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FIVE DIE IN ONE DAY -- The Death Wagon Rattles O'er the Streets from Morn Till Night --
MINISTERS HURRY FROM BED TO BED -- Messengers Wait at the Doors to Summon Them from One
Chamber of Death to Another-The Pestilence Spreads.

Brunswick, Ga., October 21. -- (Special.)-Death did its work today, and tonight, beneath the sod in Oak Grove cemetery, five victims of the yellow plague sleep within its arms. Three more are beyond the power of earthly skill to save. Down Brunswick's streets today the dead wagon moved rapidly, carrying the unfortunates to the graves that awaited them. Back and forth the wagon passed, and as one grave was filled another was dug beside it. The ministers, from early dawn, drove rapidly to the bedsides of their people; but their prayers could not save the lives they so anxiously watched passing away. As the breath left the body of one, a messenger stood at the door waiting to direct the ministers to another. They were powerless to save, and could only pray. Noble, self-sacrificing ministers, He above alone knows all the good work they have done today. As the newspaper men hurried from house to house, getting a list of the dead and dying, they, at least, saw something of their labors. The ministers of Brunswick, known now throughout the land, can die, should it be ordered, with the consciousness that they labored through famine, pestilence and death for their people's sake, and at the throne of God, when their time comes, none can doubt, who knows their work, the reward that will await them. In the golden book, the names of Thompson, Cook, Hennessey, Winn and Perry will shine with a light that cannot be dimmed, for their record is one of noble deeds. C.W.D.

DYING RAPIDLY -- The Pestilence Breaks Its Previous Records at Brunswick

Brunswick, Ga., October 21. -- There were officially reported today five deaths and forty-nine new cases, the record breaker of the epidemic. The dead on the list are: Whites-Burr Winton, Herman Grundy, Alexander Pritchard and Mrs. Oberlaurer.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight William C. Weed died. He was a victim of imprudent nursing. His nurse, through feeling for the man begging for food, like all yellow fever patients do, gave him, against the physician's orders, some nourishing food. He might have been saved had this not been done.

The new cases are: Whites, in Brunswick, 7; Hilda Poulsen, Bessie Firth, Samuel Silverstein, W.A. Line, Thomas Mulligan, F. McC. Brown and Mrs. Currie.

Whites, on St. Simon's, 3-Thomas Lambright, Monroe Lambright and Mrs. Taylor, making the total new cases of whites 10.

To the official lists of deaths should be added one that occurred this afternoon, Lytton Hazelhurst, a negro boy on North Amherst street.

Besides this a negro child, Pinkie Wilson, died and her death certificate, issued October 18th by Dr. Robert Hazelhurst, read: "Cause of death, yellow fever; dead before physician reported her." This death, although occurring three days ago, has never been reported.

This makes a total of seven yellow fever deaths that should be counted today. Two others are hourly expected to die, Ernest George and Adolph Lavine. There is no possible hope for them. Two other deaths occurred today, Essie Beckman, a negro child, and Mrs. Scranton, but neither from yellow fever.

The warm weather following the few days of rain and the cool spell has brought the disease rapidly to the front. There are now 258 under treatment, 60 white and 198 colored. The outlook is not cheering for twenty-five days yet. When the dread of

famine seems to be disappearing and the people are breathing easier deaths roll up and the fever increases alarmingly.

One new case is reported at Jesup today, a son of R.W. Tindall, white.

Four patients were discharged. Six are now under treatment.