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before the appearance of the rash. "A new filtrable virus, pathogenic for rats was reported by Prof. Navy of the University of Michigan. This expert described a new germ so small as to pass through the pores of the most impermeable of porcelain filters and so abundant in the infected animal that one-one billionth part of a drop of blood was enough to produce the disease. It is infectious for rats only, not affecting any other animals; even mice are immune. It is not known how the disease is transmitted in nature and the discoverer does not regard it as of value for rodent extermination.

Dr. Peyton Rous of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, described a cancer (Yersinia) of chickens that is due to an agent which passes through a porcelain filter. The study of malignant growths of lower animals seems to offer the only hope of learning anything about this scourge of the human race.

Prof. Adolph Dieudonne of Munich, Germany and Dr. Charles Krumwiede, Jr. of New York described methods of isolating the cholera spiritum, the former using alkaline blood agar, the latter employing an egg agar medium. Both methods have certain advantages but it is doubtful whether either is superior to the ordinary alkaline agar plates.

Leprosy Discussed. "Of leprosy he says: 'The recent advances in the laboratory investigation of leprosy have been able to isolate and grow several microorganisms which appear to be related to or at least associated with the disease, but there seems to be no agreement as to which one is the actual causative agent.'

Study Of The Hookworm. The subject of Hookworm Intestina came up for a very exhaustive discussion. The mode of infection was demonstrated. It was shown that the embryonic worms pass through the skin of the feet, and thus gain access to the body fluids and finally deposit them in the intestinal tract where they again formed and these pass out and again ready to become embryos and infect the next individual with whom they come in contact. The point to be especially emphasized is that the prevention of the disease lies in the disposal of the human excreta in such a manner that it may not come in contact with persons.

The spread of plague came in for considerable discussion but nothing new was brought out, though emphasis was properly laid on the fact that the essential point in combating this disease was the warfare on rodents.

Cholera Spread Taken Up. "The spread of cholera was mentioned and the conclusion reached that cholera always the disease is conveyed by persons, either convalescents, those actually sick or by those who have entirely recovered but continue to discharge the germ from their intestinal tract. So far as prevention, the measure to be taken is to depend upon bacteriological examination of the stools of persons from cholera infected places and of those who have been in contact with cases of cholera. It is preferable to enforce this examination at the port of embarkation in the case of overseas traffic, but where this is not practicable it must be rigidly carried out at the destination.

Typhoid fever, which is generally known as the most widespread of the acute infectious diseases, was considered. It was brought out that in recent years much had been done to suppress this disease in large cities, but there had been little diminution in the rural communities. The point especially emphasized was that so simple a measure as the introduction of proper privies or cesspools is often enough to practically eliminate typhoid fever from a community.

A number of reports were made upon the use of killed culture vaccine in the prevention of typhoid fever. This measure has been in use a surprisingly large number of instances and with apparently uniform good results. It appears clear that this preventive inoculation will ordinarily obviate an attack and if it fails in this or any rate render the attack very mild.

The point was emphasized that in every case of typhoid fever, diphtheria, epidemic meningitis, cholera and dysentery, it is most important that the patient be not discharged until such time as he is shown to be free from the germ of the disease. "Just what to do with those who, while clinically fully recovered, still harbor the germs is a very difficult problem that has given special concern in relation to typhoid fever. The very minimum requirement should be that they be prohibited from any occupation that would bring them in contact with food."

Control Of Rabies. The control of rabies is a subject that has only a theoretical interest for us in Hawaii as the disease does not exist here and we have every reason for believing that the rigid enforcement of the order prohibiting the importation of dogs except under certain restrictions will serve to keep it cut. It is worth mentioning however that other communities less fortunate than this one are encountering serious difficulties in suppressing the disease.

Dr. Pratt goes on to summarize other important problems of health and sanitation taken up. He says that in the discussion of venereal disease so far as concerns armies and navies it seemed clear that the situation is best met by frankly recognizing that the men will expose themselves and measures should be provided to reduce the likelihood of infection. Tuberculosis was discussed at some length and by many eminent authorities.

Dr. Pratt reports fully on the work for sanitation and quarantine done at the great congress. The pollution of

waterways and sources of water supply was taken up and the fact emphasized that every safeguard must be taken to preserve the purity of drinking water and even of bathing water. Sewage disposal was another problem to which much attention was paid.

Effect Of Canal Opening. He tells of a paper read by Assistant Surgeon-General Leland E. Coffey, who is well known in Hawaii, on "The Advances in Quarantine Incident to the Opening of the Panama Canal." Dr. Coffey proposes to have all ships' surgeons especially trained in scientific quarantine and to have them act as sanitary authorities on vessels. He suggests the formation of an "International Sanitary Union" to be composed of the great nations that will use the canal. These would be expected to keep their ports in such condition that the danger of exporting disease would be minimized.

Dr. Pratt says: "Docks and wharves must be made rat-proof and so far as it is practicable the rat-proofing should be extended to the whole of that part of the coast that has to do with shipping. The vicinity of the docks must be kept free from insanitities. If the whole port can be kept free from them so much the better, but it is vitally important as regards the shipping.

"It will be recognized that this is a subject of the greatest importance to Honolulu. So long as the present work of mosquito eradication is kept up with undiminished efficiency there is believed to be little or no danger of the introducing of yellow fever. With reference to our docks, however, it must be admitted that we are sadly deficient. Rat-proof wharves, massive those built of iron and concrete with a solid bulkhead that offers no shelter for rodents. Nothing short of these will meet the sanitary requirements of the commerce that will come to Honolulu when the Panama canal is in operation.

Dr. Pratt goes on to tell of work among the railroads to check the spread of disease through the closest of cars and the abolition of the federal government to the interstate spread of disease. He then tells of the problems of Boston conservation raised up, including cases of industrial and occupational diseases, human activities, and the preservation of the natural world, medical inspection of schools, and other some interesting details of various health exhibits seen on tour by states to spread the doctrine of sanitation.

In conclusion he says: "The territory's contribution to the exhibit was a very creditable exposition of what we are doing to solve the special problems we have to deal with. The members of the territory's delegation feel that they have derived much benefit from having attended the congress and there is no doubt but that the territory has shown that it is vitally interested in the problem of disease prevention and human cooperation in making representatives in the meeting."

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C. J. McCarthy, city and county treasurer-elect, has taken the first store next the stairway in the Kaplan building for his official quarters. It is on Alakea street, just around the corner from King street. The front of the store has been partitioned off for the treasurer's private office, and the larger portion beyond will be fitted up for the clerk and license collector. There is ample space for the laborers in front of the counter on paydays, and altogether the new treasurer's office will be convenient for all concerned. "Wainaloe" will replace the plaster on the wall next the entrance and the interior will be generally renovated. The rental is to be \$55 a month, which is \$15 less than has been paid to both Trent and Shingle for room in their own offices. The difference will be applied to caretaking of the office.

Miss Esther Erickson, secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, has been ill for the last few days, and during her absence her place is being filled by Miss Tupper, the physical director.

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