

QUARANTINE MAY CAUSE CIVIL WAR

Yellow Fever Embroils Two States.

LOUISIANA IS INVADED

Armed Boats From Mississippi Are Aggressors.

GUNBOAT MAY FIGHT THE

Lake Borgne Fishermen Ordered to
Stop Fishing—Governor Blanchard
Orders Out His
Naval Brigade.

YELLOW FEVER CASES TO DATE.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 1.—Following

is the yellow fever record up to 6

P. M.:

New cases, 42.

Total cases to date, 846.

Deaths today, 6.

Total deaths to date, 68.

New foci, 4.

Total foci to date, 50.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 1.—The relations between the States of Louisiana and Mississippi have reached an acute stage, and, from indications tonight, it will change from interviews about the concealment of cases to a much more serious matter. From information that has come to hand, the dignity of the State of Louisiana has been offended by an armed invasion from the sister state, and this morning Governor Blanchard communicated with the Captain of the naval brigade, which has a fully equipped gunboat, with a view of having it dispatched to the borders to protect Louisiana citizens from further indignities.

Mississippi has five armed boats patrolling the coast to prevent fishermen from breaking through the quarantine lines. These vessels are also assisted by the United States revenue cutter Winona. The Mississippi boats will not allow Louisiana fishermen to enter Mississippi Sound, east of St. Joseph Light, but, from reports received here, it appears that one of these patrol boats came into Lake Borgne, which is distinctly Louisiana territory, and one report says it came up to the mouth of Lake Borgne canal, which extends from the lake to the Mississippi River, a distance of only $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The naval brigade vessel Stranger draws too much water for service in that vicinity, but a light-draft boat will be impressed into service, armed with a howitzer or two and manned by officers from the brigade, and will be sent out to prevent further aggressions.

Part of the territory now patrolled by the boats is now in dispute before the Supreme Court of the United States, both states having laid claim to it since the Legislature of Louisiana created an oyster commission and passed laws to protect oyster beds in that vicinity.

Later developments do not lessen the seriousness of the controversy. Commander Bostick, of the naval brigade, and General Perillat are preparing a report to the Governor following their investigation, which will be continued. It is now reported that one of the Mississippi boats drove a Southern Yacht Club yacht far into Lake Pontchartrain.

BLANCHARD MAKES PROTEST

Tells Vardaman Invasion of Louisiana Will Not Be Tolerated.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 1.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Baton Rouge, La., says:

A clash between the Mississippi and Louisiana authorities over quarantine regulations is imminent. A private dispatch was received in the city today stating that Mississippi soldiers employed as quarantine guards had invaded Louisiana with arms, and that boats were patrolling the mouth of Rogilets Lake and Pearl River, off the Louisiana coast, to prevent Louisiana boats from leaving.

Governor Blanchard directed Brigadier-General Perrillat, of his staff, and Captain J. W. Bostwick, commanding the state's naval militia, to investigate and report. He also telegraphed Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, as follows:

"Have reliable information that Mississippi quarantine guards, armed, crossed over to Louisiana side at Pearl River. I do not believe this was on orders, but was the thoughtless conduct merely of a few. To obviate unfavorable comment and friction, please give orders that your guards remain on their own side of the line."

Late this afternoon Governor Blanchard received the following telegram from President Houchou, of the State Board of Health:

"A patrol boat of the State of Mississippi patrolled Lake Borgne, and, after prohibiting fishermen from fishing in the lake, is now guarding the exit of Lake Borgne Canal, preventing any boat from coming out.

"This is an unwarrantable usurpation and invasion of Louisiana waters, and our attorney advises me to ask you to wire proper authorities in Washington to interfere at once or to take matters in hand yourself."

Governor Blanchard then telegraphed Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi:

"Have information Mississippi patrols

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have forbidden fishermen from fishing in Lake Borgne and are now guarding exit of Lake Borgne Canal, preventing boats from coming out. Is this by your orders or those of health authorities of your state? No such state of affairs can be tolerated. You have a right to prohibit boats landing on Mississippi shores, but not from navigating lake, sound and gulf channels, which are navigable waters of the United States."

Governor Blanchard also telegraphed President Bouchon that he would take prompt steps to protect Louisiana's rights.
