

Bubonic Plague Cases Conquered With New Drugs

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Illness of two New Mexico residents today was found to be bubonic plague—the "black death" of the middle ages.

Only 21 other cases of the disease have been listed in the United States during the last 25 years.

The diagnosis was reported by Dr. Vernon Link of the western contagious disease control center in San Francisco.

He told a news conference that modern drugs apparently have achieved a smashing victory over the ancient, flea-borne disease. Treatment, he said, has brought dramatic improvement in both cases.

The victims are a 10-year-old boy treated at Taos and a 37-year-old man in the veterans hospital at Albuquerque. They are residents of two widely separated villages in northern New Mexico.

The Taos case was treated with streptomycin and sulfadiazine, the Albuquerque patient with penicillin and streptomycin.

Dr. Link said there have been 516 cases with 338 deaths since 1900. He added that all 23 cases in the last quarter century have been traced to wild rodents carrying plague-infested fleas.

Rice Valley

By MRS. CECIL HARTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bell, who have made their home in Rice Valley the past year, left Sunday to make their home in Plumerville, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will visit their daughter at Little Rock, Ark. before going on to Plumerville.

Mrs. Maude Lebell and Mrs. Frank Stapleton, who have been visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Glen Walker, left this week for Lincoln, Neb. They will visit relatives in Los Angeles, Calif., enroute to Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kidwell visited the sea lion caves last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Castor and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bell surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wales last Sunday evening, when they dropped in at the Wales home to celebrate Mr. Wales' birthday. The evening was spent playing cards. Refreshments were served late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Churchill accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill drove to Winchester Bay and Tenmile Lake last Sunday. The occasion was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill. The day was spent picnicking and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Witherwax of Berkeley, Calif., visited Sunday at the J. G. Wales home while enroute to Denver, Colo. Mr. Witherwax and Mrs. Wales are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cullens and their son left last week for Nebraska, where they will visit friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cullens and their daughter, recently from Nebraska, are staying at their home on Rice Hill during their absence.

Mrs. Cecil Hartford, accompanied by Mrs. Grace Grass and Mrs. T. H. Shepherd, drove to Roseburg last Wednesday. Mrs. Grass remained to take up her duties after a two months' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rice and daughter spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alyn Wilson in Eugene and attended the ball game at Hills Creek Sunday afternoon.

Daylight Saving To Be Extended in Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The city council voted unanimously Wednesday to extend daylight saving time in Portland until Sept. 25.

Originally the city was to resume standard time Sept. 11, but radio stations had urged that Portland conform to eastern states' time shift to avoid confusion in broadcasting schedules.

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Waterfowl Hunting Outlook Bright For This Fall, Survey Indicates

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—It looks like good hunting this fall. Slight increases in the population of wild ducks, geese, swan, coot and other waterfowl are being recorded by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has surveyed the birds' wintering and breeding areas.

The Service's winter inventory showed that, while the overall increase in all waterfowl was only one percent, the increase in ducks was about 12 percent over last year. Current surveys of breeding grounds in the north indicate an improved flight south.

Just how many birds hunters may shoot each season is determined on the basis of an estimated waterfowl population, the number of prospective hunters, weather conditions and other things. Waterfowl population is determined by studies of flyways in four sections of the country over which the birds migrate back and forth. Eight airplanes carrying two biologists, one of whom is a pilot, fly about 50 miles over the same areas each year. At a height of 75 to 100 feet above ground the men are able to count the birds in the wintering areas and make their estimates on the basis of comparisons with counts of other years.

In addition, sample counts are

made of breeding areas in the northern part of the hemisphere, as far north as the Arctic. This is done also by airplanes, automobiles, boats, canoes and on foot. The men go out, first count ducks in pairs, find the birds' nests, note how many eggs are laid, how many hatched, what the average brood size of each bird is at hatching time and at the time they are able to fly. This way they get a pretty good idea how many birds will be flying south come fall.

Canadian wildlife groups work with the United States biologists. Conditions in breeding grounds vary each year, says Cecil Williams, in charge of this government's waterfowl management investigations. For instance this year, he told me, Alberta and Saskatchewan areas suffered a severe drought. Birds which formerly sought nesting places there settled elsewhere, mostly in the parkland regions of Manitoba.

A new mission was sent out this year to study the Ungava peninsula, in the Labrador regions to determine its importance as a producing area for waterfowl. Mr. Williams said not many ducks were found, but Fish and Wildlife biologists Carl Ecklund and Leon Cool found quite a number of geese.

Last year post offices in hunt-

Elephant Aboard Liner Expecting

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Flora is expecting.

What makes it news is that Flora is an elephant aboard the American President Lines freighter President Taft, five days out of Yokohama.

The vessel's skipper, Capt. W. S. Tyrrell, retreated into silence after messaging laconically that Flora's monumental labor was not far off.

The Taft is due here next Tuesday with a load of animals for the Los Angeles zoo. There was every indication Flora would be a mama before then.

Carey Baldwin, director of the San Francisco zoo, expressed fear Flora and her offspring might be "killed with kindness."

He explained:

"It's a tricky business, but all they have to do is leave Flora alone and give her plenty of privacy and she'll have her baby all right."

Once born, the baby should be taken from the mother, Baldwin said, because sometimes mother elephants "exhibit maternal tendencies." The calf should be bottle-fed, he said.

ing areas of the United States sold duck stamps to about 2,000,000 hunters, not including hunters of upland game such as pheasant and grouse.

New Council Of Europe Splits On Proposed Admittance Of Germans

By FRANK O'BRIEN.

STRASBOURG, France, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Former French Premier Edouard Herriot declares a division of minds exists on the question of admitting Germans to the new Council of Europe.

In a prepared address to the opening session of the Council's consultative assembly Herriot indicated Western Germany would have to work her way into the organization with proofs that she no longer harbors aggressive intentions.

He told the 101 delegates from 12 nations that the assembly would deal with "problems of life and death" for Europe.

"A closer association of Europe presents itself as a matter of urgency," he said.

Many political leaders of western Europe hope that the discussions here will mark a long advance toward the goal of full unity of that portion of Europe outside the Soviet orbit.

There have been proposals to include Western Germany in the organization as soon as the new

within the council.

On all sides, members of Europe's new semi-legislative body voiced complaints against the controlling position given the committee, made up of the foreign ministers of the 12 member nations.

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