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## YELLOW FEVER SITUATION ACUTE

### The Authorities At New Orleans Taxed to Their Utmost to Check Contagion

#### MANY NEW CASES DEVELOP DAILY

All of Those Who Succumbed to the Disease Bore Italian Names—Another New Case Discovered Outside the City, That of an Italian at Morgan City.

New Orleans, Special.—Following is Monday's yellow fever report:  
New cases up to 6 p. m., 21.  
Cases to date, 304.  
Deaths to 6 p. m., 5.  
Total deaths to date, 62.  
New foci, 5.  
Total foci, 46.

Of the five deaths reported above, three occurred in the Emergency Hospital and all five bore Italian names.

Another new case was discovered outside of the city, being that of an Italian who left here a week ago with several others and took up his residence in Morgan City. On their arrival there they were quarantined and one of them was taken sick four days ago. Monday Dr. Tarlton, president of the St. Mary parish board of health; Dr. Goldberg, of the Marine Hospital service, and two Morgan City physicians diagnosed the case as yellow fever and it was so announced. Nothing has been heard from Dr. Brady, who has gone to Lake Providence, opposite Viessburg, to investigate reports of two suspicious cases there.

Dr. Richardson, of the Marine Hospital service, who is in charge of fumigation, oiling and screening of houses in the original focus of infection, and whose forces are also making outside inspections, reports that up to date he has made 2,640 inspections and found 39 cases of fever most of which were sent to the Emergency Hospital in the screened ambulance.

Mississippi has again announced that it will accept detention camp certificates issued by the Marine Hospital service. Monday the railroads and travelers were thrown into a panic by a dispatch received by one of the railroad superintendents saying that two men with certificates had been turned back. Secretary Hunter, of the Mississippi health board, sent out the following notice:

"Will accept any certificates issued by Marine Hospital service passing through detention camp."

On the other hand, Alabama has taken a new tangent. The following dispatch shows even more stringent restrictions than ever before attempted: "Alabama health authorities decline to allow passengers coming from points beyond New Orleans that are infected, who will be transferred from train to train in New Orleans under Marine Hospital inspection and protection, to get off at point of destination in Alabama. They are very rigid with their quarantine in this city (Birmingham)."

No Worse at Lumberton, Miss. New Orleans, (Special).—The Picayune's Lumberton, Miss., correspondent says:

Drs. Wasden and Donald declared a case of yellow fever here last Friday. The patient, who is an Italian, is doing well and will soon be up. There are no other cases, not even a suspicious one. Fortunately, the infected house is naturally isolated and only five others were with the sick man or in any way exposed. On Friday night Dr. Lebaron, of the Marine Hospital service, arrived, accompanied by Captain W. Hall and other members of the State militia, sent by Adjutant General Fridge. These immediately took charge. The house and premises were at once thoroughly fumigated and infected persons were isolated and placed under guard. The local military company is furnishing several of the guards. Dr. Lebaron states he apprehends no spread of the disease.

Last night some of the Italians under guard proved refractory and had to be subjected to a little rough treatment by the guards, but no serious incident.

#### Young Man Drank Poison.

Fredericksburg, Special.—Charles Mitchell, a young man who came here recently from Richmond and has been employed on an ice wagon, attempted suicide by drinking laudanum. He was carried to the mayor's office, where Drs. Barney and Chevington relieved him. He was then committed to jail and is now in a normal condition.

#### Johann Hoch Respired.

Chicago, Special.—Johann Hoch, "Bluebeard" and confessed bigamist, sentenced to be hanged Friday for poisoning one of his wives, was granted a reprieve until August 25th by Governor Deneen. The stay of execution followed hours of anxiety on the part of Hoch, who had never given up hope, and was allowed by the Governor only after the latter had been assured that the necessary sum to appeal the case had been raised. The amount, \$500, was given by an attorney and friend of Hoch's counsel. The attorney declared he was actuated purely by humanitarian motives.

#### STATE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

To Be Held at A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., August 31st, September 1 and 2, 1905.

First session will be held 12 m., August 31.

From then until the close of the Convention, at noon Saturday, September 2nd, there will be a continual round of good things.

Night sessions will be held and daily trips will be made over the College and Experimental farms.

On Friday and Saturday morning Departmental meetings will be held.

Special sessions by the Woman's Department.

Special sessions by the Dairymen's Association.

Special sessions by the Cotton, Tobacco and Truck Growers.

DEDICATION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

On Friday afternoon the dedicatory exercises will be held and a special program prepared, celebrating the completion of the new agricultural building. The farmers of the State have long looked for this building, and this event will be one of special interest to all people in the State.

Noted speakers discuss among other things, the following subjects:

Insect Pests; Diseases of Plants and Animals; Soil Improvement; Fertilizers; and How to Use Them; Stock Raising and Stock Judging; Dairying in All of Its Phases; Corn Culture; All Phase of Cotton Culture; Poultry Culture; Beef and Dairy Cattle; Poultry Crops; and How to Raise Them; Tobacco Culture; Truck Raising; Corn Production, etc., etc.

#### Cyclone in Catawba.

Hickory, (Special).—A cyclone Saturday afternoon at Rhodhiss, accompanied by hail and rain, did considerable damage to property, including growing crops, for some miles in its course. The greatest loss was the destruction of the new county bridge erected about a year ago by Burke and Caldwell counties at a cost of \$12,000. The bridge is all down except its pillars, which represent one-third its cost. It is thought possibly some of the iron can be used for rebuilding. Under the State law the counties will have to rebuild the bridge at once. One corner of the Rhodhiss Mill, rather the upper part, was blown off, but there was little damage to machinery, said to be between one and two thousand dollars. Two or three cottages were damaged, but there was no loss of life so far reported. The crops near the mills in its course were considerably damaged. The gale crossed the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad just above the Cliffs, but did no damage to the track. The loss of the bridge will affect the surrounding county for the time being. The telephone connections are such at this writing that I am unable to get further details.

#### Wilmington Dives Raided.

Wilmington, Special.—Early Sunday morning the police raided the negro dives on Second and Water streets, locking up all persons found therein. The number of prisoners taken was over twenty. The keepers of the houses are charged with conducting disorderly houses and selling liquor without license and on Sunday. The others are held as witnesses, the police hoping by the drag net, to make the evidence against the principals conclusive. The investigation will take place before the mayor.

#### Held Without Bail.

Wilmington, Special.—W. M. Shockley, a saloon keeper doing business at the southeast corner of Front and Dock streets, is held in custody without bail at the county jail pending an inquest over the body of Frank Talbert, a marble cutter, whom he is alleged to have struck in the head with a billy in front of the Shockley saloon early Saturday night.

#### Telegraphic Briefs.

Several persons were badly hurt in a street car collision at Wilmington Sunday night. J. F. Rodgers, the motorman, was hurt fatally.

The Speegle shortage in Greenville continues to grow. One thousand two hundred dollars paid Speegle by the Paris Mountain Water Company and \$100 by the Chick Springs Company for county purposes are unaccounted for.

Rock Hill Record, 24th: Mr. Moise DeLeon, of Atlanta, and Supt. Carr, are in the city and report that work on the new government building will begin to-day. The lot will have to be cleared of trees and shanties before Tuesday, when the real work of excavating begins.

David Gruber was shot in Charleston, S. C., while attempting to burglarize a house. The negro was shot by W. R. Herron and was instantly killed. Herron was trying to arrest him.

Dr. P. D. Pollock, for many years president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., died yesterday afternoon at Monticello, Ga. He resigned the presidency this year because of failing health.

## A HORRIBLE DEATH

### Young Man Swallowed Alive By a Hungry Shark

#### WAS CAUGHT NEAR BEAUFORT, N. C.

Sutton Davis, 16 Years Old, Carried Away by a Large Shark, Which Attacked the Boy While He Was Wading in the Water at Davis' Shore.

Beaufort, N. C., Special.—A most horrible and shocking occurrence took place at Davis' Shore, about ten miles east of Beaufort, Saturday afternoon, when Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old lad, while wading and playing in the water, was suddenly attacked and eaten by a very large shark.

Young Davis was in water about waist deep when suddenly the shark approached him, threw him in the air, caught him as he struck the water, pulled him under and disappeared in the deep water with the boy. Thorough search has been made, but no particle of his body has been found. Those who were with the boy were terribly frightened and could not help him.

The occurrence has thrown a feeling of horror over our town. The citizens and the guests of the community, particularly the children, have enjoyed the fine dives and invigorating swimming matches which they daily participated in.

A large number of sharks have been noticed in the waters here for two weeks, but no one felt much anxiety on account of the presence of the terrible monsters. A large quantity of fat-backs have been caught this month and a quantity of refuse matter has been thrown back into the water from the factories, and sharks have come in to feast on it. It is the first time a person has been molested by a shark in these waters in nearly 50 years.

#### Five Killed by Lightning.

New York, Special.—During a thunderstorm of terrific intensity which passed over New York Sunday afternoon five persons were struck by lightning and instantly killed and nine were seriously injured at the Parkway Baths, Coney Island. At the same time five men were killed and three were prostrated at Gravesend Beach.

Those killed: George Dunwoodie, of Buffalo. Jacob Frankel, Manhattan. Robert F. Wasch, Bronx Borough. Charles Bennerle, Brooklyn. Henry Ransweiler, Brooklyn. Frank Bennerle, Brooklyn. The injured: David Wilts, James J. Dunne, Tina Christiansen, Harry Krohn, Clara Theil, Mary L. Curley, Isaac Raff and wife, Amelia Schone, William Ransweiler, John Apple, Daniel McCauley, all of Brooklyn.

#### Express Office Robbed.

Palatka, Fla., (Special).—The safe of the Southern Express Company here was opened by burglars between 3 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning and currency to the amount of about \$2,000 was taken. Mr. Graves, the agent, who sleeps in the office, was bound hand and foot by the robbers and his keys secured. The safe was opened by combination. The cash drawer was rifled, one of the keys taken from Graves' unlocking it. Checks, money orders and everything but the cash were cast aside.

#### Aged Man Hanged.

Butte, Mont., Special.—Miles Fuller was hanged for the murder of Henry J. Gallahan, October 24, 1904. Fuller is over 70 years of age, and he presented a pathetic figure as he walked from the jail to the gallows. He has attempted to commit suicide several times, and three death watches were placed over him.

#### By Wire and Cable.

English doctors had an unexpected entertainment when they visited Dr. Prugen in the course of a trip to Paris. When he had shown them his museum he ushered them into his operating room, where he performed eight important operations, including one for appendicitis, in two hours and a half.

An ice factory for Southern Pines is projected.

The treaty signed by 12 European countries intended to suppress the white slave traffic has gone into effect.

For attempting to bring a strike to a peaceful ending, George Prescott, walking delegate for the National Teamsters' Union, was shot, probably fatally.

The four men who were thought to have been drowned late Saturday by the sinking of the yacht Narkeeta in the Delaware Bay, near Lewes, Del., have arrived at Bower's Beach, a few miles from Lewes.

Thirteen Savannah druggists have been arrested and bound over to court for selling cocaine.

#### NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Conditions For Past Week as Given Out by the Department.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the department of agriculture, issues the following official bulletin for the past week:

The characteristic feature of the weather during the week ending Monday, July 31, was the relatively low temperature that prevailed. While the mean of the week for the State at large was only slightly below the normal, the night temperatures were generally below 70 degrees and the maxima below 90 degrees except at a few places on Sunday, July 30. As the weather was also quite cloudy during most of the week, the conditions were very pleasant for outdoor work, but the absence of sunshine, and excessive moisture in places caused further rank growth of vegetation and has delayed the formation of fruit, which it is feared will make crops, especially cotton, rather late. The rainfall was irregularly distributed and generally small in amount; over most of the interior of the State the first part of the week was dry and favorable with good showers on Friday, but in some north-eastern counties chiefly Beaufort, Halifax, and Nash, and in several west of the Blue Ridge the rains were too frequent for best results. In most counties, however, the week was fairly favorable both for work and the growth of crops. Laying by crops is practically completed, and the chief work on hand is cutting and curing tobacco, plowing for wheat, seeding turnips and making late hay. More sunshine and a period of dry weather would be beneficial.

Cotton has outgrown its normal size in most counties, and in the central and eastern portions of the State there is considerable damage by rust, but less report of shedding, although where the crop is suffering from excessive moisture both bolls and leaves are falling, and on light lands plants are turning yellow. In the west in spite of rapid growth, cotton seems to be blooming freely and fruiting well. Very favorable conditions from now on will be needed to make an average crop of cotton. Early upland corn is about made; fodder is ripening; much bottom land corn is still badly in the grass. Tobacco in some places and on thin land is curing nicely, but it is over ripe in some places, and on thin land the cures are light on account of damage by too much moisture. Peanuts, field peas, sweet potatoes and rice have progressed nicely. Threshing wheat and other grains is about over, and in many instances the yield has turned out somewhat better than expected. Sowing turnip seeds and late hay making are under way. The fruit crop in the west will be short and inferior; apples are very scabby; grapes are ripening; the moist cloudy weather continues to favor the spread of fungus diseases causing decay. Transplanting strawberry plants has made good progress.

Rains received:—Goldsboro, 0.12; Lumberton, 0.34; Newbern, 2.64; Weldon, 0.10; Greensboro, 0.20; Raleigh, 0.62; Asheville, 1.00; Charlotte, 1.00; Hatteras, 2.00; Angier, 1.31; Pomona, 0.25; Lexington, 1.02; Monticure, 0.32; Hendersonville, 1.50; Nashville, 1.17.

#### Assessments Completed.

Raleigh, Special.—The Corporation Commission has completed the assessment of the property of the common carriers. Valuation of Railways:

Atlantic Coast Line, \$24,454,014; Seaboard Air Line, \$12,500,000; Southern, for owned lines, \$14,735,255, and for leased lines, \$6,308,731; increased, \$92,361. Total for all railways, \$69,573,334, against only \$12,360,000 in 1891, when the corporation commission took charge. The assessment of other companies follows: Western Union, \$947,000; Postal, \$67,791; Pullman cars, \$176,903; Southern Express, \$402,109; steamboats, \$141,699; refrigerator cars, \$109,189; water works, \$405,924; electric lights, \$756,814; telephones, \$824,512; street railways, \$1,539,190. Grand total, \$75,372,344. The valuation of the street railway of Wilmington, \$335,000; Asheville, \$300,000; Charlotte, \$250,000; Winston-Salem, \$250,000; Durham, \$225,000; Greensboro, \$160,000; Raleigh, \$40,000.

#### Two Killed in Wreck.

Macon, Ga., Special.—A special to the Telegram from Bainbridge says a wreck occurred Monday on the Atlantic Coast Line at that point. An extra train of 40 cars and a switch engine with five cars of lumber collided. Engineer Jack Jones and a negro fireman of the extra were killed, the latter burned to death.

#### Another Army Scandal.

Wooster, Ohio, Special.—The famous Taggart divorce case, in which Major E. F. Taggart seeks divorce from his wife, Grace Violet, on sensational grounds, began here Monday. In his suit Major Taggart sets forth startling charges, using names of brother officers in the United States army to support his allegations. Taggart has been kept under close guard for the past two weeks, his friends fearing that harm would come to him to prevent his appearing at the trial.

## SUIT AGAINST MANY

### Another Move in the Now Famous Equitable Scandal

#### START MADE IN WAY OF TRIALS

New York Attorney General institutes Action for the Return to the Society of Any Money or Other Property Acquired by the Officers and Directors, or Lost or Wasted by a Violation of Their Duties.

New York, (Special).—An action was instituted by State Attorney General Mayer in the Supreme Court, New York county, in the name of the people of the State of New York against the Equitable Life Assurance Society, its officers, directors and members of the executive and finance committees, all of which are named in the complaint. The defendants are: The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and James W. Alexander, Louis Fitzgerald, Chauncey M. Depew, Henry C. Deming, Cornelius N. Bliss, George H. Squire, Thomas D. Jordan, Charles S. Smith, Valentine P. Snyder, Alvin W. Krech, Wm. Alexander, John J. McCook, James B. Forgan, C. Ledyard Blair, Brayton Ives, Melville E. Ingalls, Jacob H. Schiff, Alexander J. Cassatt, James H. Hyde, James J. Hill, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, John Jacob Astor, Wm. C. Vanhorne, Gage E. Tarbell, Marvin Huggitt, Charles B. Alexander, Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, Marcellus Hartley Dodge, Jos. F. DeNavarro, Bradish Johnson, Edward H. Harriman, Levi P. Morton, August Belmont, Darius O. Mills, Robert T. Lincoln, George J. Gould, John Sloane, George T. Wilson, Thomas T. Eckert, Wm. H. McIntyre, Henry M. Alexander, Henry C. Frick, Samuel M. Inman, Henry C. Haerstick, David H. Moffatt and Henry R. Winthrop.

Edward H. Harriman, one of the eve of his departure for Japan, accepted service of the summons and Monday many other defendants, including J. H. Hyde, were served through their private counsel. The defendants are allowed 20 days in which to file answers.

The complaint refers to the Frick committee report and the investigation made by State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks, and is based on information and belief. The complaint asks that the defendants, except the society itself, account for their official conduct in the management and disposition of the funds and property committed to their charge; that they pay the Equitable Society "any money and the value of any property any of them have acquired to themselves, or transferred to others, or lost, or wasted, by a violation of their duties;" that any of them, now a director or directors, or officer holders in the Equitable Society, upon proof of misconduct, be removed, and a new election held by the board of the society, to supply the vacancy; that the net surplus of the society after deducting sufficient to cover all outstanding risks and obligations, be paid to, or credited to, or applied for the benefit of, the present policyholders in equitable proportions, in accordance with the charter and with the law; and asks any further relief "as may be just, equitable and profitable."

The complaint charges that the individual defendants, as directors, "negligently, improperly and imprudently performed such duties as have habitually and continuously done, or suffered to be done, wrongful, illegal and improper acts," causing great loss and damage to the society. The defendants are further charged with having "acquired or permitted transfer to others, money, property, etc., of the society."

#### The Three Rawlings Sentenced.

Valdosta, Ga., Special.—Sentences of death were passed upon J. G. Rawlings, Milton Rawlings and Jesse Rawlings, Monday night. The date of execution is the 15th of September. When asked what he had to say why sentence should not be passed, J. G. Rawlings said:

"My conscience stands erect. You can no more pluck it than you can the brightness of the sun. The sentence can do no more than kill. Pass it." Sentence was next passed upon Milton, who accepted it without a word. When Jessie's sentence was read, he leaned toward the court and said, "Not guilty," then busied into tears. Leonard was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Frank Turner, the negro preacher charged with being accessory before the fact was found guilty with a recommendation of mercy. A motion for a new trial in the case of the Rawlings was filed and the 9th day of September was the date fixed for the hearing. Alf Moore, also condemned to die, will be sentenced later.

#### No Thoughts of Peace.

St. Petersburg, by Cable.—Reports received from the army at Manchuria show that while the peace commissioners are preparing to open negotiations which may result in bringing the war to a close, the Russian soldiers at the front are not relying on these efforts, but preparing to strike a blow which will demonstrate their ability to continue the strife indefinitely. An account has just reached here of a speech made to the soldiers by General Litvitch, in which he said:

"We must prepare a blow against the Japanese which will prove that Russia will be able to protract the war indefinitely in the event that unfavorable peace terms are offered by the Japanese."