

# AS YELLOW FEVER CREPT UP NORTH

## Spite of Quarantine Ships and Rifles?

**SURGEONS SENT TO SCENE.**  
Surgeon General Wyman Will Take Charge of Affairs in Person When Full Force

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1899.**

**YELLOW JACK PUTS TROOPS TO FLIGHT.**  
Fort Monroe

**YELLOW PLAGUE SPREADS TO PHOENIX.**

**THREE MORE DIE OF YELLOW FEVER.**

**MONDAY.**

**YELLOW JACK.**  
Fort Monroe

**NEW CASES AND ONE DEATH AT HAMPTON FROM YELLOW JACK.**  
Forty or Fifty Inmates Stricken

**YELLOW FEVER IN SOLDIERS' HOME.**  
Three Deaths and Thirty Cases Yesterday in National Institution Near Fort Monroe.  
**SEVEN DIED ON SATURDAY.**

**SHOT GUNS BAR IN YELLOW JACK AT HAMPTON.**  
The Wildest Excitement prevails in the Cities Surrounding the Soldiers' Home Which is Infected.



"AROUND THIS NUCLEUS THE TOWN OF HAMPTON HAS STRETCHED A CORDON OF MEN ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS."

...ing the quarantine flag is on patrol duty. Its mission is to prevent the approach of vessels or small boats. The rapid-fire gun is more for signalling purposes than for use otherwise.

Around this nucleus the town of Hampton has stretched a cordon of men armed with shotguns. Their mission is to turn back any one who may have succeeded in evading the troops and the tug.

Within halting distance of the Hampton forces the city of Norfolk has stationed a body of men armed with Winchesters. Their bullets are intended for any persons who may have been missed by the lead of the troops at the Home or the buckshot of the Hampton cordon.

In Hampton Roads, between the Soldiers' Home and Norfolk, a fleet of seven tugs hired by the city of Norfolk, is on guard duty to see that no small boats or vessels land refugees from the quarantined district. The crews of the tugs are armed with rifles and revolvers.

The Navy Department has established a guard of armed marines at the Naval Hospital to see that no refugees land in that vicinity.

The farmers in all the country north of Hampton have assumed general alarm. A cordon of armed troops around the site gun quarantine along the entire water front of the outbreak. Along the shore a tug equipped with a small rapid-fire gun and

There is now a rifle quarantine all along the water front from Old Point to Norfolk, and any one attempting to cross the James River or the Elizabeth River from north or south does so at peril of his life.

The war ship Nashville is at Fort Monroe; the monitors Terror and Puritan are at Norfolk. The Navy Department declines to say what its intentions are, and opinion is divided as to whether the ships are to be moved out of danger of infection or whether they are to aid in maintaining the quarantine.

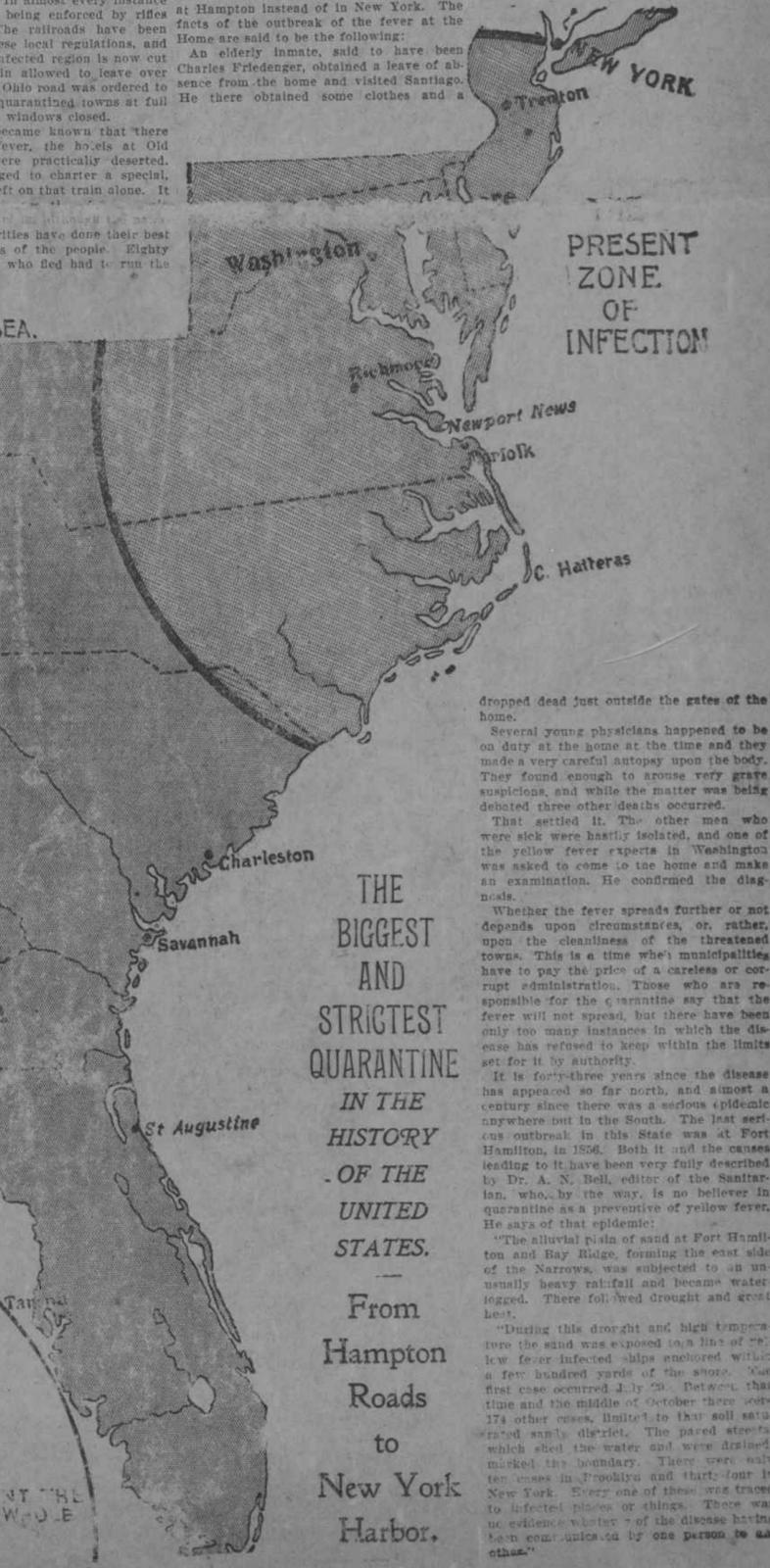
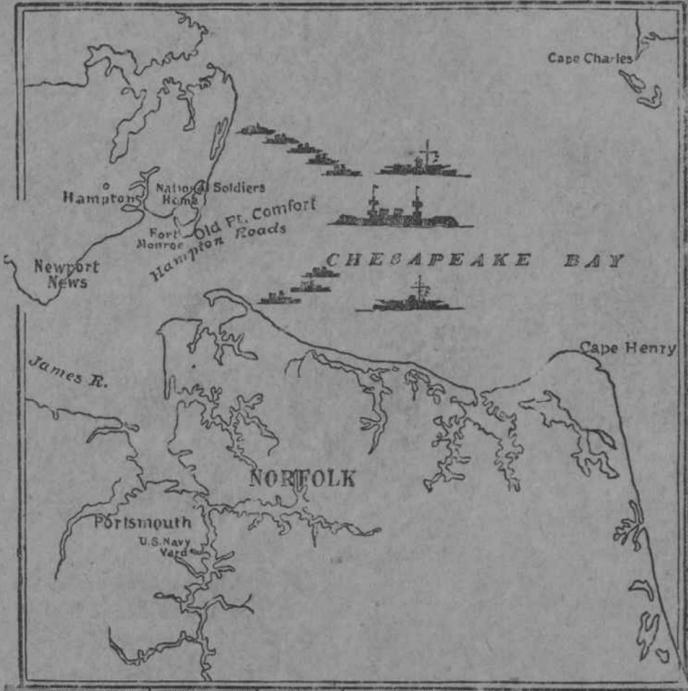
Every town and village surrounding Hampton has quarantined against that place, as well as against Norfolk and other suspected points. In almost every instance the quarantine is being enforced by rifles and shotguns. The railroads have been forced to obey these local regulations, and escape from the infected region is now cut off. The last train allowed to leave over the Chesapeake & Ohio road was ordered to pass through the quarantine towns at full speed and with all windows closed.

As soon as it became known that there was danger of fever, the hotels at Old Point Comfort were practically deserted. The guests managed to charter a special, and 300 of them left on that train alone. It is

number of curiosities and war relics. At the time he left Santiago there was understood to be no fever in that city and so, when Friedenger reached New York, he and his effects were passed by the Quarantine officials without disinfection.

It is said that soon after his return there was an outbreak of sickness at the home, but there seems to have been no suspicion that it might be yellow fever. There were, during June and July, several deaths from this mysterious disease, but still there was no suspicion until Friedenger himself

THE EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST YELLOW FEVER BY SEA.



**THE BIGGEST AND STRICTEST QUARANTINE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

From Hampton Roads to New York Harbor.

dropped dead just outside the gates of the home.

Several young physicians happened to be on duty at the home at the time and they made a very careful autopsy upon the body. They found enough to arouse very grave suspicion, and while the matter was being debated three other deaths occurred.

That settled it. The other men who were sick were hastily isolated, and one of the yellow fever experts in Washington was asked to come to the home and make an examination. He confirmed the diagnosis.

Whether the fever spreads further or not depends upon circumstances, or, rather, upon the cleanliness of the threatened towns. This is a time when municipalities have to pay the price of a careless or corrupt administration. Those who are responsible for the quarantine say that the fever will not spread, but there have been only too many instances in which the disease has refused to keep within the limits set for it by authority.

It is forty-three years since the disease has appeared so far north, and almost a century since there was a serious epidemic anywhere but in the South. The last serious outbreak in this State was at Fort Hamilton, in 1856. Both it and the causes leading to it have been very fully described by Dr. A. N. Bell, editor of the Sanitarian, who, by the way, is no believer in quarantine as a preventive of yellow fever. He says of that epidemic:

"The alluvial plain of sand at Fort Hamilton and Bay Ridge, forming the east side of the Narrows, was subjected to an unusually heavy rainfall and became waterlogged. There followed drought and great heat.

"During this drought and high temperature the sand was exposed to a line of low fever infected ships anchored within a few hundred yards of the shore. The first case occurred July 29. Between that time and the middle of October there were 174 other cases, limited to that soil saturated sandy district. The paved streets, which shed the water and were drained, marked the boundary. There were only ten cases in Brooklyn and thirty-four in New York. Every one of these was traced to infected places or things. There was no evidence whatever of the disease having been communicated by one person to another."

THE most extensive and drastic quarantine which has ever been maintained in America is now being put into effect to guard the North from an epidemic of yellow fever.

A week ago it was officially announced that there existed an outbreak of yellow fever in the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va. With this announcement came the alarming information that there had been ten deaths out of thirty cases. There are 4,000 old soldiers in the Home and its neighborhood. In spite of the utmost efforts of the authorities other cases have developed among the inmates and other deaths have occurred.

HERE hardly could be a worse place for a bad outbreak of yellow fever than that selected Hampton is only a few hundred miles from the present epidemic. The Home this city, and it is estimated that fully 75 per cent of those who have fled from the Bay, is close to Norfolk and Newport News and within touch of the great hotels. The National Soldiers' Home stands upon the spit of land, or peninsula, between the Old Point Comfort. The same stretch of water, it should be remembered, connects Hampton with Richmond and Washington. town is Phoebus, which is the doors of

**THE EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT THE PATIENTS AT THE SOLDIERS HOME FROM INFECTING THE WHOLE COUNTRY-BY LAND**

STATE TROOPS  
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