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Appalling Death Roll of 1902.

The Loss by Disease Has Been 600,000 for the Year.

Few people realize how frightful have been the ravages of 1902 by disease and disaster. Only a little more than ten months of the twelve are gone and yet close to a million persons have been swept across the Styx by epidemics, floods and volcanoes.

Early in May a series of eruptions in Martinique and neighboring islands in the Caribbean Sea snuffed out countless thousands of lives.

Somewhat later the Yellow river, of China, overflowed its banks and tens of thousands of Celestials were drowned like rats in a trap.

Not in forty years has there been such an epidemic of cholera as for the past six months has been raging like a prairie fire in Egypt, Japan, China and the Philippines. Official reports show that the disease has been no respecter of persons, but has raged with equal virulence in the slums of Canton and Shanghai and among those of royal blood in Peking.

Neither did the pestilence break out in one town and spread to another. It appears to have broken out almost in the same hour in Manchuria, Shensi and half a dozen other provinces and is now frightfully fatal in almost every section of China. The busiest men in Japan have been the undertakers, and how dreadful has been the mortality from the disease in the Philippine archipelago is shown by the reports made to this Government by American officials stationed there.

Though the statistics have been kept imperfectly—in some sections not at all—the loss by the disease has easily been 600,000 people since the opening of the year. And now comes the news that an epidemic of measles is sweeping over Western Europe and has already crossed Behring Sea into Alaska. Thousands have already died, particularly in Kamtschatka, and the living are so worn out with caring for the sick that they are in most cases themselves fit subjects for the hospital.

—St. Paul Globe.

Pine-wood Home for State Consumptives.

It has been officially announced that the State Forestry Commission will establish a free sanitarium for the benefit of persons affected with consumption on Mount Alto, Franklin county, at a point three miles above the park and two miles below the historic Cold Spring Mission. Here stands a white pine forest covering about forty acres.

The State will build about thirty cabins. Each will be furnished with two stationary bunks and a table—comfortable for sleeping purposes, but not large enough to hold occupants during the day. Out in the field will be erected an assembly hall, where the patients may assemble in the evenings, and about a log fire tell yarns and amuse themselves as they please.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment.

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Stir Over Counterfeits.

Statement That 40,000,000 Silver Dollars Are Bad Excites New York.

The statement made at a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce by Francis C. Moore, that of 80,000,000 silver dollars now in circulation, it is within the realm of possibility that not less than 40,000,000 are counterfeit, excited much comment and apprehension in financial and trade circles. An official of one of the leading banks said that there was much truth in the statement, averring that of 350 silver dollars turned into the Sub-Treasury by the institution, 170 were confiscated by the Government as being counterfeit.

Mr. Moore, in his speech, urged that the coinage of \$1,500,000 a month, as now required by law, cease, saying:

"We stand face to face with a situation that is a menace. A silver dollar can be made to-day by a mechanic as well as the Government can make it, and in which he has only to put 38 cents worth of silver. The manufacture of counterfeit silver dollars is carried on in this country on a much larger scale than is generally supposed.

"Is not the temptation we offer the counterfeiter too great? It is not impossible to believe that there are 40,000,000 counterfeit silver dollars included in the number that we ask the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem in gold."

General William Brindle.

General William Brindle, for years a familiar figure in South Jersey, died last week in the University Hospital, Philadelphia. He was 86 years old, a veteran of the Mexican war and of the civil war. He had resided at Gloucester City, where he owned large tracts of real estate, but had been in the hospital for many weeks. He was well known at the National Capitol, where he had considerable business as a pension agent, and had at various times been a candidate for office on the Democratic ticket in New Jersey.

Gen. Wm. Brindle belonged to Muncy, Lycoming County. He was the son of the wife of Gen. W. A. Petrin by a former marriage. He volunteered for the Mexican War, and went with the "Columbia Guards" from Danville as Third Lieutenant. He came home with them, holding, I believe, a Commission as Colonel. He was a democrat of the old school—a man of ability and of affairs. I knew him well in the old days, but never saw him after he went to New Jersey.

Gov. Curtin's Horse Dead.

"Andy," a horse that had the distinction of having been the favorite rider of the late Governor Andrew G. Curtin, as well as being one of the oldest horses in the country is dead. He was forty-four years old. The governor always rode "Andy" when reviewing the troops during the Rebellion. When the horse became blind, Governor Curtin sold him, and twenty-four years ago he passed into the possession of George Geigley, of New Holland, who had owned him ever since. "Andy's" last years were spent rather ingloriously in drawing a fish cart. He worked up to last week.

Miners Want to Settle.

Wayne MacVeagh has frequently said that the operators are anxious to settle the strike, and so are the miners. The miners are anxious to have the matter settled, as the commission proceedings are expensive and they are uncertain as to the result. They are willing to settle the strike on a fair basis, and are working to that end. The commission is already on record as favoring such a movement, and will ratify any agreement that bears evidence of being permanent. For the present the commission will continue in session.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, December 3, 1902.

Congress is in session, the President's message has been made public and the legislative wheels on Capitol Hill are again in action. With a great surplus in the Treasury there will be no dearth of bills enacted during the short session, each looking to the depletion of the reserve if not to the national welfare. The President's message, however, while appealing to the patriotic sense of members of both parties, is already being interpreted by the republican leaders as sanctioning a masterly inactivity in regard to that legislation of which the country stands in the greatest need.

That the President should have handled the subject of tariff revision with such extreme conservatism was a disappointment not only to the democrats of both houses but to many of the republicans as well. A western senator, whose constituents are clamoring for tariff revision, said today that it was clear not only that the President had yielded to the eastern contingent in his party but that he had even modified very markedly the passage which related to the tariff since it was first drafted. The message as a whole was well received and is regarded as exhibiting a height of ideals which it is feared will be lost on the practical politicians of the republican party.

Senator Hoar, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, has already taken a stand against anti-trust legislation on the ground that there will not be time during the short session to handle the subject comprehensively and intelligently. Senator Cullom, on the other hand, has offered a bill amending the Sherman law so that interstate commerce in trust-made goods shall incur a penalty of from \$500 to \$5,000.

Senator Hanna holds to his position as expressed by the injunction "Stand pat." Senator Hansbrough, on the other hand, when asked by your correspondent regarding the prospects of anti-trust legislation, said: "Perhaps the Sherman law should be strengthened by amendment as suggested by Attorney General Knox. Thus far it has been quite effective wherever applied and doubtless there are still combinations which can be reached by it. But there must be progress in the matter of corrective statutes and it may be that existing law will not reach the more modern trusts. If the Attorney General can make it plain that the law should be amended Congress will not hesitate to act at once." As far as it is possible to judge the situation the western republicans hope to see prompt anti-trust legislation and the eastern republicans are irrevocably opposed to it.

In the House, an effort will be made to pass some bill and thus

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throw the responsibility on the Senate. Mr. Littlefield of Maine is revising his anti-trust bill and hopes to get it reported within the next two weeks. Representative Hepburn has introduced a measure appropriating \$500,000 for the use of the Attorney General in fighting the trusts. Numerous bills have been offered by republican members but it is doubtful if they will, with few exceptions, ever receive a moment's consideration as they are known to be offered for political reasons alone.

There are already signs of an active and interesting fight in the Senate over admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. The democrats are practically unanimous for admission. The New England republicans are unanimously opposed to it and the others are divided. If it is found that the bill cannot be defeated in its entirety an effort will be made to single out Oklahoma which is regarded as reasonably safe to go republican, to the exclusion of the other two territories.

Secretary Root has at last won the support of the senior member of the Committee on Military Affairs for his army reorganization bill and Senator Proctor has introduced the bill framed by the Secretary providing for a general staff, which shall have supervision over the army in lieu of a single lieutenant general. Apropos of the Military Affairs Committee, Senator Hawley, the chairman, is failing so rapidly that it is not regarded as probable that he will again be able to assume the duties of that position.

It is generally believed that the President's recommendation of the repeal of the Stone and Timber act will be carried into effect. It is claimed that great abuses have re-

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suted from the provisions of this act and that thousands of acres of western timber lands have been denuded of their timber. So far as its beneficial results are concerned it is claimed that they benefit but few.

The action of Speaker Henderson, in recognizing the new representative from Connecticut, Mr. Brandegee, immediately after he was sworn in, and permitting him to move adjournment out of respect to the late Representative Russell, is regarded by the democrats as an unprecedented exhibition. Representative Lanham of Texas had been on his feet for some minutes endeavoring to secure permission to inform the House of the death of Representatives Sheppard and de Grafenreid, both of his state, and with a view to moving adjournment in respect to them. On Tuesday, however, Mr. Lanham secured recognition and the House adjourned out of respect to his colleagues.

When Mr. Sheppard of Texas was brought forward to be sworn in many people supposed he was a refractory page being brought to the Speaker's desk for discipline, so youthful is he in appearance. He has been elected, not only to fill the unexpired term of his father, but for the next Congress as well.

On Nov. 29, at Strawerry Ridge by Rev. Jos. W. Bell, Mr. Rush Shaffer of Washingtonville, Pa., and Miss Jennie A. Heller of Columbia county, Pa.

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