

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TAKE CHARGE OF FIGHT AGAINST YELLOW FEVER

Formal Transfer Took Place at Noon Yesterday to Dr. J. H. White

CITIZENS RAISE OVER \$250,000 FOR FIGHT

Telephone Operators in the Country Refuse to Remain at Posts

With the marine hospital service and the authority of President Roosevelt placed in complete control at noon of the scientific fight to eradicate yellow fever in New Orleans before frost, the campaign against the scourge today took on fresh life.

During the day Dr. White received formal orders from Surgeon General Wyman informing him that the Federal government had decided to assume the task prepared for Dr. White.

It was announced that the marine hospital service would soon take up the receiving and confining of daily reports. A false impression has prevailed in some quarters that all the cases occurring were not made public, and in order that there may be perfect confidence throughout the country, Dr. White desires that hereafter statistical announcements of the situation shall be made under Federal supervision.

An evidence of the panicky feeling in the country is shown in the experience of the Cumberland Telephone company. A. Arcadia, La., the man in charge of the telephone office when the fever began to spread.

Questionable Loss. It will probably never be possible to estimate the losses which New Orleans has suffered financially through the diversion of business, but the heavy tax on the people by the present situation is shown by the fact that besides the money already spent by the boards of health and the \$250,000 to be raised for the government, thousands of dollars have been subscribed and expended in ward sanitation.

Fever in Country. Two large foci of infection were discovered today outside of the city by health officers of the marine hospital service.

TO BURN TURPENTINE NEAR INFECTED HOUSES. Oyster Bay, La., Aug. 7.—Secretary Shaw came to Oyster Bay today to see the president. Secretary Shaw said that the Federal government having taken control of the yellow fever situation in New Orleans no efforts would be left untried to stamp out the epidemic.

FLEET OF REVENUE CUTTERS ORDERED SOUTH FOR USE IN THE FEVER FIGHT

Washington, Aug. 7.—In addition to the revenue cutter Winona, which is now at Gulfport, Miss., the revenue cutters Forward, now at Key West, the Hamilton, at Tampa, and the Seminole, at Wilmington, N. C., have been ordered to Gulfport for the purpose of maintaining the national quarantine, and will proceed to that point at once, and they have been directed to act under the instructions of Capt. W. G. Ross, chief of the revenue cutter service, who left tonight for New Orleans.

merely drive away the mosquitoes. If we can keep mosquitoes away from the patients suffering from the fever we can prevent them from carrying the disease to people who are not afflicted with it."

SHREVEPORT ALMOST OUT OF ALL DANGER

Shreveport, La., Aug. 7.—Dr. Goldberger of the United States marine hospital gave out the following statement of conditions as he found them at the detention camp outside of the city.

NO FEVER AT MONTGOMERY.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 7.—The yellow fever scare in Montgomery is now entirely a thing of the past and the board of health made the public announcement this afternoon that there exists no necessity of continuing its stereotyped reports.

NO DANGER AT TAMPA.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 7.—The good news comes from State Health Officer Porter that he considers the danger of infection from Victor Vialo's case as past.

SHUT UP TIGHT.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The rigid quarantine decided upon by the city council was put into operation at noon today. Armed guards were placed about the city and inspectors are on every train.

BAUFORD QUARANTINES.

Bauford, S. C., Aug. 7.—The board of health of Bauford township, including Bauford and Port Royal, today determined to institute a rigid quarantine against Louisiana and all points infected now or that may become infected with yellow fever.

CASES AT BON AMI.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 7.—State Health Officer Tabor has been advised officially that there are two cases of yellow fever at Bon Ami, La. The telegram states also that one of the suspects was dead.

AUTOMOBILE OWNER SUED FOR \$2,000

OWNER OF FRIGHTENED HORSE WANTS DAMAGES.

Buggy Was Smashed and Occupant Injured Because Chaffeur Failed to Slow Up.

Dr. I. M. McLain of Democrat yesterday began suit in the Superior court here against Dr. Wexler Smathers of this city. The complaint has not yet been filed, but it is understood that the plaintiff seeks to recover \$2,000 in compensation for damages said to have been suffered by him in a runaway. It is claimed that Dr. Smathers' automobile, driven by a young relative of the defendant, frightened Dr. McLain's horse, causing it to run away, break up the plaintiff's buggy and injure him painfully, although not seriously.

It is expected that small boats will be needed in order to make an effective patrol and to this end any boats fitted will be employed and the revenue cutter flag hoisted over them and a revenue cutter officer put on board.

It is believed that in this way an efficient quarantine can be maintained.

MORGAN GOES TO SEE TEDDY

Chinese Matters are Discussed by Financier and President

RAILROAD INTERESTS IN ORIENT A TOPIC

Peace Negotiations Also Given an Airing at Informal Luncheon

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 7.—J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, had a conference today with President Roosevelt, lasting an hour and a half. The president himself is authority for the statement that it related practically entirely to the affairs of the Hankow railroad in China, a controlling interest in which is owned by J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Morgan came to Oyster Bay unheralded. While his visit was by appointment, nothing concerning it was permitted to leak through official sources until after he had gone. He took lunch with the president and Mrs. Roosevelt.

REPUBLICANS WILL MEET IN VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 7.—The Republican state convention to nominate a full state ticket to oppose the Democrats in the general election next fall will assemble here tomorrow at noon. Every train today brought in delegates from all sections of the state.

FIRST DIVIDEND.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 7.—At a meeting of the directors of the Central Georgia railway today a dividend of 1 per cent. was declared upon the first, second and third preferred income bonds of the road.

YACHTS ARE THERE.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 7.—The yachts Dolphin and Mayflower, with their crews, bearing the Russian and Japanese commissioners to Portsmouth, sailed from this harbor at 8 a. m. Shortly after the departure of the fleet the Dolphin picked up a large number of dispatches, which are to be cabled to Japan.

ORR DIES.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The war department is informed of the death of First Lieutenant Sylvanus G. Orr, artillery corps, which occurred at Newport, Ga., August 6.

PORTSMOUTH IS DISAPPOINTED

Visitors Crowd Streets but Peace Envoys Fail to Put in Appearance

M. WITTE MAKES HIS ESCAPE IN DARKNESS

Arrives Unexpectedly and Has Train Stopped at Out of Way Crossing

Portsmouth, N. C., Aug. 7.—There was great disappointment in this city today over the delay in the arrival of the Russian and Japanese peace envoys. The news of the postponement of the negotiations had not reached many of the citizens of Portsmouth and its environs. Consequently this section of New Hampshire was astir early and by 8 o'clock every electric line from the country was bringing many sightseers.

The operators in the wireless station had a very busy day trying to pick up the Dolphin, which has the Japanese envoys on board. Tonight an answer to the numerous calls was received stating that at dark the Dolphin was off Cape Cod, seventy-five miles away. She was steaming slowly and shore on board thought the cruiser would reach the harbor about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Witte arrived in this city tonight from Boston at 11:15 o'clock, coming in a special car attached to the regular Bar Harbor express. He was enabled to avoid a crowd of several hundred people assembled at the station, through the train stopping at a crossing about a quarter of a mile from the depot. Mr. Witte was taken to the Wentworth in an automobile.

SOUTHERN TO BUILD BRANCH IN FLORIDA

Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 7.—An important deal was made here today when the Gainesville & Gulf railroad was sold to F. M. Simonton, of Tampa; A. P. Stuckey and B. W. Blunt, of Ocala. The road runs from Sampson City to Fairfield, forty-eight miles, connecting with the Georgia, Southern & Florida at Sampson City.

TWO BURNED.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 7.—Annie J. Taylor, a negro, and her daughter, aged 19 years, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a two-story tenement here today. Several other occupants of the building had narrow escapes. The financial loss was small.

NON UNION MAN BROUGHT GOAL INTO AN UPROAR OVER DELIVERY

Teamster Convention Thrown Into an Uproar Over Delivery

DELEGATE TRIES TO PREVENT THE TREASON

Sits in Manhole but Is Removed by Policeman—Driver Wins Out

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—The feature of the day's proceedings of the annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which began in Odd Fellows' temple today, was the appearance of a delegate in front of the rostrum who declared that a non-union negro coal wagon driver was delivering coal at the building in which they met.

In the meantime the negro driver was having a warm argument with several delegates on the sidewalk of the hall which attracted a large crowd. Delegate B. McCullum of New York told the negro that he could not deliver the coal while the union was in session in the building.

FATAL SHOOTING AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Abner Daugherty, Colored, Finding Moses Williams in Sister's Home Shoots Him

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WITTE SPEAKS TO HIS COUNTRYMEN

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NOW WE'LL HAVE A TRAVELLING MAN

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INDIANAPOLIS EXCURSION STEAMBOAT SINKS IN SEVEN FEET OF WATER; NOBODY DROWNED

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—The excursion steamboat Excelsior sank this evening at Broad Ripple Park, ten miles from this city, with 186 passengers on board, all of whom were men, one woman, who was rescued by a launch. No one was drowned, but several were injured in the panic. The boat plied on the backwater of Broad Ripple dam, on White river and was carrying a picnic party consisting of employees of the Indianapolis stock yards.

FIRE AT HOBOKEN DOCKS BLAZES UNCONTROLLED ENDANGERING SHIPPING

Boiler Explodes Killing Three

Terrible Accident Occurs at Saw Mill During a Fierce Rainstorm—Many Hurt

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—A telephone message from Del Rio, in Cook county, Tennessee, tells of a disastrous boiler explosion near that place this afternoon, in which three men were instantly killed, another fatally injured and seven others wounded. The scene of the fatality was a sawmill owned by T. J. Salts & Co. Fifteen men were in the boiler room when the explosion occurred, the majority being lumbermen who had been driven in by a fierce rainstorm.

IMMIGRANT STATION IS A MASS OF RUINS

Many Ferry Boats Damaged or Destroyed—Loss is About \$500,000

New York, Aug. 7.—Inside of three-quarters of an hour late tonight fire swept away the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad's terminal in Hoboken, seized two ferry boats and practically ruined them, and for half an hour threatened the rest of the waterfront in the vicinity including the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship docks, at which several big ships were lying. The loss to property is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

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Uncle Sam—I thought I banished you from Cuba. The Yellow Jack—So you did, and you want to run me out of Panama, so I came here.