

PHONING AN AIRPLANE IN FLIGHT NEWEST YANK TRICK.



Talking to an airplane in flight through a wireless telephone is one of the wonders of the age, perfected by Yank ingenuity, with the necessity of war as mother of the invention. Here are members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee testing out the new radiophone. Col. C. C. Culver (with hand up to mouth) is phoning orders, and Senator Francis E. Warren (with receiver to ear) is listening in. In the foreground is Senator John W. Weeks, with Major Maurice B. Connelly.

QUARANTINE

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"Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper and every one that hath an issue and whose ever is unclean by the dead." Numbers 5:2.

Agas before modern science was born the Jews practiced quarantine. Not only in the scripture of the text but in many other passages Moses taught them to separate between the diseased and the healthy in order to prevent the spread of contagion. The Jew was also taught to distinguish between the clean and the unclean, not only in food and drink, but with regard to personal contact with uncleanness. Defilement of the body was scrupulously avoided and the virtue of bathing in running water was inculcated. So emphatic were these distinctions among the prophets of this mighty race that they are racially unique among ancient peoples, and a recent medical authority attributes to their scrupulous cleanliness habits the remarkably longevities of the Jewish Rabbis of our own time and country.

The mental habit of habitually dividing between the clean and the unclean became an object lesson for moral distinctions. Virtue is to the mind and spirit what cleanliness is to the body, but vice is moral pollution, to be rejected and shunned.

This illustrative thought is carried all through the Bible, so that when God reveals a way of salvation for the sinner it is said in the vivid figurative language of Scripture that he bath "Opened a fountain to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness." A few years ago, during a summer vacation in the mountains a friend guided me to a spring bub-

bling out of the ground, perhaps ten feet across and several feet deep from which a large stream flowed down into the valley. My friend was accustomed to take a morning dip in that overflowing fountain of pure mountain water. What a sense of cleansing power the sight of that sparkling water conveyed. So through the ages the fountain of God's love and forgiveness has flowed to cleanse the sin-polluted souls of men.

The observance of quarantine regulations is a mark of civilization. Contagious diseases are many times more fatal where the value of quarantine is not known, or where for any reason it is not put in practice. Uncivilized or half-civilized races suffer many fold destructively by pestilence compared with lands where modern science has taught the value of quarantine.

Our government vigilantly guards our coasts from oriental plagues by quarantining every approaching vessel where there is reason to suspect the presence of contagion. Several years ago it was found that the Bubonic plague had been carried ashore at San Francisco by rats escaping from Asiatic vessels. The California ground squirrels contracted the disease, and immediately the U. S. government employed a force of men to trap the squirrels until the disease should be exterminated.

The enforcement of quarantine by a community is an instance where the restraint of individual liberty is required for the common good. We have learned that it is better that one family should be deprived of freedom, while every effort is made for their recovery, than that the whole community should be exposed to the ravages of disease. The argument is strengthened by the knowledge that contagious diseases usually become more severe as they advance.

This principle of the restraint of the individual for the common good

is utilized in many other ways. A man might be so indolent to remove his bad-smelling nuisance from his premises, for his own sake, but he must at least do so for the sake of his neighbors. The citizen has a perfect right to the use of firearms—a right guaranteed by the Constitution—but he must not fire a gun within the city limits. The prohibition of the liquor traffic is enacted on the same principle and there is reason to hope and believe that certain vices which before the war were left free to contaminate the public health will be quarantined for the protection of the innocent.

Thus increasing civilization means more and more individual restraint, and the land of greatest personal freedom becomes at the same time the land where the vicious must practice self-control for the good of the body politic. Hell may be conceived as the eternal quarantine of the incurably sin-polluted, and heaven as the realm from which they are permanently excluded. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

The consideration of quarantine suggests many moral analogies. The germ theory of disease reveals myriads of minute forms of life struggling like ourselves, for existence. They are everywhere, in the food we eat and the air we breathe, in "the heavens above and the earth beneath and the waters under the earth." Many of them are harmless, others are beneficial and in fact without their salutary activity we could not live. They render our bread digestible, give flavor to our butter and cheese, and vinegar abounds with them.

Just as with visible animal and vegetable life, there is a distinction

to be made among these invisible breads. From the standpoint of human life they are good or bad. Just as sheep and cattle are worth more than cougars and rattlesnakes, so we are able by scientific investigation to distinguish some of the characteristics of various micro-organisms. Some we welcome, against others we contend. When certain vicious forms of bacteria begin to operate within the body we are put upon a fight for life in which every effort sometimes proves unavailing and death ensues.

It has been contended by some that, given absolutely perfect human life, such a person would prove immune to the attack of any disease germ. Others have asserted the power of the mind to resist all forms of disease. These contentions however tall practically, for we have no example of a perfect human life, and typhoid or diphtheria germs will eat a Christian Scientist with as much relish and as little regret as though he were a skeptic.

These destructive bacteria infect not only the human body but also prey upon lower forms of animal life, and indeed form a wonderful chapter in the history of nature.

By means of diligent investigation, scientists have learned much of the nature and activity of these infinitesimal forms of existence, so that civilized races are protected in a large degree from their ravages. The present epidemic of influenza has been much more fatal when it has appeared among lower races, than in Europe and America. Before the time of modern science plagues of various types periodically swept over the nations destroying life in vast numbers. Even in our own country in earlier times when cholera or yellow fever appeared people simply hithed up their teams and drove to safety leaving crops and stock to care for themselves as best they could until the pestilence should disappear.

Physicians as well as missionaries have not infrequently exposed themselves to the dangers of contagious diseases that they might bring relief to the suffering and to study the nature of the pestilence in order to discover a remedy. Such heroic men and women are benefactors of the race, entitled to no less honor than the soldiers who fight our battles. Christianity has produced the conditions which have made successful scientific investigation possible. It has also taught that spirit of self-sacrifice which has called forth almost countless examples of personal consecration.

Every law for the restriction of wrong is in its nature a quarantine law morally applied. Before the Civil War laws were repeatedly enacted for the purpose of confining slavery to the states south of Mason and Dixon's line. For many years the people of certain states sought by quarantine to protect their citizens from the degrading influences of the saloon. Now the whole American people have a constitutional law to quarantine our country against the frightfulness of booze, and every loyal citizen will lend a hand to secure its enforcement. It is true that a people cannot be made good by law. But it is also true that the laws of a democracy are an expression of the moral life of the people, and by wise laws faithfully enforced, the innocent may be protected and the baneful contagion of vice restricted.

Scripture admonishes us to practice individual quarantine. "Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners." Also this, "Enter not into the path of the wicked. And walk not in the way of evil men. Avoid it pass not by it; Turn from it, and pass on." After quarantine, and connected with it is disinfectant, which is intended to exterminate the deadly bacteria of contagious diseases. For this knowledge we are also indebted to faithful students of nature's laws, who have made it possible to establish sanitary regulations of very great practical benefit. Yet above all artificial disinfectants in potency are pure air and sunshine—God's free gift to all.

Health is God's gift, and is the normal condition of human life. But we are in a world where we are beset with enemies, so that incessant study and toil became necessary for our protection. Thus the Creator has stimulated us to that mental, moral and physical effort without which development and progress would be impossible.

All health comes from God, and to learn its laws that we may secure its blessings becomes our privilege and duty. When the physician successfully prescribes in case of sickness, he simply utilizes means which the Creator has placed within our reach. While it is evidently our duty to cultivate and protect health, the best of our ability, with how much greater force does the principle apply to spiritual health. A diseased moral nature is even more to be deplored than bodily sickness. A corrupt mind may diffuse contagion more deadly to society than influenza or typhoid.

Disordered mental faculties arouse our pity but how much more lamentable a soul infested with the bacteria of sin. This however is possible only by the personal choice of the victim. Every sinner is such because in the last analysis, he has chosen sin. We often seek to lay the responsibility on some one else, but when the eyes of the spirit become

clear we know that the sinful choice was our own. The contagion of physical disease may be brought to us by the fault of another, but thank God, no other can force the contamination of sin upon the soul.

Mark Twain Right About Tom Sawyer.

"You can't always tell how youngsters will turn out when they grow to manhood," says Mme. Clara Clemens, who, though a well known sinner, is a mother herself and ought to know: "but anybody would know that my father, Mark Twain, wouldn't devote so much time and attention to 'Tom Sawyer' if he weren't a real worth-while fellow."

"And recent events have proved the wisdom of his judgment. Private Tom Sawyer has helped to win the war and has been recommended to General Pershing for bravery."

"I read about him in the last issue of the Stars and Stripes, the official publication of the American Expeditionary Forces. At midnight, unaided and unaccompanied, he left the American lines, crawling on hands and knees until he reached the German lines. Then he had to cut through the barbed wire fence which marks the line with an instrument which made a harsh noise, fearing every moment that the noise might attract the attention of some watchful Boche, who would immediately send him to join the angel choir. But nothing happened. Tom Sawyer worked his way through the wires and found himself in the land of the Hun. He went on a little further and found himself in a dense forest. So far he hadn't sighted a living soul, but he did sight some machine guns and cannon, and though he wasn't able to take them back for Uncle Sam, he did succeed in putting them in such shape that they'd never sing another hymn of hate again. After going on a little further and gathering the information he had been sent to get he was about to return, when suddenly he ran right into half a dozen of the Hunns. Tom Sawyer admits that his

heart skipped several beats and he didn't take a breath for what seemed at least ten minutes, when, much to his amazement, they fled with one accord, muttering 'Der Amerikaner.'"

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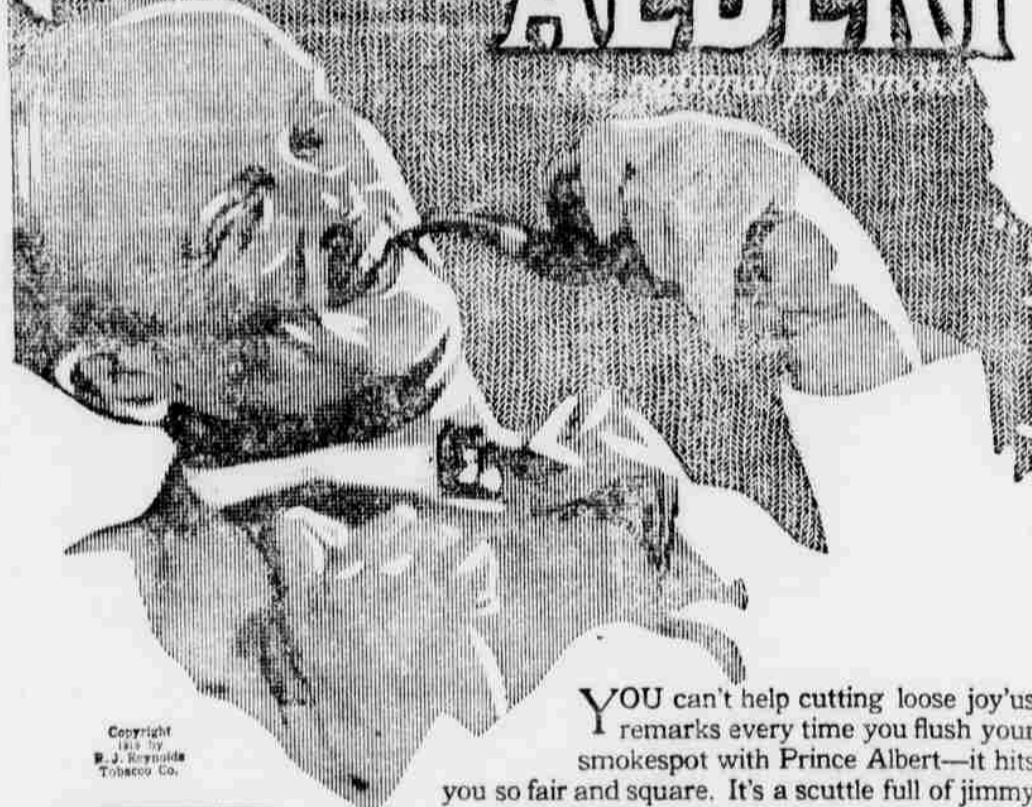
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Billy Cronk, Tum-a-Lum hustler at lone, was doing business in Heppner on Saturday.

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