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PERIL OF YELLOW FEVER.
THE OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF A NEW BOOK
BY SIR RUBERT W. BOYCE.

Sir Rupert brings the conclusions he has derived from the study of the general history of yellow fever to converge upon the problem of yellow fever in West Africa. He produces an almost unbroken record of outbreaks there over a long period of years. He shows that the Stegomyia abounds there, and that until last year no concerted measures of destruction had ever been attempted, even on the smallest scale; while from the partial immunity of the natives and the severe mortality of white men in the recent epidemic he infers that the black race is the permanent reservoir from which the Stegomyia IMBIBES THE INFECTION.

In other words yellow fever is endemic in West Africa. He has examined clinical records extending over many years, and finds that a vast amount of mistaken diagnosis has occurred, relegating the milder types of the disease to the indefinite categories of bilious remittent fever. The absence of any infallible criterion of diagnosis, such as exists in malaria, is partly to blame for this, but partly also the fact that pressure has been brought to bear on medical officers to suppress the diagnosis, in the absence of proofs positive, in the supposed interest of commerce. Sir Rupert states that at the commencement of an epidemic it is the mild atypical cases that tend to predominate; therefore, it is imperative to determine their symptomatology. In this connection, we have to consider what are the uncomplimented symptoms produced experimentally by the bite of the Stegomyia. This question has been answered by the American Commission, who studied fully twelve cases of mild fever from experimental infection. Comparing these symptoms with the symptoms of the fever that has passed as remittent, he finds that the syndromes are virtually identical, and comparing further the symptoms of severe West African cases with those of typhoid yellow fever again he discerns identity. The high mortality in the recent outbreak in West Africa indicates, not that a specially virulent type of the disease prevailed, but rather that many mild cases that would have discounted heavily the mortality percentage escaped detection. In the chapters devoted to morbid anatomy and histology he shows that the naked eye and microscopic changes in the tissues and viscera after death from yellow fever are so characteristic that whatever the difficulty may have been in life, there can be no excuses nor failing to make the diagnosis after death.

(Concluded.)
WANTED—Bright boy at Winner's photo gallery.

Reformation Wanted.

A most serious question confronts the English speaking population of the province of Limon. Are the English speaking children going to be educated or are they going to be forced to waste their precious time in the Spanish school?

Under existing conditions and according to the laws of this country all children must go to the official school whether they get any education or not. But the Government has not studied the question carefully and conscientiously, and at present the school authorities and teachers just simply enforce a deficient law regardless of the results. The English speaking parents send their children to the public school every day to listen to lessons in the Spanish language, which are as interesting to the children as would be the noise of a cart over a rough road. The Spanish language is a foreign one to the children in Limon and should be treated in the schools of this province in the same way as the English is treated in the schools of San José. It would be a great privilege for the English speaking children to be educated in their own language, and also to be permitted to learn the Spanish. But the Government makes a serious mistake in forcing them into the public school, and what is worse, out of their own private schools. If the Government of this country is not prepared to educate the children of this province why not let the parents educate their own children in schools better adapted to the circumstances? Compel every child to go to school; but permit schools to be opened by competent professors and allow the parents to select the school better adapted to their age, sex and language of their children.

The answer from the authorities is: There is a law which says very clearly that all children between seven and fourteen years of age must attend the public school unless they receive at home or in a private school the education required of the official programme; and the official programme, of course, has been made specially for Spanish speaking children in the same way as the law was made many years ago, when there were no English speaking children in Limon to be educated.

Who is at fault then? The teachers? Certainly not; the Government? Of course not; the law? Yes.

The spirit of the law is good as it tends to assure the education of all children living in this country without exception, but this law is very old. This progressive country has overgrown the law and it must be reformed, otherwise this law, so beneficial in the other provinces of this country, will seriously mar the progress of this very important section of Costa Rica.

WILLIAM GRANT.

Near Another Murder.

On Sunday last while Mr. Charles Grant, accompanied by one of his men was on his way to

his farm at Eight Miles, he was stopped by a negro named Johnson just at the 8 mile post along the railroad line. With clenched fist he approached Mr. Grant and shook it in his face and demanded from him at once an explanation in regard to an order which he (Mr. Grant) had given his mandador some days ago. Mr. Grant fortunately was not armed but seeing that the man Johnson was bent on doing mischief thrust his hand in his pocket as if to draw his revolver, which so scared Johnson that he at once altered his calculation and quickly changed his navigation towards Nine Miles.

The man Johnson owns a hatched 4 x 5 feet ranch near Mr. Grant's farm, who has been a martyr to the cocoanut thieves around, thus necessitating the strict order to his mandador that his farm must not be wholly deserted by him or his men at any time. This order so infuriated the man Johnson that he was led to waylay Mr. Grant.

We understand that a criminal charge is laid against the man, and we hope the full rigor of the law will be meted out to him at his trial.

Sad Case of Drowning.

On Sunday afternoon last two German Bremen from off the "Prinz August Wilhelm" were strolling on Cienegueta beach and feeling warm divested themselves of their clothes and plunged into the sea for a bath. They were swimming in the water for fully half an hour enjoying themselves.

One of them named Emil Schonwaller suddenly disappeared beneath the water. His companion took little notice of this as he thought he went for a dive, but after waiting for some minutes and not seeing him come on the surface began to entertain grave fears. Three quarters of an hour elapsed and no sight of Emil was visible, his comrade at once came to the conclusion that he had breathed his last, and he, like a true friend after diving several times in search of the body discovered it a few yards from where it disappeared. With much difficulty he dragged the body ashore and with the assistance of some kind friends rolled the body on the sand but this proved ineffective as life was already extinct. Dr. Cespedes was summoned, who after viewing the body ordered its removal to the United Fruit Company's Hospital. It is conjectured that the unfortunate man was seized with cramp while in the water. He was only 22 years of age.

THE FUNERAL.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning a special train met a large number of officers and men from the ship at the Ferro Carril station and conveyed them to the hospital where the dead body was lying. On reaching the hospital the sorrowing officers and comrades of the deceased repaired to the dead house where they threw a flag of the German nationality over the coffin which was borne by four of the ship's men, and a procession was formed headed by the Third Officer. As soon as the corpse reached the coach, the ship's band played the

dead march in the German air and amidst profound silence and with hats off the body was placed in the coach and conveyed to Camp One.

A procession was again led by the Third Officer to the grave, where Father Stepper in a solemn manner performed the last rites. After the reading of the burial service the Priest gave an Oration in German.

Captain Owen and the Captain of the ship was present throughout the whole scene and seemed to be much impressed with the solemnity of the occasion.

Shipping News.

The s.s. "Parisima" is expected here to-day from New Orleans with cargo, passengers and mails.

The s.s. "Limon" sailed on Sunday evening for Boston with the following passengers: Mrs. H. A. Curotte and child, W. E. Scudamora, Ezequiel Gutierrez, Mrs. Luz de Gutierrez, Miss Alfa Skinner Kloss, Mrs. Lola Skinner Lee, Miss Tate Cantón, Miss Ema Cantón, W. H. Curotte and John C. Work.

The s.s. "Prinz August Wilhelm" sailed early yesterday afternoon with a large number of cabin as well as deck passengers. Those for Jamaica will be in time for the coronation festivities. The following is the list of passengers: For New York: Edward Reines, J. B. Norva, Farador Salgado, Francisco Alvarado, F. W. Bornemann, Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Callejas, Miss Ernestina Gonzalez, Miss Virginia Gonzales, Gerardo Baca M. C. Mayorga, Alfonso Callejas, U. Vivas, Joachim Hartado, C. Pellas, Adolfo Bernard, José María Huertado, J. R. E. Pefel, Master Pefel, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gonzalez, Ernesto Gonzalez, Joshua Edwards, Daniel Watson, William E. Russell. For Jamaica: Mrs. Frances Grant and 2 children, Miss Bertha Hanson, For Colon: Mrs. and Mrs. Alberto Marchal, Miss Amalia Marchal, Miss Claudia Marin and servant, F. Fallows, Mr. and Mrs. Vergara Clark, Elnardo Solis, K. A. Stiffer, E. Garcia and 41 deckers.

Castro on his Way to America.

Madrid.—A dispatch from Las Palmas, Canary Island, refers to the disappearance from that place of ex-President Castro of Venezuela, who arrived there from Tenerife on May 9th. After remaining long enough to hold a conference with the General, he again sailed and it is reported he is on his way to the United States. It is said that he also will make another attempt to regain his position in Venezuela.

A Man of Many Jobs.

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The British Postmaster-General is what Londoners call a universal provider, a regular department store of public functions, says the "Telephone Review."

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At dinner the other night the Postmaster-General confessed that he sometimes doubted whether he had any human personality at all. When he thought of his own functions, he said, he was appalled by them. In his official capacity, he is responsible for more property than anybody else in the United Kingdom, employs far more people than any other individual or corporation (£12,204 at the last report), prosecutes manufacturers every day that the Public Prosecutor, and sends out every week more apologies for him-; and explanations of his actions than all the rest of the British population combined.

Some time ago the engineering staff of the Post Office wanted to trim some trees down in Sussex. The Postmaster-General notified their owner, Sydney Buxton, saying they would be felled, but the Postmaster-General was firm and had the law behind him. When Sydney Buxton and the Postmaster-General got together on this matter, however, there was no difficulty, because at that time Sydney Buxton and the Postmaster-General were the same person.

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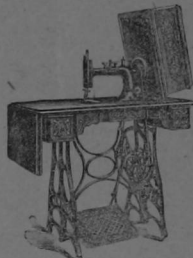
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