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save, I will sacrifice, I will
share, I will fight—cheerfully
and to my utmost—as if the
whole issue of the struggle
depended on me alone.

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CITIZENS MAIN- TAIN QUARANTINE

Wednesday evening, word reached town that District Judge F. J. Cowen, together with T. R. Jones, Clay Vance and an attorney from Idaho Falls had passed the quarantine guards on Willow creek summit and were on their way to Challis.

At about seven o'clock a large number of our citizens met and proceeded down the road to a point about 100 yards below the school house and erected a barricade to stop the entrance of the car carrying the party named above into town.

An offer was made the visitors to the effect that if they would go to the Challis Hot Springs for the night the Council of Defense would meet with them the following morning. Judge Cowen said he would consent to this arrangement provided he was guaranteed an entrance to town the next morning. This could not be assured him and after some further parlying, the Judge and his party returned to Mackay.

There was no violence offered nor disrespect shown to the party. The assemblage was simply a body of determined men and women to enforce a quarantine which our health officers deem is necessary to protect the lives of our citizens against a disease that proves fatal in many cases.

Should Spanish Influenza enter our town it would be a serious blow to the community and there is no question but that some of our citizens would lose their lives as a result. We have but one physician and no nurses here and our situation would be extremely dangerous.

The State Board of Health and the Governor have given us all assurances of their support in maintaining the quarantine. The people therefore, believe they are standing on their rights as American citizens and have resolved to back our health officers in maintaining the quarantine.

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TO MAINTAIN QUARANTINE

"THE 'FLU' WILL BE MILD IN COMPARISON TO WHAT WE WILL GET IF WE DO NOT CHANGE OUR WAYS".

On the 11th of November, 1918, Judge F. J. Cowen called E. J. Michael, Clerk of the District Court on the phone and asked him to call a meeting of the citizens and see if they would not make some changes in regard to the quarantine situation here. The meeting was called and the following message was ordered phoned to Judge Cowen:

"The County Board of Health, consisting of a majority of the Board of County Commissioners have established quarantine but not prohibited travel along the public highways, and only require people coming from infected districts to submit to reasonable regulations so as not to spread the disease. If any person will submit to these reasonable regulations they can freely enter the quarantined district and travel unrestricted to any place therein.

We are supporting the law and our quarantine regulations and protecting as best we can our people against the affliction of Spanish Influenza. We have no desire to violate your orders and believe the facts have been misrepresented to you. We have always had the greatest respect for you and your orders as a judge and believe when you get all the facts you will appreciate our stand and until then we ask you to withhold judgment and stand with us in protecting the lives of our people and to not issue further Court Orders until our side is represented."

Upon receiving the above message the Judge replied that the people were not receding from their position in maintaining the quarantine and that if we did not change our methods we would get into a worse condition than Spanish Influenza could possibly put us.

Citizens of Custer County and Idaho, what do you think of this?

Is torture and punishment in store for the law abiding citizens of this district, just because they are trying to protect their wives, their children, themselves and all that is dear to them from this terrible disease?

Judge Cowen has threatened to call on the Governor to establish martial law in this section, but the Chairman of the State Board of Health has phoned that if martial law is established it will be to enforce our quarantine, not to break it.

PEOPLE OF PAH-SAMAROI ENFORCE THE QUARANTINE

In the early days of Idaho when the people reached a point where they could no longer tolerate unprovoked law breaking they took matters into their own hands and made a community a safe place in which to live.

Perhaps the pioneers who hanged law breakers to trees in those days were hotter headed than their descendants of today at any rate the SPIRIT OF SELF DEFENSE is not dead in the Pah-samaroi valley.

If the Citizens wished to have their lives protected and the quarantine enforced they must, they decided, act themselves: The Custer County Health Officers were doing their utmost to make the quarantine effective, but attempts were made by certain attorneys to make the quarantine a legal farce by blocking every effort of our officers; as a result a number of people met together and formed a 'Safety First Unit' they decided the issue, found the solution required drastic action that they themselves must take that action. The Village of

Mackay had set that example by refusing political organizers a hearing and drove their speakers from their community.

When parties who came to Pah-samaroi Valley were put under quarantine and then refused to live up to the requirements of the law, were going through the valley at will with the possible chance of spreading the contagious disease with a total disregard for Officials the law and the lives of their fellow citizens, the residents took prompt action, and the quarantine breakers were required to go into quarantine or leave the valley, they decided on the latter course and the citizens accompanied them to see that this was done, this should be a warning to other transgressors generally.

Notice of Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that an examination for all grades of State and County teacher's certificates will be held November 21, 22 and 23, 1918, in the office of County Superintendent at Challis Idaho, and in Mackay under the conduct of Mrs L E Dillingham. Dated at Challis, Ida. Oct. 29, 18' Jennie E Kelleher, Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

Pete Fourcade and wife are visiting friends here and enjoying the security of our quarantine.

BOLOGNA BILL STRETCHED AGAIN

Monday was the occasion for another day of jubilation in Challis. After celebrating the fall of the German Empire last Thursday word reached us that the report was untrue. But a dispatch from Congressman Smith was received here Monday. The dispatch follows:

"Terms accepted. Armistice signed. Fighting ceased 9 o'clock this morning. Kaiser and family including Crown Princes fled to Holland by automobile. Austrian Emperor fled to Switzerland. Other crowns crumbling. Revolution throughout Germany. People forming government."

After receiving this message another parade formed and an effigy of Bologna Bill was again hung, followed by patriotic songs and fire works display that evening.



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