

days, and is said to have suffered serious prostration.

Like a wave the epidemic has swept over Europe, traveling westward at an astonishing rate of speed. In the large cities of Germany and France hundreds of thousands of people have been attacked. In Berlin and Paris, according to accounts which have been received, there has been a partial suspension of business, on account of so many people being ill. Its ravages have extended to the western latitude and mild climate of Portugal, and the king of that country has been afflicted by it.

The disease is said not to be a dangerous one, as a rule, and attacks from it usually last no longer than from three to five days. Only mild treatment, of which quiet and rest are the main features, is required. It comes on with a severe headache, and great pain in the back, which are accompanied by extreme lassitude. The symptoms of the complaint are similar to those of a severe cold.

In some localities, however, the disease has taken a more serious form, has been to some extent typhoid in its nature, and many cases of it have been followed by inflammation of the lungs. In most instances, too, it leaves the patient in very low spirits.

By a press dispatch in another column, it would seem that great fatality has begun to attend the epidemic in Paris, nearly 600 deaths being reported to have occurred within twenty-four hours. This report gives the epidemic a very serious aspect.

Theories as to the origin of this disease differ. Some physicians attribute it to the unusually mild winter which Russia and other portions of Europe are experiencing. Others think it is caused by sudden and excessive changes in the temperature, and others still hold it to be communicated by atmospheric agencies. Some deny that it is infectious, and hold that persons contract it, not from one another, but from surrounding conditions of atmosphere, temperature, etc.

It is confidently predicted that the United States will be swept with this disease. From today's press telegrams it will be learned that it has leaped from the Atlantic coast, where it has been spreading rapidly during the last ten days, to Denver and Cheyenne. In the former city it is already widely prevalent, and many people are seriously ill from it. We may look for it to appear in Utah at any time.

POLITICAL TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

A HIGH Brazilian authority asserts that monarchy for that country is now out of the question. The situation has simmered down to his—the "Republic or anarchy."

There is a fair prospect for a mixture of both, with the chaotic condition predominating. The popular form has been so suddenly precipitated upon the Brazilians that their sovereignty is likely to cause intoxication, leading to license instead of liberty. The lack of education in the principles of free civil government is against a steady condition of public affairs. There will also be an abundant crop of the line of would-be publicists who endeavor to hide self-seeking under the guise of patriotism. People who belong to that class are troublesome customers, because they cater to the prejudices of the masses, thus gaining their ears and influence. We may hear of some lively doings in Brazil in a few days.

The tendency toward popularization of governmental rule is phenomenal. A short time since the home-rule forces within the radius of the British Empire appeared to be mainly centered in and toward Ireland. The same genius has lately been spreading with marked rapidity in Scotland and Wales, and systems for the application of the principle of local government in those two divisions of the United Kingdom have been devised and perfected; and now India is stepping to the front with a similar proposition. Take these indications together with the growing sentiment in favor of the establishment of a British Republic, and one is led to exclaim: "Surely the world grows apace!" The belief that Victoria will be the last British sovereign is gradually crystalizing into a conviction.

All these are symptoms not only that mankind generally are yearning after freedom, but that the masses are gradually beginning to understand their power. By degrees they are learning that despots and rulers of every kind are powerless in their hands. The great danger to be feared in this king-smashing development of the times is that expressed in the words of the Brazilian official—Republicanism or anarchy. Will the extreme phases of the popularization tendency of the age lead to the latter? If so there are breakers ahead on this little world on which we are sojourners. However, the present yearnings after free-

dom are but a prophecy of a future better and grander condition, when a knowledge of correct principles of government will be universal, while a disposition to conform to them will be an outgrowth of this understanding, and voluntary consent a natural result. But before that glorious epoch of knowledge and right is reached, the dark shadow and clash of the valley of anarchy will have to be traversed, and the heights of the mountains of truth be climbed on the other side. But so sure as truth exists, so certain will this creation, after its probationary course has been run, wheel into line with the governing principle of the moral universe of the Almighty—Justice.

While the world at large is panting and struggling after freedom, and while concessions in the line of popular rule are being made, an anomaly is presented in Utah, within the confines of the freest system of government on earth. The majority of the people of this fair Territory have for years been struggling to retain a few ragged fragments of home rule left to the people, while a gang of active and unscrupulous politicians have been engaged in tearing the remnants of popular sovereignty from the hands of the masses. These enemies of human rights have invoked, plead for and demanded the aid of the General Government in the furtherance of their schemes. Worst of all, because of misinformation and undue pressure, the assistance thus solicited has been to some extent accorded, and still the plotters shout for more. They are at odds with the march of human events, and are enemies of popular freedom, which means the right of the people to transact their public business through agencies of their own selection.

ANOTHER EPIDEMIC.

"LA GRIPPE" is not the only epidemic that is spreading and playing havoc. Anti-"Mormon" rabies has seized a considerable number of American journalists.

The symptoms are very pronounced. The unfortunate victim is at once affected with cold feet and a corresponding heated condition of the head, causing dizziness, supervened by mental and moral blindness.

These conditions are succeeded by violent vomiting, the ejected matter taking the shape of long columns