

NATIONAL HOME FOR LEPEERS.

Provisions of a Prospective Bill in Congress.

PLAN TO RESTRICT THE DISEASE.

Measure to be Favored by Senator T. C. Platt in the Senate and Representative Wanger in the House.

Senator T. C. Platt and Representative I. P. Wanger of Pennsylvania will introduce bills this week, it is reported, providing for a Commissioner of Leprosy and a home for lepers. The intention of the bill is to have this nation in harmony with the suggestions for international action of the Berlin Leprosy Conference.

The bill provides for a Commissioner of Leprosy, who shall be a physician of ten years' practice and who shall receive a salary of \$5,000 a year. He is to reside in New York or San Francisco. For the erection of buildings for the lepers \$50,000 is to be appropriated. In addition, a square mile of the public domain is to be set aside for the colony of unfortunate lepers.

No lepers are to be admitted as immigrants, and persons coming from leprosy families are to be under the strict supervision of the authorities for at least seven years.

Restriction Provisions.

Among the provisions of the act are the following:

"It shall be unlawful for any State board of health knowingly to keep or allow to be kept within its jurisdiction any leper, unless such leper is isolated in a special asylum, away from patients suffering from other diseases, or permit such leper, if able to take care of himself, or if he is taken care of by his family, to remain in his family or with strangers in the household, otherwise than under the strict supervision of the State Board of Health, approved by the National Commissioner of Leprosy.

"In no case shall such leper be permitted to reside in any public boarding house, hotel, or eat at a public restaurant. His clothing is to be kept apart and his washing to be done separately. In no case shall his clothes be washed in a public laundry. He must use and wash his own eating utensils, sleep alone, unless married, and have no bodily contact, such as kissing, etc., with any other member of his family."

Marine Hospital in Charge.

It is further provided that the United States Marine Hospital shall have full charge of the lepers' home. The bill has the endorsement of many State boards of health. On the other hand, Florida, Louisiana, and New Hampshire have signified their objection to the Marine Hospital Service having anything to do with the leprosy question.

Dr. Albert S. Ashmead, of New York, says that sequestration is necessary, as the leper himself does not know he is ill because he cannot stand the loathing which he is held, and also because the Government is responsible to the community to guard it from the increase of the plague. Dr. Ashmead says: "Sequestration must not be used by itself, to isolate a leper in his own home, as they do in Norway, is only to give the pill to hide its blackness, without diminishing its effect. On the other hand, to condemn an individual to a cramped-up room, to deprive him of the light, to keep him a thousand times worse than to condemn him to the galleys. The isolation must be social, not individual."

Lepers Will Welcome It.

"The lepers, far from being afraid to leave society, will desire to do so, and, although their disease will remain, they will have a more tolerable existence. We shall in this manner cut at the root a plague which threatens the future of expanding America and which would put hundreds of families in mourning."

"The Scandinavian States, such as Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Minnesota, will doubtless through their Senators and Representatives support the bill, being the belief of the Scandinavians of wealth that individual isolation is a preventive of the spread of the disease. Dr. Armauer Hansen, the Scandinavian physician, says that through this method the lepers have not only avoided unusual hardships, but that there were 2,000 sufferers in 1856 and only 700 this year. He does not explain that this decrease was largely due to exporting them to the United States."

"France discovered that in two provinces leprosy was spreading, and she, rather than reappeared, and vigorous measures were taken to stamp it out. The conference in Berlin has shown that the peril of the disease is growing, and America must take some action to protect herself. It is a very real and urgent precaution."

MR. CRAWFORD IS PUZZLED.

Finds His Cash Drawer Mysteriously Filled With Water.

Around the cigar and tobacco store of A. B. Crawford, at 124 Fourth and a-half Street northwest, hangs an atmosphere of mystery.

Mr. Crawford sleeps on a couch directly behind the cigar counter in his little shop. The counter, which contains the money drawer, is so near that Mr. Crawford may reach out of bed and touch it, and no one could possibly get to it without waking him.

On Saturday night, before resigning himself to the arms of Morpheus, Mr. Crawford sat down on the foot of the bed and bathed his feet in a wooden bucket full of warm water. Having dried his pedicled extremities he set the pair of water under one end of the counter and turned in.

Next morning when he arose there was water on the floor beneath the ill-soapy water. He swept it up, thinking perhaps the pail had sprung a leak. In the silent watches of the night, he looked at the pail and there seemed to be as much water there as there was the night before. Then he opened the cash drawer and found two of the tills full of water.

He was staggered. No one could get to that cash drawer without literally crawling over Mr. Crawford. There is no drier place in Washington than his shop, and the water was of the same color, appearance and previous condition of servitude as that in the pail.

How did the water get from the bucket, three feet away and two feet below, into the cash drawer?

"The only possible explanation I can see," he said this morning, "is that I got up in my sleep and poured the water in the drawer myself. But would I know the combination of the cash drawer in my sleep?"

To Investigate Our Trusts.

HAVRE, Dec. 16.—M. Lazare Weller, who has been commissioned by the French Government to visit the United States and enquire into the working arrangements of trusts and also to study the organization of technical schools, sailed for New York on the steamship La Savoie Saturday.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

No Kind You Have Always Bought

TAMMANY REORGANIZATION.

Croker Will Dictate the Committee Immediately After Christmas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Richard Croker, acting as spokesman for Tim Sullivan, Frank Farrell, and Deputy Police Commissioner Devery, will dictate the reorganization of the Tammany general and executive committee on December 27.

If any changes are made in the membership of the committee, they will be changed to strengthen the hold of the Sullivan combination on the organization.

A few of the old-time district leaders in Tammany have been talking since the election about a reorganization of the committee. They have said over and over, "something must be done." This has been echoed by the minority faction opposed to Sullivan and Croker, but nothing has come of it, and when the time comes to elect officers for 1902 the squire will hand up the list of names, and his slate will go through without a hitch.

Croker seems determined to force the nomination of Perry Belmont for Congress in the Seventh, although it is well known that he is not the first or second choice of any Democrat in the district. There is a normal Democratic majority of 3,000 or more in the district, and the feeling in the district is so strong against Croker's methods, that there is already talk of bolting his candidate.

The Republicans expect to nominate Cornelius Vanderbilt. In such a race, the defeat of Belmont would be a direct slap at Croker.

ALL ENGLAND EXPECTANT.

Britishers on Tiptoe Regarding Lord Rosebery's Speech Tonight.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—All England is on the tiptoe of expectation regarding Lord Rosebery's speech tonight. The question uppermost in all minds is whether he will take John Morley's views and thus reunite the Liberals or the imperial views and bring about a further split in the party.

The general eagerness shows a public desire to get rid of the present Cabinet, if Rosebery shows the ability to form another. The newspapers and news agencies are making extra effort to obtain a full report of tonight's speech.

The Government's neglect of local issues both in London and elsewhere is adding to the Liberal wave. The members of the Cabinet are speaking every night in an effort to offset the adverse trend of events.

ROBBERS RAID A TOWN.

Looted Rhinebeck, N. Y., Postoffice and Retired Shooting.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—About 2 o'clock this morning a gang of seven masked burglars, supposed to be the same men who have been operating recently in the vicinity of Hartford, paid a visit to the village of Rhinebeck, and after binding and gagging a watchman, blowing open two safes and exchanging shots with the citizens, departed with about \$300 in booty, promising to call again.

From the cool and business-like way in which the burglars operated it is evident they were experts. They confined their attentions to the postoffice and First National Bank, which are located on Mill Street with a hardware store between them.

After effecting an entrance to the two buildings a guard was stationed outside while preparations were made to blow open the two safes simultaneously. To guard against interruptions the burglars set upon Seneca Talladay, the watchman employed to guard the bank and postoffice, after a struggle, overpowered him. In the scuffle the leader of the burglars, a short thickset young fellow nicely dressed and wearing a derby hat dropped his mask. Talladay got a good look at his face and thinks that he can identify him.

BADENHORST A PRISONER.

The Boer Commandant Taken by Two British Columns.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—General Kitchener reports to the War Office that Colonel Branders and Dawkins' columns, co-operating with each other, have captured Commandant Badenhorst and fourteen other Boers at Sterkfontein.

He adds that the effect of this important capture will be good.

TO SEE BY TELEPHONE WIRE.

Invention by Which View of Interlocutor May Be Had.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16.—The "Independence Belge" says that Dr. Sylvestre, a native American but naturalized as a Frenchman, has invented a spectrograph which enables a person using a telephone to see his interlocutor and the latter's surroundings.

A French Minister, according to the paper, has witnessed conclusive tests of the invention, and King Leopold has arranged a special audience for Dr. Sylvestre for the purpose of inspecting it. It is said that the instrument can be adapted for use on an ordinary telegraph wire.

LOCAL SIGHTS AND SCENES.

Neglected Neighborhoods to Be Pictured by Stereopticon.

An unusually large attendance is expected at the twentieth annual meeting of the Associated Charities, in the Columbian University, Fifteenth and H Streets northwest, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Stereopticon views especially prepared for the occasion will be shown. In reviewing the past year's work of the Associated Charities, these striking pictures will enable the members of the organization, in addition to those who will be drawn by curiosity to see the pictures of actual life among the needy. The admission is free and the general public is invited to attend.

FUNERAL OF JOSEPH TORRENS.

Services Held at His Late Residence This Afternoon.

Funeral services over the remains of Joseph F. Torrens, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital in New York city on the 12th instant, were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at his late residence, 506 Ninth Street southeast. Mr. Torrens, who was a son of the late Capt. Joseph Torrens and Mrs. Mary Torrens, leaves a widow and nine-year-old son and two brothers, Emanuel J. and Francis A. Torrens, U. S. M. C.

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LOVE'S FOES

BY MAKY C. FRANCIS.

They were both children, and he loved her. Life was young, and the long shadows of early morning stretched across dewy fields and lush meadows. A long, unbroken road lay before them, and in the forest near by vague forms flitted un-noticed by them. The boy made a crown of daisies, and placed on the girl's waving hair. Love hovered near, and smiled, and the girl was in that border land where innocence has not yet met knowledge. "I love you," said the boy, kissing the girl.

"Do you love me?" "Yes, of course, I love you," she said. "And some day you will be my wife." "Yes; what fun it will be!" The shadowy forms flitted out to the edge of the forest, and beckoned to the children, and Love saw his face and wept.

HOPE. Soon they were boy and girl, and still he loved her. The horizon of her sight was expanding. Mysterious influences were widening her life, and on the bosom of that swift current which hastens from childhood to maidenhood she was borne along as all the daughters of Eve have been since the creation, and as they will be to the end of time.

The hand on the dial had advanced, but it was yet early in the day. They walked to school together, and he carried her books. "I love you," he said.

She swung her sashonnet by the strings and said nothing. "You have not told me that you love me for a long time," he went on. "Tell me now."

Love was near, but a shadowy form glided out of the forest and whispered in her ear. "I have all my life to live yet," she said, "and Hope is bright before me. I feel that my life has some great thing in store for me."

Love folded his wings. How many times had Hope lured into strange paths! AMBITION. Ere long they were youth and maiden. Ere long they set their seal upon her, and she had bloomed like a rose in June. Her figure was as supple as a young reed in the breeze; her eyes mirrored heaven's purity.

The day advanced toward noon. Suitors swarmed about her; she was courted on every side; names and fortunes were laid at her feet. Again he sought her. In his eyes was desire, he was flushed, eager.

"I love you," he said passionately. "I have always loved you. Come away and be mine. We will be all the world to each other."

Love almost claimed her, but again a phantom from the forest whispered to her. "Love is not all," she said. "My mind is awakened, and I long to achieve. I have intellect, wit, power, and I will go out in the world and make myself a name. Any woman can marry, but I will have a career. Let us forget love, and be friends."

Love's eyes sparkled with tears. Too well he knew how ambition strewed the desert with bleaching skeletons. FAME. Time passed swiftly, and they were man and woman. Already the first shadows of declining day had crept over the mountain top. She was ripe, beautiful, cultured, distinguished. Scholars, diplomats, and philosophers bent at her shrine. She was said to be the most intellectual woman of the age.

He stood before her, and looked at her half tenderly, half fiercely. Her eyes met his, yearning and passionate by turns. "I love you," he said in thick, uneven tones, "but you are ruining my life. Great God! Is this to go on forever? Sometimes I love you, and sometimes I hate you. Tell me, are you happy?"

For an instant she seemed to hesitate. "I am successful," she said. "Ah!" he cried, "you are missing the joy of life. It is not too late to exchange phantoms for realities. Oh, come; come now."

He knelt before her. Love spread his wings over her. But she went back to her great world; and as Love looked back over the long road, he saw only wrecks. LOVE.

They were both older. The air was misty, and the shadows began to lie across the plain. He was handsome, but gray

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