

THE DEATH RATE.

HEAVY INCREASE IN NUMBER OF YELLOW FEVER CASES.

SCREENING AND FUMIGATING.

Fewer New Cases, and Only Fifteen of Them Above Canal Street—City Districted.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 14.—Official report to 6 p. m. yesterday: New cases, 50. Total cases, 962. Deaths, 12. Total, 154. New subfol, 14. Total, 202. Cases under treatment, 342.

New Orleans: The heavy increase in the number of cases which began four or five days ago is beginning to manifest itself in the death list, which can be expected to grow steadily for the next few days. The number of new cases yesterday seems small in comparison with the previous day's record, but it is really nineteen short, as that number of cases were turned in by an inspector just after the hour for closing the report. These will figure in today's report.

Among the cases yesterday was Louis Cuculla, Jr., cashier of the People's bank, who resides far out on North Johnson street. Another case is Maurice Kenny, ex-councilman and ex-member of the legislature. Two of Kenny's daughters were stricken the previous day. Only five of the new feet are above Canal street.

Surgeon White yesterday made a change in his organization by which he hopes to accomplish results much quicker. The fumigating and screening work was all done by a central department under Dr. Gessner, who sent squads out on notification of cases by physicians. Yesterday afternoon Dr. White assembled all of his subordinates in conference and decided to place the screening and fumigation work under the several district headquarters. The present force will be divided among the district surgeons and Dr. Gessner will be given charge of the districts.

Mosquitoes With Rabies.

Muskoote, I. T.: George H. Bloom, an undertaker of this city, who has lived in the South and passed through one or more epidemics of yellow fever, advances a new theory as to the origin of this disease. Mr. Bloom attributes yellow fever to mosquitoes, and has studied the disease along this line for many years, he says, even before Dr. Reed advanced and subsequently established the fact that the steomyia was the instrument of transmission of the germ.

"If you will notice," said Mr. Bloom, "yellow fever does not make its appearance till about the dog days and not then unless we have a season of extremely wet weather, followed by an unusually high temperature. The weather gives the mosquitoes the rabies the same as it does dogs. Dogs, you will note, only go mad after a season of rain, followed by hot weather, and the same applies to yellow fever. I believe it is conveyed to people by mosquitoes that have gone 'mad,' the same as a dog conveys rabies when he goes mad and bites a person."

Overseer Killed by Negro.

Memphis, Tenn.: Edward Perry, a well known overseer of a large plantation at Star Landing, Miss., thirty miles north of Memphis, was shot and killed yesterday by a negro. While failing to the ground Perry drew a revolver and wounded his assailant. The negro made his escape. The negro had become boisterous and Perry attempted to pacify him. Perry was a brother of Police Captain Oliver H. Perry of Memphis.

Serious Railroad Accident.

Cleveland, Ohio: A fast eastbound passenger train on the Nickel Plate road collided with a westbound freight train early this morning at Kishman, Ohio, near Vermilion, resulting in the death of twelve persons, while at least twenty-five others were injured, eight of whom will probably die.

Woman Accidentally Shot.

Lake Charles, La.: Mrs. Godfrey Solomon was accidentally shot in the jaw by a boy named Emilie Nelson, yesterday afternoon, at Cypress Knee, a point near this city, on the river. The wound is painful, but not especially serious.

Bishop Smith Very Ill.

Asheville, N. C.: Bishop A. Coke Smith of the Southern Methodist church, who is seriously ill here, passed a restless day, though his condition yesterday is reported as being slightly improved. He is suffering with tuberculosis, and while there is little hope for his ultimate recovery, there is hope that he will recover from the relapse incident to his visit to Norfolk and again be able to leave his bed. His wife arrived yesterday from Norfolk.

Balloon Stopped Traffic.

Fort Worth, Texas: Street car traffic was brought to a standstill for over an hour here last night, following a peculiar accident near Handley. The balloon in which Leroy made an ascension at Lake Erie yesterday afternoon, in settling to the ground, about 6 o'clock, fell upon the interurban wires near the Texas & Pacific crossing. The weight of the balloon forced the wires together, burning them out. Leroy, who had made the parachute descent from the balloon was unhurt.

ST. PETERSBURG HOPEFUL.

Fact That Negotiations Are Still Being Considered the Cause for It.

St. Petersburg: The Russian capital is in the dark regarding the meaning of the prolonged conference at Portsmouth on Saturday. The purport of M. Witte's messages received here has been imparted only to a few officials. Nevertheless in high quarters there is a certain feeling of hopefulness noticeable which is not altogether accounted for on the ground that thus far there has been no rupture and that the terms are still under discussion, with a chance of an understanding being reached. The only comment vouchsafed officially was that Mr. Witte's answer seemed not altogether unacceptable to the Japanese, else the conference would have ended then and there. Count Lamdorff, who is keeping in close touch with the emperor, went again to Peterhof yesterday, carrying the latest messages, but apparently there were no important developments here affecting the negotiations.

The emperor has seen the ministers also during the last two days, but has found no occasion to summon a council of ministers, and M. Witte's course seems to be meeting with his full approval.

All official dispatches received from Portsmouth, after being deciphered, are forwarded to the emperor, whose comment and suggestions thereon are sometimes expressed in marginal annotations.

There is reason to believe that no manifesto on the subject of a national assembly will be issued until definite news is received from Portsmouth, so that if peace negotiations fail the promise of an assembly and the publication of the rejected Japanese terms made simultaneously will combine to stir up the patriotism of the country.

Landslide Killed Indians.

Winnipeg, Manitoba: At 3:30 p. m. yesterday a tremendous landslide came down about half a mile west of Spencer Bridge near Ashcroft, B. C., sweeping the waters of the Thompson river over the entire village, leaving nothing but wreck in its path. The landslide caused a wave from ten to fifteen feet high up the river, carrying the ferry and all small boats before it. Fifteen Indians are reported missing and twelve injured. Doctors have been sent from Kamloops and Ashcroft.

Bakers' Negotiations Off.

New York: Although a tentative agreement was reached Saturday between the striking Hebrew bakers and the employers, which promised speedily to end the strike, the boss bakers met yesterday and decided to break off all negotiations and to resist the demands of the strikers to the utmost. All the Hebrew bake shops on the east side were closed yesterday and there was no disorder.

Bob Armstrong Killed.

Paris, Texas: In a difficulty between Lee Masters and Bob Armstrong yesterday afternoon at the handle factory plant in the northwest part of the city, Armstrong was shot and killed. A revolver was the weapon used and only one shot was fired, the bullet taking effect in the forehead. After the killing Masters surrendered to the officers and was lodged in jail.

Stabbed by a Negress.

Austin, Texas: Will Cheatham, a young negro, was perhaps fatally stabbed by a negress named Clara Washington in a fight over some money the woman said she had loaned Cheatham. The weapon was a pen-knife and the physicians think it touched the heart. The negress is in jail and the negro is in the hospital, slowly sinking.

Taft Party for Hello.

Manila: Secretary Taft, Miss Roosevelt and party called at 1 o'clock yesterday on the United States transport Logan, for Hello. General Wright, Major General Corbin and all the insular commissioners, except Commissioner Ide, accompanied them.

Venezuela Contracts for Guns.

Caracas, Venezuela: The government has signed a \$1,000,000 contract with the Schneider Company of Creusot, France, for eight batteries of 75-millimeter, campaign guns and four batteries of mountain guns of the same caliber.

Eagle Pass Bridge in Use.

Eagle Pass, Texas: The recently burned trestle over the Rio Grande has been rebuilt and the first train passed over last night. The loss was about \$10,000.

\$100,000 Given to Catholic Cathedral.

Cincinnati, Ohio: A donation of \$100,000 for the completion of the Catholic cathedral at Covington, Ky., was announced yesterday by Archbishop Maes of this city. The cathedral has been in course of construction since 1894, a total of \$300,000 having already been expended upon it. Nicholas Walsh of Cincinnati is said to have made the donation, but the name of the donor was not announced officially.

Arrested for Attempted Assault.

Sherman, Texas: John T. Mayfield, charged by information before the county attorney with an attempt to commit criminal assault upon a 12-year-old girl, whose parents were camped at the old settlers' picnic, was arrested at Madill, I. T., yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Davenport and is in the county jail. He denies the charge.

It must be harder for a man when his stepchildren have company than it would be if they were his real children.

LOUISIANA NEWS.

Baton Rouge, La.: The following sheriffs and tax collectors made settlements with State Auditor Capdevielle: W. C. Welch, Caldwell parish, final settlement for 1904, \$437.43; T. J. Crawford, Sabine parish, collections for the month of July, 1905, \$16.63.

State Fertilizer Inspector Chas. H. O'Rourke is in the city, having come up to make his quarterly report regarding the fertilizer sales for the past quarter with the State Board of Agriculture and Immigration.

About twenty-five additional pones of the Cumberland Telephone Company have been put out of business by the electrical storm which visited here recently. The telephone company is already suffering from a number of crossed wires, and the trouble is considerably augmented by the fact that it is impossible, owing to the strict quarantine regulations, to get an experienced lineman to repair the damage.

A bolt of lightning struck the Bertrain building, on Main street, causing slight damage.

R. N. Ross of this city, a member of Plains Commandery, Knights Templars, has been selected by the Knight Templars of New Mexico as the representative of that Territory in the next meeting of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, which is to be held at New Orleans at some date yet to be selected during the month of February, 1906. It is the custom of the various states to appoint delegates to the different Grand Commandery meetings, and the selection of Mr. Ross instead of one of the members of the New Mexico Templars is considered quite a compliment both to the local lodge and to the gentleman selected. Plains Commandery is the third largest order in Louisiana, the city of New Orleans alone having two commanderies, which out number it in membership.

Train Service Resumed.

Abbeville, La.: After being bottled up and shut off from the world for nearly a week, owing to the failure of the Southern Pacific Railroad to operate its trains, the people of Abbeville have been rejoicing at the sight of a mixed train with passenger and mail coach attached.

Seventeen bags of mail were received, and while New Orleans papers are thirty-six hours old when received, it is better than no mail at all. The quarantine guards around town effectually keep out strangers, and a train inspector sees to it that no persons board the train without the proper health certificates.

The city council met Saturday afternoon in special session and voted \$400 for the expenses of the board of health.

A resolution was adopted to fix Sept. 4 as the date for the election of an engineer to supervise the construction of the waterworks plant, and applicants are requested to be present in person.

Drainage District Matters.

Collinston, La.: A meeting of the citizens of the drainage district of Morehouse parish was held at Collinston to consider a bond issue.

The district contains about 275,000 acres of rich bottom land, with comparatively a small portion in cultivation, and the proposition is to vote a five cents per acre tax for thirty years, to float bonds, and raise the necessary cash to proceed with and complete the drainage at an early day as possible.

The police jury was petitioned to appoint Dr. A. W. Jones, A. H. Carter and John B. Rely as members of the drainage board.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and there seems to be no doubt but what the tax will be voted.

Within this district there are already two railroads, and the towns of Jones, Gallion, Bonita, Mer Rouge, Oak Ridge and Collinston, and we predict as soon as work is commenced on the drains, land values in this section will boom to fabulous prices.

Well Drilling Stopped.

Crowley, La.: Drilling in the wildcat well just outside the corporation limits north of town was discontinued this week at a depth of 3608 feet. This is the deepest hole ever sunk for oil in the Southwest, and is among the deepest ever sunk for oil at any point. Other wildcat wells will be drilled near Crowley at an early date by the same people, who have drilled the last two.

First Mail in Ten Days.

Lacombe, La.: The first mail in ten days was received here last Friday, the quarantine being lifted to let it in. Guards have been on duty here for a week to protect the town, and it is expected that the board of health will soon pull off all guards, as no danger is apprehended here of the fever getting in.

Public Market Lease.

Piaquemine, La.: The public market lease for one year was sold here last Saturday at public auction and brought the unusual good price of \$965. The lease was bought by A. Pfister.

Take common rock salt. Dry in oven, pound fine. Mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts. Put in a rag and wrap around the felon. As it dries put on more. It is said to cure in twenty-four hours.

Dr. Paul Sollier, expert psychologist, told his brethren at their annual meeting in Paris that to think for a whole week is to expound just about as much energy as would lift 3,000 pounds to the height of the Eiffel tower.

Mount Aconcagua, the giant peak of the Andes, is 22,830 feet high.

OLD CHURCH FEASTS.

ENJOYMENTS IN THE DAYS OF "MERRIE ENGLAND."

Bazars and Tea Parties of Modern Days Had Their Prototypes Long Ago—Records Show Much Money Raised by Harmless Festivities.

A curious light is thrown on ancient church bazars and charity fairs by certain records kept in some of the churches in England. For instance, in the records of Yateley church, which date from 1543, are frequent references to "church ales," the object of which was to get money for church expenses. The feast was organized by the church wardens, who provided a good spread at so much a head, and credited the profits to the church expenditure. It first appears as the "church ale," then as the "king's ale," then later as "our banquet at Whitsuntide." It was probably held in the church and went on until 1643, the year after the civil war broke out, when, probably, the puritans put an end to such festivities. It was popular, evidently. One enterprising church warden has left on record all the good things which were prepared for the Crondall "church ale" in the year 1557. They had a band, brewed a quantity of ale and made a profit of \$42. As money was then worth nearly ten times as much as now the "church ale" may be said to have brought in about \$400, which was just 100 per cent on the outlay. The band was hired for four days.

Until 1545 the church wardens kept a church cow and let it out at 22 cents a year. A sheep and a lamb (gifts) they let out for 8 cents a year, probably for the wool. Payments for incense and for an enormous Easter candle of wax were regular items. The parliamentary soldiers made earthworks in the churchyard and the puritans later had a small marble font made. The puritan font is still there, though displaced in its turn. On All Saints' day a little tax was levied of a farthing on each chimney. All Saints' was the dedication day of the church. This tax was called "smoke farthings." From 1543 one parishioner seems to have acted as "dog whipper." "To Whelan, for beating dogs out of church, twopenny," is the oldest entry, and as late as 1819 a dog whipper was appointed at a salary of \$5.25.

At Yateley they got a new pair of stocks and a new whipping post in 1774 and in 1776 a parish umbrella to hold over the parson at funerals. The parish aided the gamekeeper and farmer by paying head money for sparrows' heads, foxes, hedgehogs, polecats and haws (both the latter chicken killers). Spellings was not very good in the early eighteenth century. A Midavit of legal burials is spelled "after david."

Wasted Energy.

Sometimes head and heels work well together, but it was not so in a case reported in a neighboring State. Sam, a colored man, was an hour late, and his employer asked him to explain. "Yes, sah, I'll explain, sah," Sam replied. "Well, what excuse have you?" "I was kicked by a mule on the way here, sah."

The Selfish Lover.

Nay, I'll not kneel at your feet, Praying for your love—not I! Though I tremble when we meet, I will not kneel at your feet, Asking you to love me, sweet, For the gathered roses die! Nay, I'll not kneel at your feet, Praying for your love—not I! I will never let you know By a look or by a sign; 'Tis for you I live, but oh, I will never let you know, Least I win your love, and so Leave the longing that is mine! I will never let you know By a look or by a sign. —S. E. Klier

A Chicago woman poured not tea down her husband's back because she was suspicious that he was flirting with another woman. Married men should impress it upon their spouses that they ought to be like Caesar's wife—above suspicion.

If Luther Burbank would only devote his attention now to making cherries grow abundantly on bushes not more than ten feet high, he would reduce the number of these painful stories in the papers about people who fall out of cherry trees.

A Brooklyn clergyman recently preached a sermon on kindness to animals, having a big Newfoundland dog in the pulpit as an object lesson. The edifice is reported to have been crowded. Yet there are preachers who wonder how they may get the people to go to church.—Chicago Record-Herald.

One of the funniest sights ever vouchsafed to Harvard men was Secretary Taft trying to use an umbrella. It sheltered a little circular oasis, but all around was large damp desert.

The bureau of labor reports that living is cheaper. Owing to the continued presence of germs, dreckers, automobile scorches and grade crossings, however, it is no easier.

China is becoming so cheery that it is thinking of demanding that the peace envoy consult it as to what shall be done with its own territory.

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