

ing sold to the public is harmless, and that remains to be determined."

Dr. Cumming said he thought the subject might be taken up at the meeting in May of the American Medical Association.

According to the information of the Public Health Service upward of 300,000,000 gallons of the tetraethyl lead gasoline have been marketed in the last two years by the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, jointly owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the General Motors Corporation.

Alarms Intensified By Columbia Tests

Public alarm over the widespread use of tetra-ethyl lead gasoline became intensified yesterday as a result of The World's disclosure that Columbia University experts, now investigating the fluid, are expected to report adversely on it; that traces of lead have been absorbed by two persons connected with this investigation, and that the report, according to excellent authority, will point out one of the great dangers of lead poisoning is sterility.

The announcement at Washington yesterday that Surgeon Gen. Cumming will call a general conference of experts to study the health problem involved, and that the Bureau of Mines will reconsider, and possibly correct its favorable report of last fall, was exactly what was desired by those who condemn the product as a menace to public health and by those who remain unconvinced of its safety.

As far as can be learned the better of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation that its product is safe rests thus far only on its own investigations and on an incomplete report issued by the Bureau of Mines.

The fluid, when mixed in greatly diluted quantities with ordinary gasoline, prevents "knocking" of automobile engines. The ultimate economic effect is far more important than this, however, since general use of the fluid would permit development of a new type of high-compression, high-speed motor for which ordinary gasoline would not be suitable.

Public attention was first concentrated on the product when an outbreak of lead poisoning killed five workers in the Dayway, N. J., plant of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and made a score of others seriously ill. The plant, which since then has been closed, was manufacturing the fluid. It was revealed at that time that similar but less serious troubles had been experienced with it by employees of the General Motors Research Laboratories and of its Pont plant at Wilmington, Del.

Previously a warning had been sounded by Prof. Var-Jell Henderson of Yale. Since then the Bureau of Mines experiments, tending to show the fluid was safe, have been criticized by Drs. Edsall and Drinker of Harvard.

The Columbia University investigation was undertaken on the commission of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. The resulting report is expected to be made public within a short while. This work has been under the direction of Dr. Frederick B. Flinn, assistant professor of physiology, one of the two persons affected by the lead.

to Commissioner Enright.

Paris Police Are Ready For a Communist Coup

From The World's Bureau
Special Cable to The World

PARIS, April 30.—Fears that Communists might celebrate May Day to-morrow by attempting to seize the Central Telegraph Bureau, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of War, Prefecture and other public offices were somewhat allayed this evening by declarations of high police officials.

"If the Communist headquarters staff is watching events," said one, "the police staff is on guard, ready for any emergency."

The same official confirmed a report that interesting information regarding the Communists' organization and program has been obtained as a result of police demonstrations during the past few days on the homes of Communist leaders in Paris.

Know Communists' Plans

"We know exactly what they are capable of," he said. "There may be street encounters to-morrow but nothing serious. The Communists have 12,000 men in Paris. The available police force is about the same strength and we hope we are at least as well armed as they. We hope, too, our intelligence service is as good as theirs. Our headquarters staff is watching day and night and we know everything the Communists are doing and planning."

The Minister of the Interior has forbidden all street manifestations to-morrow. Any effort of Com-

to be guarded, just as before the news of the "plot" was received, by one "bobby" in the street outside the front door and another in the area-way in the rear.

Roman Police Say Reds Plan Demonstration To-Day

ROME, April 30.—Police declared to-day they had discovered evidence of an Italian revolutionary organization affiliated with Communist groups in Russia which has been planning a May Day workers' strike and demonstration against the Government throughout Italy. The police said active organizations of Soviet propagandists are established in Italy. Police are prepared to prevent trouble to-morrow.

The police announced yesterday they had raided several Communist gathering places and seized numerous documents. The police said they have discovered 350,000 copies of Communist propaganda pamphlets intended for clerks, workmen, soldiers and peasants.

According to the police some of the propaganda urged action against the ruling classes and said: "Italian brothers, show yourselves worthy of the heroic revolutionists who are fighting in Bulgaria for our common cause."

Police have taken measures throughout Italy to prevent May Day disturbances. At Florence several Communist leaders have been arrested, including Attorney D. Bigliani, who is said to be responsible for the publication of a clandestine Communist newspaper.

PRESIDENT TREATED AGAINST SMALLPOX

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despite an apparent reduction in the number of cases. This, however, is not an unusual condition with smallpox, public health authorities assert.

Philadelphia and Pittsburgh also are suffering from outbreaks.

The last week for which the Public Health Service has its reports, which cover 105 cities, show increases in the disease as follows:

City	Cases, week of April 4	9-year av. week April 5
Memphis	20	2
Birmingham	60	0
Houston	7	1
Seattle	20	1
Los Angeles	20	1
Philadelphia	14	1
New York	0	1

Thirty-three States reported 865 cases for the week ended April 4. The number last year was 1,407, but with a lower death rate. The number of cases reported has dropped in many cities.

"Smallpox is so easily prevented," said Surgeon General Cumming, "that it seems a pity to think that there are persons dying of it in our national capital. Last July the Public Health Service issued a warning to all State health officers and to the public of the danger of the spread of this disease from State to State."

The Surgeon General reiterated a warning against the great danger of the use of shields or bunion plasters as a dressing in vaccination. He advocates the use of plain-style gauze where a dressing is required. He also warned against the cross-scarification method of vaccinating.

Only Four Cases in Two Months in New York

Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, Health Commissioner of New York City said last night:

"We have had four cases of smallpox in the last two months. This amounts to nothing at all."

WOMAN SLAYER INDICTED

Little Falls, N. J., Tea Room Keeper
Shot Associate

The Passaic County Grand Jury yesterday voted an indictment for murder against Miss Mildred Sage, keeper of a tea room in Little Falls, N. J., who shortly after midnight Monday fired four shots into the body of Samuel Cantelmo, who had been associated with her in the tea room enterprise.

Miss Sage, who was known to the patrons of the tea room as "Blabe," will be arraigned to-morrow before Judge Black in Paterson, N. J. Her counsel is former United States Commissioner John Matthews of Newark, N. J.

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