MEDICINE

War Does Not Dim Glory Of Medical Scientists

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BECAUSE life and health are precious and medical research is deeply concerned with protecting life and health, the triumphs of that research are put to use without regard to any national or racial difference. There is no escape from the succor which they bring. Even though the beneficiaries may despise their benefactors, they must receive the benefactions

Is a follower of the Fuehrer bleeding to death and desperately dependent on a blood transfusion? His life is saved by methods discovered by Landsteiner, once an Austrian. Does a Japanese complain of a bewildering dizziness caused by disturbance of the internal ear? He will be in debt to Bárány, a Hungarian investigator. Does an Italian doctor wish to know whether a patient has typhoid fever? He applies observations first made by Widal, a Frenchman. Is one of our children in danger of diphtheria? His resistance to infection is tested by a process invented by Schick. Goldberger, an immigrant to New York's East Side, provided a simple preventive and treatment of pellagra, which made possible the lifting, from hosts of miserable people, the blight of that dreadful disease. And no matter in what country they may be, the tens of thousands of victims of syphilis must rest their hope of relief on a method of diagnosis first devised by Wassermann, and on a curative method discovered by Ehrlich, both Germans at a time when Germany recognized, without contempt and malignity, the value of ingenious devotion to human welfare.

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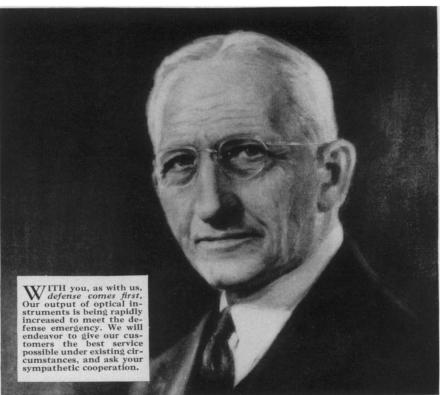
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ENGINEERING

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Edward Bausch . . . Microscope Maker

WHILE Pasteur and his contemporaries were fighting the combined forces of superstition and disease to lay the foundations for modern bacteriology, another young man was designing a microscope that would help immeasurably in spreading the benefits of science to all mankind.

While Pasteur was proving that heating would destroy the organisms that were making French wines turn bitter, and perfecting the pasteurizing process that makes his name immortal, in America, Edward Bausch was computing his own objectives, grinding his lenses and fitting the parts for the first Bausch & Lomb Microscope.

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