

STEPS TAKEN TO KEEP OUT PLAGUE

Government Draws the Quarantine Lines Tight. INSPECTION TO BE STRICT.

Ships From Cuba and Porto Rico Under Scrutiny—Surgeon General Blue Warns of the Threatening Peril. Crusade Against Rats.

Recognizing the danger of the transmission of the plague from infected Cuba to the United States through the medium of incoming ships from the island republic, the governmental medical authorities are every moment becoming more stringent in their enforcement of quarantine provisions.

Following the urgent request of Dr. J. W. Porter, health officer of the state of Florida, who said that it would be extremely undesirable to allow passengers from Havana to enter Florida without first being subject to a quarantine of a week's duration, an order was issued that all passengers from Havana to American ports shall be detained seven days at the Priscilla quarantine station, near Havana, before continuing the voyage to the United States.

A Warning Statement. Surgeon General Blue of the public health service issued a statement warning the public of the peril that threatens.

"We must admit there is danger to American ports from bubonic infection in Porto Rico and Cuba," said Dr. Blue. "However, the situation is hopeful, and the maximum protection allowed under our quarantine laws is afforded now. The plague can be controlled among white persons, but it would be hard to stamp out the disease completely, and as long as there was a trace all other nations would hold a quarantine against us."

Passed Assistant Surgeon Creel, in charge of the sanitary staff at Porto Rico, reports that the condition of affairs there remains the same and that no new cases have been reported.

The health officers at Galveston, Tex., and at other ports along our southern coast are conducting a thoroughgoing crusade against rats. Word has also been received from Surgeon Stoner, chief of the medical staff at Ellis Island, that the rodents are being rapidly exterminated along the New York water front.

Great Danger of Spread. Dr. Henry Skinner of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and an authority on economic entomology believes that the danger of the spread of the disease can hardly be overestimated.

"The plague is fast spreading because the world is growing smaller," says Dr. Skinner. "Facilities for transportation both of cargoes and of persons are now so great and such speed is made by steamships that the transmission of disease is vastly facilitated."

"The danger from bubonic plague in this country has been greatly underestimated. I look for it to get a foothold in San Francisco or other ports from eastern ships at any time, and once it has obtained a foothold its spread is rapid and death almost certain."

"America will almost certainly be afflicted with the dread plague unless the government takes measures to have every rat on board any vessel from infected ports killed; also a stop should be put to the transportation of plants from eastern cities."

FARM FOR "DOWN AND OUTS."

Plan to Have Place For Open Air, Easy Work.

Plans for the purchase of a large truck farm by the city for the employment and care of "down and outs" have been submitted to the Chicago city council by the city's commission on the unemployed. Dr. Charles Henderson, president of the University of Chicago and chairman of the commission, indorses the plan.

The farm, to be established in the Desplains valley, just outside the city, will have cottages and barracks, and the working hours are not to be long or the work arduous. Small remuneration, based on efficiency, is suggested. It is believed that the open air life will revive ambition in the younger men and give the elders an opportunity to earn a good living and have a home.

ADEE STILL CYCLING AT 69.

He Covered 1,800 Miles Awheel on His Annual European Trip.

Second Assistant Secretary of State Alvey A. Adee returned recently after his annual bicycle tour in Europe. For many years Mr. Adee has spent several weeks in the spring and summer riding through England and the continent. This year he traveled nearly 1,800 miles on his bicycle, his itinerary covering a large loop which began and ended at Havre. Consul General and Mrs. Thiackera, stationed at Berlin, accompanied Mr. Adee through a great part of his trip.

Mr. Adee says he is in the best of health. He will be seventy years old in November.

Sewage Fertilizes Farms. The sewage of Berlin fertilizes farms having an area of some 40,000 acres.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

An Iowa woman has laughed herself into hysterics over a newspaper story. It must have been something about Uncle Jim Wilson's probable resignation from the cabinet.

An English editor has just died, leaving \$10,000,000. It is evidently not the custom in England to send in cordwood and pumpkins for subscription.

A Youngstown (O.) couple eloped on the bumpers of a freight train, which is another instance in which the course of true love did not run smooth.

Hon. Joe Bailey, of Texas, has indorsed Taft. It doesn't seem as though the President has done anything bad enough to deserve that.

"Little Joe" Brown is again governor of Georgia. He ought to be able to work this up into a vaudeville stunt ater awhile.

A government report says more bank notes are in circulation now than ever before—and they all keep right on circulating, too.

Perhaps it would be well for the Chinese republic to hurry up and take that census before there are any more battles.

Russia has thrown a poet into prison. Upon very rare occasions Russia does something worth while.

HARD TIMES IF WILSON WINS.

The Enactment of His Free Trade Theories Would Mean Ruin.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, secretary of the American Protective Tariff League, declared that the election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency and enactment into law of his theories on the tariff would cause hundreds of thousands to be thrown out of employment.

"The nomination of Gov. Wilson draws the lines on the tariff question more directly, perhaps, than would that of any other man whose name was before the Baltimore convention," he said.

"Governor Wilson is a consistent free trader. In all of his writings and speeches he has declared himself for free trade or the lowest kind of a revenue tariff, consequently we have the lines directly drawn between a free trade policy now enforced in Great Britain and the protective policy embodied in the tariff act of 1890."

"I would rather deal with a skillful knave than an educated theorist whose theory is wrong. If we should have a Democratic President I would rather have Murphy or Crocker than Gov. Wilson. Gov. Wilson is a gentleman. He would like to do right, but he does not know how."

"His election would mean the throwing out of employment of hundreds of thousands of people and lessened production."

"Our country is much bigger than it was in 1892 and consequently the fall from prosperity to adversity would be the greater, but I have absolute faith in the judgment of the American people, and the old men like myself will tell the boys who were not voters in 1892 what a terrible time we had under free trade system of 1894."

"If our people will tell their boys and girls of the conditions of 1894 and 1895 there will be little danger of Gov. Wilson's election to the presidency."

TOWN BOOSTING.

The town boosting movement has become so general that one town gains little more in this way from its surroundings than it loses to other competitors.

Of course this makes it doubly necessary to keep hustling for new business, if we would play the game and keep up with our rivals.

But while we are soliciting new industries to come here, while one town is wearing "booster buttons" and another is stamping its mail matter with "booster tags," let us see to it that we are not lacking in certain fundamental substantial of community development.

The most solid growth comes when we can encourage our own young and ambitious men to start in business and stay here instead of going away. Every town has such ambitious and promising young men, of good business capacity.

The city that gets ahead is the city where the men who have already won out are willing to help younger men get a foothold.

If just as soon as our business men are successful they should settle down idly to enjoy their money, indifferent to the advancement of the town we should progress but slowly. But if they will interest themselves in our younger men and newer enterprises, serve on boards of directors, invest what they can afford in home undertakings, give the benefit of their experience, no power on earth can stop the city from growing rapidly.

The returns from planting shade trees and developing parks and keeping home grounds in fine order may seem remote and not of much assistance commercially. But in a place where these things are carefully looked after, the town acquires a wide reputation as a residence town. Every traveling man who comes here, every visitor, scatters the report that this is a mighty agreeable place to live in.

The returns from this source may be slow, but they are very true. Any business man hesitating between two places for a location always chooses the attractive residence place. And there is a constant tendency of people to move in from the country to educate children and enjoy town life, and they always pick attractive residence places to move to.

According to Uncle Abner.

Some fellows get their reputation for 'larin' by going to college, while others save time by merely buyin' eye glasses.

I always have my suspicions of a "good" man. Most of 'em are too good to be true.

Lem Higgins says he always stops smokin' durin' political campaigns and he knows he has added at least twenty years to his life by so doing.

The old philosopher who said there was nothing impossible in this world never tried to get a real poem published in a fifteen cent magazine.

FORMER FRIENDLESS YOUTH ENDOWS POOR BOYS' HOME

Major Andrew Drumm, Millionaire Cattleman, Gives \$650,000.

Once a poor and friendless boy, Major Andrew Drumm of Kansas City, president of a live stock commission company, one of the big cattlemen of the southwest and a millionaire, is going to provide a home for poor and friendless boys and endow it with \$500,000. The home itself will represent an investment of nearly \$150,000.

The first step in Mr. Drumm's plan was the purchase of the 372 acre farm of the late Alexander Fraser, near Lee's Summit, Mo., at a cost of \$85,000. This is to be the site of the home. There are now a fourteen room house and all necessary farm buildings on the place. The dwelling will be enlarged. Major Drumm's home is not intended to be a charitable institution in any way, but a place where ambitious boys without an opportunity may fit themselves by study to make opportunities for themselves. It is to be more in the nature of a free industrial boarding school.

When the plans are all completed Major Drumm will turn the whole institution over to the city with the endowment, which will operate it without cost to the city.

Major Drumm is now eighty-four years old. He was born in Ohio. When he was eighteen years old he left that state and went to California with the forty-niners. He made money in the mining business and in 1876 embarked in the cattle business.

NOT SIGNERS' DESCENDANTS.

Why Some Members of the Society Are to Be Dropped.

John Calvert of Philadelphia has explained why several members of the Society of the Descendants of Signers of the Declaration of Independence would be dropped from the society's rolls. Mr. Calvert said that all persons declaring themselves to be descendants of signers were admitted to the society when it was formed five years ago, with the understanding that their names would be dropped if their claims were found subsequently to be without substantiation. Since that time all members have been subject to that provision, and as their individual lineage has been ascertained and authenticated they have been enrolled as bona fide members.

There was no criticism whatever of those to be dropped, declared Mr. Calvert, it merely having been found that their claims to descent from signers have not been borne out. Mr. Calvert added that these persons applied for membership in the society in perfect good faith, and the fact that they are to be dropped is to be taken in no manner as reflecting upon their integrity.

Mr. Calvert is a descendant of Benjamin Rush and Richard Stockton, both signers of the Declaration of Independence.

BIG ASTOR TAX.

Estate With Straus and Guggenheim's to Yield Nearly \$6,000,000.

State Comptroller Sohmer of New York will not take any steps looking to the appraisal of the estates of John Jacob Astor, Isidor Straus and Benjamin Guggenheim, victims of the Titanic disaster, until the attorneys representing those estates show an inclination to invoke the law, which authorizes a discount of 5 per cent if the transfer tax is paid within six months after the death of the decedent.

It is estimated that the state tax on the three estates will be between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. No intimation has yet been received that the tax will be paid within the six months, although this period does not expire until next October. It is usual for those interested in large estates to get this discount.

Although requests have been made by attorneys to be designated as special counsel to represent the state in appraising these estates, Comptroller Sohmer says he will not make such designation unless absolutely necessary.

NAME WOMAN FOR GOVERNOR.

Washington Socialist Candidate Has Chance to Win.

Miss Anna A. Maley, Socialist lecturer and writer of Everett, has been nominated for governor of Washington by the referendum ballot of the Socialist party.

Miss Maley defeated Judge Richard Winsor, gray haired and a member of the Seattle school board, by 800 votes. She is already in the field campaigning, though heretofore unknown to even clubwomen throughout the state. Miss Maley is likely to run second among the candidates for governor, and her election is not impossible if the old parties remain split.

Mrs. Minnie Parks of Seattle was made Socialist nominee for state treasurer. Other nominees are men.

CHANGES NAME FOR \$50,000.

St. Louis Doctor Didn't Want Wife to Lose Inheritance.

Rather than see his wife disqualified from inheriting \$50,000 Dr. Robert P. Prewitt of St. Louis assumed her maiden name, Gregg. The change was sanctioned by the courts, and they will henceforth be known as Dr. and Mrs. Robert Prewitt Gregg.

Daniel Hopkins Gregg, who died at Richmond, Va., in 1885, specified in his will that his daughter, after her marriage, must continue to bear the name of Gregg.

"Granulate" Wouldn't Do.

Proud father of a 4-year-old daughter told us with such obvious hopes of seeing it in print, we can't bear to shatter his dreams.

The daughter is a precocious mite, and he likes to make mistakes in grammar and pronunciation sometimes, just to give her an opportunity to correct him. The other day he said in her hearing: "Yes, I granulated from the U. of M. in 1898."

"What's that?" asked Miss Daughter, pricking up her ears.

"I granulated," responded daddy.

"Why, no, you didn't; you graduated, persisted small daughter.

"No, sir, not I," reiterated the dad; "other people may have graduated but I granulated."

Daughter looked her scorn. "Well, if that's what you did," she flashed, "you'd better go back and learn some more. Then you'll graduate."

BEACH LAKE.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Beach Lake, July 23.

This is a very busy place at present. No drones tolerated; no room for such. Haying is being rushed. The boarding houses are filled and such rooms that can be found in private houses. The talk is we must build on more rooms to accommodate our trade. Nearly every one that comes is so well pleased with our nice little village and beautiful lake that they wish to come back again.

Miss Ella Best of Irwin, was a welcome guest last week of her aunt and many friends at this place. After spending a week here she proceeded on her visit by going from here to her uncle's, A. T. Sluman, at Torrey from thence she will visit her birthplace, Girdland. Miss Best is now a teacher in the Irwin high school. She is elected for the third year with an advance in her salary each year.

Wesley Davey, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Frank Knoll is still caring for her father, W. P. Budd. Mr. Budd is doing as well, if not better, than could be expected after such a serious operation. His many friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

A very valuable horse owned by Amos Gregory was killed by lightning last Wednesday.

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Mrs. Luther Woodley has been visiting her brother, Celas Decker, and calling on her many friends. All were glad to know she had so far recovered from her serious illness as to be able to be around. It will still take time for a full recovery. Mrs. Edith McIntire and daughter are visiting the former's sister at White Sulphur Springs.

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