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## COSMIC FLU

Many American medical authorities admit themselves baffled by the current type of influenza. It has so many different manifestations, and attacks victims with so little regard to precedent and prescribed rules, that there are almost as many theories concerning its cause and cure as there are medical groups expounding them. It is interesting, therefore, to hear what a noted Oriental physician has to say about the cause of "flu," in an article in the Indian Medical Record published in Madras.

The word "influenza," he reminds his readers, simply means "influence." The disease spread all over the world a year ago when ocean-going traffic was almost at a standstill, and there were isolated cases in small villages and remote mountain districts. These facts lead Dr. M. C. Nandjunda Row to believe that the disease does not have a bacterial origin. Instead he believes:

"This pandemic must have been the result of some cosmic influence, to the investigation of which no one has as yet turned his attention, operating on the vitality of all living things, reducing their power of resistance against disease, thus rendering them easy victims to the onslaughts of many germs which exist in space already and some of which at least are probably rendered more active and virulent from the same causes. Thus this pandemic may be considered perhaps the closing era of a certain type of civilization or of a certain type of man, just as the upheavals of the earth from the effect of some geological cataclysm have marked the closing date of various geological ages."

The doctor seeks no cosmic force to use as a cure for "flu." He follows much the same methods of treatment as his occidental colleagues. We almost wish, however, that the gentleman would turn his attention to the investigation of this cosmic force and perhaps discover a less baneful influence with which we might put ourselves in harmony, thus routing the flu and all its train of ills. It is growing wearisome trying to fight a cosmic influence with our merely human weapons.

Anyway, the railroad employes are to be praised for their good sense in expressing their disapproval of the railroad bill by argument rather than a strike. The argument failed, but did no harm. The strike would have failed, too, and done infinite harm.

The present attitude of the Allies toward Russia is excessively Christian. The Bolsheviki are to be forgiven all their crimes if they promise to sin no more.

Viscount Bryce says the non-Turkish Mohammedans don't want the Sultan kept in Constantinople. Then who does?

A new Chicago paper announces that it is going to publish no crime or scandal. Won't it print any local news at all?

Cheer up—the worst is yet to come. Meaning a boost in railroad rates, which shippers will pass on to the consumer, multiplied as usual.

Bolshevism, after all, may not have any relation to I. W. W.-ism. They say the Bolshevist government makes its workmen labor 12 hours a day.

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## Comments of the State Press

**What is the Program—**  
The people of Seio and vicinity are very much interested to know what is to be the county court program relative to the improvement of the Seio-Green's bridge road during the present season.—Seio Tribune

**Stung So Often—**  
A New Jersey candidate for the legislature promises to exterminate the mosquitoes if elected. But that will not get him very far. The folks in New Jersey, like the rest of us, have been stung so often that they don't care.—Oregon Statesman.

**Berries and Stumps—**  
If one may judge by the statements made by growers of small fruits such as loganberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries, in Western Oregon, Washington and California, on stump land the returns from these crops are surpassing anything ever dreamed of a few years ago.—Lebanon Criterion.

**Misjudged—**  
Supporters of General Wood, who are wearing buttons displaying the word, "Wood", should be careful not to wear these buttons on their hats. People will misjudge.—Astoria Budget.

**Misery—**  
And now bobs up Senator Jim Reed from "Misery," with a cantankerous demand for an investigation of the Federal Grain corporation. The "show me" senator is nothing if not cantankerously contentious about every activity connected with the war which displeases his German constituency.—Telegram.

**State Rights—**  
Politics makes strange bedfellows—so does love of booze. Here we have the rock-ribbed republicans of Rhode Island, and the Tammany democrats of New York opposing prohibition because it violates the principles of "state's rights."—Eugene Guard.

**Bryan and Salmon—**  
The mention of William Jennings Bryan as a possible presidential candidate has created a new conundrum which Astorians will appreciate: Why is Bryan like a Chinook salmon? Because, we are told, he runs every four years and gets canned.—Astor Budget.

## Native Poetry

### THE DIFFERENCE

By Guy Fitch Phelps

Some lives like ancient swamps remain  
Deep, dismal and indifferent still.  
What brooks it, if the day bring rain,  
What matter if the night be chill.  
Unknown the dateless days go by;  
Unknown they live, unknown they die,  
Without a vision or a crime,  
They slouch their lazy round of time.

But there are those who fight alone,  
Imprisoned spirits fair to wing;  
And few there are who catch their moon,  
And fewer still who hear them sing.  
Like birds of burning breast they pine  
For some fair land of sun and vine,  
And waiting wither sweet of tongue  
With all their wildest songs unsung.

And some like lordly ships go out  
O'er boundless oceans wild and wide;  
And drive on foaming shoals of doubt,  
And strew their wreckage on the tide.  
For them no harbor light shall shine;  
For them shall rise no star divine,  
But lost in darkness far from shore  
They voiceless sink to rise no more.

While some like autumn leaves are blown  
Hot spots o'er a friendless earth;  
They follow paths unmapped, unknown  
Without a tie of land or birth.  
As restless as a feverish dream,  
They pass by ruin, hill and stream,  
And where the moons of romance play  
They sigh their pensive breath away.

O souls with opal sandals shod!  
O tempest driven, mad and spar!  
O wounded breasts which bleed to God,  
And glimpse fruition's lamps afar;  
Together on the tempest cast,  
Blown brothers of a mighty blast,  
I hear! I hear! I wake! I start!  
The Gypsy's calling in my heart.

### The Leader

By Grace Hall

He needs no wealth to lend its glow,  
No gold to gold his plan,  
For greater gains are his to show  
Than fall to common man;  
His inborn traits may humble be,  
As judged by casual eye.

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With humble trust deep in his soul  
He grasps the tangled skein  
That men have made and lo! 'tis whole—  
Because his mind is sane.

Ofttimes he walks the lower trail,  
And few may heed his worth,  
Until there comes a nation's wall—  
Of leaders there is dearth!  
Then with a vision crystal clear  
He sees that nation's need;  
A frightened people loses fear—  
And follows where he leads.

## Do You Know That

A whale is nearly one-third head  
Tortoises are fond of strawberries.  
A man's working life averages forty years.  
Humming birds use spider threads for their nests.  
Japan's postal service is the cheapest in the world.  
Fighting ants have an organized system of ambulances.

Playing golf is a new idea for the cure of the insane.

Footlights were first introduced to the stage by David Garrick.

English railways have special types of cars to carry aeroplanes.

England's tobacco bill for the year is in excess of \$250,000,000.

The human body manufactures ten ounces of water daily from the tissues.

Shark oil is used for lighting purposes in many parts of the West Indies.

Two cupfuls of salt is considered a handsome wage for a day's work in Togoland.

There still exists in the French Republic, five different ranks on grades of nobility.

Statistics show that more than 40 per cent of the clergy live to be septuagenarians.

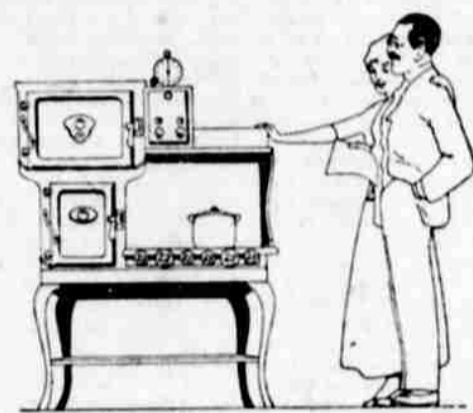
Air, under pressure at very low temperature, can be turned into a liquid or even a solid.

The nails on invalids' hands grow considerably faster than on the hands of a person in good health.

"Bombay duck" is not duck. It is a dried fish, and a great delicacy with the English resident in India.

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