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### FLU SITUATION BETTER IN ALL PARTS OF ST. TAMMANY

Reports From The Board Of Health Shows Decrease in Covington.

### SLIDELL DROPS FROM FIFTY TO 7 A WEEK

Madisonville, Mandeville and Other Towns are Improving.

The following table gives the influenza situation as reported by the Board of Health:

Physicians	Date	No. of Cases	Deaths	Recoveries	Discharged
Warren	22 10 0	2	0	5	2
Bulloch	22 7 0	0	0	0	0
Gautreaux	22 54 0	4	0	0	0
Bouquiol	22 17 0	2	0	2	3
Young	22 5 0	3	0	0	0
Heintz	22 8 0	1	0	0	0
Tolson	22 20 2	2	0	0	0
Stevenson	22 22 0	0	7	0	0
	22 7 0	0	2	0	0
	22 3 0	0	0	0	0
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Up to October 22 there had been 292 cases, nine cases of pneumonia and six deaths.

On the 24th there were 182 cases and 14 new cases. The report for the 25th is not completed, but we understand no new cases had been reported up to the time we go to press. There seems to be a general improvement in the situation.

The negro cases seem to be on the increase, there having formerly been few cases among them, or they had not been reported.

The worst situation met with was the old Ostendorf Hotel, in New Covington, which is now being occupied as a tenement house. There were thirteen cases in this place, leaving scarcely a well person to do nursing, washing or kitchen work. One man lay in an unconscious state near the bed of his wife, who had died. Red Cross relief was given and Miss Maida Diet took up the work as a trained nurse. Notwithstanding she was worn out with constant attention to the sick, she did wonderful work among the stricken families of this house. But one death is reported from there, Mrs. Olive Carney. Her husband may recover, although he had double pneumonia and had to be tied to his bed to prevent injury to himself.

**Covington Deaths.**  
R. N. Leonard.  
F. F. Planche.  
Mrs. Olive Carney.  
Walter D. Molloy.  
A baby on 26th avenue.  
Pierre Labrouette.  
Mrs. Lillian Landry Dietrich.  
Mrs. Jas. Jones.  
H. A. Blackwell, Polson.  
Herman Davis, Onville.  
No deaths in Abita Springs.

The situation in Slidell is greatly improving.  
We are indebted to Mr. Geo. A. Bailey, of the Slidell Sun, for the following information:  
**Deaths in Slidell.**  
The King child.  
John Godwin, ship carpenter.  
Sam Bazetti.  
J. H. Gridden.  
Hugh Arnold.  
The Seal child.  
IN the Emergency Hospital:  
Mrs. Perry Hardee.  
Mrs. Bulloch.  
W. R. Porter, boy of 10 years.  
There were forty cases in the hospital; 16 went home well.  
There are from 5 to 7 cases a day now, compared to 40 to 50 a week ago.  
Dr. J. H. Boals, assistant surgeon of the United States Public Health Service is in charge.  
Mr. Bailey states that Slidell considers its rapid recovery due to the wearing of masks.

Deaths reported at Madisonville are: Capt. Johnson, who ran on the Mandeville and New Camelia; Mrs. J. A. Cornett; Mrs. Albert Oulliber and Mrs. Thos. Badon.  
The situation is improving at Madisonville. Masks have been abolished.

### MAN BLACKWELL DEAD.

H. A. (Man) Blackwell died at Camp Beauregard, October 11, 1918, of influenza, after an illness of three days.  
Mr. Blackwell was well known and highly esteemed in his home town, Polson, La., and was well known in St. Helena, Tanepahoa, Washington and St. Tammany parishes. His remains were brought home by Serg.

### RED CROSS GETS BUSY IN CARING FOR INFLUENZA AFFLICTED

Visits Are Being Made To The Homes Of The Afflicted.

### THE SICK NURSED AND CARED FOR

Appeal Made For Workers For Garments And Bandages.

The Red Cross has organized an efficient service in combating influenza and has been busy all week sending out relief squads and attending to the needs of the afflicted. The headquarters are in the Frederick building.

It has been impossible to get a sufficient number of trained nurses and Red Cross members have been compelled to act in this capacity. The besides of many sick have been attended and needs provided for.

The following committees have been appointed:  
Auto Service—M. L. Hinchey, J. H. Varner, E. J. Domergue, H. A. Murphy, G. A. Clann, Fobt. Badon.  
Soup Committee—Mrs. J. H. Warner, Mrs. P. A. Alexius, Mrs. H. A. Mackie, Mrs. T. E. Martin, Mrs. F. R. Moses, Mrs. E. J. Domergue, Mrs. F. G. Davis.  
Phone Duty—Mrs. H. A. Mackie, Mrs. Cinto Alexius.  
Visiting Committee—Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, Mrs. H. T. G. Weaver, Miss Kate Eastman.  
Volunteer Workers—Mrs. C. A. Clann, Mrs. E. R. Moses, Mrs. T. E. Martin, Mrs. E. A. Murphy, Mrs. Alfred Alexius, Mrs. W. H. Yenni, Mrs. C. J. Payne.

The Covington Branch of the Red Cross is making an appeal for workers on garments and gauze bandages. The influenza has so demoralized working forces that much of the work has been thrown back on Covington. It is imperative that this work be completed, as the need is great and the Gulf division is making urgent calls for it. Remember, the boys at the front are fighting to the very top notch of their strength. There are many wounded to be taken care of. The struggle is to force peace. The boys must not go uncared for.

The garment work may be done at home, if there is no sickness there. The gauze bandages must be made at the headquarters. Call either at the Frederick Building or the M. C. B. Library headquarters. Answer this call if you possibly can.

**Stewen Conroy.** Interment was made on the 14th, Rev. Jas. M. Wilbon conducting service.  
He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Blackwell, three brothers, J. E., McCauley and Greeley B. Blackwell, and four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Blackwell, Mrs. Homer Thomas, Mrs. J. P. Tiner and Mrs. Quinn Alford.

He was married Miss Ellen Pittman, of the same parish, after his return from the war.

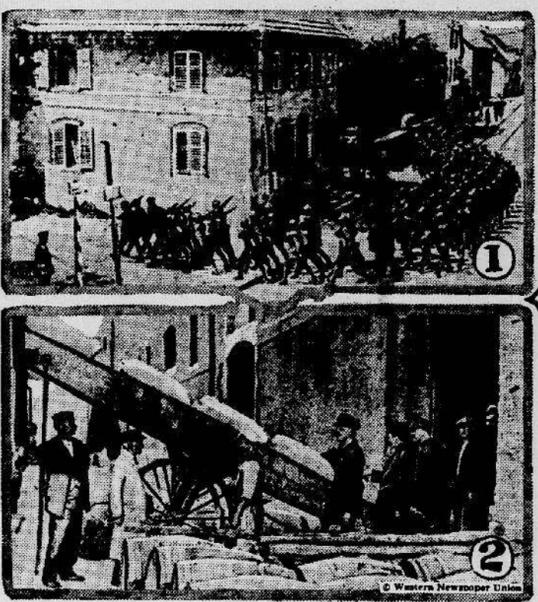
### K. OF C. ISSUES HAND-BOOK OF INFORMATION

Washington, Oct. 14.—Close cooperation with the Food and Fuel Administrations, Liberty Loan and W. S. S. committees, Council of National Defense and Red Cross is enjoined in a hand book issued today by National Catholic War Council.

This book is intended to inform every Catholic "how best to assist the government in every need and problem arising from the war" and explains not only the soldier welfare functions of the National Catholic War Council but contains chapters explaining the possibilities of Catholic co-operation with government agencies and such supplementary agencies for war work as the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Y. W. C. A., the War Camp Community Service and the American Library Association now grouped with the K. of C. in the United War Work Campaign.

The activities of the Red Cross, Travelers Aid and General War-Time Commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America also are described. With the announced purpose being "to give direction to the activity of the Catholic forces of the nation, in such a way that they may co-operate with the government to their fullest extent in winning the war" the hand book is distributed to organize all Catholics into a well-informed auxiliary of the nation's war force.

Through a dozen bureaus and committees on special war activities as well as almost a thousand men's



1—American infantry passing through a French village on their way to the front. 2—Some of the four patriotic women of America have saved being unloaded at an American Red Cross warehouse in France. 3—Elsie Jants, popular actress, who canceled all engagements and is entertaining the soldiers behind the lines.



### SELECTING SEED AND EXHIBIT CORN

**The Ideal Ear.**  
In last week's issue the ideal stalk was described and the advantages of field selected seed over crib selected seed. Now, with several barrels of field selected ears, we may sit down on a rainy day—before the fair—and pick out the best of these ears taken from the best stalks, and select our best seed corn.

Each variety of corn has a standard length and circumference of ear and color of cob and grain, but only generalities will be given here. Yellow corn should have a deep red cob, white corn a white cob. The ears should be from 8 to 9 inches long, and in an exhibit all should be the same length and circumference, and the circumference at a third of the distance from the butt of the ear should be three-fourths the length of the ear. The ears should taper only slightly from butt to tip, and should not have a "swell" but nor a sharp-pointed tip. The cobs should be small and the kernels long and wedge-shaped. A small cob will dry sooner and result in less musty or moldy corn than large cobs. The ears with long wedge-shaped kernels contain a higher percentage of corn to the ear than ears with square or round kernels. 90 to 92 is good. The tip of the ear should be covered or nearly so with kernels. The butt should have only a small shank, score around which the kernels should close in well and project beyond. The ear should be so that it would stand on its butt end. Every row should extend from butt to tip, and none drop out part way. It is preferable that the rows be straight, but not highly important. No ear should be chosen for seed, nor exhibit having any rotten or weevil-eaten grains, even at tip of ear, which might be shelled off before planting, because this indicates a poor or short shuck covering, and that kind of corn should not be reproduced.

Finally, the ears as a whole, the cobs and kernels, should present a uniformity of shape, size, length and color. For instance, there should be no blue grains present, nor round ones, except at tip of ear.  
Select about ten ears for exhibit, and the next best 50 for the seed patch for another year, and enough of the best of the rest for planting of the general crop. Put this corn in a barrel that can be made air-tight and treat with "high life" or common gasoline to kill weevils and their eggs.

Future articles will discuss the seed patch and the weevil treatment. All Catholic men and women eager to push any branch of national war-time effort conducted behind the lines can be put and kept in touch with every government activity thru the efforts of this organization, with its headquarters in Washington.

### HOME CARD TO BE DISTRIBUTED LATER

John L. Haller, parish food administrator, makes the following announcement:  
The new Home Card which was to have been distributed during the week commencing October 28th, has been postponed to the week commencing December 24.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, sends this message to the people of St. Tammany parish:  
"That military situation forms no adequate reason for relaxation, on the contrary developments make emphasis upon this conservation effort particularly important, because the evacuation of occupied territory imposes upon us responsibility for additional civil population."

### LOUISIANA BOY GETS JOCKO

Sergeant Frank Edwards, a Louisiana boy with the American Forces in France, sends back a most amusing piece of news, pledging himself that it is strictly true. Among his trophies is a rather unusual one—a monkey's skin, which he is going to send home. He says the monkey had been taught by the German to slip up close to the American trenches and hurl grenades. Sergeant Edwards writes to his sister, Mrs. H. M. Edwards, of Baton Rouge, that the little beast would crawl up to the trenches, throw a grenade and lie flat. After several men in his platoon had been wounded, Edwards undertook to "get" the grenadier. He did.

### THE FLU MASK.

By D. H. Mason.  
The law has passed, O, Covington! Behold, I'm masked To lure a ton Of Pfeiffer germs Or hold Some sneeze Too bold To wheeze.

Four folds of gauze, Four tape-like strings— And then a pause. You tie the things Round nose and mouth. O, nose O, mouth O, woes Of South.

The ne'er before Had entered I At martyr's door. 'Tis now my due To don the robe— To cry, I'm one, I die Undone.

O, germs! O Pine Oil smell! Yet suicide Would make one well Of pneumo-streptococci germs. Then why In hell Should I Rebel?

Because since first 'Twas on me thrust I've cursed the worst That could be cursed— Not harrng Kaiser Bill. Should he Too, die With me—? That's why.

KARL TRENN, Club Agent.

and women's organizations, every variety of war welfare work is directed and co-ordinated from the headquarters of this war council at No. 932 Fourteenth street, Washington. Through three principal committees, in charge of finance, special war activities and Knights of Columbus War Activities, the National Catholic War Council operates with regard to immediate war work on war problems, the hand book explains.

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### WOMEN'S WORK IN 4TH LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Covington, La., Oct. 23, 1918. Editor St. Tammany Farmer:  
I am writing to ask you kindly to give recognition to the Women's Liberty Loan Committee, of which I am parish chairman. Of course, you realize that none of the ladies working with me did so for either glory or notoriety, but having accomplished a big thing under great difficulties, they do deserve credit. In addition to that, the publication of the result creates a spirit of friendly rivalry that will be an assistance in the next campaign.

The work of the men's committee was simple compared to ours—they had a list of assessments and canvassed the business districts. The women's committee have made the house-to-house canvass, educating people up to the necessity of the loan and instilling patriotism in many lukewarm hearts; they have secured the kind of subscriptions men never could get, by making a special appeal to men for their wives and daughters, and to mothers for their children. Nearly all of our subscriptions are for \$50 and \$100, proving the claim that it is our committee who reach the "little fellow."

In Slidell, Lacombe and Madisonville, where the epidemic has been serious since the beginning of the campaign, the women worked in spite of it; in the second ward the roads have been extremely bad because of the rains, but our women canvassed on foot.

In a few districts I have been unable to get reports because my chairmen are ill themselves or are out nursing the sick, but with all the drawbacks the women's committee have obtained subscriptions amounting to \$87,150.00, as follows:

Madisonville ..... \$22,300  
Mrs. Paul A. Blanchard.  
Folsom ..... 350  
Mrs. Bart Spring.  
Onvil ..... 1,250  
Mrs. H. E. Coney.  
Ramsay, no report.  
Covington ..... 3,200  
Mrs. E. R. Moses.  
Mandeville ..... 3,000  
Mrs. C. B. Willis.  
Lewishurg, no report.  
Bush, no report.  
Sun, no report.  
Talisheek ..... 2,200  
Miss Fatheree.  
Lacombe ..... 200  
Miss Valloft.  
Pearl River ..... 2,350  
Mrs. H. J. Willis.  
Slidell ..... 50,000  
Mrs. W. T. Tippin.  
Waldheim ..... 2,300  
Miss B. Cook.  
Abita Springs, no report.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. ARTHUR L. BEAR.

Mr. E. J. Domergue has been appointed parish director of the drive of the United War Work Campaign for St. Tammany parish and will announce his appointments soon.

### ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Emmett Lawrence, aged 16, was shot and died in a short time, at his home near the Laborde place on the Madisonville road, Friday, the 25th. He had loaned his shotgun against the fence and it slipped through the pickets. In pulling it through the fence the hammer caught and exploded the charge, which struck him in the left temple, blowing that part of his head away and also part of his hand. His father works at the Jahneke Shipyards.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the many friends who so kindly ministered to us during our sad hours of trouble. We are grateful for the help and consolation offered by them.  
MRS. F. F. PLANCHE.

### LETTERS FROM MEN IN SERVICE WELL KNOWN HERE

Randolph Ray Says, "We Are On the Trail of Old Kaiser Bill."

### BEST REGARDS TO BOYS AT HOME

Extracts From Letter of Captain Thompson's Boy In Service.

Alvin D. Carpenter writing from Fort Barracas, Fla., says: "See by a recent issue of The Farmer that St. Tammany is again over the top. Am proud to have come from as generous and responsive parish. Best wishes and kindest regards."

We are in receipt of a letter from Randolph Ray, a Covington boy, who is now with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. He is the son of our former citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ray. The letter dated Sept. 23, is as follows:  
"Just a note to you, old-timer, as I have a few spare moments. I haven't seen a soul that I know from the U. S. since my arrival in France, though I am with a fine bunch of boys from Louisiana. You being a newspaper man I would like to tell you some news but it is prohibited by the military authorities."  
"I left 'Old Jug' (Compton Moose) in the U. S., and have not seen or heard of him since, though he ought to be over by now."  
"I can picture the boys all up at the drug store talking about the war, but you cannot picture it. I thought I could at one time but I see my views were wrong. We are all well and are doing fine, and I want all of you fellows to do all you can to help the Red Cross and the Salvation Army for they do wonderful work."  
"I wish you would send me a copy of The Farmer once in a while, if you can, and also write me a long letter with plenty of news. If you see my folks pass them a work of cheer and keep them in good spirits, for we are safe and sound here and on the trail of 'Old Kaiser Bill.'"  
"These people over here are very conservative and save every stick of wood and everything that they can. You should hear me talking French to the natives. O Boy! You would keel over with laughter."  
"We have no lights like at home so I will have to cut short as it is getting dark fast. Give my best regards to all those I know in the best town on earth—Covington.  
Your friend,  
RANDOLPH RAY.

The following letter has been received from the son of Capt. H. J. Thompson, an European port:  
"I thought I was going to leave here without having set foot on European soil but this afternoon I had a chance to go ashore for about two hours and I surely did enjoy it. The weather here reminds me very much of San Francisco in winter with rain about 20 hours out of 24, and a little sunshine between, but to-day it didn't rain until about 5 p. m., and as I was ashore from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. it was lovely.  
I have learned to-day the reason for or rather the original example of many of the customs in New Orleans.

The houses are all built of stone with their interior court-yards and drains across the banquettes (if you have lived most of his life in Covington, He is survived by his wife, three children, two girls and one boy, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Planche, and three brothers, M. P., A. J. and Octave Planche.  
Funeral was conducted by Rev. Father Bernard. Interment in the Covington cemetery.  
Mr. Planche died of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. While having fever of 103, he was exposed to wet weather. He was of a very rugged constitution, and it is believed that he would have mastered the disease had he taken care of himself and gone to bed immediately.  
Mr. Planche was well known in Covington and had a large circle of friends. He had been engaged in the wood and coal business for a number of years.

Mr. Nathan Page has made an excellent success in the manufacture of syrup. He has made 450 gallons. His first sales were made to H. J. Smith's Sons. A can of this excellent was brought to The Farmer office, and it classes up fine. There should be a good market for such goods and at paying prices.  
Mr. Page's farm is on the Military Road.

### PRESIDENT WILL NOT DEAL WITH OLD MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Germany Must Get Rid of The Kaiser and His War Lords.

### PRESIDENT'S NOTE STILL FIRM IN THIS

Allied Armies Driving The German Army Back Home.

The allied troops continue to advance on all lines and the Germans are gradually being driven to extremities that urge them to peace. Thousands of prisoners and guns are being captured.  
President Wilson has again shown, in his answer to the German note, that no armistice will be granted until the Kaiser and his war lords are so out of business that they cannot enter into it again.  
The note is reproduced below:  
Text of the Reply.  
Department of State,  
October 23, 1918.  
"Sir:—  
"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 22d transmitting a communication under date of the 20th from the German government, and to advise you that the President has instructed me to reply thereto as follows:  
"Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of peace laid down in his ed States on the 8th day of January, 1918, and the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses, particularly the address of the 27th of September, and that it (Continued on page 5)

### NEEDS GOD NOW, SCRIBE TELLS THE KAISER.

Base', Oct. 25.—Comment on President Wilson's latest note to Germany is beginning to appear in the German papers. The National Zeitung of Berlin says:  
"President Wilson has answered quickly. Well, if ever Emperor William's invocation that God be with him is in season, it is right now."  
The Neuste Nachrichten of Berlin says:  
"In spite of everything we feel that this answer brings us nearer peace."  
WALTER D. MOLLOY.

Walter D. Molloy, of the firm of Schoen & Molloy, undertakers, died of pneumonia as the result of influenza, at his home in Covington at noon, October 22, 1918. He was 27 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Schoen, his mother, Mrs. E. E. Molloy, one brother, Gilbert P. Molloy, and three daughters, one an infant, born October 12th.

Mr. Molloy was the organizer of the present Association of Commerce of Covington, and became an enthusiastic member of same. He was sociable and kindly in disposition and his death is much regretted.  
Funeral services were held in New Orleans.

### F. F. PLANCHE.

F. F. Planche died at his home in Covington, Sunday, October 20, 1918, aged 27 years and 10 months. He was a native of New Orleans but has lived most of his life in Covington. He is survived by his wife, three children, two girls and one boy, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Planche, and three brothers, M. P., A. J. and Octave Planche.  
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