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## Spanish Influenza

### Causes Cancelling of Draft Orders.

Washington, Sept. 26. — Because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza in army camps, Provost Marshall General Crowder tonight cancelled calls for the entrainment between October 7 and 11, of 142,000 draft registrants.

During the day, twenty-four hours ending at noon today, 6,139 new cases of influenza in army camps had been reported to the office of the surgeon-general of the army. One hundred and seventy deaths, resulting chiefly from pneumonia following influenza and 723 new cases of pneumonia also were reported.

Two camps, Kearney, California, and Eustis, Va., were added today to the list of those where influenza has made its appearance, leaving only thirteen camps free from the disease. The total number of cases of influenza in all camps was placed at 35,146, with 3,036 cases of pneumonia. One out of every four men at Camp Devens, Mass., has contracted influenza, it was announced and ten per cent of the cases have developed into pneumonia.

In cancelling the call for the entrainment of the draft registrants early next month, General Crowder acted upon instructions from General March, chief of staff. Every State and the District of Columbia had been assigned quotas and the men were to have gone to practically all of the camps in the country. The men probably will not be entrained until after the influenza epidemic has been checked.

## War Savings

### Will Co-operate With Liberty Bond Campaign.

As regards the Liberty Bond Campaign, C. R. Davenport, Executive Secretary of Virginia War Savings Committee, says: "Their attitude on this is the same as before, except that they are convinced all must work harder if the state's quota of bonds, as well as stamps, is raised in the allotted time for each. Active, systematic pledge taking for War Savings Stamps will be suspended out of justice to and in a spirit of co-operation with

## War Exhibit Train Will Pass Through Wise County.

Will stop at Coeburn 12:1 p. m. October 8th. At Norton, 2:55 p. m., October 9th. At Big Stone Gap 8:35 a. m., October 8th.

This train is a special train sent out in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan in the War Saving Campaign.

Opportunity will be given in each town where the train stops for studying of the War Trophies and Ordnance.

The train contains a most interesting and instructive exhibit of the instruments of war of all nations.

Good speakers selected by the Government will accompany the train and will address the people in the different communities.

In case of inclement weather, the meetings will be held on arrival of trains, in some public hall. The two speakers of national reputation, will make addresses for fifteen or twenty minutes and then the War Trophies Exhibit will be open to the public, and will be explained by soldiers back from France on furloughs.

The train carries a complete moving picture outfit, and War Scenes will be shown at night.

More definite particulars will be sent out in a day or two. Everything free.

Call up R. B. Alcover, Vice-Chairman, for particulars relative to this train.

# RED CROSS "LINEN SHOWER"

## From the Hospitals in France

now filled to overflowing with wounded soldiers, comes a cry that must find an echo in the heart of every true American,—a cry for linens, and still more linens, to be used for the comfort, and perhaps the saving of the lives of our boys "over there". Millions of towels, sheets, napkins and handkerchiefs must be had NOW to replenish the supplies that will be well-nigh exhausted by the flood of bleeding men that must come pouring back into the hospitals from our flaming battle front of 250 miles.

All over the country the week beginning Monday, September 30th is "Linen Shower Week," and the plan is to ask every householder, or other individual, to contribute one article, or set of articles, from his reserve stock. If he has none to spare from this stock, let him buy new ones, the only specification being that they must be of strong, rather than of fine texture, and that they conform as closely as possible to these measurements:

Bath towels 19x38 inches. Hand towels 18x30 inches. Handkerchiefs 18x18 inches. Napkins 14x14 inches. Sheets 64x102 inches. The Medical Department of the Army requires that the sheets should conform closely to the following specifications: Heavy unbleached muslin 64x102 inches finished with a two inch hem at top and one inch hem at bottom. Sheets will be accepted which are a little larger than these specifications, and will not be rejected if the hems do not conform exactly to them, but in no case can they be accepted when less than 62x100 inches. All articles should be new, or substantially so, and should be laundered if possible. If, however, the laundering is found inconvenient, do not hesitate to send your things anyway.

We feel that every woman, every girl, and many men will heartily welcome this opportunity to help alleviate the suffering of our wounded men, and we know of no way in which you can do it so surely or so directly. Day by day the news from overseas brings home to us a realization of the truth that we have nearly two million men fighting FOR US, and out of this vast number thousands are going to get hurt. The one comfort you can then afford them is a clean bed for their rippled, mangled bodies.

Leave your sheets, or whatever you care to give, at Goodloe's store, or at the home of Mrs. R. E. Taggart sometime before Saturday morning, October 5th. Out-of-town people, not in touch with our Red Cross Branches, where linens will also be collected, will please mail their contributions to Mrs. R. E. Taggart, Big Stone Gap, Va.

the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign and during the period of the bond drive, the work in the state will be confined to the redemption of pledges already made, and war savings workers all over the state have been urged to use every effort to make the Liberty Bond Campaign a success in their counties and cities.

"Also agencies for the sale of stamps are urged to carry heavy stocks during the period of the bond drive as it is felt the enthusiasm growing out of the drive will cause many persons not able to buy bonds to want to help our Government in its war financing, and for such citizens, war savings should be kept available at all times.

"As to the two campaigns conflicting, I repeat that they are as much in harmony and working to the same end as the Army and Navy, or as the brave American soldiers and those of our gallant Allies. They are both of absolute importance to the winning of the war, and failure to raise the state's allotment of both would be a serious disappointment to ourselves, as well as to our soldiers at the front.

"Greater sacrifice and self-denial must be made by everyone if the state maintains its present high standard in war

## BIG STONE GAP Goes Over the Top in the Fourth Liberty Loan.

In the all day drive on last Sunday, which closed in the afternoon with an address by Attorney C. C. Birus, of Lebanon, in the Amaza Theatre, Big Stone Gap went over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan, having more than subscribed its quota of \$37,500. The total amount subscribed at the close of the day was about \$46,000, which speaks well for the efforts of the workers in this campaign. It is believed that before the campaign closes on October 20th this place will more than double its quota, which is placed by the government at 15 per cent of the resources of the bank here.

The drive in the other towns in the county is progressing well and Wise county will, as heretofore, largely oversubscribe its quota. Stonega and Dorchester went over the top in subscribing their allotment before the campaign started, we understand.

News from all over the country indicate that the Fourth Liberty Loan will be the most popular one of any yet made and that the people are rallying to the aid of the government in such a way that there can be no question as to where they stand in this great world war.

Wise county, with a population of 38,000 and banking resources of \$3,516,000 is allotted the following amounts through the various banks of the county:

First National Bank, Appalachia	\$121,100
Peoples Bank of Appalachia	15,500
First National Bank, Norton	112,800
National Bank of Norton	45,000
Interstate Finance and Trust Co., Big Stone Gap	37,500
First National Bank, Coeburn	66,800
Miners Bank of Commerce, Coeburn	36,200
St. Paul National Bank	57,800
Wise County National Bank, Wise	23,300
Citizens Bank, Wise	16,200

work. It has not failed at any call the Government has made, and must not. As long as the boys fight in the trenches, and endure the terrors of war, one of which is the rigors of winter, we must stand back of them, even though we are caused severe hardships, until the conflict is ended and victory is won."

### Bonds Buy Food For Soldiers. Buy Liberty Bonds.

### Suit of A. T. Peterson vs. J. K. Haynes.

A civil suit that has been pending in court for some time was decided here last week by Judge H. A. W. Skeen, judge of the Circuit Court of Wise county. The case was that of A. T. Peterson vs. J. K. Haynes et al to annul and set aside deeds to 200 acres of land in Scott county, near Horton's Summit that was conveyed by W. T. Peterson as attorney in

fact for A. T. Peterson in 1911.

This suit was the outcome of criminal proceedings against A. T. Peterson and the court's decision which was in his favor will restore to him property that, no doubt, rightfully belongs to him. No appeal has as yet been taken from Judge Skeen's decision. Mr. Peterson lives at Horton's Summit in Scott county and is well known in this section.

Attorneys Bond and Bruce and Vickers, of Wise, represented Mr. Peterson and Coleman & Carter and S. H. Bond, of Gate City, represented the defendants.

Buy Liberty Bonds and Keep Them. Send the Ammunition Over. Buy Liberty Bonds.

### The Church of Christ.

Preaching on first and third Lord's day mornings; Second and fourth evenings. Would be delighted with your presence. Festus N. Wolfe, Minister.

## Spread by Careless Folk

### Spanish Grippe Largely Due to Loose Personal Habits of Thoughtless People.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 26.—Superstitious people who constantly watch for signs and portents will doubtless regard it as a significant fact that Spanish grippe alias influenza made its first appearance at Camp Lee on Friday the thirteenth of September.

But common sense mortals know, almost without being told that the malady is not in the least wise particular as to the date of its coming, and that once it gets an impetus, it respects neither high nor low, and travels with the wings of the wind. In plain English, Spanish influenza is more than likely to come your way, or as the late James Whitecomb Riley might put it, these sneezing, coughing "gobble-uns will git you if you don't watch out."

So the two important questions today are: What can one do to prevent the disease, or having "got it, what can one do to get rid of it? First of all, be it remembered that Spanish grippe is one of those spray-borne diseases whose spread depends largely upon the personal habits of individuals. Those who feel themselves in the clutches of the malady should therefore consider themselves in

sneezes and coughs"—that is, to exercise the greatest care in the use of their handkerchiefs lest they infect others. And by the same token, all persons, sick or well, should at all times abstain from putting their fingers in their mouths—a habit too common among children and not altogether unusual among adults. Take pains too, to avoid crowded ill ventilated places where many persons assemble.

If all men were religiously to observe these simple rules Spanish grippe—to say nothing of several other maladies—would be put to route and its victim would number only hundreds instead of untold thousands.

But humankind, alas, is slow in schooling itself to the observance of even the simplest measures for the prevention of disease and so Spanish influenza probably will soon be here, there and everywhere. It is good to know that the malady is seldom a menace to life. Of discomfort, however, it affords a plenty. First comes the sudden onset of a severe chill, followed by a headache and pain in the back and limbs. Acute catarrhal conditions of the throat and nose appear, also, and the fever for a while may go up to 103, possibly higher.

Those attacked by the disease should go promptly to bed, get a doctor and strictly obey his orders. And above all things, they should conscientiously avoid passing the infection to others.

### Bonds Build Tanks. Buy Liberty Bonds.

### The Liberty Loan Arms Our Soldiers.

The subscribers to the Liberty Loans have purchased for the War Department over \$1,000,000,000 of ordnance—\$1,000,000,000 was spent for artillery; \$800,000,000 for automatic rifles; \$100,000,000 for small arms; nearly \$2,000,000,000 for artillery ammunition and \$340,000,000 for small arms ammunition; \$100,000,000 was spent for armored motor cars.

It is estimated that \$7,000,000,000 will be spent by the Ordnance Department this current year.

Every American wishes to have a part in winning the war and supporting our soldiers who are fighting our battles in France. Every subscriber to the Fourth Liberty Loan will have a part in the great achievements that the American Army is accomplishing, and in the achievements which the greater American Army will accomplish next spring.

Germany has lately been the Land of Promise and France the Land of Performance.

## Information Relating to the

### FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Amount of Loan	\$6,000,000,000	Minimum	
Maturity of Loan		October,	1938
Date of Bonds		October 24,	1918
Rate of Interest		4 1/4 Per Cent	

Regular Interest Periods, April 15th—October 15th

### DENOMINATION OF BONDS

Coupon	\$.50	\$100	\$500	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Amt. 1st Coupon	1.01	2.02	10.10	20.20	101.00	201.99

Registered Bonds above denominations and \$50,000 and \$100,000 Initial Payment—with application 10 Per Cent.

### INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

Nov. 21, 20%	Dec. 19, 20%	Jan. 16, 20%	Jan. 30, 30%
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Payment in full will be permitted either with application or as to reach Federal Reserve Bank on October 24.