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## PELLAGRA SPREADING AT AN ALARMING RATE

### One Thousand Cases of Strange Disease Reported in North Carolina.

## ONE COUNTY FREE FROM SCOURGE

### Autopsy Performed Upon Negro, Who Died Violently Insane, Leaves Physi- cians Mystified as to Origin of Disease—Ninth Death at Durham and Two New Cases Found.

(By Associated Press.)  
DURHAM, N. C., Sept. 13.—Pellagra is spreading in this state at an alarming rate. The ninth death in this locality occurred here tonight, two new cases were discovered today and one of the two survivors of the eleven recently afflicted will die within a week in all probability.

There are said to be one thousand cases of the disease in North Carolina at the present time and but one county, Onslow, it is declared, is without a patient.

### Autopsy Conducted.

The first autopsy upon a pellagra victim in North Carolina was performed tonight on George Mebane, a large negro, who had just died, violently insane.

Though the germ was found, no other trace of the disease was discovered. The heart and other organs were in perfect condition. Prior to the negro's death guinea pigs were inoculated with the blood. They have shown no signs of the disease yet.

### Physicians Mystified.

Late tonight physicians, who conduct the autopsy, declare themselves as completely mystified as to the origin of the disease. All parts of the dead man were put on preservative for further examination.

## AMERICAN SHIPS WANTED FOR PRESIDENT'S TRIP

### Mr. McHaarg Deprecates Suggestion That New Orleans Inspection be Made Under Foreign Flag.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—Deprecating the suggestion that President Taft's party, which will inspect New Orleans harbor on October 20 it is said, "must make the trip under a foreign flag," Acting Secretary of Commerce and Labor McHaarg has advised the collector of customs of that port that efforts will be made to secure American vessels for the President's inspection of New Orleans harbor and the lower Mississippi. Mr. McHaarg says in his letter dated today:

"The department prefers not to answer the legal question until efforts have been made, for which there is ample time, to secure American vessels for the purpose. It is reluctant to believe that at our principal gulf port American shipping has so dwindled, that to enable the President of the United States and a small body of Americans to spend a few hours on the greatest American river, they must make the trip under a foreign flag."

## WOULD-BE SUICIDE MAY BE RICHMOND LAWYER

### Man in Horrible Condition in Lexing- ton, Ky. Hospital, Believed to be William M. Justus.

LEXINGTON, KY., Sept. 13.—A man believed to be W. M. Justus, of Richmond, Va., a lawyer, is in St. Joseph hospital here with both eyes shot out and his wrist horribly slashed as result of an attempt at suicide. He will likely recover, though horribly disfigured. His eyes were taken from their sockets Saturday night, they having been thrust far out on his cheeks by the force of the bullet which he fired through his head Friday afternoon.

Several telegrams have been received here from Richmond concerning the man and today a delegation of Richmond people is expected here to try and identify him. The man is a Mason and under seal of Masonic secrecy has revealed his name to the Rev. J. W. Porter, who was until a year ago stationed at Newport News, Va., as pastor of the First Baptist church. This is believed to lend strength to the belief that the man is Justus, although he has denied that is his name.

His physician and the hospital people refuse to allow any one to see him today, although on Saturday he talked freely. He has grown worse since the physician told him last night that both his eyes had been removed.

## NEW TARIFF DOES NOT APPLY TO CANAL ZONE

### Acting Attorney General Ellis Decides Isthmian Territory is Not a 'Possession.'

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—The new tariff law of August 5 last does not apply to the Isthmian canal zone, according to a decision given by Acting Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, to the secretary of war and announced today. The canal zone is not one of the "possessions" of the United States within the meaning of that term in the first clause of the tariff act, says the acting attorney general but rather is a place subject to the use, occupation and control of the United States for the construction and maintenance of a ship canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific.

The effect of this decision will be to continue the present system by which the Panama government collects duties on importations.

## COMPLIES UNDER PROTEST.

### Pennsylvania Railroad May Appeal From Commission's Order.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—The Pennsylvania Railroad will comply under protest with orders recently issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission providing for a general balance sheet statement and for the treatment of expenditures for additions and betterments.

This means that the road reserves the right to appeal from the commission's order at any time and it is said that the matter of this classification of expenditures on the road will be fought out in the courts.

## Blieriot Leaves Brescia.

(By Associated Press.)  
BRESCIA, ITALY, Sept. 13.—Blieriot, the French aviator, left here today. Rougier remains here and for another week he and other aviators will continue their flights.

## KENT OPENS CAMPAIGN

### Charges Democrats With Extrava- gance in Running State.

## CONSTITUTION VIOLATED HE SAYS

### Republican Candidate Declares Vir- ginia School System is Side Issue of the Democratic Machine—Maiden Speech of Campaign.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
WOODSTOCK, VA., Sept. 13.—Captain W. P. Kent, Republican candidate for governor, made his maiden speech of the campaign here today before a small audience. The captain read his speech and this, to an extent, spelled its effect. However, his hearers were enthusiastic and frequently applauded him. Captain Kent in the beginning asserted that he did not propose to inaugurate an abusive campaign. He used a good part of an hour in charging the Democrats with extravagance in running the state government.

He said the salaries of state officers had been increased one hundred per cent in five years and in doing so the new constitution had been violated and if elected, he pledged that the salaries would be cut. Further he promised better roads and criticized the Democratic plan. He promised to look out for the veterans.

### Attacks School System.

With reference to the public school system, he scathingly attacked the present system, saying it was used as a side issue of the Democratic machine and that teachers could only get jobs with political pull. Extravagance in the school system was also charged to the Democrats. The schools he said were not designed by Democrats to aid the pupil who wanted an education.

If elected he promised to equalize taxes and govern the state more economically and to put an end to the wasteful Democratic methods. He intimated that he would adopt the Republican federal plan which he held up in comparison.

### Ridicules Judge Mann.

With reference to his opponent, Judge Mann, he caused much merriment. He said that the judge could play two tunes at once and get on both sides of a question. He declared him to be a man of many vagaries.

Mann's record as a Republican, he declared, would be a matter of honest analysis if he had stood still long enough to be photographed.

A telegram was read from Blount retreating his unavoidable absence.

## ONE ESQUIMAUX REACHED THE POLE WITH PEARY

### Eging Wah the Only Man to Stand on Apex With American Explorer.

## DETAILS OF FINAL DASH LEARNED

### Leaving Eighty-ninth Parallel on April 3, Reduced Party Made as High as Twenty-five Miles a Day on Some of Final Marches—Marvin's Death.

(By Associated Press.)  
BATTLE HARBOR, LABRADOR, Sept. 13.—The Associated Press tug Thomas Douglas arrived here this afternoon. Commander Peary's steamer Roosevelt was found to be in good condition and will leave Battle Harbor on Thursday or Friday for North Sydney. From there the steamer will proceed to New York and if it is possible she will take part in the naval parade at the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

From members of the Peary Arctic expedition on board the steamer Roosevelt a number of details of the dash to the pole have been gleaned. These details are as follows:

### Only Two Reached Pole.

The only men to reach the pole were Commander Peary and one Esquimaux, Eging Wah by name. The other white members of the various parties that left Cape Columbia were sent back one by one as Peary drew nearer daily to his objective point.

Mathew Henson and three Esquimaux the only other members of the reduced party that made the final dash were left one march south of the pole.

Captain Robert A. Bartlett and George Borup started February 27 from Cape Columbia, with a number of Esquimaux and dogs on the march across the ice, heading north. On March 1 Commander Peary left Cape Columbia, with his party consisting of seven white men, seventeen Esquimaux and 136 dogs. On March 4 Peary came up with Bartlett, who had pitched his camp at the side of a lead of water which it was impossible to cross. The combined parties had to wait until March 11, seven days before further progress was possible.

The sun was seen for the first time March 5 and a short way from the 84th parallel. The supply of alcohol was running short, and Borup returned to Cape Columbia for a fresh stock. March 14 Borup overtook Peary again and brought a supply of oil and alcohol. The division under Professor Ross G. Marvin joined Peary the same day.

### McMillan's Feet Frozen.

At this point Professor Donald B. McMillan was sent back, his feet having been badly frozen. Borup returned to land from 85.23 with two Esquimaux. The party now consisted of 12 men, 10 sledges and 85 dogs. Bartlett was still beating out the trail two days ahead of Peary. Marvin took observations at 85.48 and then started on his return march.

On the next march Bartlett made a record trip, covering 20 miles. This brought him to 85.339. The party now consisted of Peary, Bartlett, Mathew, Henson, the negro man who has been Peary's personal assistant on so many of his expeditions, the Esquimaux, seven sledges and sixty dogs, and the journey northward was resumed. The ice was perfectly level as far as the eye could see.

### Ready for Dash to the Pole.

Bartlett took the observation on the 88th parallel on April 2 and then reluctantly returned, leaving Peary, Henson and three Esquimaux with provisions for 40 days to make the final dash to the pole.

This reduced party started, on the morning of April 3. The men walked that day for ten hours and made 20 miles. Then they slept near the 89 parallel. While crossing a stretch of young ice 300 yards wide the sledge broke through. It was saved, but two of the Esquimaux had narrow escapes from drowning. The ice was still good and the dogs were in great shape. They made as high as 25 miles a day. The next observation was made at 88.25. The next two marches were made in a dense fog.

The sun was sighted on the third march and an observation showed 89.57.

## Flag Hoisted at the Pole.

The pole was reached April 6, and a series of observations were taken at 90. Peary deposited his records and hoisted the American flag. The temperature was 22 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. The pole appeared as a frozen sea. Peary tried to take a sounding, but got no bottom at 1,500 fathoms. Peary stayed at the pole for thirty-

four hours and then started on his return journey the afternoon of April 7.

On the return the marches were continued and Peary and the Esquimaux suffered greatly from fatigue. They had their first sleep at the end of the eighth march from the pole. In the igloo left by Bartlett. Here there was a violent snow storm.

On April 23 the party reached the vertical edge of the land ice west of Cape Columbia. The Esquimaux were delighted to reach land and the party slept for two days. They repaired their sledges, rested the dogs, and resuming the journey reached the Roosevelt April 27.

### How Marvin Lost His Life.

Marvin left Peary on the way up on Friday, March 26 to return to the ship. He had with him two Esquimaux and seventeen dogs. The story of the professor's death was obtained from one of the Esquimaux. April 10 Marvin was 45 miles from Cape Columbia. He started out that morning, walking ahead. The Esquimaux were delayed in packing the sledges, a fact that permitted Marvin to get a good start on them. When the Esquimaux arrived at an open lead they noticed that the young ice was broken about 25 yards out, and they saw what looked like a man's body floating in the center of the lead. Owing to the treacherous condition of the ice the Esquimaux could not venture out.

They returned to the Roosevelt and reported. Captain Bartlett then went back to the point they designated and recovered Professor Marvin's spare boots and other belongings which were still on the ice where the Esquimaux had left them.

The superstitions of their race prevented the Esquimaux from bringing the dead man's effects with them. Professor Marvin's records were saved.

## HARRIMAN'S POLICIES WILL BE CONTINUED

### Dead Financier's Personal Representa- tive Elected to Union Pacific Directorate.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The continuance of the Harriman policies in the management of Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and the chain of allied roads was made certain today, temporarily at least, when Robert S. Lovett, E. H. Harriman's personal counsel, was elected to succeed Mr. Harriman at the head of the executive committee of the Union Pacific.

To strengthen further the dominance of the "Harriman idea," Jacob H. Schiff and William Rockefeller—both heavily interested in the Harriman enterprises—were elected directors in place of Mr. Harriman and the late H. H. Rogers and also were placed on the executive committee. The Union Pacific still remains without a president, as Mr. Harriman occupied this position also. It is understood, however, that an operating man—probably L. F. Love, president of the Delaware and Hudson, will be elected for the place at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on October 12.

The office which Judge Lovett assumed today is the most important in the management and financial supervision of the Union Pacific. The directors of the Southern Pacific will meet tomorrow. It is taken for granted that their action is fully forecasted by today's meeting and that Judge Lovett will be seated as chairman of that executive committee also in Mr. Harriman's place, with Jacob Schiff or some other partner in the firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company at his right as director and member of the executive committee.

As it stands today the executive committee remains in the parlance of the street, a "Kuhn Loeb-Standard Oil-board."

For besides Judge Lovett Jacob H. Schiff and William Rockefeller, the members are H. C. Fricke, of Pittsburg; Marvin Jewett, president of the Chicago & Northwestern, and Frank A. Vanderbilt, of the National City Bank, New York.

The failure of the Morgan interests to gain a place on the reconstruction board was a surprise in Wall street, where last week's rumors had been given general credence.

Judge Lovett, who in view of his new offices becomes for the moment one of the most prominent railroad men in the public eye, came to New York city in 1906. Born in Texas 42 years ago he entered the railroad business while a boy as a 19 month freight clerk for the Houston, East & West Texas Railroad at Houston. While serving as a freight clerk he studied law at night and eventually became a country counsel for the railroad, a district counsel and then general counsel. His next step was membership in a firm which represented the Southern Pacific. He became so devoted to this system under Mr. Harriman that he was made general counsel with offices at Houston. Three years ago Harriman brought him to this city.

## PRESIDENT OF TRUST CO. CUTS HIS OWN THROAT

### Nervous Breakdown Believed to Have Been Cause for John W. Castle's Suicide.

## DIRECTOR OF CHESAPEAKE & OHIO

### Friends Searching for Prominent Cor- poration Official and Clubman Find His Body Cold in Death at Grand Union Hotel—Had Been in Sani- tarium Recently.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—John W. Castle, president of the Union Trust Company, of this city, capitalized at \$1,000,000, a director in other well known corporations, and prominent in club and social life in this city and the south, cut his throat from ear to ear in the Grand Union Hotel tonight and was found dead stretched across a bed. He had been in ill health for sometime and his suicide is ascribed solely to a nervous breakdown and not to financial troubles.

His body discovered about 9 o'clock tonight by his brother, Burton S. Castle, who, having become alarmed at Mr. Castle's failure to return home from the bank, began a search through the hotels. Arriving at the Grand Union at Forty-second street and Park avenue he found that Mr. Castle had registered there under his own name at 4:20 o'clock today and had gone immediately to the room assigned him on the second floor. As his body was found cold tonight indicates that he ended his life soon after closing the door behind him.

The body, dressed only in the undergarments, was lying across the bed in the room while on a table nearby was a bloody razor with which he had ended his life. Examination showed he had severed both the wind pipe and the carotid artery but notwithstanding this he had made his way to the bed.

### Probably Stood Before Mirror.

The position of the razor leads to the belief that he stood before a mirror while slashing his throat.

On a dresser near the bed there was an eight ounce bottle, unlabelled, but containing a pungent acid. Whether he had taken any of this before cutting his throat had not been ascertained tonight. A physician was summoned hastily, but the banker was beyond aid. The police and coroner were then notified and an investigation begun.

According to his friends Mr. Castle was thrown into ill health by overwork.

### In Sanitarium Recently.

Not long ago Mr. Castle's condition became so serious that he was sent to a sanitarium at Kerhonkson, New York, in Ulster county, where he remained for three months under treatment.

Mr. Castle's widow and two children are in the Adirondacks where they have been spending the summer. She was notified of her husband's death tonight. Coming originally from the south, where he was well known in Texas and Louisiana, Mr. Castle moved to New York to assume the presidency of the Guaranty Trust Company several years ago. But in the latter part of last year he resigned this position and on the opening of the New Year stepped in as head of the Union Trust Company.

### Looked in Vain for Note.

In the search for the respondent banker this evening his brother was accompanied by Eli B. Springs, a director of the Charlotte, N. C. Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, and a life long friend of the Castles. After the finding of the body they looked in vain for a note or letter explaining his suicide.

Mr. Castle had large interests in Texas, and was at one time president of the Hibernia Trust Company, of New Orleans.

### A Director of the C. & O.

Besides being president of the Union Trust Company Mr. Castle was a director of the Central Park North and East Tenth Street Railroad Company; the Central of Georgia Railway Company; the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company; the Hanover National Bank of this city; the Maryland Trust Company, of Baltimore, and the Morristown, N. J. Trust Company. He was United States trustee for the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., of London.

## IMAGINARY WAR IN PROGRESS IN GERMANY

### Emperor William on Hand to Witness Maneuvers of the Reds and Blues.

(By Associated Press.)  
MERGENTHEIM WURTTENBURG, Sept. 13.—The annual maneuvers of the imperial army began here today. It was 11 o'clock in the morning when as a result of political tension between two imaginary states the red and the blue, war was declared and word sent forth throughout the 120,000 officers and men.

Emperor William arrived on the field at one o'clock. He mounted a horse in the blue territory and watched the cavalry evolutions. His majesty is living in the present quarters and will motor out each day to the scene of the maneuver. The military dirigible Gross II made its first appearance on the field today. The airship ascended in a heavy mist and cruised at a low altitude. It was not long before the enemy observed it, and the red's machine guns opened fire.

The Gross II retired and vanished in the mist, but it is rumored here tonight that the airship was caught in a tree and was later captured by the reds.

## Carpenter—Cattlett.

Miss Beulah Cattlett, niece of Mrs. M. J. Savage, of 239 Twenty-eighth street, and Mr. Clinton Carpenter, of this city, were married Sunday at the home of Mrs. Savage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Loyd T. Wilson, D. D., pastor of the Newport News Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Cattlett left after the ceremony for their wedding trip and they will make their home here on their return.

## Well Known Chess Player Dead.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Sept. 13.—The death is announced of Francis G. Lee, the well known chess player.

## DEWEY PROUD OF NAVY

### Splendid Record Made off Virginia Capes Delight Admiral.

## BACK FROM HOT SPRINGS VACATION

### Unofficial Report Says Louisiana Hit Targets Sixteen Times in Sixteen Shots—More Ships Needed to Main- tain Highest State of Efficiency.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—Admiral George Dewey's face glowed with pleasure today as he read the reports of the splendid work being done by the men of the navy in their record target and battle practice off the Virginia capes.

"See that record," said he, "as he pointed to an unofficial report which said that the battleship Louisiana had made sixteen hits out of sixteen shots at two targets.

"That is a world beater. I feel great pride in the manner in which our men have acquitted themselves. Our ships are fine too. Vice Admiral Uru, of the Japanese navy, who made a visit to this country last spring told me that the Connecticut was the best all around battleship he had ever seen and he has visited some of the finest ships in the world, too," added the admiral.

The admiral was in his office for the first time today since his return to Washington from his vacation spent at Hot Springs, Va. He appeared to be in splendid health. The general head of the navy, of which Admiral Dewey is president, will assemble soon for the session's work, an important feature of which will be the submission to Secretary Meyer of a naval program for the next session of congress.

"More ships, of course we need more ships," declared Admiral Dewey emphatically. "We need to keep our naval establishment up to the highest state of efficiency."

## GETS BULLET IN HIS LEG.

### Col. Todd Accidentally Shot During Target Practice at Fort Hancock.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Col. Albert Todd, U. S. A., commanding the Eastern artillery district of New York, was accidentally shot in the leg today during sub-caliber practice with the big guns of batteries Ingie and Peck at Fort Hancock. The post surgeon was nearby and hurried at once to the aid of his commander.

Col. Todd may be permanently crippled.

## NEW EVIDENCE FOUND BY EXHUMING CORPSE

### Bullet Wound on Sutton's Head Clear 'Cut, With No Indication of Burning.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—When the body of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, the young marine officer who met his death about two years ago at Annapolis, was exhumed at Arlington cemetery this afternoon, an autopsy performed by physicians representing the navy department and young Sutton's mother, disclosed the fact that no bones were broken although a contusion was found over the right eye.

## BROKEN ARM CLAIM UNFOUNDED

### Attorney Vardy Says Fatal Shot Must Have Been Fired at Least Five Feet From Lieutenant's Head, Showing That Officer Could Not Have Shot Himself.

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It had been Mrs. Sutton's contention that her son's arm had been broken in the fight which preceded his death and that this being the case, the shot which ended his life could not have been self-inflicted.

### No Indication of Burns.

Dr. George Tully Vaughan, of this city, who represented Mrs. Sutton at the autopsy, said tonight that the bullet wound which caused his death was three inches above the right ear and was clean cut. There was no indication that the hair and scalp had been burned by powder.

Surgeon Spear, who represented the navy department declined to make a statement tonight, saying that he intended to make a report direct to the navy department.

### Suicide impossible.

Attorney Van Dyke, associate counsel for Mrs. Sutton said tonight that he was convinced that the shot had been fired at least five feet from the officer's head and that the wound showed conclusively that it was a physical impossibility for Sutton to have fired the shot.

After the autopsy had been completed, the body was placed in a new coffin, provided by the government and was reinterred in the same grave after the ground had been consecrated by Rev. Father Alonzo Olds of St. Augustine's Catholic church, this city.

## WOMAN BLOWN THROUGH WINDOW BY EXPLOSION

### Ten Injured, Some Probably Fatally, When San Francisco Bath House is Wrecked.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 13.—Half a score of persons were injured, several probably fatally, when a boiler in the Lurline baths exploded today. Women patrons were blown through the windows of their compartments into the street and the building was almost completely wrecked. From the second floor of the structure men and women were blown through great gaps in the walls and the windows.

Mrs. Eliza Eichler was hurled through a window into the street. She is not expected to survive. Mrs. Joseph Obenshaw, sister of Mrs. Eichler, was severely injured and a hurried count of the injured showed eight others severely hurt.

## TORPEDO FLOTILLA AT MOUTH OF MISSISSIPPI

### Little Vessels Will Act as Escort for President on Trip Down River.

PORT EADS, LA., Sept. 13.—One torpedo boat destroyer and three torpedo boats, bound from Hampton Roads, to St. Louis, entered the mouth of the Mississippi river late this afternoon and proceeded on their way to New Orleans.

This flotilla under command of Lieutenant Mitchell will serve as an escort to the steamer Mississippi on its trip down the river from St. Louis with President Taft the latter part of October. The flotilla comprises the torpedo boat destroyer MacDonough and the torpedo boats Thornton, Tingey and Wilkes.

### Cathoon Trial Postponed.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 13.—Beginning of the second trial of Patrick Cathoon, president of the United Railways, who was indicted on several charges of bribery was today postponed until next Monday.