



LEPERS AT LOUISIANA CAMP.

By Use of Serum From Bacteria of Erysipelas Believed Permanent Cure Is Found.

New Orleans.—Directors of the Louisiana Leper Home believe a cure for this loathsome disease has been discovered. In his report to the board of control of the leper's home Saturday Dr. Ralph Hopkins stated the serum he is now using is the most satisfactory he had tried, and nine patients were discharged as cured some time ago, and others are improving. It is a vaccine from the bacteria of erysipelas. He also employs an oil to be taken internally, but he stated the patients sometimes can not assimilate the oil, but in several instances it has proven efficacious.

Dr. Hopkins told of the tests made some time ago of serum taken from horses after they had been bitten by poisonous reptiles, and also the blood of roats after being bitten, but both were discontinued after a long trial on account of the fact that the patients developed very severe allergies. He said, however, the serum benefited the patients otherwise.

The doctor gave an account of a boy and a girl whom he had at the home under treatment, and also a woman, all of whom were practically cured, but they escaped.

He reported a patient, a citizen of France, who desired to return to his native country, and he was advised to take the subject up with the French consul here. The man owns property in France and has a wife and several children in New Orleans. He is about cured. Dr. Hopkins was instructed not to allow children to visit parents, relatives or friends at the home. Dr. Hopkins declared the origin of leprosy is not known or precisely how it is contracted, and also the theory that eating fish caused the disease was about exploded.

Don't Want Negro School.
Baton Rouge.—A delegation of thirty-six citizens of the Third ward, headed by Benjamin A. Jones, called on Governor L. E. Hall Saturday to protest against the location of Southern University on the Schaffer place, near Baton Rouge. They say the location of the school in the community would cause the value of their property to depreciate.

Governor Hall explained that they were under a misapprehension as to the nature of the educational work the institution would give. The work would be strictly along agricultural and mechanical lines. The governor's talk did not diminish the opposition and the citizens left dissatisfied. Further action will probably be taken to influence the board of administrators of the institution to revoke its decision to locate the school in the Third ward.

Freight Handlers Grant Permit.
New Orleans.—Resulting from a series of conferences the New Orleans freight handlers Saturday agreed to permit the longshoremen to handle bulk freight, such as ferro manganese, pyrites, manure, salt and kanite, direct from ships to cars, and the trimming of same in the cars to be done by the longshoremen the same as is done at other terminals, as well as in the ports of Baltimore and Galveston.

Lafayette Wide Open Again.
Lafayette.—City Judge Elliott Saturday declared the anti-gambling ordinance null and void on the ground of irregularities in recordation and publication of the amendment upon which it was based. Chief of Police Chargois has been strictly enforcing the law for several weeks, but this decision throws the town wide open again.

Gas and Light System Is Planned.
Alexandria.—The mayor and city commissioners met Saturday in special session and passed a resolution authorizing the city engineer, I. W. Silvester, to make the necessary investigation, to prepare plans and specifications for heating and illuminating purposes in the city.

Monroe in Total Darkness.
Monroe.—An accident to the water-fueled pump at the city power plant put Monroe in total darkness for two hours Saturday night. Theatres and picture shows were closed, while business houses did business by candle light.

New Orleans Educator Dies.
New Orleans.—Professor Alcee Fortier, aged 58 years, and one of the best known educators of this country, died at his home Saturday. Since 1881 he had held the chair of romance languages at Tulane University.

Man Is Drowned Boarding Train.
Lake Charles.—F. G. Lewis, a tailor from Little Rock, Ark., fell from the Southern Pacific bridge at Westlake Friday and was drowned. The body was later recovered.

Gets Six Years for Forgery.
Alexandria.—George Harris, a negro, pleaded guilty in the district court to forgery in two cases and was sentenced by Judge Blackman to serve six years in the State penitentiary.

Eatherwood Receives Heavy Rain.
Eatherwood.—This section was visited in twelve hours Friday by a four-inch rain. It was the heaviest precipitation in three months, and was a great help to the land.

SCHOOL FUNDS ALLOTTED.

Total of \$757,825.92 Represents \$1.44 for Each of 526,268 Educable Children in State.

Baton Rouge.—The February appropriation of the public school fund was made by Superintendent Harris Saturday. The total is \$757,825.92, which represents an appropriation of \$1.44 for each of the 526,268 school children of the state. The amount by parishes follows:

Arcadia	\$ 13,165.92
Allen	3,872.16
Ascension	19,968.88
Assumption	11,311.29
Avoyelles	19,565.28
East Baton Rouge	12,539.52
West Baton Rouge	5,376.96
Beauregard	5,286.24
Bossier	9,751.52
Boutwell	5,696.24
Caddo	25,799.04
Calcasieu	4,528.80
Caldwell	4,430.88
Cameron	1,961.28
East Carroll	5,984.64
West Carroll	2,913.12
Catahoula	5,467.68
Chibouton	16,464.48
Concordia	7,211.52
De Soto	12,749.76
Evangeline	7,109.28
East Feliciana	7,958.88
West Feliciana	6,239.84
Franklin	5,474.88
Grant	6,297.12
Iberia	17,661.36
Iberville	15,129.89
Jackson	4,449.69
Jefferson	6,254.72
Jefferson Davis	4,683.84
Lafayette	12,470.40
Lafourche	16,817.76
La Salle	6,325.68
Lincoln	7,599.00
Louisiana	4,325.76
Madison	5,349.60
Morehouse	7,345.66
Natchitoches	15,998.48
Norfolk	116,645.98
Orleans	11,961.42
Plaquemine	5,836.44
Pointe Coupee	12,099.24
Rapides	17,791.20
Red River	6,691.68
Richelieu	6,394.80
Sabine	7,689.60
St. Bernard	3,276.00
St. Charles	3,817.44
St. Helena	3,712.32
St. James	19,166.40
St. John	6,923.52
St. Landry	21,486.24
St. Martin	13,855.68
St. Mary	16,917.12
St. Tammany	8,996.40
Tangipahoa	14,235.76
Tensas	8,968.72
Terrebonne	13,950.72
Union	9,594.00
Vermilion	13,975.20
Vernon	7,791.84
Washington	9,449.28
Webster	8,739.72
Winn	7,522.56
Lake Charles	4,819.68
Total	\$757,825.92

Mississippi Is Arrested.

New Orleans.—A man, who claims that his home is in Pike County, Mississippi, was arrested Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal Galbraith on an affidavit made by Post-office Inspector S. W. Purdum, alleging that he is wanted in Dallas, Texas, on an indictment for using the mails to defraud. The warrant alleges that the prisoner and others defrauded persons by means of circulars representing that they would secure them a good salaried position on payments of a registration fee of \$250. His bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Pythians Expect More Members.

Winnboro.—Grand Lecturer Cump-ton of the Knights of Pythias, who delivered a lecture to the local lodge several days ago, was greeted with much enthusiasm, and as the lodge has placed in effect a special dispensation there will no doubt be a large number to join.

Several Sent to the Pen.

Franklin.—Judge Milling Saturday sentenced the following: Arthur Jones, burglary and larceny, two years in penitentiary; John Thompson and John Grant, burglary and larceny, three years in the penitentiary; Chas. Morton, larceny, five years; Willie Francois, assault with intent to kill, two years in penitentiary; Solomon Rossette, cutting with intent to murder, ten years in the penitentiary.

Chicago Feds to Leave March 8.

Chicago, Ill.—After a consultation with Joe Tinker Sunday, Charles H. Weeghman announced that the Chicago Federal League club would leave for its training camp at Shreveport, La., on the evening of March 8.

Tulane Defeats Pennsylvania.

New Orleans.—Tulane University defeated Pennsylvania University in debate at Philadelphia Saturday. It was the first time in history the Southern college has defeated a large Eastern college.

Play "Spinners' Convention."

White Castle.—A benefit entertainment was given Saturday night at the Fairlyland theatre for Our Lady of Prompt Succor church. Sixteen young ladies and two young men played the "Spinners' Convention."

Find Hookworm Flourishing.

Winnboro.—Much surprise is being expressed at the amount of hookworm infection found in this parish in the campaign now being waged against the disease.

Mexican Gunboat Starts Back.

New Orleans.—The Mexican gunboat Zaragoza, which arrived Wednesday from Vera Cruz, started on its return trip to Vera Cruz Sunday. The gunboat made a special voyage to this port to bring Louis Roumagne, a Frenchman, and Antonio Lucia, an Italian merchant, en route to Paris.

St. Martinville.—Beneficial rain fell all through this section of country the end of the week, which caused a great deal of encouragement to the farmers, whose crops were suffering.

TEXAS NEW WATERWAY PROJECTS

TO MAKE SURVEYS ALONG GULF COAST FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Port Arthur Ship Canal and Colorado River Improvements Are Among the Recommendations.

Washington.—While Texas fared exceedingly well in the matter of appropriations for waterway improvements, a statement given out Saturday by Congressman Burgess, Texas member of the rivers and harbors committee, indicates further recognition of the needs of the gulf coast by authorizing surveys of several new projects, and has announced the following as agreed upon for Texas in the bill to be reported to the house this week:

Port Arthur ship canal, with a view to making an entrance into Sabine lake, near Port Arthur.

Anstwell, to connect with the inland waterway in San Antonio bay.

Port O'Connor, for a deep water harbor.

Colorado river, from the mouth to Wharton, with a view to removing the raft, including consideration of any proposition for cooperation on the part of local interests.

Lake Charlotte, Chambers County, with the view to including it in the West Galveston bay improvements.

Special interest will attach to the Colorado river survey, as this project has been reported upon adversely by the board of engineers, but the determined citizens have refused to be denied an opportunity to get river navigation and are preparing to share in the cost of the work if a favorable report can be secured as the result of the survey now recommended by the committee.

In addition to the item of \$200,000 for the establishment of the Bureau of Markets, in the interest of the farmer, the bill carries \$378,249 to be used in fighting the boll weevil, with an additional \$18,000 for investigating diseases of cotton and \$89,000 is provided for testing the tensile and spinning strength of weather damaged cotton.

For the advancement of the co-operative demonstration work, in which Texas is deeply interested, the sum of \$378,000 is provided.

A new departure is the appropriation of \$5,000 to be spent in conducting electrical experiments for securing nitrogen out of the air for use as fertilizer.

For eradication of the Southern cattle tick, \$499,999 is appropriated. The item for hog cholera prevention is dropped out and placed in a separate bill, calling for \$500,000, which will be taken up under special rule next week and jammed through the house.

Although Secretary Houston declined to ask any appropriation to be spent in the free distribution of seeds, the committee inserted an item for the garden seeds amounting to \$270,000 and added \$150,000 to be expended by the secretary in distribution of seeds of rare plants.

Awards Announced at Corn Show.

Dallas, Tex.—Awards were announced Thursday in the dairy and creamery butter contests at the National Corn Exposition. The contests for creamery butter were for three zones, Northern, Central and Southern, and Wisconsin was first place for the Northern zone, Illinois for the Central zone and Texas won all premiums for the Southern zone. In the dairy butter contest, open to all comers, Texas won all of the ten prizes, except the eighth, which was won by an Oregon exhibitor, Peter Christenson of Cushing, Wis., won the grand championship for creamery and dairy butter.

Annual Tax Statement Is Filed.

Austin, Tex.—The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway Company has filed its annual tax statement with the state tax commissioner, showing gross receipts for 1912, \$4,856,683; expenditures for betterments, \$1,495,870; net deficit, \$148,985; interest paid on bonds, \$863,807; hire of equipment, \$115,122; taxes paid, 1913, \$176,712.

Gave Birth to Five Children.

Taylorville, Ky.—Five children, three boys and two girls, were born Thursday to Mrs. Bertha Drury, wife of a Spencer County farmer. The two girls died.

Veteran Railroad Editor Is Dead.

Ridgefield, Conn.—William Henry Bardman, 67 years old, for many years president of the Railroad Gazette, now the Railway Age Gazette, and for eight years its editor, died Monday at his home.

Road Bond Issue Is Carried.

San Marcos, Tex.—The \$50,000 bond issue for road improvement in road district No. 2 of Hays County, embracing Kyle, Goforth and Umland, was carried Saturday by a vote of 126 to 26.

Nations Owe \$42,000,000,000.

Antwerp.—A debt of \$42,960,000,000 is the total shown in the accounts of all the nations of the world, according to the bureau of universal statistics, which has just announced its figures for the year 1912.

Rebels Are Holding Capital.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Notwithstanding the bombardment by federal gunboats and heavy artillery of Emeleidas, the capital of the province of the same name, the city remains in the hands of the rebels.

Inspectors Seek Mail Pouch.

Billings, Mont.—Postoffice inspectors began a search Thursday for a registered mail pouch said to contain \$5,000 and other valuables that disappeared from the Northern Pacific station.

Trappers Reap Rich Harvest.

Llano, Tex.—At the regular session of the commissioners court Thursday the bounty was paid on fifty wildcats at \$1 each; twenty-five wolf hides were presented and the bounty of \$5 on each was paid.

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90-DAY AGREEMENT TO STAND

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLINES TO INTERFERE IN

Workmen's Compensation Insurance Rate—Mandamus Is Threatened. Mitchell Tenders Resignation.

Austin, Tex.—Attorney General Looney declined to interfere in any way with the ninety-day agreement in effect relative to the application of the workmen's compensation insurance rates in Texas.

He announced his decision at the end of a comparatively brief hearing held Thursday whereat the matter was discussed by Homer K. Mitchell, general manager of the Texas Employers Insurance Association; Judge E. D. Cavin of Galveston, and J. T. Sugas of Denison, attorneys for the indemnity companies; J. F. Seinsheimer of Galveston, underwriting manager of the American Indemnity Company, and W. W. Collier, commissioner of insurance and banking, also Assistant Attorney General Luther Nickels.

Mr. Mitchell stated that his board of directors was going to ignore the ninety-day agreement and institute mandamus proceedings to compel the insurance commissioner to approve the original rates offered by the association, which were 49 per cent under the company rates. He also insisted that the agreement was to give time to procure experience showing the adequacy or inadequacy of the rates, and that he wanted the attorney general and the courts to rule whether the insurance commissioner has discretionary or ministerial power; that the association believes that the law vests the commissioner with ministerial power only, and that he must approve rates filed by the association.

Attorney General Looney refused to discuss that legal question, saying the time had not come for it and that, in his opinion, the ninety-day agreement was binding and was a good thing in order that the experience might be gathered; that the commissioner deemed it necessary. He also said that, inasmuch as Mr. Mitchell was a party to the ninety-day agreement and had submitted the rates now in effect, to expire April 15, he had no grounds for a mandamus in the supreme court before April 15. It was then that Mr. Mitchell stated that his action in signing the agreement would not be upheld by the directors, but that they would repudiate it and take steps to have the courts determine the commissioner's powers so that a permanent basis could be established as soon as possible.

During the course of the discussion Mr. Mitchell asserted, in response to a question by Mr. Looney, that the failure of the Texas association to begin writing insurance was due to the unstable and unsettled conditions of its rates brought about by the agreement in force. He declared that many subscribers had indicated their intention of becoming members but could not wait until all matters were adjusted and that as a result there had not been at any one time a sufficient number of members and employees to begin operation. The law requires fifty employers or over with not less than 2,000 employees.

Homer K. Mitchell Thursday wired his resignation to John H. Radford of Houston, president of the board of directors of the Texas Employers Insurance Association. Mr. Mitchell seeks to retire as general manager of the association.

State Treasurer Receives \$637,000.

Austin, Tex.—The state treasurer Monday received \$637,000 and paid out \$671,000. It was among the record-breaking days.

Daniels Cancels Texas Dates.

Brenham, Tex.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has canceled his Brenham date, along with the cancellation of his Houston date. Secretary Frank Eberle of the Young Men's Business Association has been notified of this effect.

Port Arthur School Bonds Sold.

Port Arthur, Tex.—The bonds amounting to \$12,000 recently authorized by Port Arthur voters to complete the new De Queen school were sold Monday.

State Has 4,151 Voting Boxes.

Austin, Tex.—According to the tax rolls in the controller's department there are 4,151 voting boxes in Texas. Bexar County has the largest number, with 92; Dallas has 86; Harris, 78; Tarrant, 68; McLennan, 48; Galveston, 24, and Travis, 46.

Recent Cold Snap Injures Fruit.

Bremont, Tex.—It is thought the present cold spell has considerably injured the fruit crop, especially peaches, pears and berries, throughout this section.

Federal Building Site Chosen.

Washington.—The secretary of the treasury Saturday accepted the site for the public building to be erected at Cameron, Texas.

BANDIT CASTILLO CAPTURED

WANDERED ACROSS BORDER AND WAS TAKEN BY U. S. TROOPS.

He Was Responsible for Cumbre Tunnel Horror, Where Many Lost Their Lives.

El Paso, Tex.—Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit charged with responsibility for the Cumbre tunnel disaster, in which ten Americans and forty-one others lost their lives, was captured thirty-eight miles south of El Paso, N. M., by American troops.

The information was conveyed Tuesday to General Hugh L. Scott, commander at Fort Bliss, in an official telegram from Captain White, Ninth United States Cavalry.

With the bandit were six of his followers, who, according to Captain White's report, surrendered without a fight.

Castillo, to avoid a range of mountains on the Mexican side, made a detour which brought him into American territory. Captain White was on the watch, having received information from Walter McCormick, American manager of Las Palomas ranch, on the Mexican side, that the much-wanted man was in the vicinity.

Whether the prisoner shall be surrendered to the rebels is a legal question which remains to be settled. If this is done, there is no doubt that he will be executed for the Cumbre disaster. He is not charged with any crime on this side.

Castillo set fire to a freight train in the Cumbre tunnel two weeks ago. The cars were burning when a passenger train crashed into them, and every life aboard was lost. The tunnel is still burning.

The capture was made by Lieutenant Richard of Troop A.

Castillo's capture was of peculiar interest to W. B. Rosten, an American lawyer in El Paso. Castillo and his bandit force had been robbing with death if he did not pay a ransom for his liberty after he was captured Feb. 9 west of San Pedro, Chihuahua.

Rosten, who is manager of the Urnston ranch of Western Chihuahua, paid \$1,000 to the bandits. He was forced to go to the headquarters of the Urnston ranch, several miles distant, and write out a check for the amount. Castillo sent a guard with him to insure the receipt of the check. Then he was forced to write a letter to the City National bank at El Paso ordering the payment of the check to a representative of Castillo. The check has not been presented.

Checked Two Hundred Women.

Jackson, Miss.—More than 200 women making an aggressive campaign for a bill pending before the lower house of the legislature, providing for raising the age of consent to 18 years, left the house galleries Tuesday during a bitter debate on that measure.

The debate was on an amendment, the effect of which was that the present style of some dresses worn by many women on the streets should be considered evidence of bad character.

The amendment offered by Representative Walker of Lauderdale County was defeated, 50 to 59. The bill raising the age of consent to 18 years finally was passed with only 18 votes against it.

Railroads Make Annual Report.

Austin, Tex.—Tax Commissioner Love Tuesday received annual statements from the Southern Kansas and the Pecos & Northern Texas railway companies.

The Southern Kansas reports gross receipts of \$376,276; net deficit, \$87,991; interest paid, \$358,018; hire of equipment, \$125,609; taxes, \$42,668; no additions or betterments.

The Pecos and Northern Texas reports gross receipts of \$2,445,800; net deficit, \$153,509; interest, \$622,989; hire of equipment, \$204,942; taxes, \$80,957; additions and betterments, \$2,231.

\$1,000 Ear of Corn Sold.

Dallas, Tex.—An ear of corn from Minnesota, known at exhibitions as "the \$1,000 ear," which was one of the attractions at the National Corn Exposition, was stolen Tuesday night. James J. Hill awarded a prize of \$1,000 for this ear, which is 14 inches long. It was Mr. Hill's property.

Senator Gore Denies All Charges.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Senator Thomas Pryor Gore took the stand Monday in the Oklahoma County district court in the \$50,000 damage suit brought against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, and related his version of the meeting between him and the plaintiff in the Winston hotel, Washington. The senator denied all the charges.

German Balloon Breaks Record.

Berlin.—The German balloon pilot, Hans Berliner, carrying two passengers in his spherical balloon, telegraphed Monday from Kirgischan in the Ural Mountains, Russia, that he had landed there after a 47-hour flight from Bitterfeld, Germany. The flight marks a new distance record.

Victoria Seeks Better Roads.

Victoria, Tex.—The commissioners court of Victoria County was Saturday presented a petition from the citizens of the east end of the county, road district No. 5, calling for the issuing of \$125,000 of road bonds.

Dutch Warship Goes to Mexico.

The Hague.—The Dutch warship Kortenaer sailed Sunday for the West Indies to watch developments in Mexico. She will proceed to Mexican waters to protect Dutch subjects in Mexico, if necessary.

Harvester Man Left \$15,000,000.

Chicago, Ill.—The estate of William Deering, real and personal property, was valued at \$15,000,000, according to the inventory filed Monday. The property was left to two sons and five grandchildren. Each of the sons, Charles and James, receives \$5,000,000.

\$722,345 Turned Into Treasury.

Austin, Tex.—Taxes to the amount of \$722,345 were paid into the state treasury department Thursday. This is the largest payment that has been made this year.

MAY ATTEMPT TO RUSH BORDER

REBELS PREPARING TO GET HOLD OF GEN. SALAZAR.

He Appeals to United States Officers to Protect Him—Troops Are on Guard.

El Paso, Tex.—Unsuccessful in the attempt last week to organize a military expedition against constitutionalists in Juarez by sending men, arms and horses across the border near Ysleta, federal sympathizers in El Paso are organizing another movement by which they intend to cross over several hundred men within a few days to wage war on the constitutionalists. Information regarding the planned military movement had been obtained by government officials at El Paso, and a strict vigilance is being maintained along the border by the United States troops to prevent it from being successfully carried out.

A quantity of arms, ammunition and dynamite was discovered by soldiers of the Fifteenth cavalry on the Alderete ranch near Ysleta Saturday and army officers believe that this was to be used in the ill-fated expedition which was planned for last week to cross to Mexico and attack Juarez. The war munitions were hidden in an irrigation ditch on the ranch. The material has been confiscated by the military authorities.

General Jose Ynez Salazar, who is an inmate of the Fort Bliss prison camp, fears that the constitutionalists will make an attempt to rush the soldier guard over him in order to give the impression that they are going to assist him to escape, so that the American soldiers will carry out the orders to shoot him if he attempts to escape. Salazar has sent word to General Scott that this is to be attempted and has asked that he be given protection in such case. In reply, General Scott has notified Salazar that if he so desires, he will place him in the soldier guard house at Fort Bliss.

Salazar, through his attorney, Effego Brea of Albuquerque, N. M., notified General Scott that he would make no effort to escape from his prison. He said he knew that any such attempt would be useless because of his guards.

Maximo Castillo is still at large in the hills west of Pearson, Chihuahua, though he is being hunted by hundreds of constitutionalist troops. Castillo is believed to be in hiding at one of the many small ranches in the mountainous district west of Pearson and is being sheltered by the native ranchmen. Nearly every Mexican of the lower class in the district is a sympathizer of Castillo's because in the past he has divided up amongst them a great deal of his loot and sums of money he has extorted from Americans after holding them for ransom.