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# DR. KOCH AGAINST VIVISECTION LAWS

**Discoverer of Bacillus of Tuberculosis Says Germany Does Without Them.**

**MRS. KOCH TALKS ON GERMS OF SLEEPING SICKNESS**

**Trypanosome Via Tsetse Fly Causes Ravages Among People in Africa.**

NEW YORK, April 8—"I don't think much of anti-vivisection laws," said Prof. Robert Koch, discoverer of the bacillus of tuberculosis and the cholera germ, who arrived on the steamship Kronprinzessin Cecille on his first visit to America.

"Of course, you in America can do as you like. I would not undertake to say what America should do. But in Germany we have no laws restricting vivisection and we get along very well without them."

**Thanks for Carnegie.**

Dr. Koch received a letter from the Baron Speck von Sternburg, German ambassador at Washington, expressing regret at his inability, because of illness, to attend the dinner that will be given to Dr. Koch and asking the doctor on behalf of the German Emperor to thank Andrew Carnegie, who will attend the dinner, for what he had done for science.

Dr. Koch will spend only a few days in this city. He said he regretted that he had been forced to decline an invitation to go to Philadelphia, but would visit Boston April 13. He said he wanted to get to Japan as soon as possible, as that country was more interesting to him than any other.

Dr. Koch, who has received the title of "Gehelmrath" from the Kaiser in recognition of his scientific labors, is on a journey around the world for rest and recreation after arduous work in Africa, where he learned the cause of the "sleeping sickness" that kills thousands of natives in certain sections of the Dark Continent.

**Pleasure Trip.**

"I am travelling now for pleasure and do not even wish to think of science," said Dr. Koch. "I shall go from New York to Niagara Falls, then to Boston afterward to Chicago, where I have a brother, and then I want to push on to San Francisco as rapidly as possible. I shall take a ship there for Japan, which is the principal place I wish to visit."

Mrs. Koch, who accompanies her husband on his journey, talked with evident pride about his work and achievements. "We are taking a long vacation," she said, "because my husband needs a complete rest after his work in Africa. He spent 18 months on an island in Lake Victoria Nyanza, where he studied the 'sleeping sickness.' It is a frightful disease. The first day the patient is greatly excited, the second day he becomes insane and on the third lapses into a comatose state that continues until death which may not come for several days. While we were there more than 100 blacks died of it. I was proud, indeed, of Dr. Koch when he discovered the cause of the disease, and found that his method would prevent it."

**Sleeping Sickness Germ.**

"'Sleeping sickness,' he discovered was caused by the tiny germs known as trypanosomes, which are carried into the patient's system through the bite of the tsetse fly, which is known scientifically as 'Glossina Palpallis.' Dr. Koch discovered that the only flies that carried the disease infection were those that had fed on the blood of crocodiles and hippopotami. That is why he had to be on the island, where he could study these animals. He has recommended that every crocodile egg be destroyed as rapidly as possible, and that is being done. As to the remedy, he has evolved a preparation known as Atoxyl. It contains arsenic, and when given early enough it seems to be a remedy."

"It will be a great thing if the 'sleeping sickness' can be stamped out. It affects the whites the same as blacks. Two English doctors and other white men died while we were there. It is spreading into the English colonies, and both the German and the English governments are doing all they can to stamp it out. Dr. Koch left nine of his assistants in Africa to carry on his work."