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'FLU' REACHES ITS MAXIMUM

Officials at Camp Dodge Issue Daily Bulletin Giving Review of the Influenza Situation

THE SICK MEN CRAVE JELLIES Call issued for 2,000 Glasses of Jelly to be Contributed With All Speed—Also Crave Lemons

CAMP DODGE, Oct. 15.—The wave of Spanish influenza that is sweeping over the entire country it is thought has reached its maximum force at the camp. Col. E. W. Rich, divisional surgeon, has forbidden the publication of the number of cases or the number of deaths on account of exaggerated statements that have gained circulation. In announcing his action Colonel Rich pointed out that it was his belief that much unnecessary worry and unrest were being caused by published accounts of the deaths and cases. Scores of telegrams are received daily by the military authorities inquiring as to the welfare of the soldiers. The military authorities notify relatives of soldiers as soon as they show symptoms of pneumonia and the adjutant general of the army reports immediately to the nearest relative all cases of death. A daily bulletin is issued giving a review of the situation but this is not intended for general circulation. It can be said upon the authority of the medical staff that conditions are steadily improving. The death rate has been nothing like as large as in some of the other camps and when it is taken into account the large number of men at the camp the situation is really not as serious as was the pneumonia epidemic last spring when there were 120 deaths in a single month. The best medical skill in the entire country is on duty, thirty-two medical officers having joined the staff this week. This makes the aggregate of 150 physicians in charge. There are 375 nurses and 1000 enlisted men are acting as attendants. Quarantine rules are strictly enforced and every precaution to prevent a further spread of the disease has been taken. Various women organizations have contributed over 35,000 gauze masks to be worn over the mouth and nose. The material out of which these are made is medicated so that the filtered air is free from all bacteria and other impurities. These are worn at night while sleeping. Thus far the fatalities among the colored troops have been largely in excess of the whites when the number of these men is taken into account. Perhaps the group of men most disappointed on account of the sudden visitation of the epidemic are the officers from the best hospital from 4 to 124. These men had received orders to entrain for an eastern camp, which meant a quick departure for overseas, but when the disease broke out the order was cancelled and these men were ordered to assume active duties here.

Men Busy at Drills Despite the fact that strict quarantine has been established at Camp Dodge as a result of Spanish influenza work of officers and men of the new 19th division is progressing as rapidly as possible. The order establishing the quarantine specified that drill work should not be interfered with. Following these directions officers have kept enlisted men at their work consistently and will continue to do so, according to present indications. The formation of the various units of the division and the transfer to them of enlisted men has been postponed until after the quarantine has been lifted. While there are a large number of officers in camp without any organizational duties, the division schools for officers have been established, and work at these is progressing rapidly. These include the school of bayonet combat, the machine gun school, the trench rifle, and the unit commanders' school. The hand grenade school, while practice also is being given officers with the Stokes trench mortar and with the one pound cannon. These schools are being conducted by officers who have either been abroad and seen service on the western front or who are specially qualified by virtue of long practice and study in the various lines. The machine gun battalions about the only units which recently have been assigned officers. These organizations, under Maj. William Dean, have received sixty-six officers. It is deemed likely that several hundred enlisted men from the machine gun school at Camp Hancock will be transferred to the machine gun battalion after the quarantine has been lifted. While enlisted men from the depot brigade and other organizations are well along with their preliminary training, members of the Second and Fourteenth infantry regiments who are well prepared in the preliminary work are on the rifle range working with the big targets.

Nurses Arrive for Training A nurses training school has been opened at Fort Des Moines. Twenty young women came Friday. These are from the recent campaign for volunteers. Others are arriving daily and over 100 are ready to begin training for active duties overseas. There are now 250 nurses at Ft. Des Moines. Nearly 1000 Men Naturalized Nearly 1000 foreigners took out naturalization at Camp Dodge recently. In the gathering twenty languages were represented. There were a large number of German boys, also Swedes, Danes, Norwegians, Greeks and Italians. They were all young men. They were naturalized under a new law enacted by congress a few months ago by which men who had volunteered or who had been drafted into the United States service could receive full citizenship without going through the forms of first and second papers. After the papers had been given each man was presented with a small silk flag by members of the D. A. R.

RIVALS CRUELTY OF WEST FRONT

Teutonic Hordes Mistreated Italians, Rivaling the Cruelty on the Western Front, Says Evans

VENICE HAS ROMANTIC PAST Not Only the Beauty But the History of Venice Grips One—So Old Records Don't Record Birth

By HARRY C. EVANS VENICE, ITALY, Sept. 15.—Rising straight out of the water, Venice seemed more the product of a visionary world than my dreams had made it. From the many spires and domes of the city gleams of gold shot forth at the touch of the setting sun. But the dominant note and color that gleamed through the twilight was white—the wonderful semi-transparent white of ancient marble with background of sea and sky. It was a white city wrapped in its evening veil, her beauty tangible and unreal. Exquisite as she is at twilight, it is at night that the most subtle of her many charms enapture and envelop the city like a magic web. There is nothing in Europe to match the literal, tangible mystery and romance of Venice at night. The idle swish of water against a thousand unseen steps; the secret darkness of war times, revealed rather than dispersed by lights from windows and open doors; the shadows and black reflections of trees and buildings in the water; the pure white of marble steps and walls under the moving lights of gondolas; the swan like gondolas silently and swiftly moving through the streets of water; the soft night wind, the odor of magnolia trees, the throbbing of music woven into the picture—collectively and separately, holding the observer in a trance of wonder and joy.

Venice Has Romantic Past Not only the beauty but the history of Venice grips you. It is so old that the records do not note its birth. It was once the most brilliant commercial city in the world. For centuries it was a nation powerful and strong, mistress of the adjacent seas, dominating the commerce of the Adriatic and Mediterranean from Asia to Egypt, from the Holy Land to Spain. It was renowned in the days of Christ, and her sons participated in the crusades. Venice conquered and conquered Constantinople, Genoa, Padua, Greece, Cyprus and Asia Minor. In the fifteenth century she was the focus of the commerce of the world, and was then a republic. Venice lost her prestige at the close of the eighteenth century when she was annexed by force to Austria. The degradation of the fair city under the rule of the House of Hapsburgs is one of the black pages of Teutonic oppression.

The city is over two miles from the mainland and is built on piles on 117 small islands. There are 150 canals, or streets of water, and stone bridges. The art of Venice is the Renaissance style and also bears the oriental style in its mosaics, combining the huberance of imagination and pathos in religious themes. St. Mark's church is in the form of a Greek cross, crowned with five domes. The bones of St. Mark were brought from Alexandria to Venice in 829, and repose in the church. The piazza of the church is 300 by 500 feet and is paved with trachyte and marble. There are over 500 marble columns and thousands of marble statues. At every turn one is charmed with new effects. It is superb and unrivaled in its fantastic beauty. The fact that this part of Italy has been made famous by the poetry of Byron, Dante and Shakespeare gives it added charm. Our Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Italy are at Verona, and a few minutes walk from the tomb of Juliet.

Here also was the scene of "Two Gentlemen of Verona." And from where I write the old "Merchant of Venice" is fully trace on the Rialto and exacted his pound of flesh. During the war Venice is to Italy what Paris is to France. She has been the objective of the Austrians, as Paris has been the objective of the Germans, and for a few days last fall the fall of the city seemed imminent. The Piave river divides its mouth just before it enters the sea north of Venice, and the Austrians crossed the first branch of the river and Venice lay beneath her guns for months. The city was seriously damaged by enemy guns and airplanes. Last spring the Italians drove the enemy back across the river and the city now enjoys comparative safety.

Atrocities in Italy The atrocities of the Germans and Austrians, as they beat back the armies of Italy last fall, easily matched those of the Germans in Belgium and northern France. Recently many repatriated prisoners have been returned to Italy. I have seen many of them and I have never seen men in more pitiable conditions. They were mere specters of men, bearing on their faces and persons the marks of untold sufferings. Fleshless, wan and wasted they were borne on litters, prostrate, inert, dying. Their garments were filthy, mere patchwork of rags. Shirts without sleeves, sleeves without shirts, trousers with one leg, trousers with no legs, rags wrapped about the bodies. Hunger, cold, hard labor and general bad treatment brought these conditions about.

No people but Teutons would have sent prisoners home in such condition. Shame on who would have prevented it. It was a part of the game of frightfulness to scare the Italians into a German peace.

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Class F, City Lot, 8 entries: First, Mrs. Matt Wiblehouse; 2d, C. H. Stouffer. CRAWFORD RESPONDS The figures from the thresher reports prove that Crawford county farmers responded to the United States call for more wheat last spring. The wheat threshed up to October 1st was 432,466 bushels. County Agent Quist thinks the total number of bushels of wheat raised in Crawford county will exceed 450,000 bushels since eight machines had not reported for September, and several machines have considerable October threshing to do. The largest wheat crop raised during the 5 years previous to 1918 was in 1913 when 209,511 bushels of spring and winter wheat was produced. That year there were 2287 acres of winter wheat which averaged 20.1 bushels per acre. The farm bureau office has not received the exact wheat acreage for Crawford county for this year. County Agent Quist estimates the acreage at 25,000 acres, which is about three times the county average. The average yield per acre is about 19 bushels. Several fields have made from 35 to 42 bushels per acre. The lowest yields come from districts severely damaged by hail last spring. Marquis wheat has been the most popular with the farmers. However, some of the men who raise wheat every year stay with the other varieties. Baer Bros had 20 acres of early Java, which yielded 35 bushels per acre. The winter wheat yield per acre this year will just about equal that of the spring wheat average.

EXCITED OVER REPORTS

Denison on Verge of Another "Peace Celebration" Saturday Evening, When Peace News Came

Denison was on the verge of holding another "Peace Celebration" Saturday evening when news was received that Germany had accepted President Wilson's terms. The first news reached Denison about 9 o'clock and the Saturday night crowd of shoppers, showed considerable excitement over the reports. News was received at the Review office and bulletins were posted in the windows as fast as received, keeping the crowd of several hundred informed of Germany's latest move. When news was received that the higher officials in Washington placed little confidence in Germany's answer to the note of the president the crowd felt that it would be better to postpone the celebration until something more definite was announced. The Review was kept busy until midnight answering telephone calls in regard to the reports. Schleswig telephoned that they were ready to stage a real celebration if the news was authentic, but after the dispatches were read to them Mayor Schultz decided the news did not warrant a celebration.

JUNIOR RED CROSS NOTES

By F. L. Huffman, Chairman. Now let us all pull together for a 100 per cent enrollment in all our auxiliaries by October 25th, Iowa day. Get into communication with the chairman of your school committee of your town or township. If you can not locate one write direct to headquarters. Our new teacher's manuals have not arrived yet. They will be sent out as soon as possible after their arrival. Meanwhile the work of organizing every school, the gathering of fruit stones and nut shells, and the shoes and clothing for the destitute Belgians are to go right on. Let all be very busy right now doing these things as the immediate need is great. If we delay it will be too late to get our products sent in time to do very much good. Take the shells and the stones to the chairman of your local auxiliary and he will direct you further. Mr. Studebaker, assistant superintendent of the Des Moines schools, has prepared a book for all grades and high schools entitled "Our Country's Call to Service." Red Cross headquarters recommends this very highly for use in all the schools. It is a book of 238 pages and may be secured for the small sum of 15 cents. We shall secure a supply of the books and distribute them from headquarters, at actual cost. Your school should have one of these books. To use some of the school's Red Cross funds in the purchase of this book would be just the thing to do. Another excellent book for junior and senior high schools is "Democracy Today," and is used in more than a thousand schools as a classic. It is a book of 339 pages and is priced at 40 cents. It is recommended as an excellent work to teach patriotism to our Junior Red Cross folks. In regard to the 25c membership fee for the year 1918-19, it is not necessary to pay in this sum now into the local treasury as you enroll for the new year. The pledge only may be used now in enrolling but the membership fees must be pledged and later paid into the treasury. Feb. 22, 1919, is the date set when all these should be in. From the reports which are coming in the work of gathering shoes and clothing for the Belgians is progressing nicely. We shall publish a report of the results as soon as we can gather the data. You are invited to send in a report of the activities of your school for the records and publication in the notes.

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Mrs. Frank Watson Dead

Mrs. Frank Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dettel Wieck of this city, passed away at a hospital in Des Moines, Wednesday, October 9th, at the age of 22 years, 4 months and 11 days. Mrs. Watson was stricken with pneumonia on October 4th and in spite of the best medical treatment and care she passed away Wednesday evening. Hilda Christina Wieck, daughter of Dettel and Dora Wieck, was born in Crawford county, May 12, 1896, and the greater part of her life was spent in this county. Some five or six years ago she came with her parents to Denison and for two or three years she was employed in some of the good hotels and by her kindly way and faithful services won the respect and confidence of those for whom she worked. During this time, on Nov. 28, 1915, she made profession of faith in Christ and was received into the First Methodist Episcopal church of Denison. In this church she retained her membership until her death, although she had planned to transfer to Des Moines. She was also a member of the young ladies' Philathia Sunday school class. Her life as a member of the church was consistent and above reproach. On Dec. 21, 1916, she was united in marriage to Frank Watson at Omaha, Neb. They went to Des Moines to make their home immediately after their marriage. Mr. Watson having employment in that city. They had about two years of happy wedded life. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, father and mother and two sisters, Mrs. Ben Kahler, of Waltham, Minn., and Miss Irene Wieck, of Omaha, Neb. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Boyd officiating and interment was made in the Nispen cemetery at Schleswig.

FORMER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Hulda Johnson-Ahlstrom, Sister of Leonard Johnson of Denison, Dies in Minneapolis

Mrs. Hulda Johnson-Ahlstrom, a former Kiron lady, passed away at her home in Minneapolis on Monday, September 30th. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Johnson, had come to America in the same ship in which the ex-ile Baptist minister, Rev. F. O. Nelson, was a passenger. They located in Houston, Minn., where Mrs. Ahlstrom was born Sept. 2, 1856, removing to Vasa, Minn., where after a short stay they moved to Crawford, where they located in the settlement south of Kiron, where but a few settlers had located, this entire part of the county being a wild uninhabited prairie. The family purchased land and located on the old homestead four and a half miles southeast of Kiron, which is still owned by members of the family. She not alone saw, but with the family, and to endure, the hardships and privations of the pioneer settlers of the Swedish settlement. In the year 1885 she was married to Rev. L. J. Ahlstrom, then the pastor of the Swedish Baptist church at Kiron. Shortly after their marriage her husband accepted the pastorate at Sioux City, their home then being made in that city. They moved from there to California, and after a short time they located near John Crawford, where their home has been for the past twenty-seven years. She was the mother of six children, of which one died in infancy. The oldest son, Jubel, is an engineer on the Soo railroad; Lloyd a law student at the University of Minnesota and at present at Camp Grant. Ralph is teaching in the St. James school at Fairbault. Myrtle, the wife of O. Young, bookkeeper in the Hennepin County bank, and Hazel, a graduate nurse from the Mounds Park sanitarium. On Saturday evening, September 28th, the family held a family reunion in the parental home and the following day the children had returned to their various places of occupation. In the evening on Sunday Rev. Ahlstrom had retired while Mrs. Ahlstrom sat reading. At 11 o'clock she heard loud rappings and hastening downstairs into the kitchen found his wife prone on the floor from a stroke of apoplexy and was able to only raise her right arm. A doctor and other assistance was quickly summoned, but two hours later she had ceased to speak and never regained consciousness. At 10:20 the following morning she was buried in the Hillside cemetery. Hulda was converted and baptized and joined the Little Swedish Baptist church at Denison Sept. 13, 1885, and remained a faithful and esteemed member of that denomination up to her death. Besides her saddened husband and children she leaves five brothers, Frank L. Joseph and Oscar Johnson, of this locality; Leonard M. Johnson, of Denison, and Arthur Johnson, of Seattle, Wash. Mrs. John H. Anderson at Dunlap, Mrs. Will Whiphery, near Superior, Iowa; Mrs. Delphia Lingren, in Ida county, and Mrs. Amy Engleking, at Denver, Colo., who with the family and many friends share in the profound sorrow. As a kind and tender hearted mother she was greatly devoted to her family and her surviving husband and children will ever cherish the fond memory of her and miss the tender love and care which can never be replaced and upon every thought of her will bless her memory which will follow them through life. Mrs. Ahlstrom will be remembered by many of our older people and has many friends here who will be saddened to learn of her death. She was a splendid, model woman whose traits and life will ever be the lasting esteem of those with whom she mingled.

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