

FLY AND IMPURE MILK TO BLAME

They Were Main Factors in Spread of Typhoid Here in 1909, Dr. Patterson Says.

HOW IT WAS DETERMINED

Situation Was so Bad Aid of State Health Department Was Asked For.

The use of impure milk and the housefly were the principal contributing factors in the typhoid epidemic in this city in 1909 according to a paper read yesterday by Dr. Joseph F. Patterson, City Physician, before the Seaboard Medical Association.

In referring to the extent of the epidemic, Dr. Patterson said that at one time it was spreading so rapidly that the State Board of Health had to be called on to assist the local health department in investigating the mode of infection and to adopt means of suppressing the same.

The case of typhoid considered the beginning of the epidemic was found on January 10, 1909. By the latter part of July there had been more than fifty cases, by far the greater proportion of them among white people of the well-to-do class.

All possible sources of infection were investigated and finally the trouble was sifted down to a single dairy and to the fly. Dr. Patterson said:

"At one dairy it was found that the water supply was polluted. Upon investigation it was found that this dairy supplied milk to most of the ill typhoid cases; that the bottles were returned without being washed, they were carried to the dairy and washed in a sink, the drain pipe from this sink opened on the ground about forty feet from the surface well from which the water supply of the dairy was obtained. This well drained the surface upon which the sink opened, and in this manner became infected. The water from this well, without being boiled, was used for the final washing of the bottles. That this dairy was a factor in the transmission of the disease was recognized as an undoubted fact."

To support the belief that the fly was the source of the infection in the early cases, there were the following strong points:

"The gradual increase in the early cases, and the length of time between succeeding cases.

"The gradual increase in the early cases in fact, most of these cases being in four foci.

"The first case in the foci was on April 1. On April 20 a case developed two doors below; on May 11 a case developed five doors from the one on April 1; on May 26 a case developed diagonally across the street on the corner, on the 15 a case in a house just across the street from the case on April 20; on June 5 a case two doors above that on May 15; on June 26 a case two doors above that on May 26; on July 1 two cases in the same residence as that of May 26. In each focus of infection it was found that some of the causes were improperly disposing of excretions. In several instances they, without being properly disinfected, were thrown out into the open—an ideal opportunity for the fly to obtain the germs and transmit it to neighboring households.

"After investigating all probable sources of infection, it was decided that the outbreak in the early cases was due to the fly; and later in the outbreak, during May, the milk of the dairy became an added source of infection."

Other Papers. Among the other interesting and instructive papers read during the day were "The Underlying Factors in

the Liqueur Habit" by Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jacksonville, "Prostitution as a Product of Civilization" by Dr. Frank Hancock of Norfolk, and "Acute Infection of Bones" by Dr. Kirkland Ruffin of Norfolk. Papers were also read and discussed by Dr. W. B. D. McNider of Chapel Hill, Dr. Robert C. Bryan of Richmond, Dr. Southgate Leigh of Norfolk, Dr. R. N. Duffy of this city and Dr. R. L. Williams of Norfolk. Each paper after being read was discussed by one or more of the members.

At the close of the business session yesterday afternoon the President of the Association, Dr. N. M. Gibbs of this city, announced that the time for the election of officers and the selection of a place for the next annual meeting had arrived. Several towns in Virginia and North Carolina and Virginia wanted this meeting but after much discussion it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Norfolk in December, 1913. There are a number of the members of the association residing in that city and they promised to royally entertain the visitors upon their visit there.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Dr. J. E. Rawls of Suffolk, Va.

First Vice-President—Dr. H. D. Walker of Elizabeth City.

Second Vice-President—Dr. B. R. Kennon of Norfolk, Va.

Third Vice-President—Dr. Jousha Taylor of Washington, N. C.

Fourth Vice-President—Dr. G. K. Vanderslice of Phoebus, Va.

Treasurer—Dr. Israel Brown of Norfolk, Va.

Secretary—Dr. Clarence Porter Jones of Newport News, Va.

Orator—Dr. Joseph L. Spruill of Columbia, N. C.

Following the election of officers the Association extended a vote of thanks to the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, the citizens in general and to C. D. Bradham for the many courtesies shown the visitors while in the city and to the local newspapers for the publicity which had been given the Association during its meeting in the city.

Served With Luncheon.

At the close of the meeting held at the court house last night the visitors adjourned to the Elks' Temple where a Dutch Luncheon was tendered them by the Chamber of Commerce. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable occasions of the week. There were a large number of the members of the Chamber of Commerce present to welcome the visitors and the hour or two spent there was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A number of the doctors returned home last evening on the midnight train and the remaining physician will return home today.

This was the first time that this association has held a meeting in New Bern and the city was glad to have them within its borders and judging from the favorable comment of the visiting doctors they were well pleased with their visit to "the mother town of the Old North State."

TIMELY INFORMATION.

Persons who send Christmas gifts by mail are requested to see that they are properly wrapped and addressed and that a sufficient amount of postage is affixed to the package. Last year thirty-seven thousand packages intended for Christmas gifts were undelivered in the United States on account of improper addresses and not enough postage. Eight thousand valuable articles were found loose in mail bags. These had not been properly wrapped. The sender is also requested to put his or her address on the package so that it can be returned if the addressee cannot be located.

Czarina and Her Only Son, Whose Illness Worried Russia



THE recent illness of the czarvitch, heir to the throne of Russia, caused worldwide sympathy for the royal family, whose hopes are centered in the little eight-year-old lad. Rumors that he had been stabbed by a nihilist were denied. Another report was that he was hurt while at play. No official announcement was made as to the cause. These are late pictures of the czarvitch and his mother, the czarina, who was constantly by his bedside watching and working for his recovery.

UPSET TAFT UKASE

Congressman Pou Thinks Wilson Will Abrogate Postoffice Order.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Congressman Pou believes that President-elect Wilson will abrogate the executive order classifying fourth class postmasters immediately after his inauguration.

Mr. Pou says he has no patience with members of Congress who become annoyed because large numbers of their constituents are asking their help in securing positions in the government service.

The Fourth District congressman wrote out the following statement of his views at the request of The News and Observer correspondent:

Mr. Pou said: "I hope and believe that President-elect Wilson will abrogate the recent order of President Taft placing more than 30,000 postmasters under civil service regulation. This action of Mr. Taft's is a debauchery of the civil service principle. Most of these fourth class postmasters were appointed for purely partisan reasons without reference to their fitness or without any reference whatever to the wishes of the people of each community. There could be no perversion of the civil service principle than the appointment of thousands of persons for partisan reasons and there after including these persons in the scope of the civil service law without any examination whatever.

"In the Fourth district there is one first class postoffice and one second class office, Raleigh and Henderson. There are thirteen third class offices, to-wit: Nashville, Spring Hope, Kirtrell, Franklinton, Wake Forest, West Raleigh, Smithfield, Benson, Clayton, Selma, Siler, Apex and Louisburg; all the other offices are fourth class, and under Mr. Taft's order the incumbents hold during good behavior. I am filing all applications for these offices which come in. The members from North Carolina feel that it is a waste of time for persons to apply for these positions until President Wilson acts one way or the other.

"No member has a right to become annoyed because a large number of his constituents are asking his help in securing positions under the new administration. Our party has been out of power for 17 years. The men who during all this period have loyally stood by the party feel that they are entitled to the fruits of this great victory. The one unpleasant feature is being forced to decide between good and worthy men and yet there are thousands who are just as deserving of party reward as a member of Congress himself. I shall present this matter to President Wilson when I get an opportunity to confer with him, as strongly as I know how."

The political waters are covered with "lame ducks". It is more blessed to give than receive but a little of both don't hurt.

ARREST ABSCONDER IN BUENOS AYRES

W. S. Paylor, Fugitive For Months, Finally Caught in South America.

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGE

Was City Treasurer of Danville, Va., and Made Way With Much City Money.

Danville, Va., Dec. 7.—That William S. Paylor has been arrested in Buenos Ayres was made known in a message at the State Department last night from American Minister Garrett, at Buenos Ayres, who stated that Paylor was apprehended there early on Thursday morning.

A fugitive from justice for nearly five months, with a \$600 reward offered for his arrest, Paylor, the absconder former city treasurer, was indicted by a grand jury at the September term of the Corporation Court for embezzling \$9,600.

The State Department has been asked by Governor Mann to have Paylor extradited, and he will be brought back here to stand trial for his crime.

The news of the fugitive's capture does not come as a surprise to the people of his home town, for within the past few weeks many have been the rumors of his being located in the South American city.

It was on Saturday night, November 24, that the first inkling of activity in the Paylor matter became known, Governor Mann wired Commonwealth's Attorney Hamlin here for a copy of the indictment under seal, against Paylor and also a copy of the warrant for his arrest. This step having been taken by the Richmond authorities, it was generally supposed that requisition papers were being prepared.

INFANTS "SACRIFICED"

Miss Lathrop Declares Thousands Die Needlessly Every Year.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 5.—The feature of the session of the Eighth Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction was the address of Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C., on the work of the bureau. Miss Lathrop dwelt on the necessity of a law requiring proper registration of births, saying:

"Maryland is supposed to have a very good birth registration law, but to be very careless about it." She praised Washington and New York as cities that carefully collected vital statistics, but said Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco were regarded as especially indifferent. However, she declared, a new spirit prevailed in Baltimore, and there was a new eagerness to have the births registered.

Miss Lathrop also spoke of infant mortality. Statistics, as nearly as can be computed, she said, show the death yearly of 300,000 babies that have not reached a year in age.

"But worse still," she said, "we are told that at least half of these babies die needlessly and only because we, as individuals, or as communities, neglect methods of cure which are well known."

BAR PUBLIC DANCES

Wealthy New York Women Aim to Protect Working Girls.

New York, Dec. 5.—Aiming to protect working girls, a committee of wealthy New York women will cooperate with the police in the supervision of holiday dances of a public or semi-public character during the Christmas and New Year season. The supervision will apply more particularly to masquerades, which the committee declares "are more likely to degenerate into unbridled orgies than other dances."

Members of the committee appointed as "observers," recently attended some masquerades in the uptown amusement district, and reported that there was a "shocking laxity in conduct." The committee will later ask the State Legislature for several amendments to the existing laws governing dance halls.

PARKER TO PRACTICE ALONE

Secures Office Formerly Occupied By Black.

New York, Dec. 5.—Cards were issued yesterday announcing that the law firm of Parker, Hatch & Sheehan had dissolved on November 30 and that Judge Edward W. Hatch and William F. Sheehan would remain at their offices, 14 Wall street, under the firm name of Hatch & Sheehan, while Judge Alton B. Parker would engage in court and general counsel work at 111 Broadway.

It was explained that Judge Parker had intended for sometime to engage in general counsel work by himself, but that the dissolution took place earlier than had been expected. This was because Judge Parker decided to take the office at 111 Broadway, of ex-Governor Frank S. Black, who is retiring from practice. Besides taking the office, Judge Parker has purchased the law library of ex-Governor Black.

MULE RUNS AWAY BOY IS KILLED

Eight Year Old Son of C. B. Knox Loses Life in Accident Near Askin.

IS THROWN FROM THE WAGON

Mr. Knox and a Second Child Have Narrow Escapes.

An accident which resulted in the death of one person and the injury of two others occurred near Askin yesterday afternoon when a mule owned and driven by C. B. Knox, who lives about five miles from that place, ran away, overturning the wagon in which Mr. Knox and his two children were seated, precipitating the trio to the ground and almost instantly killing Charley, the eight year old son of the owner of the team and more or less injuring the father and the other child.

Yesterday morning Mr. Knox and his two children drove to Askin after a load of feed. This was secured after getting their dinner the party started on the return trip to their home. Near Askin it was necessary for them to cross over a small bridge. At this point the mule became frightened, overturned the wagon and made a dash down the road. The occupants were thrown to the ground but in some way Mr. Knox managed to retain his grasp on the reins and soon brought the animal to a stop. Returning to the point at which the wagon had been overturned he found that one of the children was dead and the other badly bruised.

It is supposed that in falling from the wagon the victim of the accident was struck on the head by one of the mule's hoofs and that his skull was crushed in this manner. Mr. Knox is one of the best known farmers in this section and the accident has cast a gloom over the entire community.

SEND LETTERS TO SANTA

He Will Probably Answer Them Through Some Institution.

Every year the postoffice clerks and carriers are burdened with a number of letters addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus." Formerly they have been at a loss as to what was the best manner of disposing of these missives. This year, however, the method of disposal has been looked out for by the Postmaster General.

The following letter has been sent to all the postmasters in the country by Postmaster General Hitchcock:

"As Christmas day approaches, many thousands of letters are written to 'Santa Claus' by children of the poor appealing for Christmas remembrances. The postmaster General feels that the Postoffice Department should aid so far as possible in the philanthropic work of meeting the requests.

"If the letters fail to bear postage stamps it will be necessary under the law for the postmaster to forward them to the division of dead letters but in that event he is authorized by today's order to submit the names and addresses to charitable institutions that are willing in worthy cases to look after the wants of the writer."

AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Editor Journal:

I see in Tuesday's Journal where it said something about women voting. I say it is a complete cause and a shame to low them to the ballot box. They are clear of all public duties now. So I don't think they have any more business to vote than a hog. Please publish this to let people know how I stand on it.

Yours truly,
Newport, Dec. 7, 1912. E. L. McCain.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY NEW COMPANY

Maysville Tobacco Warehouse Company Getting Ready For Business.

A. J. COLLINS IS PRESIDENT

Secretary a Virginia Man Who Believes in Eastern Carolina.

The citizens of Maysville in Jones county are losing no time in taking advantage of every opportunity that will assist in developing their town. Recently the Maysville Tobacco Warehouse Company of that place was chartered with an authorized capital of ten thousand dollars and a few hundred dollars paid in. During the past two weeks the incorporators have been busy and have succeeded in securing cash subscriptions for stock to the amount of five thousand dollars. An election of officers was held this week and A. J. Collins was elected president of the Company; J. M. Collins vice-president; George E. Weeks, treasurer and J. G. Brown, secretary. The latter gentleman is a citizen of Virginia. He came to Eastern Carolina a few months ago and was so favorably impressed that he decided to make it his home.

Work on the erection of the warehouse will begin next week and it will be pushed forward just as rapidly as possible. It is the intention of those interested to have the building completed and be ready to begin business by the latter part of January.

FAVOR MONTAGUE FOR PORTFOLIO

Friends of Former Governor of Virginia Grooming Him For Cabinet Place.

PROBABLY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Important Conferences Being Held Regarding Patronage Distribution.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A good story of how Virginia politics is working has leaked out here in which several well-known politicians of the Old Dominion are concerned.

It has been rumored for some time that in Virginia there are a number of persons who would not be averse to accepting positions in President Wilson's Cabinet, should the places be tendered them. It is said that former Governor A. J. Montague, who last summer was elected to succeed Captain John Lamb in the House after March 4, is to be pushed by his friends for a Cabinet place, probably Attorney-General, and that should he land, Captain Lamb will, in all probability, be again elected to his old seat in the House. This would not only be a big thing for Governor Montague, and be the means of having Captain Lamb retain his present seat, but would have a tendency to bring together the machine and the anti-machine factions of the Democratic party in Virginia. This would be more than ordinarily pleasing to President-elect Wilson, and he no doubt would go far to see both factions in his State came together for the good of Democracy.

It is known that some very important conferences regarding patronage distribution have been held here during the last few days by the Virginia members of Congress with a view to getting tangible results when Governor Wilson returns from Bermuda.

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