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SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND VICTIMS OF PEACE.—We are stunned with grief and horror when we stop to think of the millions who are dying on the battlefields in Europe.

It is so cruelly and wantonly needless we cry out.

It is tragic also that of a million and a half men, women and children who die yearly in the United States 600,000 die needlessly.

First of all, a quarter of a million infants are taken by death before they round out the first year of life. Carried off without even the fighting chance for life that the babes and war orphans of Europe have.

Next, the children who escaped the perils of infancy are exposed to the attack of such communicable and preventable diseases as diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough. They, too, die because they are not given a fighting chance.

Then an army of adults meet the enemies, typhoid fever and tuberculosis, and thousands of them die, right here in our own "enlightened" country through carelessness and ignorance.

Isn't it time we of America mobilized effectively for Public Health?

We cry: "War must be stopped in the name of humanity."

In the name of humanity why don't

we band together as a nation and cry: "Death from preventable diseases must be stopped!"

HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY.

—Some kind of an inquiry is bound to be started in congress this winter, the purpose being to find out how the government came to be saddled with a postoffice site under six feet of water in the city of Seattle. The central figure of the inquiry is likely to be Congressman Wm. E. Humphrey of that city. The sec'y of the treasury on his western trip did some viewing of postoffice sites, but when he came to view the one in Seattle, not having a boat he had to take a long distance view of it. The site was under six feet of water, the overflow of Elliott bay, and it was surrounded by a lovely growth of cattails. The United States bought this site during the Taft administration, while Humphrey was congressman for this particular postal district, and it was presumably on Congressman Humphrey's recommendation as well as that of a site inspector (who is now separated from the service) that the site was purchased for \$169,500. Anybody who will give Uncle Sam half this sum for the bog now will get a warm hand at Ass't Sec'y Newton's office.

SHORT ONES

If every individual were taken at his own valuation, hat concerns would have to be remodeled into halo factories.

The man who remains a bachelor sooner or later realizes he has made a mistake. So does the fellow who marries.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; sulk, and the world laughs at you.

Sarah Bernhardt sends word from France that she sails for America in December, "unwrinkled and undaunted." Although Sarah has lost a leg, you can't stump her.