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SCOURGE CHECKED

Another Day With no New Cases and no Deaths at the Infected Points.

YET CONFINED TO THESE PLACES

Officials and Experts in Charge Think There is no Danger of its Spreading—Health Officer Doty Denies That it Was Brought in Through New York—History of the Outbreak—The Man From Santiago Traced to His Home—A Furloughed Inmate Comes to This State—Strict Quarantine Regulations.

Norfolk, Va., August 3.—Dr. F. S. Hope, quarantine officer of the port of Norfolk, who is in charge of the quarantine here, gave out an interview today which is regarded as being a correct and concise statement of the yellow fever situation as regards Norfolk and vicinity.

"In the first placeL," he says, "there is not a case of yellow fever nearer Norfolk than Phoebus, on the other side of Hampton Roads, adjoining the soldiers' home. There is a cordon of armed guards—a veritable shotgun uqarantine—to protect Hampton and Old Point Comfort from Phoebus. Newport News is also maintaining a strict quarantine not only against Phoebus, but Hampton and Old Point as well.

"Norfolk, Portsmouth and all other municipalities this side of Hampton Roads, have quarantined against all the points mentioned on the peninsula. This quarantine is maintained by a fleet of patrol tugs, both in the inner and the outer harbor. The beach extending from Ocean View to Lambert's Point and from Pig Point to Craney island is also patrolled by an armed land force. The lines of traffic leading into this quarantine district, both steamboat and railroad, are in charge of competent inspectors.

"I think these precautions should assure not only our own people, but the outside world, that we will bar the disease out of this section. It cannnot, in my opinion, cross Hampton Roads. There is not, nor has there been, a suspicious case this side."

NO CAUSE TO QUARANTINE NORFOLK.

There is absolutely no cause for any cities quarantining against Norfolk. The situation here is practically unchanged except that the fears of the people are almost entirely allayed and business has assumed almost its normal condition. Nothing could be more effective than the quarantine against the infected district. Eight vessels—five tugs, two steamers of the Virginia oyster navy and the converted yacht-gunboat Siren—are patrolling the waters around Norfolk for a distance of ten miles, while every incoming train and steamer is rigidly inspected by competent physicians. These people have authority, instructions and ammunition to turn back everything that is coming this way. Outside of that, there is a small naptha launch, which is patrolling the harbor and the shallow waterways, with like authority. The beach extending from Ocean View to Lambert's Point is also patrolled by an artillery company, as is the beach from Pig Point to Craney island. There has not been even a rumor of a suspicious case here or hereabouts, and there is no just grounds for any violent action on the part of any city against Norfolk or Portsmouth.

Dr. A. C. Smith, of the marine hospital service, who has been on leave, returned to the city from Rochester, N. Y., this morning, and took charge of his office in the customs house building. He says that the people of Norfolk, so far as he can see, are unnecessarily alarmed.

As a result of a conference today between Mayor Johnston, the health authorities, Mr. Crowell, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company and several merchants, it was arranged for the transfer of provisions and medicines from Norfolk to soldiers' home, Phoebus, Hampton and Old Point by the Old Dominion Line, the same to begin tomorrow morning. An open, unin pited barge will be anchored between Craney island and Lambert's Point. Provisions will be carried from Norfolk on the steamer Luray and placed on this barge. From there they will be taken to the points quarantined against by the steamer Hatteras, which will fly a yellow flag and carry an inspector.

A STATEMENT BY HEALTH OFFICER DOTY.

New York, August 3.—The following statement regarding the yellow fever situation was given out tonight by Dr. A. H. Doty, health officer of the port of New York:

"What is claimed to be an authoritative statement regarding the cause of the outbreak of yellow fever at the national soldiers' home, at Hampton, Va., appeared in the press yesterday. The substance of the statement is as follows:

"'An elderly inmate of the home obtained leave of absence and visited Santiago and on his return he brought with him some extra clothing with which in some way he passed New York quarantine without examination and disinfection of clothing and subsequently reached Hampton.'

"A statement of this character, unsupported by facts, is hardly entitled to serious consideration. Since May 1st every passenger arriving at this station on vessels from Cuban ports has been held at quarantine for a period of five days from the time of embarkation, unless he presented an immune certificate issued by a representative of the marine hospital service at the port of departure. Not one exception has been made. If the passengers arrive on a United States transport the vessel is detained at quarantine with the passengers on board, under the constant supervision of a member of the medical corps of the United States army. At the expiration of five days from the time of embarkation and after a report from the surgeon in charge that all are well the passengers are brought to the dock and personally examined before the vessel is released. In the case of merchant vessels all passengers who do not hold immune certificates are removed to Hoffman island and detained there under the observation of officers of this department until the completion of the above period and are then released only after a careful inspection.

"It is believed that five days is the maximum period of incubation of yellow fever. This statement had the endorsement of Surgeon George H. Sternberg, surgeon general of the United States army, as well as others who have had long experience with yellow fever and are competent to decide this question. The disease usually appears on the second or third day. The statement occasionally made that the period of incubation of yellow fever extends beyond five days is not accepted by those who are familiar with the disease. Therefore, if a careful inspection at the end of five days after leaving an infected area discloses no evidence of yellow fever, it may be accepted that the person examined is not a menace to the public health. A rule embodying this principle is rigidly enforced by this department.

"The clothing and effects of those leaving Santiago are disinfected before embarkation. This is the only safe and practical way—otherwise presumably infected material may be taken on board the vesssel. The disinfection is performed at Santiago by a representative of the marine hospital service. I have accepted his certificate of disinfection, as I have every reason to believe that this work has been carefully and properly performed."

THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND.

Richmond, Va., August 3.—A special tonight to The Dispatch from Newport News makes encouraging report as to the situation in the yellow fever district. Cheerful phone messages have been received during the day, and Colonel Woodfin's last statement tonight was an iteration of the one he sent this morning, it being: "No new cases and no deaths."

The citizens' shotgun quarantine is maintained at Newport News, however, and no one can pass the lines. Colonel Woodfin is quoted as criticising the statements sent out from Washington about what the national authorities are doing at the home. He says they are managing the matter 200 miles away and the real credit is due the staff of the home and the trained nurses. Surgeons Van Esdorf and Korb, of the marine hospital service, arrived at Hampton today. Dr. Korb handled the yellow fever situation at Key West. He made a tour of inspection of the town this afternoon and expressed the opinion that the situation was well in hand. He said he saw no reason why the people of Hampton or Phoebus should fear a spread of the fever.

At a meeting of the Business Mens' Association at Hampton today, Dr. White, of the marine hospital service, made a statement, which was also most encouraging.

NEWPORT NEWS QUARANTINES NORFOLK.

Newport News, Va., August 3.—The board of health at a meeting held tonight quarantined against Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The action of the board of health of Newport News in establishing the quarantine met with hearty approval among the leading citizens and business men of the city, who claimed and were upheld by the board, that the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth had not taken proper steps to protect themselves against the infected district.

THE SITUATION FAVORALE.

Wachington, August 3.—The yellow fever situation at Hampton continues favorable and encouraging, in the opinion of the officials of the marine hospital service. According to official reports there has been no spread of the contagion since yesterday, nor has any of the cases now under treatment proved fatal since that time.

It is hoped to confine the disease to the soldiers' home and Phoebus, but Surgeon General Wyman thinks it too early to make a definite prophecy regarding the outbreak, as it is only four or five days since the presence of the fever became known to the officials here.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock Dr. Wyman received the following telegram from Dr. Vickery, stationed at the soldiers' home: "Situation favorable and encouraging. No new cases and no deaths."

Dr. Wyman tonight received from the home a list of the members of the institution who were furloughed on and after the 22nd of July, the day after a number of the inmates became sick with the fever. Accompanying the names were the exact dates and time of the furloughs and the destination of those to whom they were granted. The surgeon general gave this information to the press and asks that newspapers in the places to which these persons have gone publish it and that medical officers hold under close observation for a period of at least ten days after they left the home such of the inmates as they may be able to find. Most of the inmates furloughed have fortunately gone to northern cities. In the list appears "Solomon Mullen, destination Elizabeth City, N. C."

Surgeon Pettus wired from Fort Monroe tonight that there is nothing new and that a good patrol is being maintained.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McCure will be on duty at Craney island. He will go there tonight with persons held in detention at Berkeley. Some from Norfolk were sent over today. Dr. John Archinard, of New Orleans, will reach Washington in a few days for duties that may be assigned to him.

Regarding rumors said to prevail in Newport News that government experts had pronounced the disease not to be yellow fever, Dr. Wyman and General Sternberg each said tonight that no such information had been sent to either of them and that no reason was known for questioning that the disease was yellow fever.

THE MAN WHO BROUGHT THE DISEASE.

The marine hospital officials at Hampton have succeeded in tracing and locating the former inmate of the soldiers' home, who is believed to have brought yellow fever to that place. His name is William Thomas. He arrived at the home on a transport from Santiago where he had been visiting between July 2nd and 5th last. He was admitted to the home as a veteran and shortly after developed chills and fever. In the light of subsequent events the experts believe there is little doubt that he was affected with a mild case of yellow fever, although it was not diagnosed as such at the time. When well enough to travel he left the home and his baggage was sent to Phoebus. The man himself went to Columbus City, Washington, where he now lives. Surgeon General Wyman regards it as fortunate that Thomas went to such a high latitude as it greatly lessens any danger of infection.

Surgeon General Wyman had a cail this morning from Colonel A. J. Smith, inspector general of the Hampton home. He was accompanied by General Martin McMahon. Colonel Smith presented a letter from William B. Franklin, president of the board of managers of the home, authorizing Colonel Smith to act for the board in co-operating with the surgeon general in every possible way. Colonel Smith and General McMahon, after talking over the situation with Dr. Wyman, left for Norfolk where they will manage the collection and transmission of supplies to the home during the continuance of the quarantine.

CHANGE IN THE DESTINATION OF THE GARRISON.

Another change was made today in the destination of the troops at Fort Monroe. General Merritt telegraphed the war department that in deference to the earnest recommendation of Surgeon General Wyman, he would direct that the troops be sent to Plum island on Long Island sound. The soldiers will be taken away on the government transport McClellan, which will leave New York tonight and will arrive at the fort tomorrow.

TO FUMIGATE THE MAILS.

Acting General Superintendent Grant, of the railway mail service, has issued instructions for the fumigation of all mail from Hampton, the soldiers' home, Phoebus, Fort Monroe and Rip-Raps.

The Virginia board of health has notified the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad not to stop its trains anywhere between Williamsburg and Newport News.

Late tonight Dr. Wyman received this dispatch from Surgeon Wasdin, on duty at the home: "No new cases at the home, no deaths, no other cases in Phoebus."

HISTORY OF THE OUTBREAK.

Governor Woodfin, of the soldiers' home at Hampton, tonight wired the Associated Press as follows:

"In view of the exaggerated reports in the daily press throughout the country as to the epidemic of yellow fever at the home, I deem it incumbent on the duty I owe to the public and particularly to the families of the 4,000 members of this home to make the following statement:

"The disease first made its appearance about the 22nd of July, when several members were sick in quarters, but did not consider themselves sufficiently ill to require hospital treatment, but on the 27th the surgeon ordered several to the hospital, and not until the next day did any symptoms of yellow fever appear at which time Surgeon Vickery reported the facts to me and recommended that a yellow fever expert be requested from Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, who ordered Dr. Wasdin to report to Dr. Vickery for the purpose of investigation. On Saturday he reached here and he hesitated about coming to a decision until such time as he could hold an autopsy. Such autopsy was held on Sunday and the doctor, without hesitation, declared it to be yellow fever. Since the outbreak of the disease there have been forty cases, out of which number five have died up to this date. The outlook at the present time is that if the present favorable weather continues we shall have no further spread of the fever and we feel confident it is now under control. The home is so thoroughly quarantined by land and water that there is no probability of the fever spreading beyond the home limit.

CARE OF THE INMATES.

"I am instructed by General W. B. Franklin, president of the board of managers N. H. N. V. S., to spare no expense in efforts to eradicate the scourge and for the employment of immune doctors and nurses and supplies and can assure the public that with our efficient medical staff, trained nurses and well appointed hospitals, in every respect the care with which these veterans receive is equal to the best which could be provided elsewhere, even in their own homes. The improvement in the conditions of the patients, I will add in conclusion, is so great that of the total number above referred to as having the disease, ten have been transferred back from the hospital as convalescent.

"P. T. WOODFIN,
"Governor."

QUARANTINES AT THE SOUTH.

Montgomery, Ala., August 3.—In accordance with the governor's proclamation of quarantine against yellow fever infected points, quarantine officers have been put on all trains coming from northern and eastern points.

Jacksonville, Fla., August 3.—Today Dr. Porter, state health officer, issued the following, which will require that any person desiring to reach Florida must have a certificate showing whence he came:

"Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 3, 1899.

"To all Railroads, Steamboats and other Transportation Companies, and the Public Generally:

"Notice is hereby given that no person or persons from Hampton, Phoebus or other Virginia points contiguous thereto, from whence cases of yellow fever are now, or may hereafter be reported, will be admitted into the state of Florida, unless possessed of certificates of immunity to yellow fever, signed by an officer of the United States marine hospital service.

"All passengers from the north and east are advised to procure traveling or identification certificates ere starting for Florida in order to establish their identity, point of departure and residence during the past ten days."

Bad Condition of Young Men in Cuba

Havana, August 3.—The El Diario El Marine publishes a letter today which says tha the condition of the young Cubans has become very bad. A large number were deprived of their parents by the war and have been left without support or guiding influences. Naturally, in many cases they fall a prey to vice, as is shown by the very large proportion of young persons who figure as criminals in the police dockets.

The writer of the letter suggests the establishment of homes for waifs. These he would have connected with suitable tracts of land, where the children could be brought up out of harm's way and could be taught to till the soil.

The Shamrock Starts for New York

Fairlie, August 3.—The cup challenger Shamrock started for New York today, but after proceeding a short distance had a slight mishap to her bowsprit and had to return. At 5 o'clock this evening another start was made and amid an enthusiastic send-off the yacht stood off down Bute sound.

Sir Thomas Lipton, having bidden the challenger farewell, immediately started for London.

It is expected that the Shamrock will clear the Mull of Kintyre tonight and that the Erin, Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht, will catch her off Malin Head.

An Engagement in High Life Announced

Cowes, August 3.—The engagement of Lady Randolph Churchill to Lieutenant G. F. M. Cornwallis-West, son of the famous beauty, Lady Cornwallis-West, was announced today. It is said that the marriage will occur in October next. Lieutenant Cornwallis-West is tall and good looking, and very closely resembles his sister, Princess Henry, of Pless. Lady Randolph Churchill and her son, Lieutenant Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, have apartments at the Marine hotel.

In today's yacht race the Meteor again defeated the Britannia.

"Our baby was sick for a month with severe cough and catarrhal fever. Although we tried many remedies she kept getting worse until we used One Minute Cough Cure—it relieved at once and cured her in a few days."—B. L. Nance, Prin. High School, Bluffdale, Texas. R. R. Bellamy.

More Gold from Klondyke

San Francisco, August 3—The steamer Charles Nelson arrived today from St. Michaels. The Nelson carried 111 passengers, who brought down about $150,000. The amount of treasury sent down in care of the purser is understood to be large.

The news from Dawson is not encouraging. Thousands of men are idle, loafing on every street corner and in every saloon. The government has already sent many back to their former homes.

Hamilton Clark, of Chauncey, Ga., says he suffered with itching piles twenty years before trying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, two boxes of which completely cured him. Beware of worthless and dangerous counterfeits R. R. Bellamy.

Dreyfus Case Witnesses Absolved from Secrecy

Paris, August 3.—It appears that the minister of war, General the Marquis Gallifet, has absolved all the military witnesses at the court-martial of Captain Dreyfus at Rennes from professional secrecy with the exception that he has required them not to divulge the names of French agents abroad or disclose anything which could complicate the foreign relations of France.

Robbed and Murdered

Norfolk, Va., August 3.—Charles Wyatt, a well known citizen of Norfolk county was murdered and then robbed in his home near Portsmouth last night by a negro burglar. The negro escaped, after taking about $8 from Mr. Wyatt's pockets.

THE FARMER'S INSTITUTE

Second Day of the Meeting at Red Springs Remarkably Interesting

(Special to The Messenger.)

Red Springs, N. C., August 3.—Another great day at the farmers' institute. Commissioner Patterson said the audience was the largest he ever saw at an institute and the intelligence of the people and interest taken was unsurpassed. People from Robeson and adjoining counties, Fayetteville and South Carolina thronged the town.

Lectures were delivered on forage crops and stock raising by Professor Massey; on cotton and its products, by Professor Kilgore; on forestry and public roads, by Professor Holmes; floriculuture, by Professor Massey.

There was a question box and interesting discussions. Many ladies were present. The people seemed greatly interested in silos and ensilage.

The speakers, especially Professor Holmes, highly praised the institute, the town and its noble institution and the fine mineral water.

A LEAP FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE

The Effect of Coney Island Booze on a Theatrical Man

New York, August 3.—Henna Hauser, treasurer of the Herald Square theatre, in this city, jumped from the middle span of the Brooklyn bridge at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He was rescued from the water and will recover.

Hauser was a passenger on an electric car bound from Brooklyn to New York. He sat calmly reading a newspaper until lthe middle of the bridge was reached, when he jumped off the car. Throwing off his coat, Hauser climbed upon the outer railing. The bridge policemen, passengers on the cars and the car men made a rush for him. He regarded their approach coolly, hesitated a moment and then leaped clear of the structure. He struck the water just astern of a ferry boat.

A passenger sprang overboard and seized Hauser when he reappeared on the surface. He was lifted aboard, taken to shore and sent to the hospital.

Hauser is about 30 years old and is very well known in the theatrical fraternity. When asked why he made the jump he said it was because he was a drunken fool. He insisted that he had no trouble of any source, either in his family or financially. Finally he jokingly remarked: "That's what Coney Island booze does for a fellow."

THE WORLD'S CYCLE RECORD

For One Thousand Miles Broken by A. A. Hansen at Minneapolis

Minneapolis, August 3.—The world's bicycle record for 1,000 miles held by T. A. Edge, of London, England, and made over an ordinary turnpike road, has been broken by A. A. Hansen, who finished his long ride early this morning, covering the distance in 92 hours and 44 minutes. The time made by Edge was 105 hours and 19 minutes.

It may be questioned whether Hansen will be accorded in all quarters the world's record, as he rode over a boulevard, while Edge made his ride over an ordinary road. At the same time, it is questionable whether Hansen's path was at all superior to the hard macadam of the English country road. The Minneapolis rider finished at 2:54 o'clock this morning after having been actually in the saddle seventy-three hours. In order to make the thing sure as to distance, Hansen was sent another twenty miles after completing his ride.

Hansen finished in very good condition, considering the severity of the task he had in hand. The handlers do not anticipate any evil effect will ensue.

A Captain Cashiered For Cowardice

Des Moines, Iowa, August 3.—The adjutant general is in receipt of Manila advices that Captain A. F. Burton, of Company B, Fifty-first Iowa, from Villisca, has been suspended for cowardice and is now at Manila awaiting dishonorable discharge.

Burton was principal of the schools at Wymore, Neb., when the war broke out and disappeared, going back to his old home at Villisca, Iowa, and taking the captaincy of the company. He is reported to have deserted the troops in an engagement and hidden in a ditch while the company went into action without him.

More Yellow Fever at Santiago

Santiago de Cuba, August 3.—Two new cases of yellow fever were officially reported today. There was one death from the disease.

Colonel Moale is expected here Saturday to begin the payment of the Cuban soldiery in this city. No impatience has been displayed thus far over the necessary delay.

The beneficial effects of the payments already made at Guantanamo is shown by the general purchasing of farming implements and clothing.

Nearly eight thousand soldiers will be paid here.

Our Government Surveying the Alaska Boundary

Seattle, Washington, August 3.—According to the statement of Phillip Sheridan, formerly crown prosecutor at Dawson, the United States has had surveyors at work the past two years locating the Alaskan boundary line. He said: "I came out from Dawson with a man named James Haines, or Hayes, who for two years has been at work on a survey extending from the southern boundary of Alaska to the Yukon river and I have every reason to believe that this work was done under the direction of the United States government."

All weak places in your system effectually closed against disease by DeWitt's Little Early Rsers. They cleanse the bowels, promptly cure chronic constipation, regulate the liver, and fill you with new life and vigor. Small, pleasant, sure; never gripe. R. R. Bellamy.

Hanged for a Criminal Assault

Blakeley, Ga., August 3.—Louis Henderson, a negro who has been in the employ of J. W. Bowman, a planter in this county, for four years past, yesterday attempted to commit an assault on the six-year old daughter of Mr. Bowman. He was captured by the father and today was taken in hand by a band of lynchers. The mob was very quiet and orderly, and before the town knew what was going on, the negro was hanging from a limb in the outskirts of the town.

Irritating stings, bites, scratches, wounds and cuts soothed and healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve—a sure and safe application for tortured flesh. Beware of counterfeits.—R. R. Bellamy.

"Smiling John" Kelly Dead

New York, August 3.—John Kelly, the Tammany leader and sporting man, better known as "Smiling John" Kelly, died today, aged 55 years. He is said to have been Richard Croker's closest friend and he had a wide acquaintance among turf men, having owned and raced many fine horses.

NO CAUSE FOR QUARANTINE

Against Portsmouth and Norfolk.

FEVER NOT SPREADING

Undue Alarm of Outsiders Over the Situation—Statements From Surgeon General Wyman and Others Showing That There is no Cause for Alarm. The Cities Near the Infected Locality Thoroughly Protected The Littleton Quarantine Raised.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Portsmouth, Va., August 3.—The subjoined interview with Dr. Wyman from the Washington correspondent of The New York Herald was today received in Portsmouth by Mr. W. E. Christian, of the Seaboard Air Line:

Washington, August 3.—"I think we have the situation well in hand," Dr. Wyman says today. "The lapse of another day without any spread must incessantly every day lessen the probability of the disease getting outside of the present territory. Reports from Norfolk and Portsmouth show no persons there who were exposed to the disease. It is not believed there is any danger at either place."

Yesterday some of the health authorities at Littleton, N. C., taking council of their fears, quarantined against Portsmouth and Norfolk. As soon as the news reached here the Seaboard Air Line authorities at once took action, which immediately allayed the fears of the Littleton people, who at once raised the quarantine.

The following correspondence explains itself:

"Portsmouth, Va., August 3.

"Dr. L. J. Picott, Littleton, N. C.:

"Referring to quarantine of Littleton against Norfolk and Portsmouth, this action is surely absurd. There is absolutely no occasion for alarm. Official reports from Surgeon General Wyman in charge at Hampton, report the fever entirely confined to the soldiers' home and no deaths in the past twenty-four hours and only two new cases.

"An absolute strict quarantine is being maintained against Hampton, Newport News, Old Point and the entire peninsula and there is absolutely no reason for your people being alarmed. The action of your health board will militate very much against the business of your town. Yours is the only place in the United States that has quarantined against Norfolk or Portsmouth. Under the prescribed form our conductors will be compelled to block our cars and stop no trains of any character at Littleton from either direction in order to carry out successfully the order passed by your board.

"T. W. WHISNANT,
"Superintendent."

"Littleton, N. C., August 3.

"T. W. Whisnant:

"Action was without my knowledge, and is ridiculous. The authorities have decided to admit all refugees from Norfolk and Portsmouth upon certificate from the health officer of either Portsmouth or Norfolk. Send the folks along. The whole town ridicules the action of the board of health.

"L. J. PICOTT,
"Health Officer."

With the great mass of the people living around this port, there never has been any undue anxiety as to the visitation from 'Yellow Jack;' still there are some persons, excitable people who in spite of the most patent facts in the case, will persist in giving away to their fears, which in turn has the duo effect upon others. To all such if they read the following statements made by F. S. Hope, state quarantine medical officer of this port, and Norfolk, and Mr. St. John, vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, there can remain no excuse for further fear.

As preliminary to what follows, this statement was made to Dr. Rowe:

"Dr. I want to get a clean cut statement from you as to the situation, what you think the probabilities are in regard to Norfolk and Portsmouth and what the actualities are as to the places outside."

"In relation to the situation that now exists—It is perfect folly for us to attempt to determine the cause and inception of the outbreak at the infected points. That is a matter that will be of scientific and professional importance later on.

"The thing that we are to look at is a practical situation and that is that the fever since the 30th of last month, the date upon which it was diganosed, has been confined to its zone of inception. As is well known, it only takes from three to five days for yellow fever to develop. In the opinion of the very best men who are competent to give opinions on this subject, ten days at the longest is ample time for any infection that may have escaped from the infected locality to develop. Our advices in connection with the health department of the community, reinforced by the opinion of the experts of the federal government, is that this ten days limit is long enough.

"I think that the people on the peninsula at Newport News are thoroughly protected by a shot gun cordon around their town, which is absolutely effective. Old Point is an ideal place for quarantine, as it is connected with the land by a bridge only with Phoebus and the soldiers' home. The management of the situation there as you know, is this: Dr. Pettus, United States marine hospital representative, is in full control with absolute power and authority. The outside man both at Phoebus and the soldiers' home is Dr. White, an efficient and competent man and one of national reputation in the special line. Dr. Wertenbaker is the co-operative man at Newport News.

"I think these communities can be assured that the situation there is in thoroughly competent hands, and will be managed with consummate skill and success. For our own protection the quarantine district of which we are a part, Norfolk and Portsmouth and Norfolk county, we have five tug boats patrolling the beaches extending from York river to a mile beyond Newport News.

"The people have authority, instructions and ammunition to turn back everything that is coming this way. Outside of that we have a small naptha launch which is patrolling the harbor and the shallow waterways on this side with like authority. The beach extending from Ocean View to Lambert's Point is also patrolled, as is the beach from Pig Point to Caney island. The lines of traffic leading into this quarantine district, both steamboat and railroad, are in charge of competent men and with this condition of things I think we are in a position not only to assure our own people here but to say to the outside world, that the effort we are making to protect ourselves and to protect them are a guarantee that it will be done successfully.

"Yellow fever does not travel very rapidly, as is evident by the history of the disease. In two months our climate will also render us immune and I have every reason to believe the efforts being made now will be successful in controlling the whole situation for two months.

"With these assurances to our own people and to the varied commercial interests, both local and those with whom we are in touch, and with the further assurance that we are going to be perfectly frank with them in everything of a suspicious character, I am sure they will see that there is no cause for any uneasiness."

"Doctor, are there any cases in Norfolk or Portsmouth?"

"There is absolutely no hint of a case so far."

"Nor any present probability?"

"No, sir."

"Do you feel that the worst is over?"

"I think they are going to handle the situation with success; but I feel so far as we are concerned, that we are perfectly safe in Norfolk and Portsmouth."

Mr. St. John said: "I see no cause for special anxiety. On the other hand I see many reasons for believing the present troubles will continued to be confined to the small territory within which they originated. To my mind there is not the slightest occasion for alarm. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, Ocean View, Virginia Beach and the territory connected therewith to the present time have produced not one single case, and I believe are not likely to. Norfolk and Portsmouth are in the hands of city governments, which command the respect of the people and the gentlemen in charge know well how to act in emergencies. On the other hand, Surgeon General Wyman at Washington, is looking after the situation at the soldiers' home, Phoebus and Hampton, and there is no question as to his ability to cope with troubles of this kind; and that he will confine the disease to those localities in the belief of all who know the man and appreciate his wonderful abilities.

(Signed.) W. E. CHRISTIAN."

SOUTH AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Four Republics Propose to Form an Alliance Against the United States—Also to Reduce Armaments

Montevideo, August 3.—President Roca, of the Argentine republic and party, on board the Argentine cruiser San Merlin arrived here today to visit President Cuestas, of Uraguay, on his way to Brazil.

London, August 3.—The London Times publishes a dispatch from Buenos Ayres July 2nd, saying President Roca, of the Argentine republic, would leave that country about the middle of July for Uraguay and Brazil with the intention of inviting the presidents of those republics to meet at Buenos Ayres in the autumn and confer with the president of Chili, Senor E. Krazuriz on the question of reducing South American armaments. It was added that he would also propose an alliance of the four republics.

A dispatch from London to the Associated Press, August 1st, gave the substance of a message sent by the Rome correspondent of The Morning Post to his paper. He said:

"According to news received here, the victory over Spain and the growth of imperialism in the United States, has led the large South American republics to talk of an alliance against the United States and it is alleged that the preliminaries of such an alliance have been concluded between Brazil and Argentine.

Put in Atlanta Jail to Prevent Lynching

Atlanta, Ga., August 3.—John Mullins, the Coweta county negro who is charged with an attempted assault on Mrs. Cook near Senoia, Ga., yesterday, was brought to Atlanta under military guard and placed in the county jail to keep him from the vengeance of a mob.

Mullins was captured soon after the crime was committed and while the officers were carrying him through the county to Newman, where it was thought he would be safe, a mob was trying to overtake the officers and secure the prisoner. When the Newman jail was reached the Newman Guards were called out and the company guarded the jail through the whole night. The officers this morning, fearing further trouble, brought the negro to this city where he will be held until his trial.

Receiver Asked for a Building and Loan Association

Pittsburg, August 3.—In the United States circuit court today Harvey Gray, of Connecticut, filed a bill in equity against the New York National Building and Loan Asssociation, asking that receivers be appointed to take charge of the assets of the defendant company in this district, valued at $200,000. The states in which the defendant company has property are New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Connecticut, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and Texas.

It is alleged that the defendant association is insolvent; that it will be unsafe to further carry on the business and that the interests of the creditors require that receivers be appointed to preserve the assets.

The court fixed tomorrow for a hearing.

It is Now "Lord Pauncefote"

London, August 3.—The British ambassador to the United States assumes the title of Lord Pauncefote, as a result of his elevation to the peerage. He is considering what territorial style he will take. The ambassador will return to The Hague shortly, to complete some peace conference details there, and will start for Washington in October. He will finally retire from the diplomatic service in March or April next.

Lord Pauncefote expects to resume the Alaska negotiations, which have been "suspended during the hot weather," on his arrival in Washington.

A Light House Keeper Without Oil

Philadelphia, August 3.—The captain of the British steamship Glooscap, which arrived here today from Iloilo with a cargo of sugar, reports that on April 2nd when passing Cape Melville, Balabac island, one of the Philippines, he found the lighthouse keeper without provisions and unable to light his lamp because he had no oil. The Glooscap furnished supplies and reported the fact to the British consul at Batavia. The natives of the island, the captain says, had been killed by Spaniards.

A Precaution Against Smallpox

Atlanta, Ga., August 3.—A general order has been issued by the prison commission of Georgia in which all persons are requested to refrain from visiting the prison camps throughout the state, and an additional order prohibiting guards and camp officials from going away from the camps.

This isolation of the prisoners is to prevent the spread of smallpox among the convicts. Members of the commission state that the order is a precautionary measure, as no smallpox now actually exists among the prisoners.

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Russia Satisfied With the Peace Congress

St. Petersburg, August 3.—The Official Messenger today publishes a government communique reviewing lengthily the result of The Hague peace conference. After referring to the sympathetic reception the powers accorded the czar's "magnanimous appeal for peace," it proceeds: "The results of the conference have fully come up to the expectations of the government."

General Funston to Remain in the Army

Leavenworth, Kas., August 3.—A letter from General Funston was received by Dr. R. Anthony, Jr., of The Leavenforth Times today. The general announces that he will stay in the army until the war in the Philippines is at an end and will not muster-out with his regiment.

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