

enable the journal to address itself to a wider reading public, it is earnestly hoped that American foresters, ecologists, pathologists, entomologists and research workers in other branches of biological science will give the publication their hearty support.

The editor-in-chief is Professor Henrik Hesselman, in charge of the natural science division of the Swedish Institute of Experimental Forestry (Statens Skogsförsöksanstalt), and was chairman of the section on forest soils at the International Congress of Soil Sciences at Washington in 1927. The assistant editor is Erik Lundh, secretary of the Swedish Forestry Society and docent at the Forest School.

The journal will be published in four large parts each year, two before and two after the summer. Owing to the fact that the reports of the experiment station (Meddelanden från Statens Skogsförsöksanstalt) are published by the society, arrangement can be made to have them accompany the journal as supplements. Both publications are printed in large, readable type on heavy glazed paper, and are profusely illustrated with many clear illustrations, graphs, tables, etc. Colored plates are frequently included. The journal thus offers a very attractive medium for publication, and it is to be hoped that American investigators may be interested in submitting manuscripts. The undersigned has consented to act as American representative, and will be glad to answer inquiries regarding subscriptions and advertising, and forward material submitted for publication. A limited supply of sample copies of the last volumes of the "Tidskrift" and "Meddelanden" are available and will be sent on request to organizations and individuals interested.

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#### STATEMENT REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER OF CHICAGO

FOLLOWING the dismissal of Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, former health commissioner of Chicago, and his replacement by Mayor Thompson's personal physician, a surgeon with no public health training, a public statement has been issued by many prominent men in public health work in the United States, protesting against the influence of politics affecting the public health and welfare of the people at large. Not only has Dr. Bundesen been eliminated from Chicago's health department, but also his principal assistants, J. C. Geiger, M.D., deputy health commissioner; Arthur E. Gorman, chief sanitary engineer, and I. S. Falk, Ph.D., director of surveys.

The statement reads:

The undersigned workers in the field of American public health desire to express an emphatic protest against the action of the Mayor of the City of Chicago in replacing Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, the health officer of that city, by a physician who, whatever his personal standing, is without apparent qualifications or experience to fit himself for the discharge of the serious duties of the office in question.

Permanence of tenure for competent health officials is an absolutely essential factor in the protection of the public against preventable disease; and the case in question seems particularly flagrant in view of the extraordinary record of Dr. Bundesen, whose brilliant services have aroused nation-wide admiration. Sacrifice of the lives of citizens of Chicago to political exploitation and personal whims is more than a local matter, since unsanitary conditions in one community may react upon an entire continent.

The action of the mayor of Chicago strikes a blow at the most fundamental principles of good government. It should meet with prompt and vigorous rebuke from all people of Chicago who care for the reputation of their city and it should stimulate citizens everywhere to see that city charters are amended so as to make such interference with good health administration impossible in their own communities.

The statement is signed by twenty-three men eminent in the field of public health including: Dr. A. C. Abbott, director, School of Hygiene and Public Health, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Charles V. Chapin, superintendent of health, Providence; Dr. Haven Emerson, professor of public health administration, Columbia University; Dr. Livingston Farrand, president, Cornell University; Dr. Allen W. Freeman, professor of public health administration, the Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Louis I. Harris, commissioner of health, New York City; Dr. William H. Howell, director, School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Johns Hopkins University; Dr. William H. Park, director, bureau of laboratories, Department of Health, New York City; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president, Leland Stanford University, and Dr. C.-E. A. Winslow, professor of public health, Yale University.

#### REPORT OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA TO THE THIRD PAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS

THE following is the report of the delegate of the Botanical Society of America to the third Pan-Pacific Congress:

TO THE SECRETARY,

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

It is desired that what follows may be considered to be a brief and informal report of the delegate of the