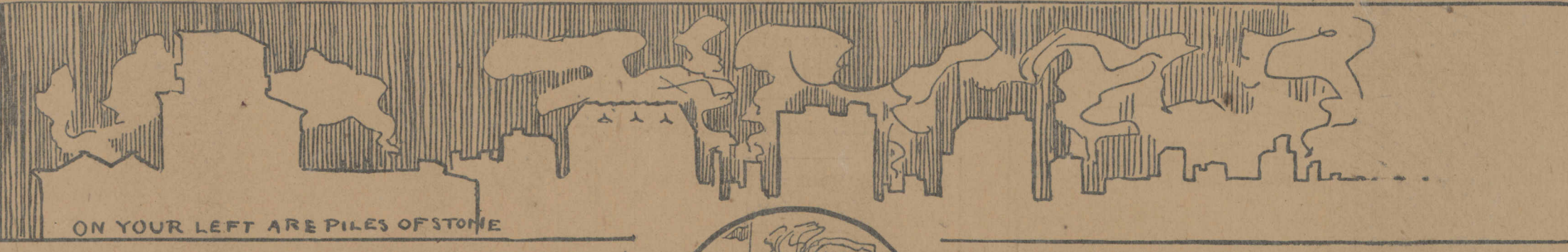


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Queer, but Great in Its Possibilities. CHICAGO AS SEEN BY FRENCH EYES. Pascal Germain: His Impressions.

HERE IS COSMOPOLIS.

Let us begin, as we say in France, at the beginning. First of all, Chicago makes for unity, the reconciliation of the human family. Seen coolly, it is European eyes the least provincial of all cities, not only in what it promises, but in its actuality.



A CITY OF DESTINY.

I do not say that Chicago is perfect, but that its possibilities and its probabilities are grandiose. Plainly, it shows its destiny for the future. This tortured, transitory age of Chicago's is a wonderful drama being played before a European audience.

SOCIETY IN EMBRYO.

Now, in effect, New York has less character than any city I ever visited. Take away its magnificent bay and its nearly beautiful Central Park and you have the commonplace in apotheosis—vicious, ugly, hopeless, and despairing. Socially, it is a thing for the laughter of gods and the tears of men.

AWAKE, BUT NOT AWARE.

There are tragedies here that throb—deep and high and terrible as the shadows in Dante, misery as pinching, as degrading as—our own in the Rue du Temple and the barriers of the Bagnoles. Blouet, Bourget, Paul Deschanel only the other day have spoken and written and gossiped vividly.

A WHIRL OF CHANGE.

Chicago is ancient Athens all over again in its passion for news. The women are even more so. To please the men journalism must not alone divine what is like the Lord.

ENTIRELY?

Tout à l'heure, Your eyebrows would question the depth of this surface. For you have heard of Monsieur Stead (as who has not who has looked at the railway bookfalls from Amiens to Avignon) and you ask me: "Where are the misers?" They shall have their turn.

THE TRUKEY TO CHICAGO'S STONE PILE IS ROMA.

The beam that pierces Chicago's place in the domain of ideas is Athens of the academy. And so just here I accuse Chicagoans of not being as firmly planted in the integrity of their civic plan as is their stone and carpentry.

CHICAGO IS COSMOPOLITAN.

Chicago means future eclecticism, unity, fraternity, and, for a concrete statement, if Chicago will be—dictatorship. Ernest Renan was right when he called all big cities provincial. Paris, our only darling, is still a village.

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By 1900 have its place in the Almanach de Savoir Vivre. You will see this and so shall I. In the deep shadow, in which, like a mistaken artist, Mr. Stead has painted this city for European gaze, Chicago is but a cheaper Babylon—a Babylon in the decadence more vividly terrible than Robespierre gave it in his masterly salic picture of four years ago.

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HERE IS ANOTHER TEMPLE.

Mr. Stead sends one of a man who has chosen to paint before he has learned how to draw. He forgot that a true picture must have its focus of light as well as a focus of shade; that it must show proportion; and also that accent and theme are not one and the same thing.

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CHICAGO'S MOST UNHEALTHY SPOT. Infant Mortality "Back of the Yards." PLACE OF SMELLS AND POISONS.

If you are an "average child," born in Chicago, the chances are about 67 to 10 that you will out those dreaded dirt teeth and be launched safely into your second year. In some parts of Russia and the known cities of China the figures are still four to one in your favor.

Three years' deaths will suffice to prove that the district of Chicago known as "Back of the Yards" is the most unhealthy place in the world outside the cities cursed with epidemic plagues.

Of vigorous Bohemians and Poles, who generally marry early and have a high birth rate. Taking the infant mortality by streets, it increases from the yards toward the dump steadily.

For child mortality between industrial, social, and sanitary causes, especially when poverty, vice, and the gutter are filtered through a healthy foreign-born parentage before reaching their effect in the second generation.

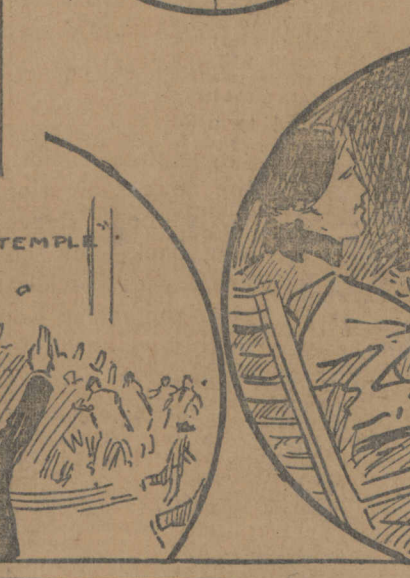
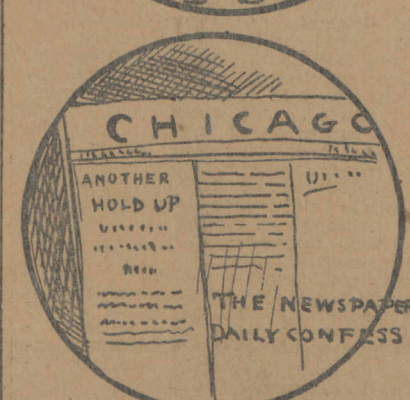
In 1885 there were in this narrow strip 99 deaths, of which 50 were those of infants under 1 year of age. In 1896 there were 84 deaths, of which 45 were those of infants under 1 year of age.

In the last of July the sun is getting in its work on the dump and drains. As evening comes into the former the women and children gather like flies and sort through refuse and carry it to their homes.

half the deaths have been those of babies who never reached the first anniversary of their birth. More than that, two-thirds of all the deaths during those three years were those of children under 5 years of age, and two-thirds of those under two-thirds, or four-ninths of the total number, were deaths of infants less than 6 months old.

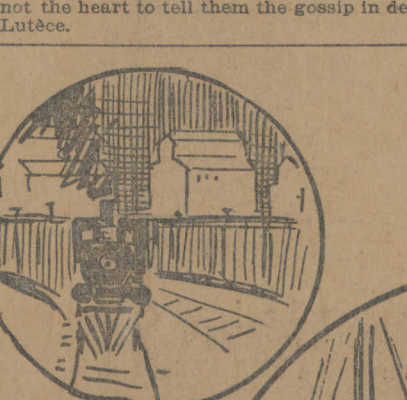
On the books of the Health department is recorded the finding of the Coroner's jury on the death of Johnnie Doyle—found in the Lincoln street sewer last June, a 2-year-old child.

Beginning at the A and A avenue bridge the nuisances of the place are the yards sewer, a ten-foot pipe carrying the wash from the



Chicago is heterogeneous, and sometimes without sufficient reflection one may say unwieldy. I have had to find my best data unaided.

In New York, for instance, no one needs a man so passionately animated with the savor instinct as Father Ducey. In Chicago they would carry him on their shoulders, if not from love of the heroic then for the desire for novelty.

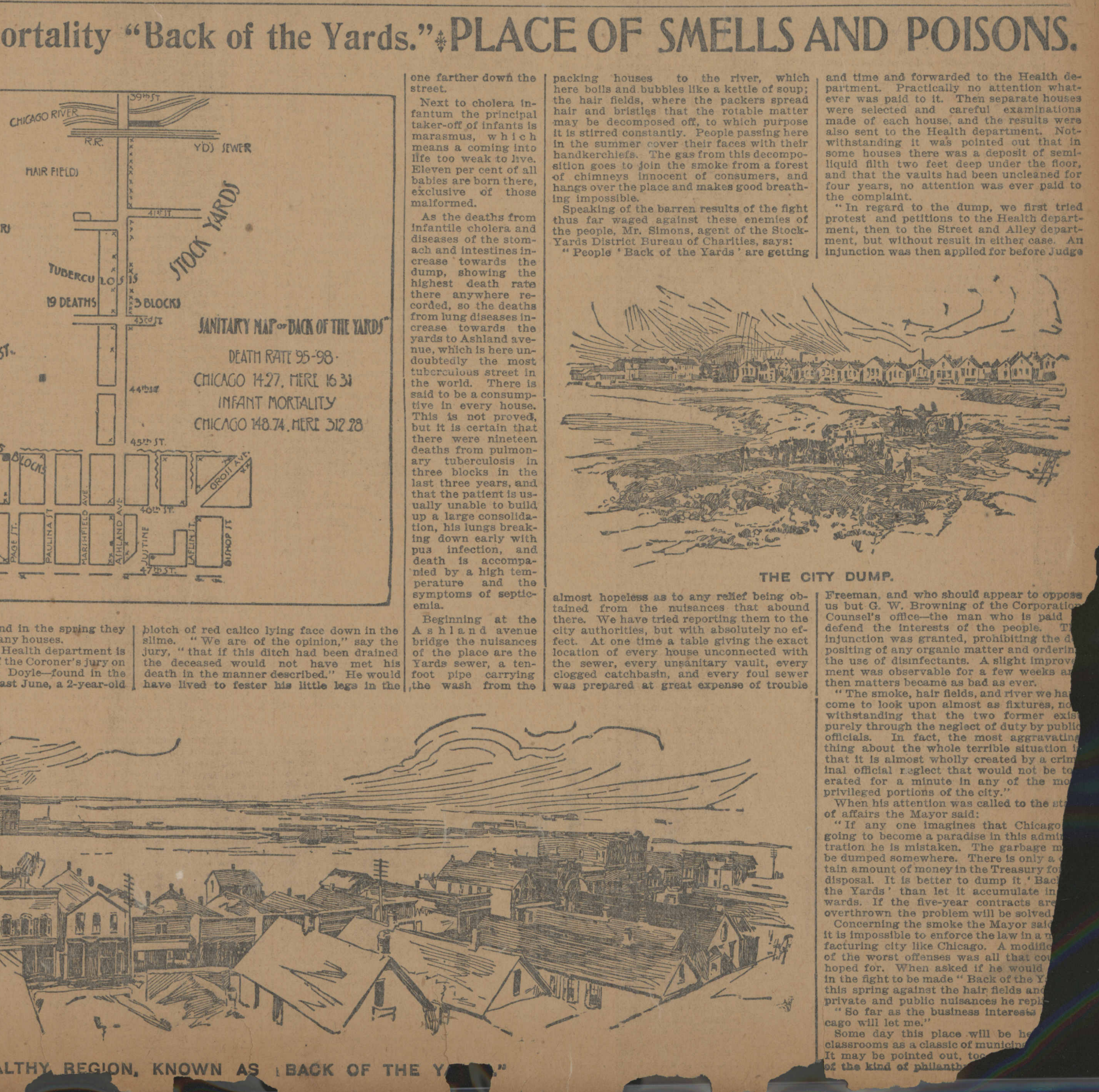


A VAST EXPANSE OF WATER

THE CITY DUMP. Freeman, and who should appear to oppose us but G. W. Browning of the Corporation Counsel's office—the man who is paid to defend the interests of the people.

most unhealthy than other places of the kind. There is nothing surprising about the dirt death rate of the whole district, except its lowness, and even in the dump and gutter regions the grown Bohemians and Poles offer effective resistance to the dangers of the place.

plot of red calico lying face down in the silt. "We are of the opinion," say the jury, "that if this ditch had been drained the deceased would not have met his death in the manner described." He would have lived to fester his little legs in the



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