

PLAGUE AT HAMPTON

Thirty-Seven Cases of Yellow Fever Reported at Soldiers' Homes.

SEVEN DEATHS OCCUR AMONG INMATES

Disease is Probably Introduced by a Soldier Recently from Cuba.

EFFORT MADE TO CONTROL OUTBREAK

Quarantine is Drawn Around the Affected Locality by Health Officers.

GARRISON AT FORT MONROE IS REMOVED

Soldiers Will Be Transferred to More Southern Quarters, but Operations at Norfolk Navy Yard Are Not Discontinued.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The latest official advices received up to 6 o'clock tonight show that thirty-seven cases and seven deaths at the Soldiers' home at Hampton, Va. One new case occurred at the home today. Thus far the disease has been confined to the home, but all surrounding towns are excited and vigorous quarantine is being maintained.

GERMS ARE FROM SANTIAGO

Theory in Regard to the Yellow Fever at Hampton—Thirty Cases Under Treatment. NORFOLK, Va., July 31.—A message from Governor Woodfin of the Soldiers' home at Hampton says that there have been three deaths from yellow fever since yesterday and that thirty cases are now under treatment.

Proceeding Friday, July 21, there had been noticed nothing of a suspicious nature. The weekly death rate was as usual. But on the 21st and 22nd the number of deaths during the night with severe pains, chills, high fever some eight or ten inmates, men of usually good health. These seizures, although noted as such, attracted no special alarm until about Thursday, July 27, when a death occurred, the man becoming distinctly yellow some time prior to death.

With the discovery of the probable origin of the infection and the two autopsies today there is no doubt, he says, about the disease being yellow fever and continues:

I have advised Major Vicker to empty the dormitories infected at once, putting the men preferably in tents. The grounds are closed. There has been a very free intercommunication between the inmates and people of Phoebus, a public house near the grounds having been freely visited until last night. I have suggested to the local boards of Phoebus and inform them of the state of affairs and ask their co-operation in watching the village. These inmates, as you understand it do not mingle much with people outside of the village. From this fact it would seem possible to confine it in the home.

Some data furnished by the surgeon general shows the prompt manner in which the authorities have taken the matter in hand. Late Saturday night Dr. Wyman received a telegram from Surgeon Vickers at the home asking for an expert. Dr. Wadlin was ordered there from Norfolk at once and last night a dispatch came from him announcing the disease was genuine yellow fever. Surgeon White was sent from Washington to take charge of marine hospital affairs. He has had large experience in yellow fever epidemics.

After a cordon had been established around the Soldiers' Home neighboring cities were warned and advised to hunt for any inmates of the home who might be visiting and to keep them under close investigation. Dispatches to this effect were sent Sunday to Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Richmond and the health officer at Washington was notified. In Norfolk a house to house inspection is being made. Dr. Farquhar at Portsmouth was appointed to consult with the health authorities there and at the adjoining town of Berkleigh to aid in locating army refugees. Passed Assistant Werten Baker, who has been ordered from Wilmington, N. C., to Hampton is not an inmate, but is intimately acquainted with the community and will serve on the outside of the cordon. Surgeon Vickers at the home has been asked to prepare a list of soldiers who have departed within a month, with a view to tracing them. Today Dr. Wyman ordered Assistant Surgeon Van Esford from New Orleans to Hampton. Passed Assistant Surgeon Smith, who is on leave, has been directed to return to Norfolk. Surgeon Magruder has been ordered back from Memphis. Both of these have had large experience in quarantine matters. Surgeon Pettus, in charge of the Cape Charles quarantine, has been ordered to assign his assistant, Surgeon McLinton, to temporary charge and to remain on duty himself at Old Point.

Remove the Garrison. Orders have been issued by the War Department removing the garrison at Fort

FITNESS, THE MARK OF MERIT

No Political Influence Awaits in the Choice of Volunteer Officers.

GEN. ALGER SPEAKS IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Public is Set Right in Mistaken Impression that Soldiers Suffer Through Inefficiency for Which War Office is Blame.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—One of the last official acts of Secretary Alger, who tomorrow will relinquish his portfolio, was to prepare a statement covering several matters regarding the conduct of the war which has been the subject of criticism in the public press, particularly with reference to the appointment of staff officers in the volunteer army. The statement follows:

I am led to make the following statement on account of the many criticisms made by the public press, and especially in the London Times, containing assertions which have no foundation in truth. The commencement of the war with Spain and several years prior to that time the regular army consisted of only 25,000 men with the minimum number of officers prescribed by law. The situation was practically precipitated when it is remembered that sixty days from the declaration of war the strength of the army was increased to 115,000, and everything had to be done in a very short time.

ARMY ON WAR FOOTING

The returns of the volunteer army show that in August, 1898, there were 207,244 enlisted men and 8,875 officers in these regiments. This, with the regular army, totaled up to the strength of the country an aggregate force of about 275,000 officers and men. The volunteer officers, appointed by the president numbered, all told, 1,100. Of this number about 350, made an aggregate force of about 275,000 officers and men. The volunteer officers, appointed by the president numbered, all told, 1,100.

ALGER MAKES FEW APPOINTMENTS

It has been stated and repeated many times that the secretaries of war made few appointments, when the truth is that very few were made on his recommendation, although he caused the entire list with the recommendations to be placed before the president for his selection. I would be only too glad to have had the honor to have made those appointments. No one, no more so than I, could be expected to men as a whole ever served their country and their appointments were a credit not only to the appointing power, but to the country they served. There were exceptions, but that could not have been foreseen. In every walk of life men are found who cannot carry out satisfactorily the work they have undertaken.

REGIMENTS COMPLETELY CUT OFF

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 31.—This city is completely cut off from Hampton, Old Point and the Soldiers' home, except by wire. Reports telephoned from the last named place today show that the yellow fever situation there is well in hand. Only one new case has developed since yesterday afternoon and no other deaths have been reported. The home grounds are effectually quarantined and it is not thought that the disease will spread beyond the reservation. The town of Hampton has a cordon of police guarding the approaches to the Soldiers' home. This city has quarantined against Hampton, as well as the home, and street car traffic between the two places has been abandoned. Armed guards will prevent any persons from the vicinity of the fever-infected district from entering the city.

HOSPITAL FOR YELLOW FEVER PATIENTS

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Surgeon Alger has directed that the Josiah Simpson hospital at Fort Monroe be turned over to the marine hospital service if it is wanted. This hospital contains 1,000 beds and was fitted up for the troops stationed at Newport News last summer.

BETA THETA PI IN CONVENTION

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 31.—The Beta Theta Pi fraternity is holding its sixteenth annual convention here today. So far as business is concerned the meeting is very quiet. At night a dance occupied the time. On Sunday morning the members of the fraternity went to Lewiston in a special train of the Gorze railway.

SHAMROCK IS READY TO SAIL

Boat Prepared for the Voyage Across the Atlantic Which Begins Today.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

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