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OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL

The City of Charleston Has Quarantined Against Hampton, Va., and Montgomery Contemplates Similar Action.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The marine hospital service up to noon today had received nothing from the center of the yellow fever at Hampton later than Dr. Wadsworth's report of last night, placing the total of the yellow fever outbreak at 37 cases and seven deaths.

Dr. Farquhar at Portsmouth reported that he was in close touch with the authorities at Portsmouth and Berkeley and that all was quiet, with no suspicious cases.

In reply to a telegraphic request from the mayor of Norfolk, Surgeon General Wyman turned over to the Norfolk authorities Orange Island, below Norfolk, to be used in case of need as an isolation and detention camp. It was recently turned over by the navy to the jurisdiction of the marine hospital service.

A telegram was sent today by General Wyman to Surgeon Patton, at Old Point, directing him at once to institute a thorough sanitary investigation as far as Phoebus, Surgeon Wadsworth, at Phoebus, was ordered to make a house to house inspection there. This is in accordance with the plan for a thorough investigation of the whole area surrounding the infected house.

The situation is regarded as favorable today. There has been no outbreak of fever outside the original quarantine line. Each day that passes without such development increases the confidence of the surgeons general that the fever will be confined to the original foci of infection and stamped out there.

Montgomery to Quarantine.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 1.—The board of health recommends quarantining against the national soldiers' home, Hampton, Va., Old Point Comfort, Newport News and other points close to the place of yellow fever infection.

Charleston Quarantines.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 1.—The Charleston health board today declared a quarantine against Hampton, Va. No quarantine has yet been declared against Norfolk or Newport News, no fever being reported at those places.

RETURNS SHOW INCREASE.

Tax Law Enacted by Last Legislature Has Good Effect.

ATLANTA, July 28.—Largely as a result of the tax bill that passed the last legislature, the tax returns which are gradually reaching the office of Comptroller General Wright will show a net increase over the returns of last year of fully \$18,000,000.

Out of 28 counties, the returns of which have been forwarded to the capital, the figures show a net gain of \$1,270,181. Of the 28 counties only seven show a decrease in taxes, and this combined decrease amounts to only \$143,000, while the increase from the other 21 counties is \$1,413,686.

The largest county heard from up to date is Laurens and the increased returns from that county amount to more than \$272,000. Only the smaller counties have sent in their taxes, and it is naturally expected that the greatest amount of increase will be found in the larger counties and in the comparative centers of wealth.

With the returns from the 28 smaller counties before him, it is the opinion of Comptroller General Wright that the aggregate increase from the entire state will not fall under \$18,000,000, and may be considerably over that figure.

HOUSE FALLS ON WORKMEN.

One Killed and Several Others More or Less Seriously Hurt.

CENTRE, Ala., July 28.—At Blaine, a boat landing on the Coosa River five miles east of here, a man named John Bell was killed and Wm. Redden and several others injured by a house falling on them. There was a small log cabin at the landing used to put freight in and the parties had gone there to haul the freight away.

A shower came up while they were there and some went inside and others were leaning against the front near the door. Bell was sitting in the door. Suddenly the building lurched forward and came down on them. Bell's back was broken and he died crushed. He died in two or three hours.

Redden was caught against the hip with a log and dangerously hurt, though will probably recover. John Kiser was leaning against the end of the house at one corner and was knocked forward just far enough to escape the falling timber.

ROOT TAKES CHARGE AS WAR SECRETARY.

Sworn Into Office by District Judge Cole.

ALGER CONGRATULATES

Several Cabinet Officials, Including the Retiring Member, Witness the Ceremony Attendant Upon the New Chief's Induction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Mr. Elihu Root took the oath of office as secretary of war at 10:45 today. The ceremony occurred in the large office of the secretary of war in the presence of Secretaries Gage and Hitchcock, Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, a large number of army officers in uniforms and other employees and officials. The oath was administered by Judge Cole of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

Secretary Alger arrived at the department at 10:40 accompanied by Mr. Root, for whom he had called in his carriage. They went immediately to the secretary's private office, where were Secretaries Gage and Hitchcock, and were soon joined by Adjutant General Corbin and the chief clerk of the department, the military secretary of Secretary Alger. A moment later Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn and Judge Cole entered the room and the ceremony was formally presented to the new secretary. The commission, bearing date of today, was possession of Adjutant General Corbin.

By this time all of the army officers on duty in the department had gathered in the main office and Mr. Root and Secretary Alger and other members of the party entered the room.

It was 10:45 when Mr. Root stood up and took the oath of office. Judge Cole then addressed him as "Mr. Secretary" and shook hands and congratulated him. General Alger then advanced and said "Here is your commission," he said, with a smile, "in which you lose your identity and become Mr. Secretary. You go back to become a sovereign citizen of the United States and become Mr. Alger."

"I sincerely wish it were the other way," said Mr. Root as he accepted the parchment.

Then the officers were presented to Secretary Root by Mr. Victor L. Mason, the chief clerk of the department, and wish him success in the future. They also thanked him for his consideration and many acts of kindness and aid during the past year.

General Miles appeared with his staff in the full dress uniform of the major general, commanding the army. He stopped to shake hands with Secretary Root for some time longer than any of the others. Following the presentation of the officers the civilian officials and clerks of the department came in and shook hands with Secretary Root and said farewell to General Alger.

Secretary Gage, before leaving the room, went up to General Alger, shook him cordially by the hand, bidding him goodby. General Alger left at 12:40 o'clock today for his home in Detroit.

The last official act of Secretary Root was to sign a requisition for the allotment of \$20,000,000 for transports. Secretary Alger intended that his last act should be signing the order directing Major Charles Bird, assistant quartermaster, to accompany the transport Thos. to Algeria, when he was ready. He signed such an order, but the other business was presented a few moments later.

Secretary Root did not perform any official business today. As General Alger is secretary and draws the salary for today, it was thought best to avoid any confusion with Secretary Root's business of the department performed by Mr. Meiklejohn as acting secretary.

Wheat Growers' Convention.

GREENWOOD, S. C., Aug. 1.—The prospects for the success of the wheat growers' convention grow brighter daily. Mr. S. H. McGhee, secretary of the local committee, said yesterday that he was every day receiving letters from prominent men in every section of the state endorsing the movement and promising their attendance and cooperation. It is already assured that the number in attendance will be far greater than first anticipated. There will be a small army of harvesting and mill machinery men present.

Advance For Coal Miners.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 1.—Commencing today 7,000 coal miners in the employ of the Tennessee, Coal Iron and Railway company and the Sloss Iron and Steel company receive 65 cents per ton for mining coal, which is an advance of 2 1/2 cents and a total raise of 15 cents per ton since March 1. Wages are now at a maximum figure agreed upon in the new wage scale, which makes the price of pig iron on the basis of the miners' pay.

Colonel H. C. Wall Dead.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Aug. 1.—Colonel H. C. Wall, member of the state house of representatives from this county, was sick with pneumonia for only two or three days. His remains were brought here tonight and will be buried tomorrow.

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ON HIS WAY TO CAROLINA.

Sheriff Duke of Orangeburg Has in Custody Godfrey's Slayer.

MEMPHIS, July 28.—Sheriff W. H. Duke of Orangeburg, S. C., with Charles Wilson, a negro murderer, in custody, passed through the city today enroute from a point in Kansas to his home. Wilson was wanted for the murder of Private Godfrey in the city of Orangeburg about six months ago.

Godfrey belonged to Anderson's heavy battery, which was stationed at that time on Sullivan's island. He was off on a furlough at the time he was killed and having some friends in Orangeburg went there to spend some of the time with them. He observed Wilson one day push a white woman off the sidewalk. Although she was unknown to him, Godfrey rescued the woman and engaged in a fistio encounter with the negro.

Godfrey was a strong young fellow, and he was giving the negro rather severe punishment when the latter drew a revolver and shot him in the stomach. He died in a short time. The murderer was pursued, but got away.

OLD FURNACE TO RESUME.

Virginians Are Negotiating For a Plant at Decatur, Ala.

DECATUR, Ala., July 28.—R. H. Emmons of Richmond, Va., is negotiating for the purchase of the old furnace site on the river front, which went out of blast several years ago. Emmons represents a Richmond iron company.

It is proposed by the company to remodel and enlarge the old furnace and build two more light draught steamers which will carry heavy iron and coal loaded with coal and iron, and later run steamers to Cincinnati and Memphis.

Emmons has about closed a deal for the site and has engaged for some time to be constructed here. He is now in the lower end of the county negotiating a deal for a large tract of land upon which the iron and coal deposits have been discovered.

FIRST SALE AT SAVANNAH.

Cotton Received Just One Day Earlier Than Last Year.

SAVANNAH, July 28.—Savannah has received its first bale of new cotton. The bale came from Albany by express. It reached the port one day sooner than the first bale for the season just closing.

The bale was grown on the farm of J. W. Arms, near Albany, and when weighed in front of the Cotton Exchange weighed the scales at 860 pounds. The new bale was not of very fine quality and the cotton exchange classification committee was engaged for some time in making its report upon its grade.

The bale was packed in the old style shape. Many of those who saw and inspected the bale were engaged to have their doubts about it all being new cotton.

COLLECTOR SHORT \$14,765.

State Examiner Perry Files His Report With the Governor.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 28.—State Examiner Perry has filed with the governor the result of his examination of the office of Tax Collector Davis of Walker county. He reports that the collector owes the state and county \$14,765, and has only \$1,000 in credit in the bank.

About two weeks ago Tax Collector Davis went to Birmingham and got on a spree, and Governor Johnston sent the examiner to check over his accounts. Since that time Davis has kept out of the way of the authorities. He is believed to be in hiding in the mountains in Walker county.

The state does not stand to lose, as a solvent guarantee company is on Davis' bond.

Dr. Kerfoot Accepts Office.

ATLANTA, July 28.—Dr. Henry C. McDonald, president of the southern Baptist home mission board, today received a telegram from Dr. F. H. Kerfoot of Louisville, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, stating that he had decided to accept the secretaryship of the board. This statement on the part of Dr. Kerfoot is a source of satisfaction among the board members here. Dr. Kerfoot will succeed Dr. Tibbner as secretary of the board. He is expected to depart for Atlanta in the near future to take up the work of the office.

NEWS FROM DAY TO DAY.

Tuesday, July 25.

Fire has destroyed the business portion of Umattilla, Fla.

Randolph, the Alabamian charged with murder, has again been sentenced to Columbia to 1 year's imprisonment.

The Politico Colonias, a Paris paper, states that Russia and Japan are arming with a view to a possible conflict in Corea.

The stockholders of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company have authorized an increase of the capital stock of that concern from \$12,000,000 to \$24,000,000.

Government accountants have completed their examination of the books of ex-Postmaster John C. Walker of Ninety-Six, S. C., and have found a shortage of \$407,710.

Secretary Hay has called on Nicaragua to refund to the American merchants the amount which they were illegally compelled to pay for port duties during the recent revolution at Bluefields.

Wednesday, July 26.

Frank Dannehill, the veteran actor, is dying of Bright's disease in New York.

A fire in Lewisburg, Tenn., destroyed the greater part of the business portion of the town.

Lieutenant Colonel Ernest H. Garlington has been ordered to Manila as inspector general of the department of the Pacific.

An increase of 25 cents per day in wages has been granted all the moulders employed in the various foundries of Youngstown, O.

Green Jordan, aged 69 years, failed to hear an approaching train on the Birmingham and Atlantic railroad, near Pell City, Ala., and was instantly killed.

John Young Brown, former governor of Kentucky, says he will accept the nomination for governor in case it is offered to him by the convention to be held at Lexington Aug. 2 by Democrats opposed to the ticket headed by William Goebel.

Thursday, July 27.

Furious storms on the northern coast of Chili are doing great damage.

Three transports filled with recruits and regulars left San Francisco for Manila.

Colonel Edmund Pendleton, widely known throughout Virginia and the south, is dead at Lexington.

The navy department has decided to offer the single turret monitor Passaic, now at Pensacola, to the highest bidder.

R. F. Howell, the American seaman, won the Wingfield silver seals and the amateur championship of the Thames at London.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to give \$20,000 for a public library at San Diego, Cal., if a site be donated and the library maintained as at present.

The state board of equalization has assessed for taxation the property in South Carolina of the Western Union Telegraph company at \$75,125.25 and that of the Postal at \$48,000.

Friday, July 28.

The body of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll was cremated at Fresh Pond, L. I.

The Populists of Kentucky met at Frankfort and nominated a full state ticket. J. G. Blair is the candidate for governor.

The net earnings of the Southern Railway company for June were \$505,128.72, a gain of \$106,101.06 over the same month last year.

Preliminary plans are about completed for the building of the Missing Link railroad, extending from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Wallaha, S. C.

The Southern Industrial league, in session at Atlanta, declared in favor of the exemption of manufacturers in the south from municipal taxation.

According to verbal reports to the navy by officers returning from Manila, Aguinaldo continues to get war supplies through German merchants in Hong-Kong and Japanese merchants in Yokohama, although our consuls have been directed to keep a sharp lookout for filibustering.

Saturday, July 29.

The Georgia railway commission has declined to reduce freight rates on cotton.

The socialist colony at Bushin, Tenn., failed and the property was sold by a receiver.

The tendency manifested by France toward rapprochement with Germany is causing great irritation and suspense in Russia.

Mayor La Coste has determined that gambling in Havana must stop. Arrests are made daily and a large quantity of money captured.

The round-up of 600,000 head of cattle in western Texas and eastern New Mexico is contemplated by the promoters of the proposed Consolidated Cattle company.

Judge Simonton has issued an order restraining the corporation commission from assessing the value of the Western Union Telegraph company's property in North Carolina at \$1,000,000, and directing that it be assessed at \$600,000.

Monday, July 31.

Judge William R. Day, who is sojourning in Jackson county, N. C., is resigning his bench and strength.

President McKinley will give a reception to Admiral Dewey at the White House when the latter arrives in Washington.

The first and only national bank outside of the continental boundaries of the United States is about to be established in Honolulu.

A conference of operators and miners at Coal Creek, Tenn., has resulted in a satisfactory settlement of demands made by the latter, and there will be no strike.

Four negroes waylaid and attempted to murder Cannon Forbes, a young Atlantian, because he furnished the blood-bonds with which Sam Hose was chased.

Two automobiles held the Paris-St. Moix express in a race between those cities, a distance of 240 miles, making the best time ever recorded for an automobile, covering the distance in 7 hours and 35 minutes.

TRIED TO WRECK A TRAIN

Fast Passenger on the Central of Georgia Almost Ditched.

OPELIKA, Ala., Aug. 1.—A dastardly attempt was made to wreck the fast passenger train of the Central of Georgia railway that left here at 9:40 p. m. for Columbus. On rounding a curve near Chevalia, 3 miles south of here, the engineer was horrified to discover a pile of crotches on the track. He shut off steam and applied the brakes and succeeded in stopping the train before any damage was done.

A little further on two more piles of ties, a telephone pole and an oil well pole were found on the track.

Bloodhounds were secured at Chevalia, and the trail led to a negro cabin where Bert Williams, who was a middle negro preacher, and Charles G. Aze, a strange negro, were found. They were dressed, and admitted having just been to the railroad, but claimed they were picking up trash.

They are now in jail, and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. It is believed it was their purpose to rob and then to wreck the train.

MORE COUNTIES REPORT.

Tax Digests Received at the State Capitol in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Aug. 1.—The tax digests of 25 counties were received at the office of Comptroller General Wright yesterday, making a total of 70 counties whose digests have been completed and forwarded to the capital.

The net gain in the value of taxable property in the 70 counties is \$3,970,912, while the gain from the 23 counties heard from yesterday is \$212,558.

With half the counties in the state heard from, it was expected that the increase would show a much larger figure than it has, but up to the present time the counties in which the larger cities are located have not returned their digests and from these sources it is expected that the largest rate of increase would be found.

NEGROES KILLED IN A WRECK.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 31.—A log train on the railroad owned and operated by Park & Wilder, near McLaughlin, Miss., was wrecked yesterday. The engines and cars were badly smashed up. Two negroes, Henry Starling and John Mixon, were killed, and a white fireman named Tom Wyatt was seriously injured. The statements concerning the wreck are conflicting and nothing definite can be learned as to how it occurred.

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