

The Spanish Influenza Is Like a Bad Habit. It Starts Easily and Soon Gets Dangerous Unless Broken Up By Prompt Treatment

JOINT WAR AID DRIVE BEGUN FOR \$175,500,000

Director General Mott Asks All Americans to Help... ALL FOR WELFARE WORK Building up Great Organization to Outdo Unprecedented Fund in One Week.

New York, Sept. 23.—Dr. John H. Mott, Director General of the United War Work Campaign, the organization of the seven organizations, which will make a drive for \$175,500,000 in the week of Nov. 11, in his first official statement issued in connection with the campaign, yesterday called on all men and women who love America to stand together and merge their strength for supporting our soldiers, sailors and marines by giving their utmost to the movement.

The organizations in the United War Work Campaign are the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic War Council, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association, and the Salvation Army.

"On Nov. 11 the people of the United States will be asked to give the largest sum that has been asked in all history from the people of any nation as a gift," said Mr. Mott. "The appeal will come in the interest of a program so all-inclusive that every loyal individual citizen of the United States may back it to the limit, while his neighbor's pockets are filled with common sense, are acclaimed as among America's foremost citizens."

The object of the campaign, said Mr. Mott, was the union of America in one vast, all-encompassing organization for the purpose of service to our fighting men. To strengthen their arms for a speedy victory of democracy. He believed that Americans would be a unit in upholding the soldier's welfare work. This was forecast, the statement said, by the seven great war work organizations, at the request of President Wilson, merged their drives into the United War Work Campaign for the week of November 11-18.

COLORE THE NAKED

Urgent Appeal From Belgium to American Red Cross. Next Monday, September 23, begins a week's campaign to help clothe the suffering people in Belgium. The Red Cross chapters or branches in each community will attend to the packing and shipping. Get busy and donate all that you can of the articles needed.

An urgent appeal has come from Belgium to the American Red Cross to help "clothe the naked" of that unfortunate country before the winter sets in. That is almost literally what it means—to "clothe the naked," for hundreds of thousands of Belgians, especially the refugees in the cities are facing the winter with scarcely enough clothes to cover them.

Germany has stripped Belgium of all its cloth and the materials with which to make cloth. The fact is that Germany is herself reduced to the use of paper for clothes for many of her people, so what must conditions be in Belgium?

The New England Division of the American Red Cross has been asked to furnish four hundred tons of second-hand clothing for the Belgians immediately. All Red Cross members in New England are asked to search for some article or articles of clothing that can be of use by the Belgians this winter. Belgium is exposed to the raw cold winds of the North Sea in winter and the heating facilities—never wholly adequate—are now almost completely exhausted.

Woolen goods of any kind whatsoever are acceptable: soft hats and caps for all ages, and sweaters of any kind and size. Men's shirts and pajamas, so worn or shrunken as to be unusable, are particularly welcome, since the material can be used by the Belgian women for making children's garments. Shoes of every kind are asked for, and scrap leather is needed for repairing foot wear.

An extract from a private letter written by a well-to-do lady in Brussels to an American friend shows, better than any general description, the actual clothing conditions in Belgium. She says:

"Perhaps you will laugh when you hear that I wear a cloak made from my husband's game divique overcoat, a waist made from his football shirt, and a skirt made of a dyed bedsheet. Mother had a suit made of a tablecloth, and I have cloaks made of woolen blankets and S. A. dress made of bedspreads. But all this is only makeshift in comparison with the wretchedness of the population. After we receive gifts and parcels of clothing, we are most grateful for them. The articles most needed for girls' wear are: Dresses, skirts, overcoats, undershirts, drawers, stockings, undergarments, porticoats, two piece suits, blouses and shoes; for boys' wear: suits, overcoats, caps, pajamas and winter and summer suits; for infants: Ewings' Knickerbocker clothes, little blue suits, bodices, cradle dresses, sweaters, bonnets, bibs, neckerchiefs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, shawls and coats. Other things acceptable are: Bed ticks, bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets and mufflers."

There are certain articles which are not to be sent, including garments of flimsy material or gaudy coloring, ball dresses, high-heeled slippers, men's derby hats and women's straw hats, anything containing rubber such as raincoats, rubber boots, etc. Shoes containing rubber heels are acceptable, but the heels can be removed. All neckties should be searched to make sure no notes are sent.

NORTH ADAMS BOY TOO MUCH FOR EIGHT HUNS

Private Belonger Keeps Four and Makes Prisoners of Four More. North Adams, Sept. 23.—Fireman Michael Belonger of the North Adams detachment has received official news from the war department giving particulars of the capture of his son, Private Edward Belonger of the Ninth Infantry for bravery in action by German forces. The message states that during the hard fighting in the neighborhood of Vaux, in the Chateau Thierry sector, on July 1, Private Belonger, who is barely seventeen years old, attacked single handed eight Germans, killing four of them and capturing four. The feat is considered one of the most remarkable of the war.

On July 20, a few days after the opening of the battle of the Marne, Private Belonger was wounded near Chateau Thierry but he is now about recovered, and a letter received recently stated that he would soon be back on the firing line. He enlisted at Boston when fifteen years old. He received his preliminary training at Syracuse and left for France with the Ninth Infantry about a year ago.

LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE HEAD CLEMENT OUT

Republican Nominee for Governor Resigns Office. EXPECT ACTIVE CAMPAIGN Desires to Go Before Voters on Platform that Will Meet Best Thought of All.

Rutland, Sept. 22.—For the avowed purpose of giving his whole energy to the pending campaign and to relieve the state committee of any possible embarrassment, Percival W. Clement of this city announces his resignation as president of the Vermont Local Option League.

The republican nominee for governor does not in any way retreat from his lifelong position on the principle of self-government as applied to the regulation of the liquor traffic. But asks to be relieved as president of the league in order to devote his whole time and strength to the campaign, and if elected, to the business of the state.

This letter is addressed to Raymond Trainor, secretary of the league, and reads as follows: "Raymond Trainor, Esq., 'Soc. Vt. Local Option League,' White River Junction, Vt. 'Dear Sir:—"

"While I have not changed my mind in regard to the principles for which the Local Option League stands, I wish to resign as president for the following reasons: "I am in receipt of a letter from the secretary of state, informing me that I have been selected by the voters for secretary."

"The duties of the candidate for that office will take all my strength and time between now and election day. I also wish to relieve the state committee of any embarrassment which the presidency of the Local Option League might bring upon the candidate of the republican party."

"There are thousands of republicans who believe in the principle of local option as applied to the sale of intoxicating liquors, yet there are thousands of others who believe in other methods. "I desire to appeal to the republicans of the state on a platform which will meet the best thought of all, a platform advocating all measures which are necessary and wise to keep Vermont in the front line of the union of states devoted to the winning of the war; a business platform, demanding that the business of the state be conducted upon sound business methods, and such other plans as the convention of candidates may feel will appeal to all republicans alike."

"I congratulate you upon the vigor with which the league has presented its proposals to the people of Vermont, and upon the result. Will you please notify me at your early convenience of the acceptance of my resignation. Yours very truly, Percival W. Clement."

WOLF REAPPEARS IN FRANCE

Sold Because the Attention of the Country Has Been Concentrated on the War. Now and then, as we walked down the slope among the scattered trees, we heard the low croak of distant frogs which had come to my ears before dawn, writes William Beebe in Atlantic Monthly. It was a little more distant and sometimes double; croak, croak, but even now a big frog at the bottom of the hill would have been more effective.

But all other thoughts slipped away as a new sound arose in the darkness, a sound which held for me a thrill, as if it was the hint of distant battle, and inseparably more alluring. It rose slowly, a rich, mellow, undulating wail, stirred every fiber, and then quivered, descended, and broke off. We stood motionless, listening with all our ears, and again it came, unmistakably, from the depths of the misty woods.

ARLINGTON IS ORGANIZED

Committees and Solicitors Appointed For Fourth Liberty Loan. There was inaugurated at the town hall in Arlington on Monday evening, September 16th, the Fourth Liberty Loan committee for the purpose of organizing a working body of Arlingtonians to promote the sales of bonds of the coming issue. The ladies division known as the "Women's Liberty Loan Divisions" were represented by Mrs. W. F. Smith, chairman and members of the unit. P. E. Deschenes was elected chairman of the men's division and P. H. Thompson, was chosen secretary.

The work was outlined to cover every section of the town of Arlington and to bring to all the opportunity to subscribe, thereby reaching many in the outlying districts whom otherwise might not be solicited. "Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars is our goal" was announced and "Success" was echoed.

It was decided to divide the work into four portions and the following appointments for each division were made: Advertising and publicity—Arlington, John Risdon, chairman; East Arlington, Charles Fyfe. Meetings—William Safford, chairman.

Speakers—R. L. Hard, chairman; Solicitors—East Arlington, district No. 1, R. A. Shuffleton; East Arlington, district No. 2, William Webb; South Arlington, Leo Groom; Arlington, north district, James Tynan.

Other appointments additional to those made will follow as the work progresses. The chairman of each sub-committee is to appoint his own assistants.

WIGHT LAND UP IN MORGUE

At the Best It Would Be Hospital for Man Who Yelled 'Hurrah for the Kaiser!' Two men talking on the rear platform of an East Tenth street car were discussing the poor street and how long it would take a person to get any place by depending on the city cars, when one of the men said that he had heard of a quick way to reach the city hospital.

He explained that while he was down town, a few days before, he had overheard the conversation between a man who was evidently a stranger and another man of Irish descent. "Could you tell me the quickest way to get to the city hospital?" inquired the stranger.

"Sure," said the man of Irish descent, "you walk one square east, turn to your right and go one square south. There you will find a recruiting station. Go in there and yell: 'Hurrah for the Kaiser!' and when you come to you will be in the city hospital."

"The man who told the story said he thought that was one way of reaching the city hospital in record-breaking time, but his friend did not agree with him. "Why don't you agree with me?" asked the first man. "Don't you think the plan a good one?"

"Oh, the plan is all right," replied his friend, "but I think the destination is all wrong. Any man going into a recruiting station and yelling: 'Hurrah for the Kaiser!' would make a quick trip somewhere, but not to the city hospital. I think he would break all records getting into the city morgue."—Indianapolis News.

ALLENBY BAGS 18,000 TURKS IN PALESTINE

Enemy Army Completely Wiped Out by British. TAKE MANY BIG GUNS Routed Turks Suffered Heavily in Killed and Wounded and Loss of Supplies.

London, Sept. 22.—The Turkish Army operating in Palestine between the Jordan and the Mediterranean has been virtually wiped out by the British under General Allenby.

In the rapid sweep forward of the British Army, following the overwhelming of the Turkish defense system north of Jerusalem, 18,000 prisoners have been rounded up so far, large numbers of the enemy have been killed or wounded, and in addition to the capture of 120 guns, booty including four airplanes and a large quantity of unaccounted transport has fallen into the hands of the pursuing forces.

It is not improbable that within the hour the strings of which have been drawn last closing the mouth, thousands of Turks are gashed. Many of those already made prisoner, fleeing in disorder, literally walked into the hands of the British, not knowing their line of retreat had been cut off.

London, Sept. 23.—Twenty-five thousand Turkish prisoners and two hundred and sixty guns had been counted up to yesterday evening by General Allenby's forces pushing northward through Palestine, according to the war office. The official announcement says the seventh and eighth Turkish armies have virtually ceased to exist. The entire transport department of these two armies was captured by the British.

Reports from the Palestine front this afternoon indicate that none of the Turkish force of at least forty thousand men trapped by the British through seizure of the last of the passages of the river Jordan and can possibly get away.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Sept. 22.—(Reuters)—American troops raided the enemy lines in the neighborhood of Haumont village, in the center of the new line across the St. Michel Salient, last night and captured twenty-five prisoners.

One unit attacked Haumont itself, and had sharp fighting in the village, taking twenty prisoners, and killing and wounding some forty more Germans. The prisoners were members of the Jager Battalion formerly stationed at Metz. The enemy continues all along this front.

London, Sept. 23.—German troops late yesterday counterattacked in the vicinity of Gillemont Farm on the front between Cambrai and St. Quentin, west of Leclercq. Field Marshal Haig's statement today announces the repulse of the enemy with heavy losses.

Rate's Playfulness. A lean young infantryman, hurried across France with his regiment, was flung into a light near Chateau Thierry with scanty sleep and short rations, went over a crest with the first wave of assault, emerged from a mix-up with a German bayonet none the worse except for a tear in the seat of his breeches, escaped by a miracle every blast in the murderous crossfire of German machine guns and finally came out one of the few unscratched ones in his platoon. He dropped on the ground, doubly thankful for the promise of a few moments' rest, but he bounded up again in the agony of his first wound. His face had lapped in a bunch of nettles.—Stars and Stripes.

GRANGE NEIGHBORS' NIGHT

Bennington Members to Meet with Hoosick in Near Future. At the last regular meeting of Bennington Grange an invitation was received from Hoosick Grange, No. 1127 inviting Bennington Grange to join them at a "neighbors' night" meeting in the near future.

All those wishing to attend will please be present at the next regular meeting of Bennington Grange, Oct. 2, or notify the following committee: Mrs. Kenneth Haswell, Mrs. William C. Clark, Mrs. Clinton Russell.

GERMANS LOSE TRENCHES

Official Statement Mention British Success East of Epehy. Berlin via London, Sept. 22.—British forces to the east of Epehy yesterday obtained a footing in sections of German trenches, says the official statement of the German General Headquarters staff.

FATAL CLASH WITH MEXICANS

Two Killed and Two Wounded at Jerome City. Jerome, Ariz., Sept. 23.—Two persons were killed and two wounded in a clash between Americans and armed Mexicans near the properties of the United Verde Copper Co. here.

The wounded include City Marshal Joseph Chanley and Henry Carlson, deputy United States marshal.

WAY THIS WAR WILL BE WON

Not All of Us Can Fight, but Surely All of Us Can Give Our Money. It is not saying, "The government's slow" or "if I were Foch I'd do so-and-so." You can talk and argue and grouch all day, but the war's not going to be won that way.

It's no use saying, "As I'm unfit I can't be expected to do my bit. I'll do nothing if I can't slay." The war's not going to be won that way.

It's no use saying, "I'm over age—I've got to the book-of-life's last page." Your gold's still gold if you are gray, and the war's not going to be won that way.

It's no use saying, "If I were a man—if you want to help, though a girl, you can. Don't buy frills and furbelows with your pay; the war's not going to be won that way.

Whether young or old, weak, strong or unfit, you can, nay, must, all do your bit, pay, pay. The war is going to be won that way.

SERBS WORRY GERMANS AND BULGARIANS

Cut Main Railway Lines and Capture Prisoners. ADVANCE FORTY MILES Reunited Forces of Little Mountain Nation Have Forced Way Across Vardar River.

London, Sept. 23.—Serbian troops have cut the main railway line between Uskub and Falonik and are now on the western bank of the Vardar river, according to the Serbian official statement issued Sunday.

West of the Vardar the Serbians have cut the railway line to Prilep which is the main line of German communication in this region. The Serbians have also crossed the Cerna river.

The Serbian infantry is united and is now operating in mountainous regions. They advanced 255 miles in one day and took number of prisoners and considerable war material. The neighboring German and Bulgarian sectors are beginning to feel the loss of their lines of communication. The enemy reinforcements have been forced to retreat.

Since September 15 the Serbians have advanced a distance of forty miles.

EXPLOSION HURTS MANY WORKERS

Forty of 200 Men and Women From Shooter's Island Shipyard Taken to Hospital. New York, Sept. 21.—An explosion of steam pipes on the steamboat Julia Stafford, headed for Brooklyn today with 200 men and women workers from the Standard shipyard at Shooter's Island, resulted in the injury of many.

Forty of the victims have been taken to a hospital on Staten Island, where it is said at least one is expected to die. Police report that many of the passengers jumped overboard and it is feared some were drowned. One woman was picked out of the water.

STOPS MALTING FOR BEER BREWS

Food Administration Announces Order Is to Become Effective Immediately. Washington, Sept. 23.—Malting of grain for the purpose of brewing beer or near beer is prohibited by an order issued by the food administration. The order is effective immediately.

Malting for the purpose of manufacturing yeast, vinegar, cereal, breakfast foods, malt extract and other such products will be permitted, the food states, but no grain shall be malted for these purposes until actual sales have been made. Malsters are not permitted to buy grain to cover malting of this character.

HOWE INDUSTRIAL ADVISER

Will Assist Employers in Classification of Industries. Montpelier, Sept. 23.—Willard B. Howe of Burlington has been appointed the industrial adviser to the state draft board of Vermont.

His duties are to help employers in the classification of their industries to decide whether they are entitled to obtain deferred classification for their employees.

Employers should also lay their necessities before Mr. Howe in addition to filling out the affidavit used in the questionnaires to obtain deferred classification.

COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting to Be Held at Manchester, Sept. 27. The next meeting of the Bennington County Medical society will be held at Burr & Burton seminary, Manchester, Friday, September 27, at 4 p. m. Dr. Charles S. Caverly, Rutland, president of the Vermont State Board of Health is to address the meeting on "School Hygiene."

The public is invited to this meeting—school officials and teachers especially being urged to attend.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Crocheters experienced in making button hooks, baggies, boot laces, ready-made work, and sample attached. Simpson Ascher & Co., Inc., 509-511 New Havenville Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y.

WANTED—A housekeeper for a small family with small child. Good pay and good home. Call 236-W 4127.

POSSIBLE SALE—7 room house and barn, wired for electric lights, water, 1 1/2 acres land with wood, 8 mile walk from Bennington mill. Price reasonable. Address Bennington Ill. P. O. Box 125.

WANTED—A waitress Address waitress, Box 440.

WANTED—House work by the day or hour. Apply Mrs. Maria Bishop, Beech street, Tel. 173-M.

WANTED—A second hand Blue flame oil stove, not less than a three burner. Address A. B. C., 229 West Main St.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Probably local rain tonight.