

WHITE PLAGUE KILLS

Death Rate from Tuberculosis in Navy Doubled.

SURGEON RIXEY IS ALARMED

In His Report to Bonaparte, Recommends that Only Physically Perfect Men Be Accepted as Recruits.

In his annual report submitted to Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte yesterday, Surgeon General P. M. Rixey, of the navy, calls attention to the fact that tuberculosis is increasing in the navy and Marine Corps to an extent which is somewhat alarming.

He shows that if gunshot wounds, drowning, burns, and local injuries are eliminated, tuberculosis as a cause of death in these branches of the military services would stand second in 1905, fourth in 1904, and first for the past three years. In 1895 the ratio of cases per 1,000 was 3.2; in 1905 it was 6.1.

Attention is also called to the fact that malaria prevails to a large extent among the marines sent to the Isthmian Canal Zone, but there were no fatalities.

By reason of insufficient appropriation the Naval Medical School Hospital in the District, it is stated, could not be completed. An appropriation is asked for the erection of an addition, symmetrical with the northeast pavilion, solarium, and connecting corridor. The original cost of the hospital was \$200,000, but this amount was reduced to \$125,000, preventing the completion of the hospital.

Wants Woman Nurses.

The bill recommending the establishment of a corps of trained nurses not having passed last session of Congress, though approved by the bureau, is again urged for passage. The bureau is very desirous to obtain for duty at naval hospitals and on hospital and ambulance ships a corps of trained woman nurses. The special authority for the care of sick in times of peace and war is dwelt upon in considerable length, and the report says that the necessity for their employment in the army has been satisfactorily established by the experience of the Medical Department of the army with the army nurse corps.

The hope is expressed that steps may speedily be taken to provide for the navy what has long been granted to the army—a corps of dental surgeons. It is set forth that in all military organizations the great importance of the condition of the teeth for the proper mastication of food and the prevention of digestive and intestinal diseases has been demonstrated by experience that defective teeth alone are a sufficient cause for the rejection of applicants for enlistment.

As regards infectious diseases at the naval training stations, the report states, after giving statistics of the various diseases at the stations, that epidemics of infectious disease are prone to prevail wherever recruits are brought together in numbers and under conditions for preliminary detention and observation subsequent quarantine, and proper housing to prevent the bad effects of overcrowding. Attention is called to the defective condition of the stations, which are in need of repair. A system of recruiting which selects only the most robust men is the most important step in the struggle against tuberculosis in the navy.

Discusses Tuberculosis.

Discussing the subject of tuberculosis, the report recommends that only those should be enlisted whose health and constitution are such as to furnish the proper resistance for the service in any climate. Especial attention should be given to the dimensions of the chest and the condition of the thorax, which would make one suspect a disposition to affections of the organs of respiration. A system of recruiting which selects only the most robust men is the most important step in the struggle against tuberculosis in the navy.

New Wards Needed.

Speaking of the new naval hospital at Annapolis, the report says that the large increase in the number of midshipmen and officers and men on duty at the station makes the provision of isolation wards especially urgent, and recommends such wards to be provided without delay.

The bureau expresses the hope that the hospital will be ready for the reception of patients by the end of the calendar year. In conclusion, the report compliments the clerical force of the bureau on their faithfulness and attention to duty. The various medical supply depots have been conducted efficiently, and a marked improvement in the personnel of the hospital corps has resulted from the training in the Hospital Corps Training School at Norfolk, Va. The Medical Department also receives its share of praise.

Portrait of Gov. Lowndes.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 2.—The next of the portraits of Maryland's governors, which are being collected and hung on the walls of the executive chamber in the State House, is expected to be that of the late Gov. Lowndes. The portrait, which will be a gift to the State from Mrs. Lowndes, is to be painted by Miss Florence McCubbin. It will be hung on the wall to the right of the entrance door, this place having been selected by Gov. Warfield.

Driver Is Fatally Hurt.

Sayre, Pa., Nov. 2.—Killing the horse and injuring the driver, Thomas Doland, as badly that he will die, was the result this afternoon of a collision between a wagon and a Lehigh Valley express train.

Oklahoma Nears Million Mark.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 2.—Official figures completed to-day show that the new State of Oklahoma will have 783,242 white people, 26,606 Indian citizens, and only 28,768 negroes.

TALK CURRENCY REFORM.

Prominent Bankers Will Meet in Washington November 12.

New York, Nov. 2.—The nominating committee of the American Bankers' Association having received suggestions from members of the council, to-day, chose the following to represent the association on currency reform legislation: A. B. Hepburn, president of the Chase National Bank; James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank, Chicago; Myron T. Herrick, of the Society for Savings, Cleveland; Festus J. Wade, president of the Mercantile Trust Company, St. Louis; Joseph T. Talbot, vice president of the Commercial National Bank, St. Louis; Charles H. Huttig, president of the Third National Bank, St. Louis; John Perrin, president of the American National Bank, Indianapolis; Luther Drake, president of the Merchants' National Bank, Omaha; Robert Wardlaw, president of the People's National Bank, Pittsburgh; Sol Wexler, vice president of the Whitney Central National Bank, St. Louis.

These ten, together with five members of the committee appointed last year, will constitute the currency committee of the association. The first meeting will be held Monday, November 12, at the New Willard Hotel, Washington. At this meeting the Chamber of Commerce committee on currency reform will be invited to confer with the committee.

CANAL PLANS ARE DESCRIBED

Commission Issues Statement Explaining Details.

Will Have Summit Level About 85 Feet Above Sea, to Be Reached by Series of Locks.

The Isthmian Canal Commission yesterday issued a statement describing the general plan for the construction of the Panama Canal. It is explained that the type of canal proposed by the minority of the consulting board is to form a summit level about eighty-five feet above the level of the sea, which is to be reached by a flight of locks built at Gatun, on the Atlantic side, by one lock at Pedro Miguel and two others at La Boca, on the Pacific side. The locks are all to be duplicate. The summit level will be formed by the construction of a large dam at Gatun and a small one at Pedro Miguel.

A second lake, with a surface elevation of fifty-five feet, will be formed on the Pacific side between Pedro Miguel and Panama Bay by the construction of a dam at La Boca, across the mouth of the Rio Grande, and another dam between Seca Hill and high ground near Canal.

From the Caribbean Sea to the mouth of the Mindi River a channel is to be excavated having a bottom width of 500 feet and a depth of forty-two feet below main level. From the mouth of the Mindi to Gatun the width and depth are to be the same from the sea to the mouth of the river.

The Gatun locks are to be built in duplicate. The lift will be overcome by a flight of three locks of 31-1/2 feet each, or by two locks at 62-1/2 feet each. The Gatun dam will reach from a point near the Gatun hills, in which the locks are to be located, to the hill 3,500 feet westward, in which the spillway will be built. The object of this dam is to form a reservoir in which the floods of the Chagres will be received. Its area will be approximately 10 square miles. Works for regulating the level of the lake will consist of a system of gates constructed on foundations of concrete. The gates will be almost counterparts of those used on the Chicago Drainage Canal.

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WILL DEPORT ALIENS.

Government Begins Action Against North Carolina Mill Owners.

The government has decided to prosecute a number of cotton mill owners in Charlotte and Gastonia, N. C., who are charged with having imported English workmen in violation of the alien contract labor law.

FRIGHT TURNS HAIR GRAY.

Motorman Whose Car Made Wild Dash Is Seriously Injured.

Montclair, N. J., Nov. 2.—Joseph Peters, the motorist in charge of a trolley car which crashed into another car on Bloomfield avenue on Tuesday night, is in a serious condition in the Mountainside Hospital. His right foot was amputated last night. He also is suffering from internal injuries.

Robert's a Mormon Missionary.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 2.—Brigham H. Roberts, former Congressman from Utah, and George Albert Smith, another high dignitary in the Mormon Church, are working for converts in West Virginia, and are active at Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Fairmont. They are holding largely-attended meetings.

Stricken on Her Husband's Grave.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 2.—While strewing flowers on the grave of her husband in St. Mary's cemetery, Mrs. Sarah C. Luther was stricken with a fatal illness and died at midnight. She was fifty-six years of age, and was apparently in good health when she went to the cemetery.

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PLAN SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Alexandria May Be Represented at Jamestown.

Officers Are Re-Elected

School Board Considers a Communication from Superintendent of Public Instruction—Visitor Loses Valuable Parcel—Strike News Pleases—Railroad Man Assaulted.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (By The Herald Staff.)

Corner of Third and Ross streets.

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 2.—The question of providing for an educational exhibit to represent the local schools at the Jamestown exposition has been referred to Supt. Kemper and the principals of Washington and Lee schools. The matter was brought to the attention of the city school board in the form of a communication from the superintendent of public instruction. The local public schools were among the earliest of their kind to be founded in the State, and it is said that efforts will be made to secure a creditable showing at the exposition.

Capt. Herbert Bryant, as chairman of the city school board, and Hubert Snowden, as clerk, have been unanimously re-elected.

Losses Valuable Bracelet.

The loss of a gold bracelet, set with seven or eight diamonds and valued at \$250, the property of Mrs. Milton Alexander, of Lancaster, Pa., has been reported to police headquarters. Mrs. Alexander, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Leadbeater, in this city, is uncertain as to the locality in which the jewel was lost. She believes that it may have been dropped while she was walking on the golf grounds near this city, or at Spring Park, or somewhere about the residence of Mr. Leadbeater, 414 North Washington. A reward has been offered for its recovery.

Railroad Man Attacked.

It was learned to-day that James Godfrey, while at work Wednesday afternoon on a locomotive in the yard of the Southern Railway, was attacked and painfully hurt by a man whose name is not ascertained. Godfrey, it is stated, was struck on the head with a brick. It is understood that his assailant left for Washington immediately after the affair.

Colored Boy Improves.

The condition of Eugene Wilson, the small colored boy who was shot in the head by another colored boy in Alexandria County last Tuesday, is reported as improving. It is stated that he is recovering from the brain substance was badly lacerated. It was at first supposed that he had scarcely a chance for recovery, but to-day he seemed to be much better.

Masonic Exercises.

A beautiful past master's jewel was presented to Past Master W. L. Allen last evening at a meeting of the Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons, at which many of the members of Alexandria Washington Lodge and several out-of-town Masons were present. The presentation was made by H. K. Field, and Mr. Allen made an appropriate response.

Small Boy Burned.

While playing yesterday in the cellar of his father's home, John Cline, the four-year-old son of Walter Cline, whose home is on South Royal street, was painfully burned. He was hospitalized for several days. The blaze, caused by his smoking Dr. E. A. Gorman rendered medical assistance.

Pleased with Strike News.

A message from New York to the effect that the strike of the machinists on the Southern Railway had been settled was received in this city late this evening. The information caused general pleasure, being the terminus of the Charlottesville division, Alexandria had been considerably affected by the trouble.

Shot for a Turkey.

Henry Burke, a motorman on the electric railroad, was treated at the Alexandria Hospital yesterday for several gunshot wounds in his face and neck. He and a friend were out hunting and they became separated in the woods. Burke's companion, it is stated, mistook him for a wild turkey and fired at a portion of his body, projecting from the side of a tree trunk. Several shots struck him in the face, one shot passing entirely through his nose. His injuries, though painful, were not serious.

Judge Briscoe Takes Oath.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 2.—At the executive mansion to-night Gov. Warfield administered the oath of office to Judge John P. Briscoe, of Calvert County, whom he recently appointed chief judge of the seventh judicial district of Maryland, to fill out the term which expires November 1907, when a successor will be elected. Judge Briscoe's position also carries with it that of associate judge of the Appellate Court. Later Gov. Warfield entertained the judiciary with an oyster roast.

Hunters Find Game Plentiful.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 2.—The hunting season, which opened in this county yesterday, resulted in a wholesale slaughter of rabbits, while many partridges also were killed. It is estimated that 500 rabbits were killed by hunters in the county. Rabbits are unusually plentiful this fall, while partridges are reported as scarce.

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TO ASSIST WASHINGTON.

Grange Indorses Efforts to Enlarge Wholesale Market Facilities.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Nov. 2.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Montgomery County Pomona Grange, No. 7, was held at Brighton, with representatives from all six of the granges of the district. After careful consideration, the following was adopted: "Resolved, That this grange indorses the movement now being made to enlarge the wholesale market facilities in Washington, and hereby appoints Joseph B. Ager, State master, and John Miller, of Eureka Grange, to co-operate with those having the matter in charge."

William Everett Bond and wife were elected delegates to the State Grange meeting at Cumberland on December 13, with Howard Marlow and wife as alternates.

JAPAN SENDS AGENTS.

Representatives at Richmond to Buy Tobacco from Growers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—Four Japanese officials, who are understood to be here for the purpose of buying tobacco for the Japanese government, have rented a suite of rooms in the Mutual Building. It is said to be their purpose to do away with all middlemen in buying tobacco for their government monopoly.

GOMPERS AND SMITH SPEAK

Assail Congressman Mudd's Statements at Annapolis.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 2.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and George M. Smith, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fifth Maryland district, addressed a large and enthusiastic mass meeting in Annapolis to-night, many of the audience being members of labor organizations. Mr. Gompers denounced the statement made by Congressman Mudd that he (Gompers) is a ring Democrat, saying he belongs to no party, but advocates the interests of laboring men. Further, he said, his first vote was cast in 1872 for Gen. Grant.

Smith Denies He Ever Voted for Mudd, and Gompers Claims Allegiance to No Political Party.

Mr. Smith began his address by saying that the two proudest things of his life are that he is a Democrat and a union man. He believes that the two go well together. He entered an unqualified denial to the statement made by Mudd that he (Smith) had voted for Mudd. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Mudd some years ago sought the Democratic nomination for Congress.

ELOPERS AT RICHMOND.

Deserted Wife's Pathetic Plea Lands W. H. Stoneburne in Jail.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—After masquerading for several days in this city and Manchester as man and wife, W. H. Stoneburne, who has a wife and two children in Celestine circumstances at his home in Oak Hill, Ohio, and Miss Ida Parsons, who says her home is in Charleston, W. Va., have been arrested at their boarding place in Manchester, where they have been living under the assumed names of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Joy.

KICK IN SIDE FATAL.

Doorkeeper at Colored Fair Held for Death of Boy Caught Peeping.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 2.—"That Derwood Lee came to his death from a blow delivered by Jerry Dorsey," was the verdict returned to-night by the jury summoned to investigate the tragedy enacted in front of colored Odd Fellows' Hall, Hagerstown, late last night.

FALLING BEAM INJURES TWO.

Richmond Negro Laborers Struck on Head by Iron Girder.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—An iron girder fell on the heads of Creed Barber and Wallace Woodson, colored laborers, this morning. They were unconscious for some time and are seriously hurt.

JONES TALKS ON TRUSTS.

Democratic Congressman Addresses Voters at Fredericksburg.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 2.—Hon. W. A. Jones, Democratic Congressional nominee for the First district, addressed the voters of this city in the courthouse in front of the crowd gathered at which he stated that Mr. Jones had represented this district in Congress for the past nineteen years. Mr. Jones' talk was chiefly on the trusts and the Dingley tariff bill.

Dr. Robert R. Howston Barked.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 2.—The funeral of the late Dr. Robert Reid Howston, L.L.D., took place this afternoon from the Presbyterian Church of this city, and interment took place in the family lot in the city cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Rosboro. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

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URGES DEFEAT OF TALBOTT

Secretary Bonaparte in a Caustic Speech Attacks Congressman.

Asks Voters to Repudiate Candidate Who Made Promise Regarding Illegal Use of Money.

Westminster, Md., Nov. 2.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, in a speech here to-night, urged the defeat of Congressman J. Fred C. Talbott, who was one of the leading lieutenants of the late Senator Gorman, in referring to Talbott, the Secretary said:

"If he promised not to spend money for illegal purposes, I should have entire confidence in his not doing so, provided he had no money to spend, or thought he did not need to spend it. "I urge you, whatever your politics, to show enough public spirit and patriotism, enough regard for your own reputation and your State's credit, to place in the chair he has held so long and used as he has used it, a good citizen, an honorable gentleman, and an honest man."

Continuing, Mr. Bonaparte said:

"I feel that I should make an apology for presuming to address you or even to continue in business as a mortal; I am the Hon. William B. Hearst, Democratic candidate for governor of New York, has described me as a 'snob' and a 'cab horse.' I have come idea of what a 'snob' is, and I recognize Mr. Hearst's authority as an expert on the question, but I must own that when I am called a 'cab horse,' this leaves me in somewhat the same dilemma as Mrs. Parington's when she was called a parallelogram. I know it is a terrible insult, but I don't know why; a 'cab horse' seems to me my greatest honor, and I am proud of it. It is a decidedly useful member society. "But we must come nearer home. Mr. Roger W. Cull says I am in a state of intellectual and moral decay, by reason of my wholeheartedness, as displayed by a high executive officer in his own speech. Finally, Attorney General Bryan tells us that I am 'not to be taken seriously,' for while I am 'Artemus Ward's kangaroo,' I am 'an amiable little cuss,' he finds me to his regret 'nearly always wrong.' Mr. Bryan, himself, is, of course, nearly or quite always right; but it is just as well to mention this fact, for otherwise everybody might know it. "Now, my fellow-citizens, I have told you the terrible curses passed on me by all these great prophets and apostles without the State and within; I must make the further confession that they think me wholly incompetent, only my deplorable condition of mind, perverted and depleted by Messrs. Whyte and Cull, no doubt prevents my seeing that I have done anything wrong; but, as a matter of fact, such is my state of blindness, I told my hearers at the Lyric that, while I had a sincere and profound regard for many individual Democrats and had in Democratic resolve, zealous and faithful commander in chief, I have tried to do to remedy abuses and scandals in government, whether their party or mine were responsible for these abuses or scandals, I never found any reason to think any Democratic professional politicians in Maryland, or of the very divergent and inconsistent policies successively advocated by the Democratic party in national affairs. I said this then, and I say it now, and if I may say so, I have made some angry, but I am simply because what I said was and is true, and they know it."

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