

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES

LATE NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR NATION'S CAPITOL

MOSES HAAS SURRENDERS

Was Indicted With Peckham For Complicity in Cotton Report Scandal. Holmes is Indicted Under Section of Revised Statistics.

Moses Haas, indicted in connection with the cotton leakage scandals, surrendered himself to a United States marshal when officially informed of the warrant issued against him a few days ago. This warrant was issued by the federal grand jury simultaneously with one for Frederick Peckham who was arrested at Saratoga. The complaint against Haas, signed by Assistant United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, charges that Edward S. Holmes, Jr., assistant statistician of the bureau of agriculture, conspired with Haas and Peckham to furnish them with cotton crop reports in advance of their publication in order that Haas, Peckham and others might buy and sell cotton under the information thus furnished and that Holmes furnished to Louis C. Van Riper and others procured by Haas and Peckham information concerning cotton reports on September 3, 1904 in advance of the publication of the report. Bail was fixed for Haas at \$10,000. Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., until recently associate statistician of the department of agriculture, but who was dismissed as the outcome of the investigation into the leakage in the cotton crop reports, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government. This announcement was made by District Attorney Beach just after he had returned from New York City where he has been instrumental in causing the arrest of F. A. Peckham the New York broker at Saratoga, and Moses Haas of New York. There are two indictments covering the charges against the three men. Mr. Beach said that Holmes, who has been away from Washington for some time and whose whereabouts have not been generally known, will be here to answer to the indictment. Section 5440 of the revised statutes under which Holmes is indicted and which it is understood forms the foundation of the charges against these three men, provides that if two or more persons conspire to

commit any crime against the United States or to defraud the United States in any manner and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, all the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 and to imprisonment of not more than two years. The report of the secret service agents into the charges alleging that advance information regarding the cotton crop reports had been given to cotton brokers in New York asserted that Holmes had communicated advance information to L. C. Van Riper, a New York broker, and Moses Haas, of New York, whom Van Riper said acted as a go-between in conveying information from Holmes to other New York brokers. Mr. Van Riper, according to the report of the secret service agents, said he became acquainted with Holmes in New York in August, 1904, through a mutual friend. According to this testimony Holmes told Van Riper he could get information concerning the government crop report principally through the reports of the general agents. Van Riper, it is alleged, said Holmes furnished him with information from time to time for several months in advance of the publication of the official figures and that the information furnished by Holmes corresponded exactly with the figures later published as the official report. After the submission of the secret service agents' reports Holmes was promptly dismissed and later the testimony taken by them was turned over to the department of justice with a view to the criminal prosecution of the persons alleged to be involved in the "leakage."

The State Department received a cable dispatch from Yokohama, saying that the ship Australia, owned by Spreckles had been seized. The dispatch gives no details of why the ship was seized or anything concerning the business in which it was engaged.

Congressman Gaines, of Tennessee is in Washington, seeking information about the tobacco crop report scandal. He wants to know how and why the figures were juggled in the interests of the Tobacco Trust.

The Navy Department has fixed April 24, 1906, as the date for the celebration at Annapolis, Md., in honor of the memory of Admiral John Paul Jones.

The fact that so few Chinese were admitted into this country last month is attracting attention here in a very pointed manner to the condition now existing in the immigration service. It had been anticipated by some that President Roosevelt's interest in the matter would result in a substantial "liberalization" of the act under which the number of Chinese admitted would be substantially increased. This number, however, was less than 200 in July as compared with nearly 320 in the corresponding month a year ago. This situation has been taken by some to mean that the liberalization order was simply a farce and was designed to throw dust in the eyes of the public. Commissioner General Sargent, however, when questioned on the matter, said that several factors in the situation have been apparently neglected. He said that the principal effect of President Roosevelt's order had been to compel consular officers in Chinese ports to stop the careless or fraudulent issue of certificates to Chinamen evidently not members of the exempt classes. By so doing, he says, American immigrant inspectors have been relieved of the disagreeable duty of looking closely at these certificates in order to ascertain whether they were made out in a proper way and were in the hands of persons justly entitled to them. Continuing, Mr. Sargent stated that there had been a great decrease in the number of such manifestly irregular certificates presented. At one time, some months ago, sixty such certificates of fraudulent character had been detected in one month as issued by a single officer. Mr. Sargent also pointed to the fact that the number of Chinese actually turned back during the past month has been very small indeed.

George B. Cortelyou will probably succeed Leslie M. Shaw, as Secretary of the Treasury early in the new year. Truman H. Newberry, long slated to follow Chas. H. Darling as Assistant Secretary of the Navy and to take office Sept. 17, may become Postmaster General. He has recently bought a hundred thousand dollar house in the fashionable quarter of the city, which suggests more important connections with the administration than the place in the navy affords. Michigan people steadily assert that Mr. Newberry accepted the President's original offer with the implicit understanding that he would eventually go into the Cabinet, and accordingly his name has been mentioned in connection with every vacancy that has since arisen. John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, the present Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will probably go into the Cabinet before this administration ends. He was the original supporter of the Republican National Com-

mission prior to her departure for New Orleans, August 15th, together with most of the houses in that immediate vicinity. I am convinced that there is no yellow fever or serious sickness there. Among the many people interviewed by me on my tour of inspection which I endeavored to make complete was the husband of Mrs. Guericio and everything elicited from these people tended to corroborate the correctness of the statement made to me by Dr. Jones and his co-laborers. I am greatly pleased with the frankness which characterized the talk and manner of the Memphis Health officers about this matter. From what I myself have seen and the further assurance of Dr. Heber Jones, president of the City Board of Health and his associates that there is no yellow fever in the City of Memphis, I will accept their statement as true and the Mississippi State Board of Health will not quarantine against Memphis. (Signed) J. F. HUNTER, M. D., "Secretary Mississippi State Board of Health."

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Discrimination against Oklahoma City and points in Indian Territory in favor of larger shipping centers in the matter of wheat and grain rates is charged in a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroads.

TWELVE CASES YELLOW FEVER REPORT TO EXIST AT NATCHEZ

New Orleans Reports Forty-One New Cases—Conditions at Leesville Grog Worse. Gov. Vardaman and Dr. Hunter find no fever Memphis.

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—All reports up to 6 p. m. Sunday: New cases... 31 Total to date... 1,743 Deaths... 13 Total... 255 New foci... 12 Total foci... 412 Remaining under treatment... 199

New Orleans, La., Aug. 27.—While the death rate for today shown increase; it is the occasion of uneasiness as they were in nevery instance among the lower as of Italians who are almost headh in their efforts to evade the health officials, and this very same clare today largely responsible for spread into adjoining parishes an states whether they flee, like so many sheep, evading physicians or friends, or as though they were some event.

The efforts of Dr. Jones, Memphis health officer to evade the current regarding the case of Mr. Frank Guericio is unavailing and noubt remains, as to the feasibility the infection occurring in Memphis. The condition at Leesville steadily growing worse and appears being made for the Marine Service take charge.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 27.—Reports from Leesville today are tone effect that there is now under treatment 250 cases. Reports of death and new cases for the day are suppressed.

NATCHEZ, MISS., HAS SIX CASES. New Orleans, La., Aug. 27.—A special from Natchez, this afternoon announces the existence of six yellow fever in their midst.

The Natchez Board of Health have announced six cases of fever and five suspicious cases, which, though not reported as such by the Health Board are conceded to be genuine.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 27.—The visit heretoday of Gov. Vardaman and Secretary Hunter of the Mississippi Board of Health resulted in the following signed statements, being issued which is self explanatory:

"After thorough discussion of the situation with Dr. Heber Jones and other members of the Board of Health and a careful personal inspection of the premises occupied by Mrs. Guericio prior to her departure for New Orleans, August 15th, together with most of the houses in that immediate vicinity, I am convinced that there is no yellow fever or serious sickness there. Among the many people interviewed by me on my tour of inspection which I endeavored to make complete was the husband of Mrs. Guericio and everything elicited from these people tended to corroborate the correctness of the statement made to me by Dr. Jones and his co-laborers. I am greatly pleased with the frankness which characterized the talk and manner of the Memphis Health officers about this matter. From what I myself have seen and the further assurance of Dr. Heber Jones, president of the City Board of Health and his associates that there is no yellow fever in the City of Memphis, I will accept their statement as true and the Mississippi State Board of Health will not quarantine against Memphis. (Signed) J. F. HUNTER, M. D., "Secretary Mississippi State Board of Health."

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QUARANTINE RE-ESTABLISHED. Pass Christian, Miss., Aug. 27.—At 8 o'clock last night the local board of health re-established quarantine against all of Harrison county north of Bayoues Johnson and Portage and east of the eastern limits of the town, and also against the counties of Hancock and Jackson. This action was taken on the report from Dr. Wasson that yellow fever had developed in Gulfport.

Other reports from the country are as follows: Patterson, no new cases and no deaths. Amelia, two cases. Bayou Boeuf, one case. Pecan Grove, three cases and one death. Elizabeth plantation, one death. Hanson City, four new cases and one death. St. Rose, two cases. Port Barrow, two cases. Ninth ward of Jefferson parish, one case. Lake Providence, three cases. Gulfport, three cases. Mississippi City, no new cases. The Southern Pacific, at the request of the state board of health, has put on a special coach for the accommodation of people traveling between infected points on that road. It will be run every other day.

Quite a controversy has developed between City Health Officer Kohake and Dr. Joseph Holt at one time president of the state board of health. Dr. Holt, in the course of an address before a meeting passed some severe strictures on the city health officer, who, when he read the report of the address in the morning papers, wrote him asking if he had been correctly quoted. Dr. Holt made a rather warm reply.

Eleven are Under Detention. New York.—The steamer Seguaranca brought forty-seven Panama Canal employees from Colon. All of them were on vacations, due either to the temporary stoppage of excavating or abandonment of work at Culebra. Among the passengers was Luis F. Corea, Nicaraguan minister to Washington. Five second cabin passengers and six members of the crew were removed from the vessel at quarantine and transferred to Hoffman Island for observation. Their temperatures were abnormal.

St. Francisville, La.—This place has all the week had a system of guards out to watch the roads and examine all health certificates of strangers. Volunteers serve day by day paid men by night. Bayou Sara does the same in guarding the river front and watching the line of the new railway, so that the system of inspection is complete for the two towns.

Decatur Takes Precautions. Montgomery, Ala.—Decatur has quarantined against Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee on a straight line north of Corinth, Mississippi. No persons from the section named will be permitted to stop in Decatur without a health certificate.

Alexandria Clear of Fever. Alexandria, La.—This city being clear of fever, and having been so for more than a week, Dr. Joseph Goldberger, the representative of the Marine Hospital Service, who has been stationed here for the past ten days left for Lake Providence.

No Fever at Rayne. Crowley, La.—The military quarantine guard which was thrown around the town on the announcement that the incubation period had expired at Rayne without any cases of fever having developed. The militia were paid a dollar apiece for their services.

Expert at Port Barrow. Donaldson, La.—L. F. J. Estrampes a sanitary expert, in the employ of the State Board of Health, arrived here having been detailed to take steps to prevent a spread of the fever at Port Barrow.

Sugar Barred. The Vicksburg board of health has placed the ban on all sugar brought there unless it is shown by bills of lading to have come from Eastern or Northern points. The city has declared quarantine against all freight of any character from Louisiana.

Struck By Lightning. During a terrific wind, rain and lightning storm which struck Meridian, lightning struck electric car No. 13, with thirteen passengers on board at West End, burning out the mechanism. No fatalities has been reported.

Bishop Galloway Coming. Nashville, Tenn.—It is reliably reported here that Bishop C. B. Galloway, president of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trustees, has canceled all engagements and has gone to New Orleans to offer his services in fighting the yellow fever and aiding the sufferers there. Bishop Galloway is a yellow fever immune, having had a very severe attack of fever at Vicksburg in 1878.

HAPPENINGS IN MISSISSIPPI

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL SECTIONS.

AN EPITOME OF THE NEWS

Called From the Important Happenings Throughout the State During the Past Week and Reviewed in Brief.

September Weather.

The following data covering a period of seventeen years have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at six observation stations in Mississippi. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed in the state during September for the above periods of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of weather for the month. Month, September for 17 years. Temperature—(indegrees) Mean or normal temperature, 75. The warmest month was that of 1900, with an average of 80. The coldest month was that of 1895, with an average of 70. Some of the highest temperatures recorded were as follows: 102 at Kosciusko and 101 at Port Gibson in 1900, and 101 at Hernando, Kosciusko and Shelby in 1904. Some of the lowest temperatures recorded were as follows: 34 at Batesville and Ripley in 1899. Frost.—The average date of the first killing frost in autumn over the northern half of the State is October 31st, over the southern half, exclusive of the counties bordering on the Gulf, November 5th and over the Gulf counties November 27th. Precipitation—Average for the month, 2.85 inches. Average number of days with 0.01 inch or more, 5. The greatest average monthly precipitation was 6.25 inches in 1898. The least average monthly precipitation was 0.05 inches in 1897. Some of the greatest monthly amounts of precipitation recorded were as follows: 21.76 inches at Biloxi in 1898 and 12.57 inches at Corlath in 1890. No precipitation was reported at ten stations in northern Mississippi in September 1897. Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 19; partly cloudy days, 6; cloudy days, 5. Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the southwest.

New Corporations.

The following charters of new corporations domiciled in the state have been approved by the governor and filed for record with the secretary of state:

Bank of Pachuta, domiciled at Pachuta, Clark county, with a capital stock of \$10,000. J. C. Parsons Lumber Company, domiciled at Lumberton in Lamar county, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Progress Publishing Company, domiciled at Ita Bena, Leflore county, with a capital stock of \$3,000. The Associated Charities, domiciled at Natchez Adams county. No capital stock. Builders' Supply Company, domiciled at Ocean Springs, Hancock county, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Mississippi Cotton and Trading Company, domiciled at Meridian, Lauderdale county, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Amendment to charter of the Mississippi Cotton Oil Company changing the domicile from Meridian to Jackson.

Enough for Two.

A unique contest was pulled off at Brookhaven. One of the leading business houses of Brookhaven had offered a prize of \$20 for the largest number of ladies brought to their store on one wagon. The winner, Edbert Lovell, of Fair River ten miles west of here, brought in sixty-three ladies, but scored sixty-four by reason of a rule governing the contest, which provided that ladies 300 pounds or over should count for two. Mrs. Emma Touchstone, under this provision, counted for two. Mr. Lovell used an eight-wheel log wagon built up for the purpose, and the ladies were all comfortably seated. The wagon started from a point ten miles east and gathered its passengers along the road. It was drawn by eight fine mules, and was gaily bedecked with flags and streamers. The ladies enjoyed a gala day.

Shrimp Canning Begins.

The shrimp cannery of Farren & Roberts at Pascagoula will begin operations, giving employment to a good force of operatives.

New Compress.

J. J. Loblano, superintendent, announces that the new cotton compress at Magnolia is now ready for business and fully equipped to press cotton in large quantities on short notice. This compress was erected this summer.

Killed While Sawing Wood.

Frank Smith, an old resident of Franklinton, was killed by a falling tree while engaged in sawing wood.

Voluntary Bankruptcy.

M. G. Phillips of Jackson filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, with no available assets. Property valued at \$1,700, including a residence, is scheduled as exempt from taxation.

Hancock Personalty.

The personal assessment roll of Hancock county was received at the auditor's office. The total personalty valuation is \$1,211,364.

The Lunacy Law.

The Attorney General rendered an opinion respecting the lunacy law and the expenses of lunatic trials. He holds that where a lunatic belonging to one county is tried in another and adjudged insane, the expense shall fall upon the county in which the lunatic belongs. Where a lunatic is placed in the asylum under section 2843 of the Code, the Board of Supervisors has no authority to pay any part of the expense of examination by the physicians, nor any part of the expense incurred in removing the lunatic. This section applies to cases where the friends or relatives of the lunatic desire to avoid publicity and to place the lunatic quietly in the asylum without a court proceeding, and in such cases the Boards of Supervisors have nothing to do with the cost or expenses.

Where a lunatic is tried under the provisions of section 2835 of the Code and found not to be a lunatic, the expenses can not be collected either from the county, the estate of the person tried, or the person charged with maintaining him as a pauper.

Bank Craze.

There seems to be another general craze to establish banks, and the question is now being asked whether there are not as many such institutions as the legitimate demands of business require. For the past three years the number of banks has steadily multiplied. During the month of August now closing the Governor has approved charters for five new banks, and many others are organizing. Announcement is just made of the organization of a new bank in Brandon with a capital of \$20,000. This will make six for the month of August. The others are Greenville Saving Bank and Trust Company, capital \$25,000; Bank of Mathiston, capital \$15,000; Bank of Pachuta, capital \$30,000; Bank of Commerce, Natchez, capital \$10,000; People's Bank of Hattiesburg, capital \$10,000.

To Seek New Location.

Arrangements are being made to move the Eastman, Gardiner & Co. camps from their present location at Laurel to Summerland, on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, seventeen miles from Laurel. The little town of Summerland will have its population increased several hundred persons in one day, as the camps have a population of about 1000 souls. These live in camp houses or "shacks" built on wheels, and the inhabitants will all be here to eat their breakfast at their present location and their dinner at the new camping place, a number of miles away, with not a dish or pot moved from its regular position in the camp kitchen.

Day of Sports.

Manager McKay, of the State Industrial Exposition, scheduled for Jackson the second week of November, has a scheme by which he expects to bring 3,000 college girls and boys to the Capital to see the evidences of the State's greatness. His idea is to arrange a game of football between the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the University of Mississippi Friday Nov. 10, and have the railroads run excursion trains from every college in the state. Other amusements for college athletics will be arranged for, and Friday and Saturday will be given over to the entertainment of the college students.

Space For Exhibits.

Manager McKay of the Mississippi Exposition Company, states that he has received an application from one of the largest furniture factories in the State, that at Greenwood, asking for large floor space so that their goods may be shown to the best advantage. The chrysanthemum clubs at Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs have notified Mr. McKay that they will be in great force with hundreds of pots of the finest "mums" Jackson has ever seen. It is stated that a State Floral Association is to be organized during Exposition week, and Manager McKay has assured the ladies of the two clubs above named that he will give them every assistance in his power.

Pretty Romance.

Miss Emma L. Wilson, a young girl from Kansas, journeyed all the way to Jackson to meet her lover, and a very pretty little nuptial event took place at the parsonage of the First Methodist church. The fortunate groom for whom this young lady journeyed a thousand miles, braving the southern quarantines and the sensational stories afloat in the north and west concerning yellow fever in the south is C. O. Merideth, an employe of the American Express Company who has been connected with the local office for the past several months.