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THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1918.

CHARLESTON PEOPLE WEAR GAUZE MASKS

Fourteen Hundred Influenza Cases in Capitol of State.

(E. E. Meredith Press Bureau)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 17.—At last, after all sorts of persuasion on the part of the City Health Commissioner and the Home Service department of the American Red Cross, the people of Charleston are wearing gauze masks on the street and at duty where their work brings them in contact with many people.

The boys and girls who carry messages for the telegraph companies, the auto drivers and many others who are out on the streets constantly are wearing the masks. There was a request from the postoffice on Sunday night for 200 masks and the employees at the Federal building are wearing them, which serve a double purpose—protecting the wearer from influenza and serving as a warning to those who come in contact with the postoffice employees that there is real danger of contagion.

Willard Tomstock, head of the Home Service department of the Red Cross, tried to get physicians to wear masks on the street, but that did not go through; either the physicians feared to appear ridiculous or thought the suggestion unwise.

It is generally agreed that the wearing of the gauze will ward off the disease. It has been argued in addresses made to workers at Red Cross headquarters that attendants on influenza cases who wear masks and use proper precaution are much safer than people on the streets who do not.

There is a report that the number of Spanish influenza in Charleston and reports from Nitro indicate that the condition there is fully as bad. The number of deaths in Charleston cannot be estimated. The undertakers have been worked to death and there has not been enough hearses to carry the caskets to the cemeteries, so auto trucks were used for this purpose.

The Salvation army citadel, which has been used for an emergency hospital, proved too small to accommodate the victims, so on Tuesday the army was opened as a 100-bed emergency hospital. The plan is to use the Salvation army as a convalescent hospital as soon as there is a call for such a place.

The disease is likely to reach its peak here next week. The condition is too terrible for description. Entire families are down with it. In some cases the head of the house has been forced to attend to three or four sick people without any relief for days and nights. Up to this time it has been noticed that children are slow to take the disease, which is one gratifying thing.

The city of Charleston has been divided into sixteen zones and it was hoped to secure a trained nurse for each zone, but that has not been possible to date. Four or five zones are provided with such nurses and volunteers work under their direction. The trained nurses are paid salary and expenses and provided a home in the zone. At first volunteer nurses were difficult to secure, but the seriousness of the situation has brought out the good women in sufficient numbers as the necessity has been impressed upon the people.

Dr. R. T. Davis, health commissioner for the city of Charleston, ordered the stores closed Saturday night last in order that the big crowds which usually gather on that night might be cut out. The display of war bulletins by the newspapers was stopped by official edict and the display of war maps by stores was frowned upon. The hope is to cut out the assemblage of individuals at every point as far as possible.

Home baked pies and Pastries, Boyers Restaurant. Advt.

CONQUERING THE AIR

AIRPLANE mail service is now a commonplace not only in this country, but in Europe.

That little tale which told of a piano, full sized, being taken from London to Paris as part of the test of the cargo carrying capacity of a new bombing plane, makes it certain that airplane express service as a regular feature of life merely waits upon the signing of a peace treaty. And yesterday an official report issued at Washington, told of planes being used to fight the flames of the great Gillespie shell loading plant at Morgan, N. J., the other day. So the airplane fire apparatus has arrived.

There are plenty of men who can remember when a telephone was a curiosity. Electric lights and electric traction were first used within the life time of men not much past middle age. The whole range of the history of electricity as a commercial factor is a story of yesterday. But in the short space of time that it spans the world was made over.

Is the airplane to repeat the experience? Nothing would be more natural. The war has unleashed a prodigious amount of human energy. Nothing will return to the ante bellum status; nothing will be the same. The air is one of the few unconquered natural forces and it is altogether probable that daring men will seriously apply themselves to the task of putting it in leading strings with results that will be as fundamentally revolutionary as the building up of the factory system after the discovery of the principle of the steam engine and the development of the commercial possibilities of electricity.

Marcus M. Marks, president of the National and New York Daylight Saving association, has entered a vigorous protest against final enactment of the bill passed by the Senate extending the summer daylight saving act throughout the year. Mr. Marks says it is to be hoped that Congress will not try to force the people to save daylight before daylight. And he is right. The Senate bill is an absurdity which is hard to account for. It ought to be killed right away so that there will be no uncertainty about what is to be done October 27 when the clocks are to go back under the provisions of the legislation now in force.

Germans taken prisoner in the great Belgian campaign are reported to be astonished that the war continues. "We have offered all the terms in the world for peace; nobody seems willing to accept them," they said. The Germans are beginning to realize what it is to be a pariah among the nations. They are going to taste the bitterness of it for many years.

The Kaiser has been fond of calling attention to the fact that the German armies have always operated on foreign soil in this war, but in view of the progress which the Americans are making in their drive north from the Verdun region and the Belgians and their crack British and French supports are making in Flanders, it is pretty safe to say that he would sleep better if he had his army safe back on German soil. If General Weather does not intervene the Kaiser is apt to lose most of what is left of the great force with which last March he set out to conquer the world.

In the cantonments and most of the eastern cities where the influenza outbreak was bad it is beginning to subside. There is hope therefore that if the people of Fairmont will be very careful for a week or so more we shall escape any such visitation as the other cities in this section of the country had.

Edwin L. James, one of the New York Times correspondents at the front, says General Pershing's job is the toughest on the west front. That doubtless is true, but Pershing has an army that was built to do tough jobs. In assigning our fresh and war eager army to the difficult task of cutting up behind the Germans to shear off their communications Marshal Foch showed rare good judgment. And the Yankees will not fail him.

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What People Say and Some Side Remarks

C. W. Swisher arrived in Charleston this week from New York and was much interested in the recent war news observing:
"It looks like we had the Germans licked."

Wilson M. Foulk, who had been named state director for the campaign planned by the American Library Association, until the decision to have a United War Work campaign, which includes that drive with six others, is planning a tour of northern West Virginia and says:
"I shall speak at several points explaining the American Library Association movement and boosting the United campaign."

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DISCOVERING AMERICA.

It was extremely significant and tremendously important, of course, but the account of that lecture which Politiken, the Danish official organ, arranged so that one of its staff men might tell the newspaper men of that little country that the United States has been doing in the way of making war in France is calculated to bring a broad grin to the face of every intelligent American with a sense of humor. Europe is becoming really acquainted with that lank and lean figure of countenance individual, Uncle Sam, and it is to be a long time before the amazement which the more intimate knowledge produces wears off.

Europe has known Americans of a kind for many years. But Europe has grasped something of the potentialities of this country from the statistics and the story of our commercial growth, but until this war began Europe did not know either the real America or the real American, and deep down Europe did not have a very exalted opinion of us as a people.

But now they are beginning to understand; to see that a nation has grown up on this side of the Atlantic which contains a spiritual element which is absolutely new. They are beginning to realize that even men who are born in Europe and come over here are transformed by the alchemy of our existence and become better men, capable of doing bigger things, than would have been the case had they remained on the other side.

And with this knowledge will come an added respect. In America we would not lay claim to having built in France the mightiest organization the world has ever known, as the enthusiastic Danish journalist says we have. We have too much respect for what the British and the French have accomplished to make such a claim. But we do know that it is the biggest and most powerful thing ever built in the same length of time, and that it is only a small part of what we could do if we were forced to exert our whole strength as our principal allies have.

However, we shall be satisfied if Europe makes its future estimate of us on the basis of what we actually have done. That is going to change our status in the world and the standard by which the Europe of tomorrow is going to measure national attainments and national ideals.

CALLING THE OLDER MEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT that the government will not call to the army the men who have passed their thirty-seventh birthday until next March means, among other things, that the worst of the industrial and commercial dis-

RUFF STUFF

The list of \$5,000 brand of patriots is growing.

And the town is proud of 'em.

But do not forget that if \$50 is your dividend your Uncle Sammie will be just as grateful to you when you toss it into the pot as he is to the \$5,000 guy.

The fin is fleeing from the cantonment.

Doc You says, with regard to the fin situation, that the gloom must be lifted.

That's right. Forget about the fin and read nothing but the war news.

Berlin newspapers express the fear that Woodrow's note will make the Teuts adopt a policy of desperate resistance.

Better not do that.

Kind old Papa Foch will have to take away their army if they are naughty.

He'll do it anyhow if they do not shake a leg about that capitulation thing.

Last night's rumor that the Kaiser had abdicated reminds us of the time

SHORT AND SNAPPY

"Marylanders Took Hill 238," says a heading in the Baltimore Sun. That may be so, but we'll bet West Virginians took the other 237.—Hampshire Review.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY

By E. E. MEREDITH.

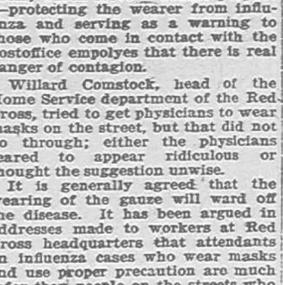
General E. F. Kelley, of Wheeling, who routed the Confederates at Phillip on June 3, 1861, in the first engagement of the Civil war, was presented with a beautiful sword by "merchants and citizens" of Philadelphia shortly afterward and another handsome sword presented to the Wheeling Sanitary Fair by Harper & Bro. was voted to Major General Kelley in July, 1864. These two swords, the property of his granddaughter, Mrs. J. F. MacMillan, of New York (until a year ago of Wheeling), are on exhibition in the State department of History and Archives at Charleston

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OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDOY)



Still Very Ill.

Miss Ruby Moran, who was injured in an automobile accident, although somewhat improved is still very ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bruce Morgan, in Pittsburgh avenue. Her mother, Mrs. Eldora Moran, of Mt. Zion, is at her bedside.

Good Woman Passes Away.

There were many sad hearts on the East Side last evening when it was learned that Mrs. Mollie M. Poe, wife of J. O. Poe, had succumbed to pneumonia following influenza and had passed away at 8:30 o'clock at her

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