

MORTALITY RATE IN DISTRICT IS RISING

Health Department Report Shows Sudden and Unexplained Increase.

Deaths in the District of Columbia numbered 5,605 in the calendar year 1915 as compared with 5,806 during the preceding year, Health Officer W. C. Woodward states in his annual report made public today.

The death rate rose from 15.59 to 18.15 per cent. This is the highest recorded death rate since 1910. "Careful inquiry has failed to reveal the cause for this increase," says the Health Officer. It affected the white and colored race alike. No age period was exempt. No one disease or class of disease was responsible. The sudden rise in the death rate is the more remarkable in that no corresponding increase in mortality occurred in any other city.

Notwithstanding the increase in the death rate the report shows a general tendency toward a decrease in deaths from communicable diseases and diseases that are preventable by public efforts.

Decreases occurred as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, from 361 to 340; pneumonia, from 429 to 401; bronchitis, from 60 to 46; and diarrheal disease among children from 1,515 to 1,156, but deaths decreased from 2,156 to 1,854.

Reported cases of typhoid fever increased from 17 to 20. Reported cases of measles increased from 322 to 785, and deaths from twelve to seventeen. Scarlet fever was less prevalent than during the preceding year, only 309 cases having been registered, as compared with 404 during the earlier period, and deaths from this disease dropping from eight to six.

MODERN DANCE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Plans Also Made for Year's Activities at Meeting.

Officers were elected and plans made by the Modern Dancing Club, a branch of the Margaret Wilson Club of the Grover Cleveland School, at the school last night. The officers are J. Roberts, president; Miss Elsie Kane, vice president; Miss Gertrude Miller, secretary, and Carl Edmondson, treasurer.

CLUE TO INFANTILE PLAGUE IS FOUND

Johns Hopkins Physicians Believe Cause Lies in Intestines.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 13.—Discovery through autopsies, that in practically every case the intestine was affected, physicians at the health department and Johns Hopkins feel that they are on the track of some valuable information as to the cause of infantile paralysis.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia and Maryland—Rain tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and somewhat cooler; southwest to northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES. (U. S. Bureau.) 5 a. m. 53, 9 a. m. 61, 10 a. m. 63, 11 a. m. 65, 12 noon 66, 1 p. m. 66.

TIDE TABLE. (U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High tides—9:21 a. m., height 3.2. Low tides—3:31 a. m., height 0.5; 3:42 p. m., height 0.2.

SUN AND MOON TABLES. Sun rose 6:15, Sun sets 5:33, Moon rises 6:38 p. m., Moon sets 8:53 a. m.

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'WAR ZONE' SPREADS IN BAYONNE STRIKE

Police and Citizens Try to Quell Riots Without Militia Aid.

BAYONNE, N. J., Oct. 13.—Though fearing Friday, the 13th, might prove to be Bloody Friday, police and citizens here tried today to quell the oil men's strike without calling militia.

The growing list of casualties, including another death reported today, in fearful rioting, however, made it uncertain that this could be accomplished. The strikers are still in an ugly mood, while police and special deputies, under Fighting Dan Cady, six-foot police inspector, are ready for anything.

The police claimed to have better control than heretofore, in view of their invasion of the strikers' territory and the closing of saloons. But, despite deadliness and gun-play, the territory actually controlled by the strikers was a block broader today than yesterday.

Strikers, heavily armed, patrolled this territory, prepared for further fighting. Riots of the afternoon yesterday, when a bystander was killed and many injured, were not repeated late at night, but the city was nervous about the future.

Early today the body of an unidentified man, apparently a Slav—the third person killed—was found in the street with a bullet wound over the right eye.

Investigation led to the belief that the man was a worker of the General Chemical Company who had tried to get strikers to return to their labor for a bonus. A saloonkeeper reported the man had been in for a drink about midnight; that he heard a shot soon after, and that ten men ran away directly afterward.

Sheriff Eugene Kinkead, the man who ended a previous strike in the bloody Hook and Gridiron sections—within eight of New York, said today he would keep hands off the strike unless it got beyond control. Then, he said, he would send in about 200 picked men for a clean-up campaign.

The strikers have decreed death to the police if they invade the heart of the strike section again. And Fighting Dan Cady says he'll disregard any such ultimatum.

His clean-up of saloons in the strike district had somewhat of a quieting effect. His squad battered down doors, destroyed bottles, and turned on beer spigots.

Police early today drove off strikers approaching the Tidewater Oil Company's plant and a Standard Oil building. There were several arrests overnight for looting and minor disturbances.

The authorities planned a raid through the strike zone today in an effort to round up arms hidden in the laborers' homes.

FOUND DEAD WITH A BULLET IN HEART

Body of George Shaw, 55-year-old, former employe of the Postoffice Department in Washington, was found last night about 11:30 o'clock on the tracks of the Washington and Interurban, near the Edmonston avenue, crossing in East Hyattsville.

Death, which is supposed to have been self-inflicted, was due to a bullet shot through the heart. A .32-caliber revolver, with one exploded shell was found near by.

The body was found by the crew of an interurban car, who notified H. Scofield, who lives in the neighborhood. Mr. Scofield notified Dr. R. B. Johnson, of Hyattsville. The physician said that, according to his opinion, death had occurred about three hours before the body was found.

Mr. Shaw had been in depressed spirits for several months because of the death of his wife and child, several months ago, and the loss of his position October 1. Mr. Shaw had been an inspector in the Postoffice Department and had been reduced. He was asked to resign several weeks ago to take effect October 1. He is survived by three children, and lived with his mother-in-law, Mrs. McCumber, in Riverdale.

Inquest will be held at 7 o'clock tonight in Bladensburg, with Coroner Alfred D. Bailey, in charge.

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