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THE GRASP OF DREAD FEVER

The Situation, Both in the City and Adjacent Places Shows Considerable Signs of Decided Improvement — The End is Near.

(By the Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Sept. 27.—The heaviest rainfall for many weeks began before daylight. The rain was steady for more than two hours, completely flushing the gutters. How much damage was done to cistern screens is difficult to say, but all the oil and a good deal of the salt in the gutters was washed away.

Nevertheless, the fever fight is now considered so well in hand that even the creation of fresh breeding places for mosquitoes causes little alarm. Reports from the country show a steady improvement in the situation in almost every direction. Only three deaths throughout the State in the past 24 hours. A new mosquito ordinance has been passed by the City Council. It represents work of the best sanitarians, lawyers and officials here and has the endorsement of the Federal authorities, who were consulted in its preparation.

Tuesday's Fever Record.
New Orleans, Sept. 27.—The report of the yellow fever situation to 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon was as follows:

New cases 31, total to date 2,899; deaths 5, total to date 375; 1 new case; 7 patients being treated; 28 patients discharged 3,238.

Though the deaths were more numerous than since Sunday, the fever situation yesterday was regarded as showing unmistakable signs of improvement. Cases were reported infrequently during the day, and the total for the 24 hours was considered favorable.

Isolated cases are appearing where people are neglecting local physicians and risking the development of concealed centers of infection. Surgeon Berry is engaged in an investigation of two such cases with the promise of affidavits against them. Dr. White is disposed to overlook the transgressions of the poorer classes, but he is determined that no one who is able to have a doctor shall fail to make report of cases.

More interest centers here now in this question, whether or not the yellow fever germ is to be discovered as the result of the investigations that are in progress, than in the fever itself, but the public is left in much uncertainty by the vagueness of the disclosures that have thus far been made regarding the causes.

FOR BUYING THE POISON

With Which His Brother Committed Suicide Dargan Was Indicted.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Columbia, S. C., Sept. 27.—A special from Darlington to the State relates the following presentation, "We the grand jury present Pegram Dargan for aiding and abetting Robert Keith Dargan in taking his own life, by procuring and giving to his brother, Robert Keith Dargan, carbolic acid and other drugs with which he took his life on the 11th day of July, 1905, in Darlington, S. C. We offer as witnesses, J. N. Clah-ton, G. B. Edwards, J. S. Floyd and J. K. Doyle."

R. K. Dargan was president of the Independent Cotton Oil Company and of the Darlington Trust Company, institutions which have recently failed. Dargan committed suicide in July by taking poison.

SPEAKER NIXON'S ILLNESS.

May Cause the Adjournment of the Legislative Committee on Life Insurance.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 27.—Upon the convening of the special legislative committee, investigating life insurance, Chairman Armstrong announced that owing to the serious illness of Speaker Nixon of the Assembly the committee met under distressing circumstances. "From information at hand," Senator Armstrong said, "it is feared he cannot recover, and in the event of his death, the committee will instantly adjourn."

Jacob H. Schiff, head of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., will take the stand to-day or to-morrow. The first witness was George C. Van Tuyl, secretary and treasurer of the Albany Trust Company, who produced a transcript of the account of Andrew Hamilton and stated that neither the bank nor he had a knowledge of the purpose for which the

checks were paid in or out of that account. Henry Rogers Winthrop, assistant secretary of the Equitable Life, renounced his testimony as to the fraudulent transactions of his company.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Several Were Held Yesterday and Others Take Place To-day.
(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Sept. 27.—That the opponents of tariff revision and Canadian reciprocity and supporters of Eben S. Draper for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor was in the Republican primaries yesterday appeared evident when returns from the small country towns were received.

To-day the Democratic caucus will take place in all cities and towns except several that held them yesterday. There are but few contests among the Democrats.

STOCK LAW ELECTION.

There is Little Doubt But That the Law Will Be Defeated.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Carthage, N. C., Sept. 27.—At an election held yesterday the people of Moore county voted on the question of stock law or no stock law. The returns from the various precincts are not all in, but the indications are that stock law is defeated by at least 600 majority. It appears that a very light vote was polled. A large portion of the county is already under stock law. It has been argued, with much force, that the citizens of the present stock law territory had no moral right to participate in the election, and it seems that this reasoning bore fruit yesterday when a great many who now reside in stock law territory refused to come out to the election. Especially was this the case of those favoring stock law. The result of the election is not encouraging to stock law advocates. A bitter campaign has been waged through the county papers.

AS THE TRAIN RUSHED ON

Two Men Fought for Life in the Express Car After a Quarrel, the Exact Details of Which Are Not Known.

(By the Associated Press.)
Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—John E. Ryan, of Chicago, Pacific express messenger on the Wabash passenger train, and Edward Greene, of Chicago, former express messenger, fought with pistols in Ryan's car to-day. Both are seriously wounded and may die.

Conflicting stories are told by the combatants. Greene says he got on the express car intending to go to his home at Pittsfield. He was an old friend and Ryan, Greene claims, permitted him to ride. Greene says he assisted Ryan with the express matter and that they then began drinking. Jokes led to a quarrel and Greene says he and Ryan drew pistols at the same time.

Ryan's story is that he did not see Greene in the car until the train reached Cerro Gordo. Believing Greene jumped in for the purpose of robbery Ryan fired at him.

ENTIRE TOWN IN PERIL.

Raging Fire at Colon Has Already Destroyed Many Valuable Buildings.

(By the Associated Press.)
Colon, Tuesday, Sept. 26.—10:45 p. m.—A terrific fire started in Bolivia street, near the railroad buildings. Several valuable properties have already been destroyed. The railroad buildings are, so far, safe. The post-office was destroyed and the fire is still raging and burning northward. If the wind shifts to the north the whole town will be imperiled.

Colon, Wednesday, Sept. 27.—6:30 a. m.—The fire was extinguished at 2:30 o'clock this morning. More than 20 houses were destroyed. All railroad property is intact, but all the Panama government offices and leased buildings were burned. Hardly anything was saved. The estimated damage is \$50,000.

DR. PARKHURST HOME.

Will Once More Make Things Hum in the Metropolitan City.
New York, Sept. 27.—Dr. Charles Parkhurst, the noted reformer and head of the Parkhurst Society for the Suppression of Vice, returned from his vacation in Europe to-day. He is much improved in health and says that he will take as much part in the municipal campaign as his duties and health will permit.

ARE HOMEWARD BOUND AT LAST

Japanese Peace Envoy, Baron Komura, and His Party Left New York To-day on Their Return Trip to Fair Japan.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 27.—The return to Japan of Baron Komura, the Japanese peace plenipotentiary, began when he left New York for Montreal in the party were Baron Kaneko and Aikmar Sato, secretary to the peace envoy. The Japanese left over the New York Central in the private car of Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railroad over which lines they will be transported from Montreal to Vancouver.

THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

It is Expected a Writ for Extradition Will be Signed To-morrow.

(By the Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Canada, Sept. 27.—A writ for the extradition of Gaynor and Greene will probably be issued tomorrow, unless some further method of delaying the proceedings can be discovered. A report of the extradition commissioner recommending the issuing of the warrant and all other papers in the case are before the Department of Justice. A writ of extradition is ready for the signature of Minister Fitzpatrick, who is in Quebec to-day, but will be here to-morrow. It is expected the warrant will then be signed and the men delivered to the United States officers.

TRIAL OF POSTMISTRESS.

After a Preliminary Hearing She Was Bound Over to the Federal Court.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wilmington, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Florence M. Hall, postmistress at Hillsboro, Columbus county, was yesterday given a preliminary hearing at Whiteville on the charge of tampering with the mails. Mrs. Hall had no witnesses. The prosecution offered as witnesses a negro mail clerk and two officials of the Bogue Trading Company, of Hillsboro. After hearing the evidence, the commissioner bound Mrs. Hall over to the Federal Court. The friends of the defendant, while not admitting her guilt, claim that if she did unlawfully open any letters, that only curiosity prompted the act. Hall was furnished and Mrs. Hall released.

EQUITABLE LIFE SOCIETY.

Held Its Regular Monthly Meeting, Which Was Well Attended.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 27.—The regular monthly meeting of the Equitable Society directors was held and President Morton presented a detailed statement of the business for the first eight months of the year and a number of subjects, dealing with the new regime were discussed. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, wrote a letter expressing regret of his inability to accept the position of director, because of a press of duties at the University. President Morton announced the meeting was largely attended, especially by directors from out of town and was in all respects satisfactory.

CREMATED WHILE ASLEEP.

(By the Associated Press.)
Fort Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 27.—Five children were cremated in a fire caused by an explosion of gasoline, which destroyed the Adamson home this morning while they were asleep. The eldest child was 10 and the youngest 3 years old. The father had gone to work and the mother was visiting a neighbor. The neighbors discovered the fire but could do nothing. It was with great difficulty that the mother was restrained from throwing herself into the flames.

SENTENCED BUT APPEALS.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—Minister Merry, at San Jose, Costa Rica, has cabled the State Department that William S. Albers has been sentenced to three years in prison, but that an appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court.

NO CLUE AS YET.

(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Sept. 27.—No progress in the solution of the "suit case" mystery seemed evident, though the police are hopeful of obtaining early results from the investigation. The search of Winthrop Cove by divers for the head and limbs of the victim of the tragedy will probably be continued for several days.

HIGH POINT NEWS ITEMS

Leaving Notes and Leaving Twenty Tons of Freight and Events in the Progress of Furniture Manufacturing Center.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
High Point, Sept. 27.—High Point has one of the largest furniture plants in the country. Mr. Barlow, vice-president of High Point, is in the city and furnishes the information given above. The plant will be doubled in size and capacity and a large power house is to be the plan of the company. It is the most modern silk factory in the country. The exportation here has been more than was expected and Messrs. Stahl & Co. are convinced that this industry must be pushed on a large scale in this country and High Point is the most desirable place for the work. This enterprise will bring another plant tributary to this kind of work and it looks like High Point will soon have a mammoth plant in connection with this one.

The officers of the Mechanics Perpetual Building and Loan Association organized last night are: President, Dr. H. C. Pitts, vice-president, Westcott Robertson, second vice-president, Mayor M. J. Wrenn, secretary and treasurer, E. M. Armfield, directors, Dr. H. C. Pitts, Westcott Robertson, O. N. Richardson, J. L. Seebert, Dr. J. R. Reitzel, H. A. Mills, H. A. Bert, O. A. Kirkman, M. J. Wrenn, A. E. Tate and Geo. T. Penny.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Robins, of Havana, Cuba, are visiting Mr. E. A. Snow on South Main street. Mr. Robins is in the furniture business in Havana and always makes it quite pleasant for his friends when visiting in his country.

Miss Barnes, who will have charge of H. A. Moffitt's military department has arrived.

The Standard Plumbing Company is a new concern for this place with Mr. G. S. Northey as manager. Last night Mr. Will L. Smith left for Idaho, where he expects to make his future home. His family will follow him later. Mr. Smith lived in Moscow, Idaho, for a number of years, conducting a drug business, which business he expects to engage in again.

The farm of the late B. F. Steed was sold Saturday at auction. The farm was purchased by Mr. R. E. Coltrane, of Coltrane Mill, and the consideration was \$2,615.00. The farm is located three miles from this city and contains 120 acres.

Mr. L. H. Skinner, of Wilmington, is here to join his family, who is visiting the family of Mr. Joseph D. Smith on South Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Flem Norman are in the city, being called here on account of the serious condition of Mrs. Norman's father, Mr. J. S. Campbell, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday night.

Several people from this place will witness Tom Dixon's "Clansman" at the Elks Auditorium in Winston next week. The High Point Rifles has got the word that their winter uniforms are being made. This company is getting in good trim to attend the State fair on President's Day.

SMALL FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Small Cabinet in Otey's Barber Shop Catches Fire and Causes Commotion—Unnecessary Loss by Water.

Last night about 11:30 fire was discovered in Otey's barber shop in the Yarborough House building by Patrolman Alderson on his rounds, and several minutes after an alarm was turned in from the box at the corner of Salisbury and Martin streets by Mr. E. E. Britton, who happened to be passing.

It was several minutes before the department could locate the fire. Although at a late hour a crowd quickly gathered in front of the bar-

ber shop, from the front door of which was issuing large volumes of smoke. The firemen were greatly handicapped by want of light, and after the front door was broken in, the exact place of the fire was still a mystery. Chief Maugum who was quickly on the scene, gave orders that no water was to be thrown until the fire was located. He then went in the back through the Yarborough House, and discovered the fire to be in a cupboard in the rear room of the shop.

About this time the flames burst out and reddened the whole back part of the roof, and some one in the excited throng in front called "water," and the firemen (thinking the order from their chief) the shop was quickly flooded. The flames would have been quickly extinguished by the chief with the chemical fire extinguisher with hardly any damage, but as it is, the loss is about \$100. The shop and fixtures were damaged, some plastering fell, and most of the wall paper was ruined.

Henry Otey, the proprietor of the shop, carried \$400 insurance with the Hartford Company and his loss is entirely covered. The origin of the fire is a mystery. There had been no fire in that part of the building, and it is thought that rats must have ignited some matches in the drawer of the cabinet.

The many unauthorized orders given by the curious and unresponsive bystanders, one of which resulted in the loss of property, shows that at a fire of this kind in the heart of the city, a fire line should be established at once and the spectators kept back, so as not to impede the firemen.

During the excitement, many of the guests of the Yarborough House were awakened, and while most of them waited to dress, there were several who came down scantily attired. The fire was out at a few minutes to 12 o'clock.

TWO MEN WAGE FURIOUS FIGHT

There Had Been Bad Blood Between Them for Some Time and a Meeting on the Street Resulted in a Struggle.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 27.—A sensational and furious fight was that between R. H. Bethel and L. N. Webster when the two met yesterday on the corner of West Trade and Poplar streets. There has been for a long time bad blood between the men, which resulted in the fierce encounter. Mr. Webster is a traveling salesman of High Point, while Mr. Bethel is a book keeper for the Charlotte Brick Company. The cause of the trouble is alleged intimacy about two years ago between Bethel and Webster's wife, from whom it is said Webster has filed suit for divorce.

Webster arrived in the city yesterday morning and was on his way to the Central hotel when he passed Bethel. Webster spoke and Bethel stopped. Webster asked Bethel, who had roomed at his house about four months some years ago, "Did you ever see Mr. Blank coming out of my house in the afternoon, about 4 o'clock?" "No," was the reply. With that Webster struck at Bethel. The blow was warded off and returned, striking Webster about the neck. (Continued on seventh page.)

A MANDAMUS SHALL ISSUE

Judge Justice Decides That Aldermen Must Call Election on Liquor Question—A Difference Between Towns Registered and Qualified Voters.

Judge H. M. Justice today decided that a mandamus should issue against the city of Raleigh, as requested by the mayor and Board of Aldermen, compelling them to call an election on the question of dispensary or saloons. Mr. H. H. Battle, representing the Board of Aldermen, gave notice of an appeal from the decision to the Supreme Court. Judge Justice gave as his opinion that any registered voter may be disqualified to vote at any special election by the non-payment of his poll tax, but that this temporary disqualification did not mean that his name should be taken from the registration books, and that he was still a registered voter. The Judge said that he would like to be able to decide in favor of the city, and that he hoped the Supreme Court would over-rule him, but that according to the law, as he understood it, the law said, and meant, a registered voter and not a qualified voter.

The question of whether the election on the question of saloons or dispensary will be held will now be decided by the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

The Argument.

The hearing of the application for a mandamus in the case of the petitioners for an election on the liquor question against the Board of Aldermen, asking that the board be compelled to order an election on the question came up this morning before Judge H. M. Justice, presiding at this term of Wake Superior Court. The complaint and answer were read by Mr. W. B. Jones, representing the petitioners, and Mr. W. B. Snow, representing the Board of Aldermen.

After the reading of the complaint and answer the judge asked if the only question involved was the question of the right of a citizen who had not paid his poll tax before May 1, 1905, to sign the petition calling an election. The attorneys on both sides agreed that this was the only question on which they differed.

Mr. Snow, the city attorney, then said that owing to certain things appearing, after the reading of the complaint of the plaintiff giving his opinion given to the Board of Aldermen, that Mr. Battle would present the argument for the board and the city.

Colonel Argo, one of the counsel for the plaintiff, said that he would make Mr. Snow's speech for him.

Mr. W. B. Jones opened the argument for the petitioners. He said that up to the act of 1901 of the Legislature of North Carolina there was no distinction between a registered voter and a qualified voter; that the laws of 1901 changed this and defined a registered voter as one who had lived in the State two years, in the county six months and in the ward or precinct four months; and that after he became a registered voter he might become disqualified to vote upon its being shown that he had not paid his poll tax and that the law had set aside a day of challenge on which the right of the registered voter to become a qualified (Continued on page seven.)

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