

Counting The Dollars of Uncle Sam

It is Done When a New Treasurer Takes Office—Charles H. Treat, Successor of Ellis H. Roberts—A Billion Now Being Handled.

UNCLE SAM has about \$1,000,000,000 in the treasury at Washington and is now engaged in counting the same. This is a big task and has to be performed every time there is a change of treasurers. On July 1 Charles H. Treat succeeded Ellis H. Roberts in the office of treasurer of the United States, and the counting of the cash was at once begun. It may be several months before the task is completed. When one starts out to count \$1,000,000,000 it is necessary to take a little time for the operation. The last time Uncle Sam's funds in the treasury building at Washington were counted was in 1897, and it then required about five months to do the work. This was longer than it will be apt to take this time if no stealing has gone on. In 1897 it was found that there was a difference of \$800 between the amount shown on the books and the coin and other valuables in the vaults. About \$200 in bills had been abstracted, and 600 lead disks had been substituted for silver dollars in the bags in a certain vault, which necessitated counting the actual coins instead of measuring them by weight, as is generally customary. Until the counting is finished the retiring treasurer cannot obtain a receipt for the funds from his successor or be released from his bond. If anything is missing, whether it is a dollar or a million, he has to make good, though usually if there is no fault on his part congress enacts a law by which he is reimbursed. This was done in the case of Treasurer Roberts' predecessor, Mr. Morgan, who thus got back the \$800 he had taken from his own pocket to cover the thefts of employees. A corps of fifty clerks was employed in counting the money in the vaults in 1897.

It takes big figures to express the amount of the coin and bills and



CHARLES H. TREAT, TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES.

United States bonds in the treasury at Washington, not to mention the money of various kinds in the subtreasuries in different cities, which is not counted at this time, as each subtreasurer is responsible for his own accounts. There are 5,000 tons of coin in the treasury at Washington. A million dollars in gold weighs one and eight tenths tons and occupies about seven

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the gold in the treasury vaults it is put into eight ounce duck bags, each bag holding \$5,000, and the silver coins are put in similar bags holding \$1,000 each.

Counting of bills is done by hand, and it is interesting to see how quickly the experts employed in this task perform their work. Many of these expert counters are women. They count by the sense of touch rather than sight. The safeguards against thievery from the treasury are very complete, and were an attack upon the vaults to be made it thousand men could be rushed in short order to the defense of the national treasure house.

The treasurer of the United States is accountable for every dollar of the government's funds, and hence his office is a very responsible one. Many people have had the signature of Ellis H. Roberts on bills in their possession who could not have told the name of the incumbent of the treasurer's office. New bills will bear the signature of Charles H. Treat. Mr. Treat comes of

an old family. His mother's maiden name was Treat, and both his parents were descendants of Robert Treat, who was for thirty-two years—from 1676 to 1708—the deputy and royal governor of the colony of Connecticut. Treasurer Treat is a native of Maine and was born about sixty years ago at Frankfort. In 1863, after graduating from Dartmouth college, he entered his father's office. The elder Treat was engaged in a trade with the West Indies, and when that was destroyed by the insurrection with Cuba young Treat removed to Delaware and became identified with manufacturing enterprises. He was elected to congress from his home district in Delaware and afterward came within two votes of securing a seat in the United States senate. In 1892 he became a resident of New York, and in 1898 President McKinley appointed him collector of internal revenue, which post he held until his recent promotion to the treasurership of the United States.

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