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Laziness as a Disease.

Is laziness a germinal disease and is there an antitoxin for its eradication? So it would appear from the statement of Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles...

The name of the disease is unclari- nism. It produces a condition the sym- toms of which are not unlike those of continued malaria.

One of the symptoms is that the dis- ease stimulates an appetite for differ- ent things in individual cases. The "dirt eaters," says Dr. Stiles, "all suffer from this craving."

Frenchmen can no longer talk about our "national vice" and pride them- selves that they are not as we are, for in recent years the great question in France has been the abuse of absinth.

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Three hundred and fifty years ago, at the instigation of John Calvin, Michael Servetus was burned at the stake in Geneva as a Unitarian heretic.

The young woman Florence Burns, who was prominently connected with a New York murder mystery, is said to have had a very bad case of stage fright when she made her first appear- ance in vaudeville.

The St. Petersburg dispatch telling of 400,000 destitute and starving people in Finland is not cheerful reading in this holiday season.

A New Jersey mechanical engineer has invented a method of converting the latent heat of the atmosphere into power.

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were the representatives of capital and labor met in dispassionate and friendly though earnest and partisan discussion of their rights and relations.

Pan-American Developments.

During 1902 our relations with the republics of this hemisphere, over whose destinies we have assumed by the promulgation and maintenance of the Monroe doctrine to extend the radius of our protection against European aggression, have been of exceptional interest and significance.

As a result of our intervention in Cuba and the war with Spain we became sponsor at the birth of a new nation in the Antilles. The republic of Cuba as a sovereign and independent state came into being early in the year 1902.

same month. While perhaps we might have done something more than we have yet done to hold up the hands of the struggling little republic for whose existence we were largely responsible.

Revolutions of more or less serious character have been in progress during the year in Venezuela, Colombia and Haiti. In Colombia it was necessary for us to intervene by the landing of marines for the protection of commerce at the isthmus, which this country is pledged to do under treaty stipulation.

Within the year the long standing boundary dispute between Chile and the Argentine Republic, which had more than once threatened to precipitate these republics into war, was settled by arbitration.

The most serious political develop- ment on this hemisphere during the year was the joint effort of Germany and Great Britain to collect by force claims of their citizens against the republic of Venezuela and the bombardment of the fortifications and the sinking of the ships of the latter country.

International Relations.

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Another case which we had before this court and which was settled in our favor was the claim of American seal fishers against Russia for unlawful seizures in the Bering sea eleven years ago.

Still another case of arbitration in which this country was involved was the Samoan dispute over German claims for indemnity growing out of the land- ing of American and British marines at Apia some years ago.

With the exception of the indemnity claim of Miss Ellen Stone against Bulgaria and the remote possibility of being drawn into conflict with Ger- many and Great Britain over the Ven- esuelan affair, the relations of the United States, diplomatic and other- wise, are friendly. This friendliness has been enhanced by the visit to this country during the year of Prince Henry of Prussia, Grand Duke Boris of Russia, the crown prince of Siam, Sir Charles Belfrage of the British

admiraity and particularly by the com- ing of distinguished Frenchmen for the unveiling of the Rochambeau monu- ment at Washington in recognition of the aid given us in the struggle for national independence.

An event of special gratification to the civilized world was the ending of the Boer war in May last after nearly three years of armed conflict, the most persistent and costly in blood and treasure in recent history.

Proving National Claims.

The suggestion coming from the Eu- ropean allies that President Roosevelt act as arbitrator of the claims which the British, Germans and Italians have been trying to collect in Venezuela at the cannon's mouth is significant.

A case in point was that of the Ital- ian government, which succeeded in enforcing the payment by Brazil by dint of the compulsion of the cruiser Garibaldi of a claim which rested on the blackmailing operations of a com- pany of Italian adventurers.

While the United States assumes no responsibility regarding the debts of American republics and should not be drawn into any such responsibility, we will do well if we bring about a re- quirement that the debts sought to be collected shall be proved or at least provable before some accepted arbit- rator or court of competent jurisdic- tion.

The Department of Commerce.

The fact that the commerce commit- tee has favorably reported to the house of representatives the bill for the crea- tion of a federal department of com- merce gives assurance that it will be passed by the present congress and become a law.

A number of the bureaus which it was proposed originally to put into the new department have been taken out. As the bill stands it includes the fol- lowing: The lighthouse board, light- house service, national bureau of stand- ards, coast and geodetic survey, bureau of immigration, fish commission, bureau of statistics of the treasury de- partment, bureau of commerce of the state department, fur seal and salmon fisheries, bureau of labor and census and three new bureaus—insurance, manufactures and corporations.

While the duties of the secretary of commerce will not be so important and varied as those of other departmental heads of the federal government, he will by no means be a superfluous official.

Colonel Arthur Lynch, who was said to have led a Boer brigade in the South African war and who was afterward elected to the British parliament, has been indicted on the charge of high treason.

The Review Prints The News.

Hair Falls Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly the most economical preparation of its kind on the market. A little of it goes a long way. It doesn't take much of it to stop falling of the hair, make the hair grow, and restore color to gray hair.

The Right of Privacy. At a recent meeting of the Kings County Women's Christian Temperance union held in Brooklyn ex-Senator Hill, Admiral Schley, Senator Depew, Mayor Low and District Attorney Jerome were roundly berated for allowing their portraits to appear in an advertisement of an intoxicating liquor which has been widely used, and a resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to send them a protest on behalf of the union.

More Trouble in Macedonia. A letter from Athens published recently in one of the London papers de- scribes the situation in Macedonia as practically intolerable and lends con- firmation to the current cable reports of spreading revolution. The writer says that this year, contrary to usual experience, insurgent bands have been active all the summer and have re- ceived much practical aid from Chris- tian peasants.

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