

PARALYSIS WAR PRESSED; RATE OF DEATH CUT

City Has 95 New Cases, 18 Fatalities, but Officials Are Hopeful.

PERCENTAGE IS LOW, DR. EMERSON SHOWS

Week's Dead 126; Total Since Epidemic Began Reaches 205.

19 STATES INVASED BY DISEASE GERMS

Home Defence League, 20,000 Strong, to Inspect City With Police.

The spread of infantile paralysis throughout the country became more marked yesterday.

While specialists in baby diseases and bacteriologists would not say the source of the disease was New York city they were of the opinion that there is a hidden connection or cause for the outbreak in so many parts of the United States.

In New York city 95 new cases of poliomyelitis were reported yesterday, an increase of eight over the previous day and a greater number than any day except one during the epidemic.

There were 18 deaths, as compared with 22 on Friday and 24 on Thursday. Total deaths for the week were 126 and the total for the epidemic 205.

Dr. Emerson said last night that he felt the germs were not breeding disease in the same geometrical proportion of a week ago.

"Not multiplying so fast. It is under control," asserted Dr. Emerson. "You feel that the epidemic will be multiplying with the rapidity that a week ago seemed probable in view of the rapid increase in cases from day to day."

The health authorities, receiving the cooperation of the Federal public health service in the city, and having been promised the aid of the American Red Cross if needed, continued yesterday to build up their staff for fighting the disease.

There is a bitter note among the experts that with the precautions of isolation of the patients, the breaking up of groups of children and the policy of "boots and water" which is being followed, there is a falling off in the ravages of the disease.

"There is no reason for alarm or panic," said Dr. Emerson, "but the same sentiment was echoed by Dr. W. C. Tucker, Assistant Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service."

"There are 1,500,000 children under fifteen years in the city," continued Dr. Emerson, "and out of this number more than 1,000,000 are under five years of age. That means 1-20 of 1 per cent has contracted the disease and 1-30 of 1 per cent has died from it."

Parents should consider these figures and realize that the increasing work that is being done, and that the number of deaths from infantile paralysis is lower than from many common maladies.

No Letup in Fight. While Dr. Emerson and his aids were encouraged to find that the victims of the disease were decreasing with the rapidity that seemed probable, there is in the earlier part of the week, they did not lessen their efforts to stamp out the disease.

In the morning there was a long conference of the Federal health officials and representatives of the Federal Public Health Service.

Ravages of Disease In Week Just Ended

Table with columns: Day, Cases, Deaths, etc. for Sunday through Saturday.

Flgures unobtainable.

BRACEBIT BILL HAS SING SING ON EDGE

Also He Has the Edge on Sing Sing, for He Hides in Hole He Bored.

ORRINGTON, July 8.—Bracebit Bill Armstrong, the best known burglar ever turned out by Brightwaters, L. I., became plumb disatisfied with Sing Sing last Friday and decided to go away without leaving his address with Warden Kirchway.

Also He Has the Edge on Sing Sing, for He Hides in Hole He Bored. He apparently held a conference with himself and decided to flee slowly.

And that's all the warden and help of Sing Sing know about Bill Armstrong's movements. In the past two days they have practically taken the old prison apart and put it together again in the hope of finding Bill somewhere.

He is Many Years in Debt. Probably there hasn't been so much fuss made in twenty years over the disappearance of a single prisoner. One reason for this is that Bill Armstrong is a smart and well-made man.

And then they tried to lure him with pleasant conversation: "Oh, he is a good fellow, Armstrong. You'll get up in Dutch for the week, but a sport and we'll make it up to you."

Trick Not Wholly New. It was last Friday afternoon some time that Mr. Armstrong, late of Brightwaters, held a conference with himself and decided that the State would have to catch him twice if it wanted to collect once.

\$3,000,000 FOR CHILDREN. Death of Mrs. Watson in Pittsburgh Reveals Strangest Request.

PITTSBURGH, July 8.—Mrs. Margaret H. Watson died to-day at her summer home in Gettysburg, Pa.

PLANS TALLEST APARTMENT. Alex. Smith Cochran to Build 21 Story One in West 59th Street.

Alexander Smith Cochran will build the tallest apartment house in the city on a plot he owns on Fifty-ninth street.

Mr. Cochran plans to spend \$350,000. His architect, Albert J. Bodker, has planned a house that will cover an area fronting 100 feet on Fifty-ninth street and extending back 75.5 feet.

MEXICAN LEADERS PLAN PARLEY IN U. S.

Proposal to Settle Differences by Direct Telegraph Also Considered.

CONFERENCE AT PALACE

American Families Return to Mexico City—Latin American Good Will Sung.

MEXICO CITY, July 8.—Several prominent leaders of the de facto Government met at the National Palace to-day. It is understood here that preliminary consideration was given to the suggestion in the latest note from Secretary Lansing that the Mexican Government propose some practical plan through which the difficulties now existing between the two Governments might be solved.

One plan called for a telegraphic conference with direct wires leading from the conference rooms in Washington and Mexico city. The other plan was that the delegates of the two Governments meet at some isolated town in the United States, preferably a summer resort, to discuss plans for direct action.

It is said that none of the conferees expressed any objection to holding the conference in the United States, and it is believed that when a decision is finally reached, probably within the next forty-eight hours, the plan of a direct meeting will be adopted.

No Final Decision. At the Foreign Office it was said that absolutely nothing had yet been decided upon. It was admitted, however, that in view of the necessity of making some plan for a conference would be proposed very soon.

There are no indications as to the probable personnel of the Mexican commission, nor have the specific points to be discussed been decided upon definitely.

Discussions here are enthusiastic over the new project, and are unanimous in the opinion that the war between Mexico and the United States has been averted.

The de facto Government is beginning a campaign to gain the good will of Latin America. The Foreign Office today made public its intention of sending a message to the leading newspapers in Cuba and Central and South America.

Seventy-odd American families returned to the capital yesterday and more are expected to-day and to-morrow. They are expected to help clear Americans are preparing to reopen their stores and offices.

According to the statements of officials here Carranza and Obregon will soon leave the capital for Queretaro to prepare for the constituent assembly, which will be held there to elect a congress and further preparation for the Presidential elections. It is said in official circles that Gen. Gonzalez probably will take charge here again, leaving subordinates to command in Morelos.

Reports of Death of Three Americans Unconfirmed. EL PASO, Tex., July 8.—A Sheriff's posse, which left El Paso to-day to investigate reports that four Mexicans had been killed in a battle with three Americans near Anapita, N. M., returned yesterday without having obtained any verification of the rumors.

Members of the posse asserted that they had searched the surrounding country thoroughly and had been unable to find any trace of the reported fight or of the bodies of the Mexicans said to have been killed.

Felipe Lucero, Sheriff of Dona Ana county, New Mexico, who Anapita is located, said over the telephone that he had heard nothing of the reported engagement, while a tendency to discredit and deny was manifested generally here to-night.

More Raids in Texas. Report of a third raid was received this afternoon at New Orleans, La. The Mexican bandits, believed to be Villistas, this morning crossed the international boundary line in the Big Bend country and attacked the properties of the Puerto Rico Mining Company.

SENATE CAUCUS O. K.'S SHIPPING BILL

Democrats Agree on Amendments to Uphold Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Democratic Senators in caucus late to-day reached an agreement on the Government shipping bill to uphold the American merchant marine.

The amendments include the following provisions: The Government shall not purchase any ship which flies the flag of a European nation at war nor any ship already engaged in American trade unless it is about to be withdrawn from that trade.

No ship shall be acquired by the Government which is below 75 per cent of its original efficiency. Among Democratic Senators who were opposed to the bill as it came from the House and whose support was won over are Clarke, leader of the opposition; Blankenhorn, Vandaman, Hitchcock, O'Gorman and Hardwick.

When the amendments had been approved the Commerce Committee was authorized to rush consideration of the bill and also to draft a provision regarding entry of Government ships in the American coastwise trade.

HOBOKEN CLAIMS HETTY GREEN Jersey Inheritance Bureau Has Victims of a \$5,500,000 Fee. TRENTON, N. J., July 8.—William D. Kelly, supervisor of the New Jersey Colonial Inheritance Department, to-day began an investigation with a view of establishing the late Hetty Green's residence in Hoboken and thereby collecting \$5,500,000 for New Jersey if her wealth amounts to \$15,000,000.

It is known, it is declared here, that Mrs. Green lived in a flat in Hoboken for a time, and it is alleged she regarded the State as her home. If this is proved the State will collect the largest inheritance tax in its history.

MORE HUMID THAN HOT. Yesterday's Temperature No Higher Than Friday's—Eight Prostrations. The humidity and not the heat was, as usual, the cause of most of the suffering yesterday, especially in the morning.

The maximum temperature of the day was reached at 2:30 P. M., which was the same maximum as yesterday's at 3:15 P. M. There were ten prostrations yesterday, but no deaths were reported.

The maximum humidity of 63 was reached at 8 A. M. When the heat was greatest the humidity reached a minimum of 35.

BOLD THEFT TRIED ON BRIDGE. Supposed Workmen Attack Copper Cable on Queensboro Span. One of the boldest bits of thievery attempted in the city for some time was frustrated on the Queensboro Bridge yesterday afternoon.

100 MILLION FOREIGN TRADE. Pittsburgh Reports Banner Orders for the Next Twelve Months. PITTSBURGH, July 8.—Orders for new business totaling more than \$100,000,000 will come to the Pittsburgh district from foreign countries during the next twelve months, according to an announcement made by the Industrial Development Commission and the Foreign Trade Commission to-day.

Wilson Going to Detroit. WASHINGTON, July 8.—President Wilson will leave here on a special train to-morrow night for Detroit to address the World's Salesmanship Congress Monday morning. He will return on Tuesday. Mrs. Wilson will accompany the President.

THE SUN TO-DAY CONSISTS OF SIX SECTIONS, AS FOLLOWS: FIRST—General News, Automobiles, etc. SECOND—Sporting, Kennels, etc. THIRD—News of the Resorts, Gardens, Drama, Fashions, Real Estate, Schools, etc. FOURTH—Pictorial Magazine, etc. FIFTH—Special Feature Section, etc. SIXTH—Editorial, Foreign, Books, Financial, Queries, Chess, Problems, etc.

Readers or new readers who do not receive all of these sections will confer a favor on "The Sun" by notifying the Publication Department at once by the phone (2200 Beekman) and missing sections will be promptly forwarded if possible.

FRENCH OFFENSIVE ASTOUNDS GERMANS

Eyewitness Describes Havoc Caused in Trenches by Aerial Torpedoes.

WHOLE LINE TORN UP

Nothing Left But Series of Craters, Writes Lieut. Dambitsch.

BERLIN, July 7.—Via London, July 8. P. M.—An eye witness account of the Anglo-French offensive is given in despatches from Lieutenant Dambitsch, one of the editors of the Zeitung am Mittag, whose company was stationed in the trenches near the Somme.

Lieutenant Dambitsch says the massive built positions had been regarded as virtually "indestructible." "Right at the beginning of the artillery preparation," he says, "the enemy showed the Germans the new thing in the destruction of observation balloons. An aviator swooped down on one, and shot fire balls from above, a burst of flame marking the end of the balloon."

"The second day's bombardment, June 26, brought another surprise in the shape of aerial mines of unheard of caliber, which were thrown in incredible numbers. The explosion of the first air torpedo shattered the windows of the bomb proof shelters and threw up a massive pillar of earth for a length of 100 yards. It was a regular Vesuvius eruption."

Bomb Proof Shelters Barred. "The destructive effects of this uninterrupted throwing of the heaviest mines were almost immediately visible. The entrances to two bomb proofs were buried and the inmates had to be removed to the trenches. A few minutes later an orderly sent with a message to the left of a company returned, reporting that the trench had been levelled and the enemy saw as far as the eye could reach crater after crater six feet deep, the earth between torn up."

The work of day and night for nine months," he continues, "was destroyed in a few minutes. Report after report arrived of bomb proofs demolished by aerial torpedoes, burying the inmates. The houses and the streets levelled, communication between the sections was difficult, the third lines were so heavily shelled that it was impossible to traverse the line as a whole. A Captain was hours under way."

On the left flank the company trench was so obliterated that it was difficult to trace it. The only means of protection was to dash from crater to crater fully exposed to the enemy fire.

Surgeon Under Fire. "During this work an intrepid battalion surgeon arrived with an oxygen apparatus and stood for hours under a heavy artillery fire ministering to the half buried men. The bombardment continued without cessation. Aerial torpedoes were hurled from ranges such as were never before known for mine throwers and the French army worked every yard of ground with an intense fire of big shells."

The Lieutenant describes how welcome reinforcements were sent that night, quite as much to assist in digging out those buried as to contribute to the defence. "He was leading them to positions among the demoralized trenches when he and his orderly were wounded by an exploding torpedo."

\$1,250,000 LORIMER VERDICT. Central Trust Held Responsible—Stockholders Liable for 100 P. C. CHICAGO, July 8.—Liability for \$1,250,000 and interest in connection with the failure of William Lorimer's La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank was today fixed on the Central Trust Company of Illinois by a decision which Judge Frederick A. Smith handed down in the Circuit Court.

Thieves Get \$6,500 in Gems. Mysterious Jewel Robbery Puzzles Police of White Plains. WHITE PLAINS, July 8.—The police here to-day admitted a mysterious jewel robbery that occurred several days ago when gems valued at \$6,500 were stolen from the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, a national bank, which was a branch of a national bank in New York city.

John D. is Happy at 77. Plays Golf and Sends a "Hello" to All the World. CLEVELAND, July 8.—"I am well and hearty and wish to extend my congratulations to the people of Cleveland," was the message John D. Rockefeller gave to the city to-day on the seventy-seventh anniversary of his birth.

Boy Who Hit Golf Ball Dies. GREENWICH, Conn., July 8.—Charles Andrea, 12 years old, who pulled a golf ball apart and was burned by the acid contained in the core when he hit it into a hole to-day, it was impossible to learn the nature of the poisonous liquid, since it is a secret preparation, and all attempts to retrieve the lad were futile.

12 MILE WITHDRAWAL ADMITTED BY VIENNA

Explanation is Offered That Russians Are Fighting Regardless of Loss.

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Wilson's Double in Town. Jerry Finch of Glens Falls Trained by Sleuths to Waldorf. Jerry Finch came from Glens Falls yesterday to attend the meeting of wall paper manufacturers at the Waldorf. Police men silently followed him into Madison avenue clothing store.

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ALLIES STORM TRENCHES AND WIN HALF MILE

French Capture Village in Somme Region, British Occupy Wood.

BIG GUNS PREPARE FOR FRESH ASSAULT

Rainstorm Turns Fighting Zone Into Sea of Mud Between Lines.

RUSSIANS ONLY 35 MILES FROM KOVEL

German Centre East of City Smashed and Muscovites Forge Ahead.

Summary of the War News.

Unhindered by rain and fog the Franco-British offensive continues fiercely north of the Somme. The British, in conjunction with the French, advanced half a mile on Saturday against the Germans. Gen. Haig's forces have also made considerable progress at Contalmaison, where their position is now considered "satisfactory."

The French in an attack on Hardecourt gained the desired positions in a little more than half an hour. The Germans counter attacked twice against the positions, but were repulsed. The French inflicted heavy losses and took 290 prisoners. Artillery bombardments continue around Verdun.

A heavy preliminary bombardment by the British was followed by an infantry attack, which gained a footing in a strongly defended German position in Trones wood. The Germans attempted a strong counter attack to regain this position, but, according to the British official statement, it broke down under the British fire.

The Russians under Gen. Brusiloff are continuing to drive back the Teutonic lines in the east. Further notable progress has been made in Volhynia, where the Russian movement on the important railway centre of Kovel is gaining in force. The Russians are now only thirty-five miles east of Kovel.

Further north the Russian lines have been pushed forward to Dozyzen, on the main road from Kolk to Maniewicz station on the Kovel-Sarny Railway, the capture of which by the Russians was reported Friday.

In Galicia, where Gen. von Bothmer was recently compelled by Russian pressure to fall back to the line of the Korpelce, a dozen miles west of the Strypa, a new advance of the Russians is reported.

FRENCH FORGE AHEAD NEAR PERONNE. AD

Flanking Movement on Right Wing Results in Gain. PARIS, July 8.—The French forces on the new front before Peronne began last night flanking movements on the right wing. The troops holding Bellefontaine and Estrees pushed their line further toward the Peronne-Chaunoy road.

The advance in the Bellefontaine region was made by a surprise attack in which 350 prisoners were captured. Meanwhile the French were pushing forward on the right wing of the battle front toward the east the Germans attempted a counter demonstration by an attack on a French advanced post. French infantry dispersed the Germans with rifle fire.

"It was most businesslike," said an eyewitness. "The French infantry jumped out of the trenches and set to work with as much certainty in their methods as if occupied with a task that had become second nature. Neither was there much dallying on the part of the Germans, who perhaps had been impressed by what had been going on north of them during the last few days. The French had scarcely reached the first line of their adversaries when the Germans were seen climbing out of the trenches in clusters with their hands up and marching at the double quick toward the French trenches."

"The war is finished. The war is finished," cried many of them. The privates generally did not conceal their satisfaction in finding tranquillity at the front. "We were so sure that only the Germans and submarines were downcast." Work on the perfecting of the east works began twenty months ago on the German side of the front and went on until the last minute, according to prisoners. At some points dozens of first foot deep were armored with concrete and fitted with all the comforts of home. "We were safe," said one prisoner, "until the new French guns got the range. Then it took only one month's shell to undo the results of twenty months of patient labor."

The prisoner referred to the new 16 inch gun. These formidable engines in the hands of the French are far ahead of the German guns.

ISH GAIN HALF MILE. Big Guns and Trench Mortars Prepare for New Advance. LONDON, July 8.—The British forces north of the Somme operating in conjunction with the French, resumed their