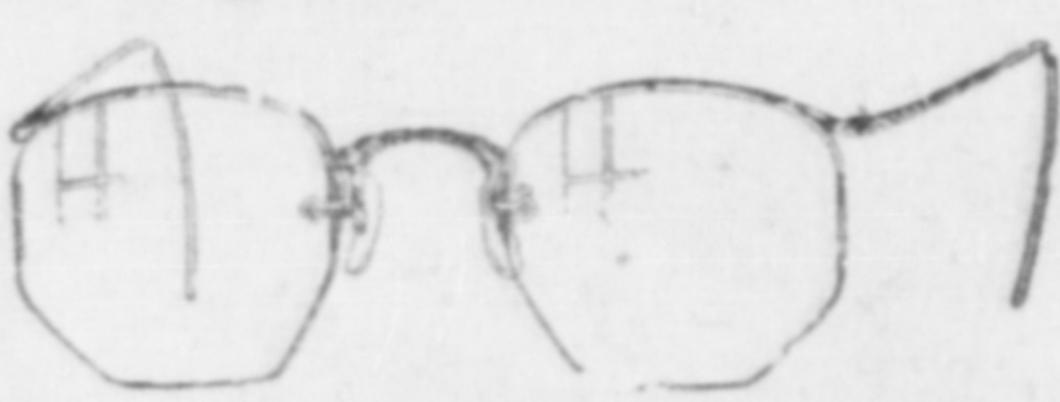


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BLOOD BANK HERE URGED

Dr. R. G. Large Makes Proposal in Speaking Before Prince Rupert Gyro Club

Speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at its regular weekly luncheon yesterday, Dr. R. G. Large advocated the establishment of a plasma bank in connection with the Prince Rupert General Hospital so that blood for transfusion purposes might be readily accessible for emergency use in connection with the treatment of serious cases.

Such a valuable addition to local hospitalization facilities should be seriously considered, Dr. Large felt. The local medical man, in the course of an address on the subject of "Modern Advancements in Medicine," inspired by a recent trip east, on post-graduate work, mentioned among other things the strides that had been made in connection with blood transfusion, particularly since the start of the war. Now blood, reduced to powder form or plasma, was being stored. Many cities already had their "plasma banks" to which suitable persons contributed their blood. Much blood donated in this manner was already being shipped overseas. Prince Rupert was one of the places which had not yet moved along this line.

Other things discussed by Dr. Large included the new electron microscope by means of which it was expected it would be possible to magnify objects up to 200,000 times whereas the ordinary microscope could only enlarge by 2000 times. He had seen new electron microscopic work at the Institute of Technology in Montreal.

At Ithaca, New York, Dr. Large had seen research work in connection with plant life. Cancer-like growth on certain plants was now being studied with a view to throwing light on human cancer problems. Another phase of plant research was the study of the development of antisepsis from

Speaking of the use of chemicals in the treatment of disease, Dr. Large described research work in connection with tuberculosis in guinea pigs, mentioning the startling results being obtained from phenom. Here lay the possibility of revolutionizing the treatment of tuberculosis in humans.

The doctor also spoke of a new process in connection with bone plating in the treatment of fractures and also the joints as in arthritis. By this process it was becoming possible to remove some of the existing disadvantages of bone plating.

Dr. Large mentioned, in opening, visits he had paid to Gyro clubs in Vancouver and Nanaimo. He had also met L. W. Waugh, a former president of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club, now in Toronto.

In thanking Dr. Large for his address, President W. F. Stone tendered congratulations on the Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons having been conferred upon him while at Boston.

Luncheon guests were C. A. Kellett and Rev. J. H. Myrwang.

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LEGIONS OF LICE MAY AID

U.S. Science Suggests Disease Pests May Defeat Nazis.

By STEPHEN J. McDONOUGH
Associated Press Science Editor
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27: (AP)—The lowly louse may prove to be Hitler's conqueror as he follows the trail of Napoleon Bonaparte toward Moscow.

Every army is lice-ridden and lice have been among the greatest killers in every war in history except the First Great War because, in addition to forcing soldiers to scratch off acres of epidermis, they transmit typhus fever and bubonic plague from rats to human beings. By some freak accident, still unexplained, the dreaded typhus and plague did not break out in the armies on the western front in the last war.

War and Disease

Dr. Ralph H. Major of the University of Kansas, in his book "Fatal Partners, War and Disease," outlines how these diseases have turned the course of battles and campaigns, including Napoleon's ill-fated trip to Moscow, and altered history and geography not yet moved along this line.

In 1915 typhus broke out in Serbia in epidemic form but it was brought under partial control until Germany invaded Serbia in October, 1915, and disrupted all control measures. As a result more than 300,000 persons, about one-tenth of the population, died and the disease formed a barrier to the plans of the Austrian-German staff to cement an alliance with Bulgarian and Turkish troops and move against Russia. The louse turned this effort into a catastrophe.

The louse came to the aid of Russia during Napoleon's invasion and, some military surgeons believe, will again ally itself with hunger, disease, cold, fatigue and poor sanitation to aid Russia against the Hitler legions, even though they reach Moscow.

Napoleon reached Moscow over a trail of scorched land, but found it a city occupied only by beggars and released convicts who proceeded under orders to set fire to everything burnable. The Little Corporal entered Russia with 363,000 men and the unseen Russian army corps of billions of lice.

Cold and Pests

Bonaparte recrossed the border into France months later with only a small fraction of that army. Out of one division of 12,000 men only 360 straggled back. On the long trek they fought lice continuously, froze in the bitter cold, were set upon by wolves as well as Russian guerrilla bands and lived largely on the meat of horses which fell in their shafts. One American military surgeon remarks that "this time the invaders can't eat tanks, unless they need some iron for their anemia."

Dr. Major says the decimation of the French army by disease was not the sole result of the campaign because "the soldiers returning from Russia brought back the same disease that had killed their comrades." Central Europe for the next three years was a hotbed of typhus fever, typhoid fever and dysentery and, as in every war, more civilians died than soldiers.

Medicine has conquered or brought under control such diseases as smallpox, dysentery, malaria, diphtheria, typhoid, yellow fever, syphilis, gonorrhea, scurvy, and many others. But the louse and his companion, the flea, may continue to wreck the best of military plans.

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Id Prime Minister Johan Nygaardsvold of Norway (in London) in a message to Swedish workers.

DECLARATIONS OF WAR
NEW YORK, Nov. 27: (UPI)—Discussing Finland's position with the anti-Nazi powers the Svenska Dagbladet says "perhaps as now have war without declarations of war without war."

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