

BUBONIC PLAGUE
FOUND IN HAVANA

Investigation Develops Fact Two Patients Have Died and Another is in the Hospital.

SPECIAL BOARD HAS CHARGE

Immediate Fumigation of Suspected Houses Ordered.

PALACE INCLUDED WITH REST

President Gomez and Family Leave for Country.

GUERRA, A SPANIARD, STRICKEN

Health Department Taking Precautions to Prevent Spread of the Disease and Sanitary Measures Adopted.

HAVANNA, July 7.—The existence of bubonic plague in Havana has been definitely determined. A special board of physicians has pronounced the case at Las Animas hospital true bubonic. The patient is Mendez Guerra, a Spaniard who was employed on a sewer-laying contract. He was taken ill July 3 at his lodgings, close to the palace. A marked fever developed. The man was removed to hospital No. 1, where the symptoms were at once believed to indicate bubonic.

He was transferred to Las Animas hospital, where the disease was fully identified. Guerra is said to be dying and three other patients are reported dead at the same hospital with marked symptoms of the plague.

The secretary of sanitation ordered immediate fumigation of the infected house, as well as all others in that vicinity, including the palace. President Gomez and his family left this morning for the country home at Calabazar.

Much anxiety is felt throughout the city, but the sanitary authorities express fullest confidence that the splendidly organized health department will keep the disease under control. For the present fumigation will be applied only to suspected houses, which for the most part are situated along the water front downtown, but if additional cases are discovered fumigation will be ordered for the whole city.

At present the question of isolating Havana from the interior is not being considered. The rat killing corps of the health department has been largely reinforced. All street cars, omnibuses and ferry boats have been ordered to be washed with disinfecting fluids.

German and Russian Emperors at Lunch

BALTIC, Russia, July 7.—The German emperor started from here today on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern for Swinebunde after a farewell luncheon aboard the Russian yacht Standart. Emperor William, accompanied by the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, and Prince Adalbert, arrived at Baltic port July 4 to meet the Russian emperor.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—A semi-official statement issued this evening with reference to the meeting of the Russian and German emperors at Baltic port emphasizes the free and cordial character of the exchange of views. It says: "There has been no question either of a fresh agreement—the present circumstances giving no occasion for one—or of a change in the grouping of the European powers, the utility of which, for the maintenance of the equilibrium of peace, has already been demonstrated."

The statement concludes by pointing out that the meeting is fresh proof of the steadfast friendship of Germany and Russia and the peaceful aims of the two empires.

Boy Feeds Bills to Pet Guinea Pigs

WASHINGTON, July 7.—A 3-year-old Chicago boy got hold of his mother's pocketbook and fed 36¢ in bills—his father's wages—to his pet guinea pigs. The father sent the remnants of the pigmeal to President Taft today with an appeal to the government to redeem the entire roll. The man is the sole support of a big family on \$1.75 a day.

President Leaves for Washington

BOSTON, July 7.—President Taft left tonight for Washington shortly after 8 o'clock on the federal express over the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. For Nebraska—Fair; continued warm. For Iowa—Fair; warmer.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.

Comparative Local Record. Table with 2 columns: Year and Temperature. Rows include 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

Doctor's Auto Runs Over and Kills Girl At Mason City, Neb.

MASON CITY, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Little Lola Purcell was so severely injured by being run over by an automobile at 8:30 o'clock last evening that she died a short time afterward. The woman responsible for her death is Dr. Henderson, who graduated from a Denver college of medicine last June. The little girl, who would have been 5 years old in October, was the daughter of Emerson Purcell, auctioneer and retired banker, one of the best known men in this section of the country. At the time of the accident Dr. Henderson was driving slowly, it is said, west on the main street, and turned to go south at the principal intersection of Mason City. In so doing she struck the girl, who was crossing the street toward the west. It is said by witnesses that the doctor had time to stop her machine, but that the accident resulted because the little girl became confused when she saw the automobile.

New Officers of Women's Clubs Meet and Confer

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—The new officers and directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs held two meetings yesterday to discuss with the outgoing officials subjects pertaining to the work of the organization and to effect temporary organization preliminary to the first regular meeting of the board, which is to be held this fall at a date to be fixed later and at a point to be designated by the new president. Mrs. Pennybacker of Texas, the new executive, presided at both meetings and also at the session of the council held during the day. There will be no changes in the personnel of the various departments until after the fall meeting. Mrs. Pennybacker requested the officers and directors and heads of departments to submit all suggestions in writing to her.

Zionist Founder Will Be Honored With Memorial

A memorial meeting for Dr. Theodore Hertzal, leader of the Zionist movement, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 7:30 at the East Hamersmith Hagodal, Ninth and Burt streets. The speaker will be H. Kaslowaky, Miss Rose Fried will speak in German on the life of Hertzal. A number of girls of the South Omaha Hebrew school will sing Jewish national songs. The choir will be led by Miss Julia Fried. Dr. Hertzal was born in Budapest, Hungary, fifty-two years ago. As a child he immigrated with his parents to Vienna. In 1901 he organized the Zionist movement in London. There are now more than 100,000 active Jewish Zionists with a capital of \$3,000,000.

Feast and Frolics For Tots at Creche

The playground in the rear of the Creche, Nineteenth and Harney streets, was opened last evening and twenty-two tots enjoyed the swings, the spacious romping grounds, the precious sand pile, five gallons of ice cream, and lots of lemonade and cake. City Commissioner J. B. Hummel, who secured the back lots and superintended the preparation of the playground, was present with Mrs. Hummel, mingling with the children in their play, and helped see to it that all had their fill of the delicacies that were spread on the large table. Mayor Dahlman was also present. The children of the working people, who are left at the Creche daily while their parents work, are to have the advantage of the playground every day and every evening. Matron White and Mrs. Brown, caretaker, have both been ill for a few days, and Mrs. E. L. Bialah had complete charge of the children during the evening of the opening. Every evening from now on the children are to enjoy the playground until the regular bed time hour. The bed time for the babies is 7:30 and for the rest of the children, 8 o'clock. Quite a number of children are left at the home day and night, while their mothers or fathers who work every day take them home with them for a Sunday.

Collie Dog Saves Life of Mistress

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Omega, a collie dog, saved today the life of its mistress by dragging her unconscious body from a burning bungalow. Mrs. Van Dasset, owner of the dog, was in her room when the collie came dashing in and began tugging at her dress. She followed and on reaching the lower hall, found the house in flames. She ran up to her room again to save some jewelry and was overcome by the heat and flames. When its mistress did not reappear, Omega dashed into the house and dragged the unconscious woman to the yard, where she was revived by neighbors who had been attracted by the flames. Both the woman and the dog were burned slightly.

WOMAN IN RUNNING RACE SUSTAINS INJURED KNEE

In response to coaxing Mrs. Frank Benbow entered a women's foot race at the Immanuel Baptist church picnic at Elmwood park yesterday afternoon. Before the race was finished she tripped and fell, painfully injuring one knee. Miss Lillian Stuff of the Visiting Nurses association baby camp, nearby, dressed the wound and Mrs. Charles Metz with her automobile took Mrs. Benbow to her home at 3570 Evans street.

SILENT CENTRAL SOON TO DEPART

C. E. Yost of Nebraska Telephone Company Says 'BEST' SYSTEM TO DIE

Nebraska Does Not Expect to Operate It to Any Extent.

WILL ABSORB THE EQUIPMENT Stockholders Will Not Get Over Thirty Cents on the Dollar.

MANY ORDERS FOR REMOVAL Says Low Rates Forced Independent to Do Business at a Loss—Bell Company to Sell Buildings.

"The Independent telephone exchange won't last thirty days in Omaha," said President C. E. Yost of the Nebraska Telephone company yesterday after the sale of the Independent system to the Nebraska company had been confirmed by Judge Munger of the federal court. Mr. Yost said the Nebraska company did not expect to operate the Independent system to any great extent when it purchased it, but much of the property of the Independent will be of value to the Bell company. He said there are great quantities of wires and cables, both above and under ground, as well as poles and other equipment necessary to the operation of a telephone system that are of value to the Nebraska company.

"While we do not need it just at present," said Mr. Yost, "we are going to need it in the near future if Omaha keeps on growing and expanding as it has."

Mr. Yost said the company eventually will sell the buildings, of which there are four, two in Omaha, one in Florence and one in South Omaha. Many Phones Ordered Out. In the office of the Independent company there are at present over 1,000 orders for the removal of telephones, according to Mr. Yost. He says he cannot say how many subscribers there are on the system in Omaha and the suburbs, but he believes all soon will turn in orders for removal of the telephones. He declares that no company could operate a system on a paying basis on such rates as those of the Independent in Omaha. The rates were \$2 per month for business and \$1 per month for residence telephones. It is the opinion of Mr. Yost that, judging from the price the Independent brought at the sale, the stockholders will not receive more than 25 to 30 cents on the dollar. The receiver's certificate, of which there are \$200,000 worth, are to be paid for at par with interest. This probably will be done some time during this week.

Lyle L. Abbott, receiver, yesterday relinquished the management of the plant to the Nebraska Telephone company. He will distribute the proceeds of the sale, after which his duties will end. "I suppose if another group of promoters should come tomorrow with a proposition for a new telephone system in the city the people would vote for it," remarked Mr. Yost in his office. "The promoters of the Independent proposition came from California and no one knew much about them. They sold a quantity of bonds and established the plant. The plant has gone into the hands of a receiver and is sold and the people are no better off than they were before they had the two systems. As to rates of the Nebraska company, there is no increase contemplated unless they should keep on raising the rates in order to survive. This system, of which I am president, is operating under lower rates than almost any similar system I know of in the country. In Denver, for example, they charge about 25 per cent more than in Omaha."

The development of the Bell system in Omaha, the president said, is among the very best in the country, the company having between 27,000 and 28,000 telephones in Omaha, where the population is 124,000.

Legs of Briez Broken When Air Current Forces Plane Down

PARIS, July 7.—An army aeroplane accident showing the great danger of machines passing too near to each other while flying, occurred today at Villacoublay, near Paris. Lieutenant Briez and Burles started on a flight, their destination being Belfort. Briez had attained an altitude of 600 feet, when Burles, passing him at greater speed, 100 feet higher in the air, forced a pocket of air downward and caused the machine driven by Briez to lose its equilibrium. The monoplane crashed to the ground and Lieutenant Briez' legs were broken and his jaw fractured.

Hanford is Caught Sleeping on Bench

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—After spending a whole week in investigation of the personal habits of United States District Judge Cornelius P. Hanford, the house judicial subcommittee when it adjourned today until Monday, apparently had not closed that branch of the subject, and it is expected a few more witnesses will be heard Monday concerning the judge's sobriety. All except one of today's witnesses were summoned by Judge Hanford's attorneys, and testified strongly in his favor. The exception was L. Frank Brown, an attorney, who testified that he had seen Judge Hanford twice asleep on the bench and twice, apparently intoxicated.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORS WILL MEET

Meeting of the board of directors of the Omaha High School Alumni association to plan more energetic work for material benefit of the school will be held at the Commercial club Wednesday noon, July 10. This will be the first meeting of the board since its creation at the annual reunion of the alumni last month.

GAS KILLS TWO WOMEN IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Mrs. Mary E. Wehrkamp, and her daughter, Katherine Wehrkamp, thought to have been related to the Knabe family, piano manufacturers, were found dead from asphyxiation in a fashionable section of the city and tonight the coroner's verdict placed the responsibility for the deaths on the daughter. It is believed the daughter turned on the gas while her mother slept and then lay down to die from the fumes. Little was known of the Wehrkamps, but a letter in their rooms addressed "Dear Aunt" bore the mark of the Knabe family, and was signed "Will Knabe," whose name appeared as treasurer of the company.

Husband Shoots Wife.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Mrs. Theresa Parri, 29 years old, was shot and fatally wounded by her husband, Peter Parri, a tailor, in front of the entrance of an elevated railroad station on the West Side today. She died in an ambulance.

The Big Scene



TENT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Seven Men Rendered Unconscious When Bolt Strikes in Midst.

STORM SWEEPS SOLDIERS' CAMP

Illinois Guards Encamped at Springfield Area Drive Out and Forced to Take Quarters in the Armory.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 7.—During a terrific thunderstorm late today six officers and one private of the First regiment, Illinois National guard, which arrived at Camp Lincoln early this morning for their annual encampment, were rendered unconscious when a bolt of lightning struck a tent in which they sought shelter from the downpour. The injured: Major Davis, Captain Paul C. Gale, company H; Lieutenant George F. Scott, company E; Lieutenant B. Erry Kingman, company H; Lieutenant W. T. Troxell, battalion E; Sergeant Jackson, company H; Private Christensen, company A. All are residents of Chicago.

Registered Mail For Omaha Stolen Out of Street Car

KANSAS CITY, July 7.—The disappearance of two pouches of registered mail from a government street car while en route to the Union depot from the post-office last night, is puzzling government inspectors here. The mail was addressed to New York, Omaha and Ogden, Utah. The New York pouch contained jewelry valued at \$400 and stocks, bonds and other valuable papers. The other pouch contained a small amount of money, some jewelry and valuable papers. No trace of the missing mail has been found.

WIDOW OF ASPHALT KING DIES WHILE ON TRAIN

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Mrs. Amzi L. Barber of this city, widow of the "Asphalt King," died suddenly tonight while returning from New York on the Congressional limited. As the train was leaving Baltimore the conductor discovered Mrs. Barber was dead. She was traveling alone and so quietly had the end come that none of her fellow passengers was aware that she had been stricken. Mrs. Barber was 69 years old and for some time had suffered from heart trouble and indigestion. She had gone to New York to bid goodbye to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leopoldine Barber, who with her little son sailed this morning for Europe. The younger Mrs. Barber, widow of Le Drott L. Barber, has long been suffering from a nervous breakdown and a few weeks ago narrowly escaped death when she leaped from an upper window in the Barber home in this city. She is en route to Vienna, her former home. The body of Mrs. Barber was brought to this city. Her secretary was awaiting her arrival and had turned to leave the station, thinking she had been delayed in New York when she heard of the sudden death. Mrs. Barber was a leader in the resident social set, was prominent in the advocacy of woman suffrage and an opponent of vivisection and of cruelty to animals. She is survived by two daughters.

Train Strikes Open Switch and Many of Passengers Injured

GREENSBORO, N. C., July 7.—Engineer Thomas G. Bensch of Alexandria, Va., received injuries from which he died tonight and more than fifty passengers were more or less seriously hurt when the Southern railway limited train No. 28, Atlanta to Washington, ran into an open switch and collided head on with a freight lying in the yards here late today. The wrecked train carried between 350 and 400 passengers and was running full speed.

FRAME DRIVES TO HIS DEATH

Dixon, Neb., Man Killed in Automobile Accident in outh Dakota.

SOUGHT TO HANDLE MACHINE

Out Riding with Friends and Grasping Steering Wheel, Drives the Machine Into Bank Beside the Road. SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 7.—William Frame was killed and Jesse Bass, his wife and two children and Mrs. Bass' sister and her little girl were more or less injured tonight in an automobile accident ten miles north of Sioux City in South Dakota. The victims all live in Dixon, Neb. They were on the way to Jefferson, S. D. Frame had asked to drive the machine frequently during the trip, but Mr. Bass would not consent to this. Just after crossing the Big Sioux river bridge in South Dakota, Frame became impatient and finally grabbed the steering wheel. He turned it suddenly to the right causing the car to swerve into a rut in the road, and turn over. Frame fell underneath and was instantly killed. The others were thrown clear of the machine. They were later brought to a Sioux City hospital for treatment. It is believed all will recover.

ELKS WORKING OVERTIME

Grand Lodge Committees at Portland Preparing for Meeting.

NATIONAL HOME IS DISCUSSED

Action to Be Taken to Induce the Government to Create Number of Preserves Throughout the West. PORTLAND, Ore., July 7.—Grand lodge officers and members of committees worked hard today preparing for the opening session Monday of the grand lodge of Elks. The credentials committee held its first session today, and although there are no contests, it will have to work overtime to get all credentials approved. After a thorough discussion of the subject, the new national home committee, it was learned today, will probably refer back to the grand lodge the question of the proposed construction of a new Elks home. As the committee was empowered to act by the grand lodge last year, their action is interpreted as a recommendation that the grand lodge defer the construction of the home. The committee on preservation of elk is said, will make strong recommendation for federal protection of the animals. It is believed that the report will be urged of the Warren bill now pending in congress for the creation of a federal preserve in Wyoming; also, for the Kent-Perkins bill, for the creation of a number of elk preserves in different parts of the west.

LAWRENCE OBSERVERS NOTICE EARTH SHOCKS

LAWRENCE, Kan., July 7.—Heavy earth shocks, seventy minutes in duration, were recorded on the seismograph of the University of Kansas, beginning at 1:15 o'clock this morning. The center of the disturbance was estimated at 2,800 miles distance. The vibration marks of the heaviest part of the shocks were three and three-fourths inches across the instrument, the most violent known since its installation five years ago. The waves were heavier in the west than in the north and south. Prof. H. P. Cady, in charge of the observatory, said there was no probable center—one to the northwest in Alaska, near the recent volcanic disturbances, and the other on the northwest coast of South America in Colombia or Ecuador. Since the seismograph does not record the exact direction of the shocks it is impossible further to identify their location.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK ON INDIANA INTERURBAN

MARION, Ind., July 7.—Three persons were killed and more than a dozen seriously injured in an interurban wreck on the Indiana Union Transit company's line here today.

AMERICA TAKES OLYMPIC HONOR

Craig of Detroit First in Hundred Meter Race Event at Stockholm.

AMERICANS SECOND AND THIRD Make Unusually Brilliant Showing in Games.

JIM THORPE WINS PENTATHLON Carlisle Indian Shows Himself Athlete of First Form.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM SHOWN Preliminaries of Ten Thousand-Meter Race Go to Foreigners, But Many Speedy Americans Will Take Part in Final Event.

STOCKHOLM, July 7.—James Thorpe, Carlisle, Indian school won the pentathlon in the games today, comprising the running broad jump, throwing the javelin, best hand 300-meter flat race, throwing the discus, best hand and the 1,500-meter flat race. In the 100-meter final race, R. C. Craig, Detroit, won; A. C. Meyer, Irish-American Athletic club, second; Sid F. Lippincott, University of Pennsylvania, third. Time: 0:104.

The games in the stadium started with a sermon, a prayer and a hymn at 9 o'clock. The weather was hot and clear and greatly to the liking of both American visitors and competitors. The seats even at that early hour were half filled with enthusiasts, among whom were many women. The first trials in the stadium were the preliminary rounds of the running high jump, wrestling and the trial heats in the 10,000-meter flat race. Six of the eleven jumpers who qualified for the final round of the running high jump by clearing 143 centimeters were representatives of the United States. Fifteen jumpers failed, including two of the American team.

Indiana's Great Sprint. The sensational event of the morning was a splendid race between Louis Tewanima, an Indian, and L. Richardson of South Africa, in the second heat of the 10,000 meter flat race in which eleven runners started. Until the last mile the order was A. Stenroos, Finland; Louis Tewanima and H. Karlsson, Sweden; the little Indian hanging closely on the Fin's heels, with the Swede a yard behind.

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Other Heats of Race. The first heat of the 10,000-meter flat was comparatively unexciting. H. Kolehmainen, the Finn, winning with ease. Kepper made a fine fight for second place, having a good brush with W. J. Kramer in the first half race. Kramer, however, was obliged to give up in the eighteenth round with eight laps still to be covered. The American, Harry E. Hollowell, New York Athletic club, did only four laps, a sore foot compelling him to abandon the race.

The third heat of the 10,000-meter flat furnished a pretty victory for the small Finn, Kolehmainen, who out-ran England's famous ten miler, W. Scott. Fost the United States Lewis Scott, South Paterson Young Men's Christian association, and U. F. McGuire, North Attleboro, Mass., unattached made a bad third and fifth, respectively.

The 100 meters flat race final was a great contest. It belonged to anybody until ten feet from the tape, but R. C. Craig of Detroit, by a great burst, crossed a foot ahead. Only inches separated the next three. A. T. Meyer and R. F. Lippincott, Americans, and G. F. Patching of South Africa, E. V. Bolote of Chicago, finished fifth.

The flags of the first, second and third in each final event are raised on three flagstaves at the end of the stadium. When the stars and stripes were hoisted on each pole at the end of the 100 meters race, the American contingent cheered loud and long, ending each outburst with "U. S. A."

The complete victory in this event far exceeded anticipations. The trainers were in no wise oversanguine about getting first place, regarding G. H. Patching of South Africa, as a most dangerous sprinter.

Program of Day. The program of today's events was as follows: Cycling road race, 300 miles round Lake Maelarke.

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