

# MISSISSIPPIANS ENTER A PROTEST

Against Acts Ordered by One  
Newton C. Blanchard.

Ring Resolutions Adopted  
at Gulfport.

MASS MEETING HELD  
THERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Seizure of Topsy and Arrest  
of Her Crew

Vigorous Denounced; Mis-  
sissippi's Side of Story.

A rousing mass meeting, called by Mayor Moore of Gulfport, was held in that city Saturday night, at which the sentiment of the entire resident population of the gulf coast was expressed.

Speeches explaining the situation were made by Capt. J. T. Jones, Judge James Neville, Mayor Moore and others, and the indignation felt at the acts of Louisiana's officials in the matter of recent quarantine agitation was plainly demonstrated by the speeches and applause with which they were received.

The resolutions then adopted appears in full for the first time, as is shown by the letter of Mr. Murphy which precedes the resolutions:

Gulfport, Miss., Aug. 6, 1905.

TO THE BILOXI DAILY HERALD:

Dear Sir:—I am requested by Mr. Hewes, secretary of the meeting that was held last night to protest against the action of Louisiana authorities in reference to quarantine, to send you the enclosed copy of the resolutions which were adopted by the meeting. The Times-Democrat promised to publish the resolutions as they were written and adopted, but failed to do so, leaving out certain portions of it, and especially the resolution in reference to the New Orleans Picayune. We desire the resolution published as adopted and would thank you to publish the same in your paper from the copy enclosed which is a true copy of the same as adopted.

Yours very truly,  
ROBT. L. MURPHY.

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1905, the appearance of yellow fever was announced in the city of New Orleans, sometime after it was known to those whose duty it was to announce it; and,

Whereas, on the 21st day of July, 1905, the State of Mississippi, through its state board of health, proclaimed an ordinance of quarantine against the State of Louisiana, prohibiting all persons coming into the said State of Mississippi from the said State of Louisiana; and,

Whereas, in order to make said order of quarantine effective and protect the homes, health and lives of the people of the State of Mississippi, it was necessary to establish a quarantine on the waters between Louisiana and Mississippi, and as evidence of the efficiency of the quarantine we have only to cite the fact that many vessels with crews and passengers have attempted to pass through said points, going from New Orleans to Mississippi, and which would have successfully run the quarantine but for the vigilance of the patrols at these points, and no single case of fever has appeared upon the Mississippi coast, a thing unusual in the history of yellow fever in New Orleans; and,

Whereas, said water quarantine could only be effectively established and maintained at the mouth of Lake Borgne, the Rigolets and at the mouth of Pearl River, and which said quarantine when so established and maintained was purposed in no wise interfered with the commerce of any state or with the freedom of any person; and,

Whereas, as the state board of health of the state of Mississippi was without sufficient funds for this purpose, the citizens of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties subscribed an amount sufficient to procure boats and men and place at these points with specific instructions and directions; and,

Whereas, said men were placed at these points with instructions to stand, assemble and warn all boats and persons seeking passage through these ways into the State of Mississippi, and inform them that they could not enter the State of Mississippi because of the quarantine ordinance aforesaid, and were further instructed that if the parties so seeking admission into the State of Mississippi would not heed their warning, they were to follow said par-

ties until they reached the State of Mississippi and have proper affidavits sworn for their arrest and detention, and were further instructed that under no circumstances should any force or violence be used by them in the waters of Louisiana or on the shores of Louisiana, nor was effort at force to be made by them to restrain said vessels or persons; and,

Whereas, shortly after the placing of said vessels and crews at said above named points, the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service of the United States, under the control and management of that eminent scientist, physician and surgeon, Dr. Eugene Wasdin, took charge of the quarantine in Mississippi waters, and thereupon the patrol established by the citizens of the counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson was placed under the direction and control of said Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and since that time said patrol boats have operated under instructions and authority of said Public Health and Marine Hospital Service; and,

Whereas, said persons in charge of said patrol boats have exercised their duties as they were charged and instructed, without violence or force and without menace to the commerce of the State of Louisiana and its citizens, but quietly carrying out the orders of said quarantine to protect the homes, lives and people of the State of Mississippi from the invasion of yellow fever, and to expedite commerce; and,

Whereas, no vessel or other craft in the State of Louisiana was ever interrupted in its course by said sentinels, except such as voluntarily desired to go to Ship Island quarantine for fumigation and detention, and no person's rights were violated or impinged at all; and,

Whereas, while said patrol was quietly and peaceably engaged in the duties assigned to it, certain authorities of the State of Louisiana, acting under the direction and control of the Governor of said State of Louisiana, one Newton C. Blanchard, forcibly and violently seized said patrol while at their post of duty and carried away two of said patrol and their boats forcibly into the State of Louisiana, and there searched them and deprived them of their personal effects, where they are now detained unlawfully and unjustly, thus leaving the most dangerous place on the whole water between Louisiana and Mississippi exposed, so as to enable persons from infected points to enter the State of Mississippi at will if they so choose, which said condition the said Governor of the State of Louisiana well knew would result in the moving of these patrols and their boats from the mouth of Lake Borgne; Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the act of the said Newton C. Blanchard, Governor of the State of Louisiana, in ordering the forcible arrest and carrying away of said sentinels of the people of the government was without warrant and authority of the law, was violative of all the rights of humanity and civilization, and was the act of a petty tyrant unequalled in history, and displayed an unconcern and indifference of the health and lives of the people of Mississippi as brutal, as cruel as ever marked the era of savagery.

Resolved, that we call upon all right minded and right thinking people of the State of Louisiana to demand at the hands of their governor, who certainly has become drunken with power, the return of the people to the State of Mississippi to their place of duty.

Resolved, that we call upon the government of the United States, through its proper representatives, to take such action as is necessary to return to their places and posts the sentinels of the people so arrested by the authorities of the State of Louisiana while in the discharge of their duties as officers of the United States Government, so that they may continue to serve this State, and, in the future as in the past, prevent the introduction into the State of Mississippi of all vessels and persons from infected points in the State of Louisiana.

Be it further resolved, That we denounce the acts of the New Orleans Picayune in its exaggerated, false and malicious attempt to arouse hostility and passion between the people of the State of Mississippi and the State of Louisiana, as disgraceful and beneath the contempt of the "yellow journalism" of any age, and we declare, in our opinion, such a sheet is unworthy the support and confidence of brave, honorable and high minded people anywhere.

Resolved further, That we, the people of Harrison county, Miss., who are striving with our means, with our ability and with our energies, night and day, so as to protect the people of the entire State of Mississippi from the invasion of this plague, request the people of this State to take such action as to them shall seem meet and best in the premises, relying upon their patriotism and their courage to administer such a rebuke to the tyrant now in control of affairs of the State of Louisiana as shall not soon be forgotten, and which shall serve as a warning to all others.

Resolved, That the thanks of the people are hereby tendered to the newspapers of the city of New Orleans which have protested against the high handed and outrageous methods perpetrated by Gov. Blanchard against the people of Mississippi, and to those who

have taken no part in the encouragement of his nefarious schemes.

Resolved, That the daily papers of the city of New Orleans (except the New Orleans Picayune) and the papers of the State of Mississippi be requested to publish these proceedings.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States for his information.