

WAGING FIGHT ON HOOK WORM

Active Campaign Against Disease Is Now on in North Carolina—Dr. Ferrell in Charge.

EDITOR WHO RIDICULED WORK HAS THE DISEASE

Expected That a Field Worker Will Be Placed in Each of 19 Districts in the State—Soil-Pollution Cause.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building.

Raleigh, July 23.

AN active campaign against the hookworm is now on in North Carolina. The first work began March 12 when Dr. John A. Ferrell was appointed secretary for this state. Two field experts are in the work and a third will join in it next month. The state has been divided into 19 districts. Public sentiment is being aroused so that there will later be a field worker in each district. It is found that the type of this disease in the United States is the same as that on the west coast of Africa, from which section of the world almost all the slaves came to this country. The first slaves were brought 250 years ago. So far very few negroes have been examined for hookworm, because of the fact that they show the effects of the poison in a much less degree than the whites. The negroes are great polluters of the soil, and examinations of them are to be made in their schools when the next session begins, as then they will be in a mass and the examinations can be more easily made. The experts have visited a thousand homes of negroes and whites in the rural districts, with a view to ascertaining the sanitary condition of affairs existing on the premises of some whites. Thus the negroes are a menace in general in the country districts, and so are some of the whites. The first effort has been to enlist in the campaign against this disease doctors, school teachers, editors, local improvement leagues and other potent factors. Dr. Ferrell says the support is very gratifying. There is an immense amount of talk and writing about this disease. One or two editors have ridiculed the matter, but a physician reports that one of these unbelievers has the disease, and he has been asked to allow himself to be examined.

Campaign in Three States.

Dr. Ferrell says the campaign is now active in three states, the two others being Virginia and South Carolina, and all the counties in this state except eight have been visited, and the disease found in every one. It is more prevalent nearer the coast than elsewhere. The result of investigations of nine coast counties showed two-thirds of those examined to be infected; the percentages in the east central belt, from Virginia to South Carolina, being 60, and in a smaller belt of piedmont counties 50 per cent. As showing the great effect of a sewerage system in eliminating this disease it may be stated that an examination of students in the schools of seven of the largest places in the state show only 17 per cent. infected, yet in the rural districts in the counties in which such points are located, there is as much infection as another similarly located counties.

Soldier Boys Examined.

An interesting part of the work in this state has been the examination of members of the national guard while in camp, and more than 1500 examinations were made. So far as results had been announced, the percentage infected runs from 30 to 35 in every hundred. There are different types of the hookworm, and while it is very prevalent in Italy, but very little of the European type has been found in this section, to which few foreigners come, and the only sort found is the Italian. Dr. Ferrell says the prevalence he is making is to prevent soil-pollution and thus stamp out the cause of the disease, rather than to treat cases, though in the latter line of effort a vast deal will be done. The elimination of soil-pollution will really stamp out not only this disease but also typhoid fever, Cochlin China dysentery and amoebic dysentery. The work is being engaged in most enthusiastically and the outlook is encouraging.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 5 p. m. Tuesday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather, with moderate temperature tonight and Tuesday. For North Carolina: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday. Brisk southwest and west winds.

Ohio Republicans Gathering.

Columbus, O., July 25.—Republican leaders and delegates are arriving to attend the state republican convention, which opens tomorrow.

Many Jews Expelled.

Kiev, July 25.—On 19 in July 23, Jews were expelled from Kiev, 68 in number.

HURLED BOMB AT RIDGEWAY MAYOR

Unknown Man Last Night Assassinated Chief Executive Virginia Town While He Slept.

MAYOR'S LEGS WERE HORRIBLY MUTILATED BY EXPLODING BOMB

In the Excitement That Prevalted the Assassin Made Good His Escape—The Motive.

Ridgeway, Va., July 25.—Mayor A. H. Rouman was assassinated by a dynamite bomb thrown from the street under a hammock in which he was lying last night. He died on hour after the explosion. There is no clue to the identity of the murderer or the cause of crime ascertained.

Was Sleeping in Hammock.

Mayor Rouman had been spending the hot evening sleeping in a hammock swung between two trees on the lawn in front his residence. Without warning about 10 o'clock a dynamite bomb was thrown by some one passing along the street. It landed in the hammock at his feet and in an instant exploded.

Feet Torn Away.

The mayor's feet were torn away by the bursting shell. His legs were frightfully mutilated, and he died in great agony. The town authorities were notified, and made every effort to discover the assassin. No clue was found. He escaped without being seen by anyone.

The News Quickly Spread about Town.

The news quickly spread about town and excitement ran high. It is believed the perpetrator of the assassination is caught he will be summarily dealt with.

Killed for Revenge.

Mayor Rouman presided over police court, trying petty cases. It is thought some person upon whom Rouman passed sentence of punishment held a grudge against him and awaited an opportunity to wreak violence on the mayor.

Excitement Great.

The bomb's terrific report attracted many persons to the scene, but excitement was so great apparently no one thought to search for the assassin until he made his escape undetected.

PRESIDENT'S ANKLE RAPIDLY IMPROVING

Rest Did Much to Reduce Swelling—President Made Brief Stop at Dark Harbor.

Rockland, Me., July 25.—The Mayor, with President Taft aboard, was sighted off Dark Harbor at 10:15 this morning, after being held up during the night by a heavy fog which enveloped the Maine coast. The yacht anchored off Beuchamp Point. Wireless advices stated that the President's ankle is rapidly improving. His rest did much to reduce the swelling. The president made a brief stop at Dark Harbor. He visits Rockland tomorrow where he lands at 11 o'clock for a drive through the city.

NEGRO WOMAN TAKEN FROM JAIL THROWN INTO RIVER?

Munroe, La., Jail Entered by Unidentified Men Last Night—Woman Had Robbed White Men.

Munroe, La., July 25.—Unidentified men broke into the jail here last night, carrying off Laura Porter, a negro woman prisoner and keeper of a room where several white men, it was reported, were robbed. It is believed she was thrown into the Ouachita river and drowned.

Will Protect British Interests at Bluefields.

Kinston, Jamaica, July 25.—The British cruiser Scylla sailed for Bluefields, Nicaragua, under orders to protect British interests at that port, which is in possession of the insurgents.

Peruvian Cabinet May Resign.

Lima, Peru, July 25.—A resignation of the cabinet is imminent. The ministry was formed March 14 with Dr. Xavier Prado Ugarteche as premier and minister of home affairs.

Negro Customs Officer Dead.

Newport News, Va., July 25.—John B. Mitchell, a negro, collector of customs at Yorktown, Va., since 1845, is dead.

Roosevelt Preparing Speeches.

Oyster Bay, July 25.—Theodore Roosevelt spent today preparing speeches for his western trip.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News. "DO YOU THINK I HAVE FALLEN AWAY MUCH, UNCLE SAM?"

MR. PEARSON DECLINES; PUTS GAFF INTO TAFT

Says He Cannot Run, Sit, or Stand for Nomination for State Senator for the Plain Reason That He Cannot Endorse, Defend, Justify or Explain Persistent and Obstinate Insults Which President Has Heaped on 1,200,000 White Republicans in South.

HON. RICHMOND PEARSON today addressed to The Gazette-News a letter which, it would be trite to say, is self-explanatory: Editor of The Gazette-News: I am surprised to learn that the republican primaries held in this county on the 23d instant, declared for me with practical unanimity for the state senate. My surprise is all the greater in view of the fact that on the 16th instant Hon. J. J. Britt, the present state senator, T. F. Roland, the county chairman, and T. J. Harkins, chairman of the city executive committee, called in a body at my house and asked if I would accept the nomination for the state senate; and I told these gentlemen emphatically and unequivocally that I could not accept the nomination for reasons which I stated to them frankly, but which I am now constrained to state publicly to the republicans who have honored me by this renewed expression of confidence, for which I am unaffectedly and cordially grateful. I cannot run, or stand, or sit for the office in question for the plain reason that I cannot endorse, or defend, or justify, or explain, or extenuate, or understand the persistent and obstinate

insults which the actual president and head of the party has heaped upon the twelve hundred thousand white republicans of the southern states, who honored him by their confidence and their suffrages at the last election. This naked and undeniable fact would make my position as a candidate not simply untenable but impossible. So that my self-respect, as well as my obligations to the party, force me to stand aside until a different posture of affairs shall be presented. The rumblings in the Sixth district of Missouri and the cataclysms in the Fourteenth Massachusetts and in the Thirty-second New York districts seem to have had no effect upon Mr. Taft, and he will probably continue in his fatuous course until the elections in next November reveal the fact that he has lost friends in our party and gained neither votes nor thanks from the other. RICHMOND PEARSON. July 25, 1910. As to Others. Among other things, it would seem that the foregoing is nothing if not candid. It definitely removes Mr. Pearson from the political equation,

in so far as running for office in the approaching campaign is concerned, and gives the Buncombe political situation a new twist. The obvious program had been to drag on, or consider Messrs. Pearson, Rollins and Brown, and the belief that they would feel impelled to yield under properly directed pressure seems to have been father to the thought. In the primary held in the Third precinct Saturday night Mr. Rollins, as chairman, untied a vote against instructions, and Mr. Brown said today that he had nothing to add to the letter recently published in this paper. Mr. Brown admitted that he felt under deep obligations to a party that honored him, but added that there were times when a man was warranted in declining to perform what his friends considered a party service, and he felt that such a situation had now arisen. Two physicians, said Mr. Brown, had advised him against such a course, and this advice he feels he should not be asked to disregard. "I will not," said Mr. Brown, "run for any office this year." There is every indication that the republican slate makers will be compelled to call something like an extraordinary session in the near future.

SENATOR OVERMAN IS HERE FOR REST

Expresses Opinion That Democratic Prospects Look Good—Gives Reason.

Senator Lee S. Overman of Salisbury, together with Mrs. Overman, are guests of the Battery Park hotel, where they expect to remain for a week or ten days. Mrs. Overman, who enjoys a wide popularity in Washington as well as in her home state, has relatives and numerous friends in Asheville.

Senator Overman has come to the mountains for a rest, and spent most of today enjoying the view from, and the perennial breeze that is to be found on the Battery Park verandas. Senator Overman did not think that the most enthusiastic summer resort press agent would ever succeed in exaggerating the attractions of the scenery that fills the eye from the Battery Park hill, and he will remain as long as possible.

Being here for a rest the senator is not inclined to take politics seriously. In a general way, however, he expressed the confident opinion that democratic prospects looked good, owing to what he regards as the failure of congress to revise the tariff in keeping with republican promises, and by reason of the widespread discontent in republican circles which has followed the failure of the tariff.

WILL OPERATE TRAINS DESPITE MOB THREATS

Grand Trunk Railroad Officials Determined to Resume Freight and Passenger Service.

South Bend, Ind., July 25.—Despite threatening mob violence the Grand Trunk railroad officials are determined to resume train service through this city today at any cost. This includes the operation of passenger and freight trains.

JEFFRIES SAYS "SOMETHING WAS THE MATTER WITH ME"

First Expression From Defeated Champion on Reno Affair Made Today—Will All Come Out.

Aspen, Catalina Island, Cal., July 25.—"There was something the matter with me. They sure did something to me and it will all come out some day." Those words are the first Jim Jeffries has uttered in connection with the Reno fight, since he was taken to Oakland, a beaten man.

VERY HOT TODAY IN NEW YORK CITY

Five Deaths Result from the Heat, While Thousands Flee to the Parks.

New York, July 25.—Five deaths in the last 24 hours are attributed to heat. Thousands of tenement dwellers, unable to stand the heat of the crowded districts, last night fled to the parks and open spaces. Yesterday was the hottest day of the season, the thermometer reaching 94.

MOTOR BOAT BURNED AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

New York, July 25.—An explosion of an oil stove aboard the big motor boat, Don Quixote, set the craft ablaze, burning her to the water's edge within an hour off Bergen Beach. Arthur Ralsey of Brooklyn and wife, sleeping on the boat, had a narrow escape from death.

Not An Illegal Sale Liquor Recorded in N. Y. Sunday

New York, July 25.—Not one cent of the illegal sale of liquor in New York city Sunday was recorded during the 24 hours ending at midnight.

BRYAN OPPOSED IN HIS STATE?

Indications Are That His Erstwhile Political Friends Have Deserted Him.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WILL NOT LIKELY ADOPT HIS PLAN

County Option Plank in Platform, Which Bryan Advocates, Will Meet Defeat Tomorrow.

Grand Island, Neb., July 25.—Democrats of Nebraska will hold their platform convention in this city tomorrow and it promises to be of greater interest than any gathering of the kind held in this state for many years. That there will be a contest to secure a county option plank in the platform is admitted by every leader in the democratic state organization. And that contest will be carried on between leaders who heretofore have agreed in every way on what democratic platforms should contain. William J. Bryan, for the first time since he took up the leadership of the democratic party, will be opposed by former associates within his own state.

The fight for and against county option has become an open one. Mr. Bryan and his friends are actively engaged in an attempt to secure a county option plank while Congressman Hitchcock of Omaha and Mayor James C. Dahman also of that city, supported by Governor Shallenberger are equally active in an effort to secure a declaration against such a plank.

The situation is considered an unusual one because the men who at present are most actively opposing Mr. Bryan were formerly his strongest supporters. This condition, considered with the fact that the campaign for the selection of a state ticket and United States senator has taken on many different angles, has given impetus to the political struggle in Nebraska seldom if ever witnessed before.

Congressman Hitchcock has been for several months an avowed candidate for United States senator and has been organizing his forces throughout the state with a view to securing the support of the rank and file of his party. He has stated his position as being opposed to county option until the people of the state, under an initiative and referendum law shall declare specifically for it.

There is little doubt that the anti-county option men will present such a plank and that it will be heartily opposed by Mr. Bryan and his friends. Mr. Bryan has always been given a place on the resolutions committee when he attended the state conventions and his policies have always prevailed in the writing of platforms. That he will be accorded the same courtesy of appointment at Tuesday's convention is generally admitted, although it is believed that there will be an overwhelming majority opposed to him on the question of county option. It is now apparent that he will carry the fight to the floor of the convention and there make a plea for a straight county option plank. Six hundred of the eight hundred delegates to the convention are either instructed or are known to be opposed to such a plank and extreme interest centers on what effect Mr. Bryan's speech on the convention floor will have on the majority.

Richard L. Metcalf, associated with Mr. Bryan in the publication of the latter's paper, announced his candidacy for United States senator at the last moment in opposition to Congressman Hitchcock. He has received the qualified endorsement of Mr. Bryan, who expresses the belief that Metcalf can poll more votes than any other democrat, himself not excepted. Both Bryan and Metcalf were formerly employed by Mr. Hitchcock. It three have been closely associated in the political world until now, and by many democratic leaders it is believed the coming state convention will mark "the parting of the ways."

There still remains in Nebraska a great number of prominent democrats who have always styled themselves "gold democrats" and who have never been reconciled to Mr. Bryan. These leaders, one of whom, Constantine J. Smyth, an Omaha attorney and a forceful orator, will be temporary chairman of the convention are apparently in control of the state organization and have made common cause with Congressman Hitchcock, Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahman. Many of them believe that Bryan should no longer attempt to control the party in this state and openly declare that he will be invited to step aside from the position as party leader.

Three candidates for making a fight for the gubernatorial nomination, are Governor Shallenberger, Mayor Dahman of Omaha and W. R. Patrick of South Omaha, a member of the last legislature. Patrick is the Bryan candidate, Governor Shallenberger is making a particularly strong fight against county option. The primaries occur August 2, a week after the convention.

Another important state issue is the question of capital removal. There is a somewhat general feeling that the state capitol should be located at a point near the center of the state, and Mr. Dahman has declared himself openly as favoring such action as will take the executive offices away from Lincoln. This proposition of course, strongly opposed by the people of Lincoln and by many county option advocates who want it in Lincoln.

This condition is unprecedented and is a climax to the three months' operation of Mayor Gurnea's plan of enforcing the moon law.

SOLUTION OF THE BIG STRIKE

Grand Trunk Officials Are of the Opinion That Their Troubles Are Nearing an End.

BUT THE STRIKE LEADERS EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE

They Apparently Feel They Will Be Able to Dictate Terms of Any Agreement That May Be Made.

MONTREAL, July 25.—The solution of the Grand Trunk Railroad strike situation is probable, according to the company's officials. It neither includes, they say, arbitration, nor further negotiations with the five thousand conductors and trainmen who struck a week ago for a wage scale higher than 25 per cent. increase, awarded by the conciliation board. The strike leaders express the utmost confidence in the steadfastness of their ranks, and the ability to force the railroad to terms by irremediable freight paralysis.

The railroad officials began the week with an ambitious program. It was announced that all kinds of freight would be accepted for immediate shipment. The shops that closed a week ago re-opened today. Ten thousand employes have returned to their places. Several minor wrecks, alleged to be due to tampering with switches by unauthorized persons, have been reported. Strike leaders say these were accidents resulting from handling trains by inexperienced men.

The traffic returns of the Grand Trunk last week show a decrease of \$105,000 in net earnings compared with the week previous.

Freight Traffic Resumed. Detroit, July 25.—Freight traffic was resumed on the Grand Trunk railroad yesterday for the first time since the strike began. The freight movements did not incite the strikers to rioting. The police had no trouble maintaining order.

Newbern Celebrating City's Bi-Centennial. Griffin Memorial Building Dedicated Today—Hannis Taylor Chief Speaker.

Newbern, July 25.—The celebration of the Newbern bi-centennial, re-acting stirring events of the city's history, began this morning with the dedication of Griffin memorial building. Hannis Taylor, a native of this city and former minister to Spain, was the principal speaker. The city is thronged with visitors witnessing the historical pageant.

ENGINEER AND BRAKEMEN KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK. Freight Plunged Through Switch Near Niles, O., and Overturned in Ditch.

Niles, O., July 25.—Engineer George Nayer and brakeman W. A. Reddout of an extra east-bound Erie freight, were instantly killed this morning when the freight plunged through a switch near here. The engine, tender and one car overturned in a ditch along the track.

Midshipman Taken Ill. Washington, July 25.—Midshipman William Harrison Saunders of Sumpter, S. C., was taken ill with pneumonia while the practice squadron of 500 midshipmen was at Gibraltar and was removed to the Royal Naval hospital before the ships cleared for Madeira yesterday, according to report from Captain Clark, commanding. Saunders was appointed to the Naval academy in 1909. The fleet completes a ten thousand mile cruise at Hampton Roads about August 27.

General Alarm Sent Out. New York, July 25.—A general alarm is sent the police throughout the southern states and Canada for the arrest of Erwin Wilder, cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, charged with taking \$70,000 in bonds from a safety deposit box.

Chilean President at Panama. Panama, July 25.—The Chilean cruiser, Emeralda, having aboard President Montt of Chile, who is on his way to Europe via the United States, anchored in the harbor this morning.

Veterans of Two Wars Dead. Washington, July 25.—Bear Admiral Thomas H. Lanier, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and of the Spanish-American war, died yesterday.