

EPIDEMICS OF THE PAST YEAR

Surgeon-General Wyman Submits His Annual Report.

Excellent Services of the Marine Hospital Corps In the South.

Pacific States In Constant Danger From Plagues Raging In the Orient.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CALL OFFICE, RIGGS HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

Surgeon-General Wyman of the Marine Hospital service has submitted his annual report to Secretary Gaze. It shows that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, the total number of patients treated at hospitals and the dispensaries connected with the service was 54,777.

The necessity of legislation to secure proper shelter for deck crews on Western rivers, to which attention was called in the last report, has been met by the act of Congress, March 3, 1897, requiring every steamboat plying upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries to have on board a sufficient number of crew with protection from the weather.

The surgeon-general invites attention to the excellent work done by the officers of the corps during the recent visitation of yellow fever in the South. Medical officers were assigned to the marine hospital districts, and although a number of them were not immune to yellow fever, nevertheless they responded with alacrity and performed their duties with judgment and efficiency.

Under the head of "Public Health Service" the surgeon-general discusses the subjects of cholera, smallpox and yellow fever. The prevalence of cholera in Japan and China, he says, is now a matter of greater moment to the United States than at any previous time, owing to the rapid growth of commerce between those countries and the existence of a constant yellow fever and one lost his life by accident in the line of duty.

The report of the international leprosy conference, held in Berlin in October, gives a somewhat imperfect statement of the number of cases of leprosy in the different countries of the world, there being, approximately, 130,000 in India, 20,000 in Japan, 2,500 in the United States, 1,000 in California and 250 in the United States.

Yellow fever has been unusually prevalent throughout the island of Cuba during the past year. In the port of Havana alone, 2,500 cases were reported in 1897, and 1,897, there were 1,605 deaths. The disease has also prevailed extensively throughout the West Indies. A history of the recent epidemic of yellow fever in the South is also given.

The operations of the Marine Hospital services were conducted through experienced officers. This expert service, Dr. Wyman says, was of great value to the alienation of the coast, which, in the case, without which the necessary precautions would not have been taken by local authorities.

The surgeon-general states that there is little doubt that the work which was done had a marked effect in controlling the spread of the disease and preventing a much more extensive epidemic.

The total number of cases of yellow fever reported in the United States, from November 20 was 4198, and the number of deaths 243. Of these there were 1722 cases and 243 deaths in New Orleans.

The report gives a full account of the operations of the international quarantine and the measures taken to enforce the national regulations at San Francisco and Sabine Pass, Tex., where, Dr. Wyman says, by reason of local inadequacy interference was necessary.

Attention is called to the fact that an effort was made more than a year ago to supplant the national quarantine station on Ship Island with a State quarantine of the same character at the neighboring island nearer the shore, but Dr. Wyman says it failed. Reference is made to the attempt to excite concern regarding the Ship Island station on account of its alleged proximity to the coast, which the surgeon-general says has been falsely given as five miles, whereas it is twelve miles away.

The station, he continues, is well equipped, and the efforts of the quarantine officers to connect with the recent outbreak of fever are not supported by a single fact. The national station was removed from Chandler to Ship Island in 1894, after the destruction of the Chandler station by a storm, which swept the hospital out to sea and drowned five people. Its transfer was legalized by the appropriation act of 1895.

The surgeon-general again refers to the necessity of a more strict national quarantine law, which he has made the subject of a special report in the past two years, and he makes recommendations looking to the strengthening of the law both to prevent the spread of disease and interference with interstate regulations during the times of epidemics.

MILITIA MEN GATHER. An Important National Convention to Be Held at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—Military men are gathering in this city from many States. A national convention of State militia will be held here this week, and many subjects pertaining to the welfare of organizations will be discussed. The visitors will be handsomely entertained.

A feature will be the parade and drill of the First Regiment, N. G. M., at the Coliseum, as a compliment to the visiting adjutant-generals. Missouri, Illinois, Texas and Kansas will be particularly well represented at the convention. Telegrams indicate that many distinguished military men from every State in the union are en route. Maine and

California as well as Illinois and Missouri are to be represented.

BURIAL OF GULDENSUPPE.

The Victim of Martin Thorn and Augusta Nack Borne to the Grave.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The funeral of bath-rubber Guldensuppe, who was murdered at Woodside, Long Island, on June 20th, by Martin Thorn and Augusta Nack, took place this afternoon from an undertaking shop on East Third street, where the body had lain since it was removed from the morgue. All day Saturday and Sunday from 11 o'clock in the morning until the hour of the funeral immense crowds of the curious flocked to get a look at the murdered man. The crowd entered by the front door and passed out through the rear. The dismembered body, arrayed in a dress suit, lay in an oak coffin with sliding glass top. The right arm was crossed over the breast. Where the head should have been a vacant space, save for a photograph of the murdered man, which was placed against the side of the coffin.

Upon the coffin-plate was engraved "Christian W. Guldensuppe, died June 20, 1897, aged 42 years." The funeral was arranged by two lodges of which Guldensuppe was a member. Eight members of the New York crew of bath-rubbers who worked with Guldensuppe contributed a large sum of money about four feet high. Two wreaths were sent in by the lodges. There were no ceremonies whatever. At 2 o'clock the coffin was placed in a hearse and driven to the Lutheran Cemetery at Middlesex Village, L. I.

MRS. PULLMAN TO CONTEST.

Not Satisfied With the Provisions in the Will of the Palace Car Magnate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Harriet Sanger Pullman, widow of the palace car magnate, is preparing to make trouble for Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Heam, executors of the Pullman will. Instead of accepting \$50,000 a year, and the Pullman homestead for life, she is considering the advisability of demanding her dower rights under the laws of Illinois. In fact, it is said she has already decided upon this move. She has one year from the date the will was filed for probate in which to decide whether to abide by its provisions or demand a settlement according to law. The practical disinheriting of her two sons, George M. Pullman Jr. and Walter Sanger Pullman, both favorites with her, has not been without influence upon her contemplated action.

MORE TROOPS SENT TO KIAO-CHAU BAY.

Germany Sends Re-enforcements to Guard Her Recent Conquest.

Denial of the Report That Other European Squadrons Have Entered the Harbor.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL. BERLIN, Dec. 5.—When the German re-enforcements, consisting of four companies of marines, numbering 23 officers and 1200 men, and a company of naval artillery, arrived at Kiao-Chau Bay, for which point, as already cabled, they will soon set out, they will bring the total German force there up to 4500 men, the largest body Germany ever sent beyond European waters. It is understood that the reserves had to be drawn upon.

The admiral in command of the European squadrons has entered the harbor at Kiao-Chau to watch Germany's proceedings, and it is believed that Admiral von Diederich would protest vigorously against such a move.

The Kolnische Zeitung regards the expedition as having a twofold aim; first, to obtain missionary reparation, and second, to obtain the concession of Kiao-Chau as payment for past services rendered to China by Germany in connection with the conclusion of peace with Japan. There is much self-congratulation among the Germans that the missionary incident has not resulted in the annulment of the concessions, and perhaps abortive process of diplomatically claiming a cooling station in the form of a demand for a treaty port or a settlement on perpetual lease. It is believed that the German Government will, in accordance with the terms of the treaty, which, as she is occupied elsewhere, while Japan is not likely to resist the coalition of Germany, Russia and France.

This is the contention of the Kolnische Zeitung. At the same time it says that Germany will not be led by the allurements of France or Russia to deviate from a policy of moderation in China.

LOVE LEADS TO SUICIDE.

Aged Man Ends His Life Because of a Separation From His Young Bride.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—On Thanksgiving evening Samuel G. Parkhill, 74 years of age, of Brooklyn, married Miss Kirkland of Brooklyn, who was fifty years his junior. The bride was committed suicide at his home in Brooklyn by shooting herself through the brain.

When the couple were married the families of the two objected strongly to the union on account of the disparity in their ages. They were forced to separate and since that time Parkhill had appeared somewhat depressed. He lived with his married daughter and son, and when the family was at church he shot himself. His relatives give no reason for the suicide beyond the statement that the bride had seemed despondent during the past few days.

Parkhill was a ticket-chopper on the Kings County Elevated road. Previous to this he was a superintendent of the Brooklyn city and Newton Railroad and became possessed of considerable property.

MESSAGE TO PHOENIX MAYOR.

Bohemian-Americans Send Words of Encouragement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—At a meeting of the Bohemian citizens of Chicago to-day the following message to the Lord Mayor of Prague was prepared and cabled: CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—To Dr. Julius Politzky, Lord Mayor, City of Bohemia. The Bohemian-Americans, in meeting assembled at the Bohemian Turner Hall in Chicago, desire to express their hearty sympathy for the preservation of their language and their national existence. Polish and Slavonian representatives joined the Bohemians with words of encouragement for the Bohemian cause. COMMITTEE.

Fire in a Steamer's Hold.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—When the British steamer Waybridge, Captain Evans, from Savannah via Genoa, put into St. Michael's to-day for coal a fire was discovered in the after hold. The flames were subdued by steam, when it was found goods had been damaged, to what extent is not stated. The steamer proceeded.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Pimento-Quioline Tablets. All drug stores return the money if not cured. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

WILL BACK UP THE PRESIDENT

Congress Willing to Give Spain a Chance to Act in Cuba.

Interviews Show the Sentiment of Members of Both Houses.

In the Mean Time a Fleet of Warships Will Be Within Eighty Miles of Havana.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A Washington special to the Herald says: Senators against action, 42; Senators for, but do not expect action, 23; Senators for immediate action, 9; Senators non-committal, or not seen, 14; Representatives against action, 178; Representatives for action, 139; Representatives non-committal, or not seen, 18.

Congress will concur in the wishes of the President and give a fair trial to Spain's new scheme of autonomy for Cuba, and by information obtained as to the positions of men who have not yet arrived in Washington. I have obtained interviews with more than two-thirds of the Senators and more than half of the representatives. The opinions of absentees have been learned by talking with their colleagues. The interviews show there is an overwhelming pro-Cuban sentiment in both houses of Congress.

They show, however, that it is within the power of the President and supporters of the administration to prevent any action that would interfere with the desire of the administration to pursue a conservative course and give Spain ample opportunity to end the war in Cuba.

In some respects the interviews are more significant than the poll. They show that the majority of Senators and Representatives in the House of Representatives. The Senate has already passed a resolution recognizing the Cubans as belligerents. It is pending in the House. The interviews show that notwithstanding their strong sympathy for Cuba most of the Republicans and not a few of the Democrats think that the whole matter can safely be left in the hands of the President. Though the pro-Cuban sentiment is stronger and the influence of the administration is weaker in the Senate the result of the poll of that body shows there is little probability of any action. Many even of the most radical Senators are against taking any further step at this time.

By its determination to send the North Atlantic squadron to Florida Bay to engage in the usual maneuvers, the administration believes it has reached a decision which will prevent further discussions in Congress with reference to sending warships to Havana. As the Herald has stated, the entire squadron will be within eighty miles of Cuba at the latter part of the month, and two gunboats will be to the immediate southward of the island.

Cuba will thus be virtually surrounded by American men-of-war, which can reach any portion of the island within six hours to provide protection for Americans should they be in danger of violence.

Rear-Admiral Seward, commander-in-chief of the squadron, will be in Washington to-morrow and will call upon Secretary Long and discuss the course which his squadron shall pursue upon its arrival in southern waters.

It is the belief of Senator Hale and several other members of Congress that the action of the administration is significant in showing that an improved condition exists in Cuba, and consequently the administration feels that there can be no resumption of winter cruises without endangering the relations of the United States and Spain.

There is no ground to believe that the authorities will comply with the wish of the American Government from the action of the administration to raise money, Spain has promised that Americans shall be protected.

NO FEAR OF UNCLE SAM.

Spanish Authorities Think the United States Will Not Interfere in Behalf of Cuba.

MADRID, Dec. 5.—El Liberal, the official organ, contends that there is no ground to fear that the United States will recognize the insurgents as belligerents or otherwise interfere in the settlement of the Cuban difficulties.

"Inasmuch as Spain has accorded her colonies in the Antilles the maximum of liberty that old powers accord to their colonies, therefore," concludes El Liberal, "the United States ought to be grateful to Spain. But as America's good will is hampered by offensive or restrictive conditions, we must ignore them and in accordance with our interests, with our honor and sovereignty."

A member of the Cabinet, in the course of an interview to-day, declared that according to the communications received by the Government from Senor de Lome, the Spanish Minister in Washington, President McKinley's attitude toward Spain is "very gratifying."

The Government, continued the Cabinet member, does not believe President McKinley will demand the extradition of McKimley in Cuba within any specified period, "for President McKinley knows that Spain's first desire is a conclusion of the war, and that she is putting forth every effort to end it."

The Spanish Government, he further asserted, is now studying means of mobilizing the volunteers in Cuba, and Senor Finckeiver, the Minister of Finance, is considering proposals to raise money, which will be submitted to the Cortes. Senor Sagasta, the Premier, is indisposed to-day and confined to his room.

NICARAGUAN TRANSPORTATION LINES.

Steamship and Railway Systems to Be Constructed by the Atlas Company.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, Dec. 5 (Via Galveston). L. Wichmann, representing the English corporation known as the Atlas Steamship Company, has deposited with the Treasurer of Nicaragua \$5000 in gold as the company's guarantee under its contract with the Nicaraguan Government, by the terms of which the company receives the exclusive right of steam navigation for thirty years on the Silico Inagon, Lake Nicaragua and the river San Juan de Norte, with the exclusive right also, for the same time of constructing tramways and railroads along the line and at the best places to avoid the obstacles in the river.

Bryan Leaves for Mexico.

GUTHRIE, Dec. 5.—Hon. W. J. Bryan departed for Mexico this morning, after being elaborately entertained by the people here. At the opera-house Mr. Bryan lectured on bimetalism. Mr. Bryan says he will stay in Mexico for four weeks. Yesterday he received an invitation by wire to be the guest of President Diaz at the Mexican capital. Mr. Bryan in an interview gave it as his opinion that the present Congress would be a do-nothing affair.

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