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### CONGRESS OF MILITARY MEDICINE AND PHARMACY.

The fourth International Congress of Military Medicine and pharmacy will meet in Warsaw from April 30th to May 20th. Over forty countries are participating and more than 3000 members are expected to attend the meetings. At the end of May the President of the Polish Republic will open an international exhibition of hygiene, designed to demonstrate the technical as well as scientific advances realized in the field of health protection. This exhibition will consist of the following sections; (1) army field medical services; (2) science in the hospitals; (3) health organizations; (4) chemical and pharmaceutical; (5) surgical and dental instruments; (6) hospitals; (7) veterinary section. The pharmaceutical section will be presided over by Professor Koskowski, and will include exhibits of medicaments, pharmaceutical preparations, disinfectants, surgical dressings, dyes and preparations for physiological and bacteriological work, natural and artificial mineral waters, medicinal wines, medicated soaps, pharmaceutical utensils and apparatus, and fittings for pharmacies. The address of the exhibition committee is: Gmach U. S. Wojsk, 5 Nowowiejstza, Warsaw.

### WORLD TRADE NOTES ON DRUGS, ALLIED PRODUCTS AND LAWS.

The following notes are abstracted from recent weekly reports of the Department of Commerce:

The root of *Derris elliptica* is being more extensively used in Great Britain as an insecticide. Formerly *derris* was used as an arrow

poison in Malay and Borneo and also as a fish poison. For many years it has been extensively used by Chinese farmers as an insecticide and the larger use in Great Britain dates back to the recent war. A number of successful results have been reported. It is primarily a contact insecticide, although it is claimed also to be an effective stomach poison. In England it is principally used for spraying fruit trees and to some extent it is used in connection with domestic animals, and is said to be a companion of a number of proprietary insecticides.

The Belgian Kongo budget for 1927 includes appropriations for experimental work in the cultivation of cinchona. The cultivation is to be carried on in the higher lands of Eastern Kongo.

The pharmaceutical products law of Nicaragua imposes registration and other effects on foreign medical products other than patent medicines which is said to render the introduction of these products into Nicaragua unprofitable to foreign firms.

The American Minister, Charles C. Eberhardt, has been promised that the situation would be investigated with a view of modifying the law.

The exports of Candelilla Wax from the Chihuahua District of Mexico during 1926 amounted to about 120,000 pounds, valued at \$22,862.00.

A 6% *ad valorem* surtax is collected on pharmaceutical specialties imported into Peru which is collected on the invoice value. The surtax is collected by means of stamps which must be affixed to the packages.

The time expires this month for the Peruvian druggists to formulate a catalog of prices of

their stock of pharmaceutical specialties for use by the Tariff Advisory Board, in conjunction with the commercial invoices as a basis for the *ad valorem* rates affecting the specialties. This catalog is to be corrected annually.

Saffron culture is one of Spain's largest industries. At the present time there are about 30,000 acres in Spain devoted to Saffron culture. In value this crop is surpassed only by sugar beet, paprika and sugar cane. The average annual value of the Saffron crop is about \$500,000.

Several grades of Spanish saffron are known on the market. The following features enter into the grading—the length of the stigma, color, aroma and degree of purity.

The British group of islands in the Indian Ocean—Seychelles Islands—produce considerable quantities of several essential oils as, cinnamon leaf, clove, patchouli, lemon grass, etc. The 41 distilleries of the islands employ about 2000 people.

Large quantities of the oil of *Eucalyptus phellandra*—the narrow leaf peppermint tree—are distilled in Eastern Australia. It consists of phellandrene, cineol pinene, terpineol, geraniol, esters, sesquiterpene and a smaller amount of tiperitone. The oil is used chiefly as a flotation agent in mining, but also in the manufacture of disinfectants, insecticides, shoe polishes, soaps, perfumery, etc.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

**M. L. G. Toraude**, Vice-President of the Society of History of Pharmacy, was an apprentice during his earlier years in Caventou's pharmacy. Several years ago he was awarded the Henri Parville prize for his researches into general history and particularly for his work on Bernard Courtois, the discoverer of iodine, in which he established the claim of this pharmacist to the discovery.

**Dr. Irving F. Smith, Sr.**, pathologist of the laboratory of the Bureau of Plant Industry, was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the American Phyto-Pathological Society, held in Philadelphia.

**Ex-President and Mrs. Henry Hurd Rusby** have announced the marriage of their daughter Marguerite and Kenneth Davidson Muir, March 7th, in Boston.

**Carson P. Frailey**, Secretary of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, was seriously

injured in an automobile accident, but we are glad to learn that he is back at his desk.

**E. H. Gane**, for many years associated with McKesson & Robbins, is one of the organizers and directors of Parfums, Luyna, Inc., New York.

**Harry J. Schnell**, President of the New York Drug and Chemical Club, was given a dinner by members of the Club on March 31st, in recognition of his work as Chairman of the House Committee in connection with a transfer of the Club to its new headquarters. As a further expression of their appreciation, the members presented Mr. Schnell with a Tiffany grandfather's clock and a bronze figure of an Indian scout. A number of addresses were made commending the work and friendship of Mr. Schnell and the inscription on the clock reads "from his friends in the Drug and Chemical Club with affectionate regard and grateful appreciation of his unselfish services as Chairman of the House Committee."

**Vice-President George Judisch**, of the A. Ph. A., has recently been lecturing to the nurses in the hospital at Ft. Dodge, Iowa. **W. W. Haire**, a member of the Iowa Pharmacy Board has been teaching pharmacy at the same hospital.

**Dean Adolph Zieffe**, of the School of Pharmacy of Oregon Agriculture College, is recovering from serious illness with pneumonia.

**Dr. Paul S. Pittenger**, of the Harvey-Pittenger Company, pharmaceutical specialties, Philadelphia, has entered the employ of Sharp & Dohme, Baltimore, in the pharmacological department. He will retain his interest in the Philadelphia concern.

**Sir William S. Glyn-Jones**, accompanied by his daughter, **Dr. Kate Glyn-Jones**, sailed for England on March 4th.

**Dean Campbell**, of the Department of Pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan, spent the winter in the Southern States, making Richmond, Va., his headquarters. He was accompanied by Mrs. Campbell and their daughter, **Mrs. E. M. Counsell**, of Winnipeg.

**Prof. A. B. J. Moore**, Head of the Pharmacy Department of McGill University, recently addressed the Pharmaceutical Society of the University on "Narcotics, Their Origin, Use and Abuse."

**G. G. Colin**, chemist of the Central Chemical Laboratory, Mexico, writes that knowledge of conditions—social and industrial—in the two countries will help to bring about a better