

HEALTH OF THE NATION

DEATHS MORE DEADLY DISEASE
Death Rate Greater From That Common in United States Than in Any Foreign Country Save Italy.

BY W. W. PHILLIPS

Washington, Aug. 20.—One of the most important bulletins on health statistics that has ever been published by the Census Bureau has just come from that department. The total number of deaths in the United States from typhoid fever from 1880 to 1904 was 53,587; the annual average death rate for that disease was 2.8 per 100,000 of population.

The rate per 100,000 inhabitants for southern cities is as follows: Alexandria, Va., 190.2; Charleston, S. C., 124.0; Jacksonville, Fla., 130.4; Lynchburg, Va., 114.4; Petersburg, Va., 105.5; Wilmington, N. C., 101.3.

MORTALITY GREATLY AMONG NEGROES
Among 345 cities under investigation there were 44 in which the average annual death rate was 20 or more per thousand.

MALARIA NEXT TO TYPHOID
Next to typhoid fever, malarial fever was the most dangerous, and from 1880 to 1904, inclusive, carried off 8,551, an average mortality of 4.4 per 100,000 population.

FOUR HUNDRED CASES
That is the number on the Civil Docket of the United States Supreme Court—Gate City News Notes.

SMALLPOX GAINS IN LARGE CITIES
Smallpox showed big gains in the larger cities but small hold in the rural settlements, the death rate therefore being higher in the large cities than in the small ones.

NEGRO'S BOLD DEED
He Enters Sleeping Apartments of Ladies at Asheville, Bent on Burglary or Criminal Assault, But is Frightened Away.

DEATHS FROM OTHER DISEASES
The mortality from scarlet fever from 1880 to 1904 was 1,850 and was about the same as in England, Wales and Scotland.

TROUBLE WITH ITALIANS
It is Expected at Canton, Where the Foreigners Are at Work on Big Pulp Mill.

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MEETING AT DAVIDSON

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HUNTERSVILLE'S BIG PICNIC

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1821—A cargo of maroonable Indians, consisting of one widow and eleven males, consigned at London to the colony in Virginia to be sold for slaves, at the rate of 110 pounds of the best leaf for each.

1843—William Penn, to prevent any further claims, obtained a release from James, Duke of York, of all his rights to Pennsylvania.

1776—Haverhill burned. A force of about 400 French and Indians made an irruption from Canada, and shaping their course to the Merrimack, fell upon the town in the morning, plundered and burned the houses, killed about 40 persons and captured many more.

1776—The Continental army under General Montgomery arrived at Tidonctoga.

1791—The American army under Gen. Wilkinson arrived at the Rapids, on the Ohio, returning from an expedition against the Chikasaw, having destroyed their principal town and a Kickapoo village, made many prisoners, and cut down 400 acres of corn.

1792—Lafayette abandoned the French army, of which he was commander-in-chief, and with his three friends surrendered to the Austrians. They met with a long imprisonment.

1804—Discovery of the copper in Galena, Ill.

1846—The water in Lake Ontario had fallen since the first of December 144.24 inches, and was lower than ever known before.

1851—New Orleans riot, growing out of the Cuban expedition. The office of La Patrie, the Spanish paper, destroyed, as well as the cigar shops kept by Spaniards, and the Spanish consul was obliged to ask protection, and was placed in the city prison for safety.

1856—The famous charter oak at Hartford, Conn., blown down in a storm.

1862—Gen. Sigel opened his masked batteries on five regiments of Confederate troops, who had just crossed the Rapidan river, killed 700 of them and took 2,000 prisoners.

1864—Confederate troops attempt to drive Gen. Warren from the White Sulphur Springs, Va., men killed and 1,100 prisoners; among their killed were Generals Saunders and Lamar.

1902—General Franz Sigel died.

TOOK OVERBORE OF LAYDANEN

Greenboro Women Has Narrow Escape—May Have Been Attempted at Suicide.

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