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THE ANTI-DOPE CRUSADE

The general impression that 'dope' is a big-city evil has no foundation in fact. Jacksonville, Fla., with 7,000 people, has 800 victims of drug habits. There is no question about it, for Jacksonville requires registration of habitual drug users, and there are 800 registered. The actual number is probably larger.

All over the county and in nearly all American communities large and small, are found these slaves of destructive drugs—generally by ones and twos, but in only too many cases by dozens and scores. There are said to be about 1,500,000 of them altogether.

Most of them use morphine or heroin—two opium derivatives—or cocaine. Many people who are not known as drug addicts, and who may not even know it themselves, are nevertheless slaves to one of these drugs, or to opiates or coal-tar products of some sort or other. In one Kentucky town two per cent of the inhabitants are said to be habitual users of paregoric.

There is widespread recognition of the evil, thanks to the publicity of the last few years. There is recognition, too, of the fact that the danger will be greater when alcohol is banished and people accustomed to its effects seek relief for their starved nerves. The federal government is planning a more drastic enforcement of the Harrison law, which forbids the sale of opium or cocoa leaves or any of their compounds except for legitimate use—including, when it is necessary, the relief of patients already addicted. But there is still lacking a comprehensive system of co-operation on the part of states and cities.

Only three or four states so far have provided the necessary supplementary legislation. Many cities have ordinances providing some measure of drug-control, but there is not enough uniformity and coordination about it, and hundreds of cities have done nothing at all.

Every community should awake to this evil and grapple with it before it becomes worse. There are two big things to be done. First, the dangerous drugs must be kept away from those who have no need of them or right to them, especially the young, so that there may be no new crops of victims. Second, the old vic-

tims must be cured, with provision made for treating at public expense those who cannot afford to pay for treatment. By proper and timely handling this peril can be got under control and kept controlled.

Grain warehouses are to be erected in Iceland. Putting the grain in cold storage, as it were.

A NATION WRONG

It appears, from Italian comment on the present crisis, that President Wilson is suffering from an absurd 'misconception.' When, speaking as the representative of America and the other allied nations, with the approval of Great Britain and France, the President undertook to point out exactly why Italy should not be given Fiume and Dalmatia, he failed to realize, the Italians say, that the Italian people are with their government in this matter.

Perhaps he did. It is hard for other Americans, even now, to realize it. But the strange thing is that this should be the whole burden of the news from Rome. 'Wilson has appealed to the Italian people over Orlando's head. He has tried to drive a wedge between the people and their government. And this is a sad mistake, because the people are with their government.'

It is a most astonishing disregard of the point at issue. The Italians do not discuss the merits of the case at all. They do not attempt to justify their claims to Fiume and Dalmatia by arguing that those claims square with allied principles and with the principles that Italy professed throughout the war and endorsed in the armistice agreement. They do not attempt to prove that Italy needs the disputed territory for her safety and development, and the Jugoslavs do not need it. All they say in justification of their eleventh hour break with their allies is that the Italian people want Fiume and Dalmatia just as much as Orlando and Sonnino and King Victor Emmanuel want them, and are willing to antagonize the whole world for them.

Which proves nothing except this—that the Italian people today are just as wrong and selfish and stupid about the peace settlement as their statesmen are. And after their noble war record, the world expected something better of them.

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HUN HIDES 4 YEARS

Conceals Self in New Guinea Jungle During War.

German Army Captain Risks Death Among Cannibals Until Armistice Is Signed.

Konrad Detzler, a German army engineer who had been hiding in the New Guinea jungle since the beginning of the war, has come back to civilization and now is in an internment camp in Australia. Detzler's story is on a par with other romantic incidents of the war as it affected the South sea.

Detzler holds a captain's commission. When the war began he was surveying the boundary line between the then Kaiser Wilhelmland, or German New Guinea, and Papua, or British New Guinea. He decamped into the bush. This was a risky act, for the bushmen prefer human flesh above all other kinds. When an Australian force occupied Kaiser Wilhelmland Detzler was overlooked.

For more than four years Detzler lived in the bush near Misis. He had a shotgun, but it was not long before he ran out of cartridges. Thereafter he lived on yams, taro and kava (a variety of sweet potato) in common with the natives, and upon birds and animals which he caught by means of snares.

Several times the Australians searched for him, but Detzler managed to elude them. He might have stayed indefinitely in the jungle, but missionaries told the Papuans of the armistice and they in turn told him. Thereupon he surrendered to the nearest Australian officer. While living throughout the war at Misis, Detzler wore only a lava lava (native kilt). The result is that he is almost as brown as a Papuan. He now wears a German uniform.

HOW DEPTH BOMB STARTED

British Admiral Responsible for Weapon That Revolutionized Anti-submarine Warfare.

New York.—How the submarine depth bomb, familiarly referred to as "ash can," came into being to revolutionize anti-submarine warfare was related here by Rear Admiral William S. Sims, commander during the war of the American naval forces overseas.

Rear Admiral Sir Charles Edward Madden, chief of staff to Admiral Jellicoe, was the author of the idea, Admiral Sims said, giving as his authority Admiral Jellicoe.

The idea came to Admiral Madden, he continued, while the British officer was aboard a cruiser which sighted a submarine. The cruiser gave chase, he said, but as it drew near the submarine submerged. Admiral Madden, chagrined at the cruiser's failure to "get" the submarine, exclaimed:

"Why wouldn't it be a good idea to work up some sort of a device to drop on these Hun?"

Other officers approving the plan, the cruiser put back to port, where the idea was presented to Admiral Jellicoe. He approved the plan, and munition experts were put to work devising the "ash can."

The depth bombs evolved contained 200 pounds of trinitrotoluol and were capable of sinking a submarine.

Texas Workmen Tear Down Building Where the Author Was Employed.

Austin, Tex.—Sketches on the walls of the old land office building on the Capitol grounds, drawn by O. Henry the author, while he was a clerk in the statehouse here, are being destroyed. Workmen are tearing down the building.

O. Henry, in his adolescence, published a little weekly, The Rolling Stone, worked in the land office as a clerk, and worked prodigiously on the stories that later were to entertain an army of readers.

His real name was Sidney Porter, and he was then unknown to fame. No one seems to remember whether he was a good clerk, and those who have seen the sketches say that as an artist he was a good story teller.

Kaiser's Youngest Son Hopes to Live in U. S.

Geneva.—The former Prince Joachim of the Hohenzollern family hopes to emigrate to America after peace is signed, according to report.

Joachim, who is the youngest son of the former German emperor, has arrived here from Berlin, and expresses his intention of remaining in Switzerland until after the peace settlement. The Hohenzollerns have just bought a large estate near Lugano, where the former emperor eventually hopes to reside in exile.

Wanted Forty Years for Son's Return.

Berwick, Pa.—When Lawrence Boyd left here for Seattle, Wash., in 1879, his mother expressed the hope that she would live to see him return. Although she had to live to be eighty-six years old, she has enjoyed the fulfillment of her wish; the son returned a few days ago on his first visit in forty years.

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