradation, is widespread among the upper classes of society. We are an opium consuming nation today."

Austrian Physicians in Army. Vienna.—Austria in an imperial decree has ordered all physicians under fifty to join the army.

## IF YOU WOULD GET THIN, EAT CELERY

Chicago Woman Has Reduced Twenty-five Pounds.

Chicago.—"There is no reason for any healthy woman to weigh more than 120 pounds if she has any moral courage," said Mrs. May Belle McArthur. "Look at me."

"This is my twenty-third day of fasting. I'm cheerful; I'm happy. I weigh twenty-five pounds less than when I started. I haven't any intention of giving up until I'm down to 125 pounds."

"I aspire to 125 pounds because stout women can't think so well as medium weight ones. They can't look so beautiful or feel so well."

In the twenty-three days of her fast Mrs. McArthur ate two stalks of celery a day. One glass of water a day is the only liquid taken.

"Celery is all I've eaten for almost a month," she said. "I don't mind the fasting much."

"What do you eat for breakfast, Mrs. McArthur?" was asked.

"Nothing," she replied.

"For luncheon?"

"Nothing. Sometimes a glass of water."

"For dinner?"

"Ah!" breathed Mrs. McArthur. "Two stalks of celery."

"I don't exercise except to walk. I walk several miles every day."

"Do you think all women, if in good health, could reduce as you have done?"

"Absolutely. The trouble with women is cowardice. They like the sensation of eating too much. They would rather taste a chocolate drop than be able to think rapidly or move about gracefully."

"Do you consider dieting infallible?"

"Indeed, I do. Look at me. My figure has improved every day since I started, and there is little room left for further improvement. Most women are lazy—downright lazy. They start to exercise, keep it up for two days or a week and then stop. They start to diet, keep it up for two meals or two days and then stop."

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## WOUNDED, STICKS TO POST.

Directs British Ship From Chair In Turkish Attack on Suez.

London.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs as follows:

"A stirring little story of quiet heroism displayed during a battle against Turkish invaders the other day has been told me here. The hero of the incident is a pilot named Carew, who was on board the Hardinge, one of the ships on the canal helping to repel the Ottoman attack.

"Carew's ship came under the heaviest fire, and he was severely wounded in an arm and a leg. He would not, however, leave his post, although suffering terribly.

"Bring me a chair and prop me up," he said to one of the crew. "I will see you through."

"The gallant pilot is now in a hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. Happily he is making good progress, and his recovery is assured."

## HOW TO CURE HAY FEVER.

Pick Your Favorite Pollen, Brew Vaccine and Inoculate.

Boston.—Summer trips to high altitudes will be no longer necessary to hay fever sufferers if the experiments announced by Dr. Harris P. Mosher at the Harvard medical school fulfill his expectations.

Dr. Mosher has been experimenting to find a vaccine for hay fever, and at a public lecture before the medical school he explained that if a hay fever patient could decide on the particular flower or weed pollen which caused his affliction he had only to inoculate himself with a vaccine made from extracts of this pollen to become immune to its effects.

The only effect thus far noticed from inoculation with pollen serum, the physician said, was a local rash, which vanished in a short time.

## MODERN ENOCH ARDEN RETURNS, BUT ALAS!

Stern Judge Tells Him to Get Out of Town at Once.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Because Adam Rundel of Lestershire took twenty-one years to return with a list of groceries for which his wife sent him in 1894 he has lost his wife and has been exiled from Lestershire.

Rundel walked into his home the other night with the groceries. His daughter, grown to womanhood, thought he was a burglar and screamed with fright. He reassured her, disclosed his identity and asked for her mother. Her mother was dining with friends at a downtown restaurant, the girl told him.

Rundel found the restaurant and easily identified his wife and her party. "Hello, Anna!" said he cheerily. "I've brought the groceries home. Let's go up and have supper."

The wife fainted, but a man at her side ordered Rundel out.

"Why?" asked Rundel.

"Because she's my wife," said Henry Pickering, who married Mrs. Rundel ten years after she had given up hope of Rundel's return.

Then they mixed. When the police arrived Rundel was on the floor. Later he was arraigned in police court.

"I just went away," he told Judge Ingals. "I went to Warren Center, Pa., where I've been ever since. I thought I'd like to see my family again and came home."

"Go back to Warren Center, and never come here again. You are discharged," said the judge.

## SOUGHT LOVER IN WAR ZONE.

Young Girl Describes Experiences on Cracow Battlefield.

New York.—A slim, pink cheeked, bright eyed young woman wearing medak, she had picked up on battlefields of the Russian war front arrived here from Liverpool with a story of her wanderings to find her sweetheart, an officer in the Austrian army.

She is Isabel Szeliga Strusinska, a Pole, who comes here to rest and recover from the shock to her nerves due to her experience in Warsaw and other



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cities for which the Russians and Austro-German forces have been struggling.

She was in Warsaw on Nov. 27, she said, when a Zeppelin flew over the city and dropped bombs, one of which killed her brother, who was a soldier. After the death of her brother she de-

battlefield there, and she wandered for several days over it, hoping to find some trace of him.

She called her experience a "nightmare" and did not wish to talk of it. She made her way from Cracow to Kieff, to Petrograd, to Sweden, to Newcastle and thence to London. She now believes she will soon hear from the young Austrian officer, having learned that his command escaped.

## ROCKS IN STEAMER LANE.

One Found Off Alaska Coast "a Submerged Washington Monument."

Washington.—Twenty-one uncharted, dangerous pinnacle rocks have been discovered by the coast survey in forty-two miles of the inside passage used by all steamers going up and down the Alaska coast. One is 800 feet high, comes within seventeen feet of the surface and was described by the engineers as a "submerged Washington monument."

The rocks were discovered by the use of a wire drag suspended from buoys.

## THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Monday, 1.—Nebraska admitted to Union, 1867.

Tuesday, 2.—Declaration of Texas Independence signed, 1836.

Wednesday, 3.—Florida admitted to Union, 1845. Circular saw invented, 1780.

Thursday, 4.—Lincoln inaugurated, 1861. Cortez lands in Mexico, 1519.

Friday, 5.—Boston massacre, 1770. Westinghouse patents air-brake, 1872.

Saturday, 6.—Dred Scott decision 1857.

Sunday, 7.—Bell telephone patented, 1876. Luther Burbank born, 1849.



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MISS ISABEL SZELIGA STRUSINSKA.

cided to make an effort to find her sweetheart, who she says is the son of a "celebrated Austrian general."

She walked from Warsaw to Lemberg, passing over places where there had been hard fighting and gathering mementos. From Lemberg she went to the outskirts of Cracow. She says she became obsessed with the idea that her sweetheart had been killed on the