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## URGES STERILIZATION OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES

**University of Michigan President  
Also Advocates Birth Con-  
trol for Poor.**

*Special to The New York Times.*

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 18.—Dr. Clarence Cook Little, President of the University of Michigan, urged sterilization of mental and criminal defectives and the limitation of population through birth control in some instances, in his first address in Lansing tonight, when he spoke before the conference of public health officers and nurses.

In advocating preventing the production of children by defectives, President Little said:

"It is unsound and unchristian to encourage the production of unhappy, unfortunate children. You need never be afraid of the abuse of the privilege of sterilization, because a public opinion intelligent enough to understand its need will be intelligent enough to prevent its abuse."

However, Dr. Little warned against experimentation in the sterilization of humans, urging that the operative method be followed until a better method is found.

In speaking of the need for birth control, Dr. Little asserted that "the basic need for limitation of population in some respects is admitted by your immigration laws.

"There is a move to slow down the production of all children to a place where all will have a fair and reasonable chance in life. This is not a theory, it is a fact and something that we all know about. But those of us who most need information on the limitation of births—the people who live in poverty—have not the money or the contacts by which they may acquire it.

"Are we playing fair to extremely poor and extremely pathetic creatures to allow them to be born? You who decide to fight for the good of the children must expect to face abuse and criticism.

"If our civilization is to last its aim must be the production of clean, wholesome, idealist youth. Our civilization must look to the future and we must plan for the future and not be tied to the present generation."

*New York Times, 19 novembre, pas besoin de traduire.*

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Up 11 a.m. — write all day — retire 1 a.m.

*Levé 11 heures. Écrit toute la journée. Couché 1 heure du matin.*

Des lettres, des lettres, des lettres. Si c'est pour lui qu'il écrit, on ne saura pas. « ...malgré le temps clément », dit-il à Lillian, il ne bouge pas de la chambre, sans doute lui restait-il du fromage et des gaufrettes. Repos du chroniqueur.

*New York Times*, 19 novembre. La centrale électrique de la Brooklyn Edison Company située sur la 66e rue à Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, a failli être mise hors service hier lorsqu'un énorme banc de poissons passant dans la partie supérieure de la baie s'est coincé contre les tubes du condenseur qui transforment en eau la vapeur qui fait fonctionner les gros générateurs de la centrale. L'eau de la baie est autorisée à s'écouler à travers les condenseurs après avoir passé un filtre censé retenir tout corps étranger. Cependant, le banc de poissons, connu sous le nom de « lafayettes », était si dense que des milliers d'entre eux ont forcé les côtés du filtre et ont été emportés par les grands tunnels sous-marins vers les condenseurs. Lorsque le problème et sa nature ont été découverts, les générateurs ont été arrêtés, un par un, et des équipes d'hommes ont été envoyées dans les condenseurs pour retirer les poissons à la pelle. Plus de deux tonnes en ont été retirées et, entre-temps, les grilles ont été renforcées. Les pêcheurs du long de la baie ont déclaré que cette migration était la plus importante qu'ils aient jamais vue et qu'elle n'était comparable qu'à la migration printanière des saumons dans le fleuve Columbia.

### **FISH HALT GENERATORS AT EDISON POWER PLANT**

**Two-Tons of Lafayettes Clog Con-  
densers in Upper Bay Despite  
Heavy Screens.**

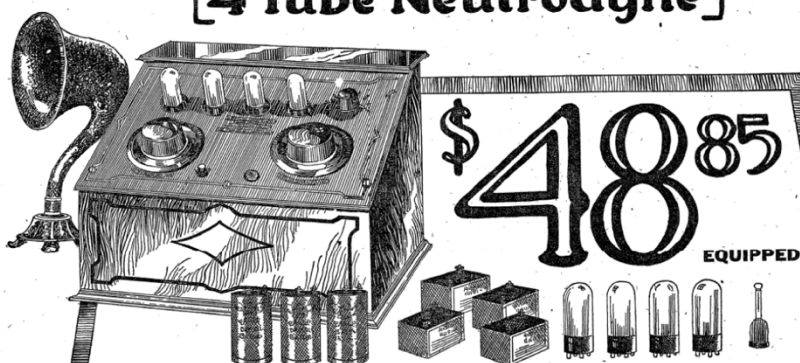
The Sixty-sixth Street power plant of the Brooklyn Edison Company in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, was almost put out of business yesterday when a huge run of fish, passing through the Upper Bay, became jammed against the condenser tubes which reconvert into water the steam which operates the big generators of the plant.

The water of the bay is allowed to flow through the condensers after passing through a screen which is supposed to keep out any foreign material. The run of fish, known as lafayettes, was so heavy, however, that thousands of them were forced past the sides of the screen and were carried through the great submarine tunnels into the condensers.

When the trouble and the nature of it were discovered the generators were stopped, one at a time, and crews of men were sent into the condensers to shovel out the fish. More than two tons were removed and meantime the screens were reinforced.

Fishermen along the bayfront said the run was the biggest they had ever seen and was comparable only to the Spring runs of salmon in the Columbia River.

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