

HEALTH SUNDAY

(By E. Richard Petskey, M. D., Urologist and Sexologist, Phoenix, Ariz.) Tomorrow, Sunday, February the ninth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, has been designated as "Health Sunday." Every American should make it a point to go to his place of worship on this particular day, if at no other time. It should be a sense of DUTY calling us to respond to the call which has been given out by so great a man as our friend, General Rupert Blue. He is indeed the American's people friend, for he is striving without rest to make the American people one of the healthiest races of the day. This is a governmental call. It is a national call. Respond to it heart and soul.

When our boys were called to the colors to save our country, nothing was spared to make them "FIT," and now that they are about to be released from this work, Uncle Sam is still keeping his hand of protection over them as they return to civil life.

When we were children there were so many times when we were reprimanded and forbidden to do that and that, or to go to such and such a place, or to associate with such and such a person. Then we did not realize what all that meant to our future and to the future of those who at some later period of life would be placed under our care and guidance. Uncle Sam is unto the parent. He is warning us and is anxious to see us all grow up to be "HEALTHY" men and women.

Of late, a great deal has been written on the subject covering venereal diseases, and it has had a very great moral effect already. Fortunately, the day of "prudery" has passed, and passed away for ever. There is nothing to be ashamed of about the body that God has blessed us with. No, but there is a great deal to be ashamed of in the manner in which we abuse this wonderful body of ours. It is the object of the government, and many societies and physicians in private practice to do all in their power to eliminate venereal diseases, and this can only be done by constant co-operation from every side. Are you doing your bit?

When we have tuberculosis or typhoid fever or any other ordinary disease, we do not go to a drug store and buy some patent medicine and attempt to cure ourselves. Then, why should anyone suffering from a venereal disease attempt to do so? Far less so, then. Venereal diseases require the very best of efficient treatment to assure of their elimination from the system. Unless properly treated and cured at the time, they may lie dormant for a while, only to break out again, and to break out in a more virulent form than before. It is an absolute injustice for a man or woman who is suffering from any form of venereal disease not to go to a competent physician for the proper treatment. Every such person ought to display enough honor and self-respect to be only too anxious to be CURED. Many a case of INHERITED VENEREAL DISEASE do physi-

cians all over the country see from day to day, just because some person was not honest enough to present himself or herself for proper treatment at the time of infection. Many are there who are this day syphilitic, not through their own actions, but through the inheritance of some neglectful ancestor.

A common opinion seems to be prevalent at present that when a person goes to a doctor's office for treatment for a venereal disease, that his or her name is made public. This is absolutely erroneous. Each physician is required to make a record of such cases, but he is NOT to hand out the name of the patient.

When the boys come home you will be planning to HONOR them, so do not allow profiteers of vice to take advantage of days of festivity to DISHONOR them. Make sure that DEMOBILIZATION will NOT mean DEMORALIZATION.

Once more do I appeal to you to do your part and go and listen to what your minister has to say and stand by him in UNITY. Union is strength. Yours for the obliteration of venereal diseases.

LOCALS

Thursday evening Mrs. Gabie Bouie, 219 West Sherman street, gave a delightful luncheon in honor of Mrs. Susie Williams. It was a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Williams, who was ending her stay in Phoenix. All present report a delightful affair.

LIBERTY IN WAR

When the announcement came from Washington some months ago that the United States had loaned five million dollars to Liberia, we wondered what the money was lent for. There was no obvious consideration for a loan of this amount to a republic of Negroes which had been formed under American auspices on the west coast of equatorial Africa—except, perhaps, a general feeling of friendliness on the part of the blacks of one country for the blacks of the other. This, however, hardly seemed to justify such generosity at the expense of American taxpayers—for money sent to Liberia seldom comes back.

An explanation may perhaps be found in a statement recently made by a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church in Liberia. Last April the colored republic suffered from an attack by a German submarine, which shelled Monrovia, the capital, and sank the President Grant, the only vessel of the Liberian navy. This was because the government of Liberia would not comply with the German demand for the destruction of the French cable and wireless station on the coast. On the contrary, the Liberians took charge of the plant themselves and sent 200 Germans to France to be interned there. They have also supplied the French army with hundreds of colored laborers, who received military training that qualified them, in case of need, to act as soldiers.

According to the Liberian bishop, the Germans have heretofore controlled three-quarters of the commercial enterprise in Liberia. Their interests have been seized and sold, since Liberia declared war against Germany in August, 1917. In view of the vigorous action of the black republic against the common foe, we are not prepared to say that our generosity was misplaced. And no doubt the Liberians needed the money—"Munsey."

The first note in "high places" that has sounded against Wall Street is from Representative Heflin of Alabama, who states in Congress that thousands of farmers of the South have been robbed by the price of cotton being driven down from 37 to 24 cents. He's a bolshevik; he's pro-German; hang him!

Tackle has been invented by a Washington man to make a falling tree pull out the stump of one cut down earlier in a lumbering operation.

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