

200 CASES OF "FLU" IN ALLIANCE; 160 NEW CASES SINCE LAST WEEK

City Physician Thinks Influenza Epidemic is At Its Height—Four Deaths During the Past Week

Schools, Theaters and Churches Remain Closed For Another Week—Funeral Services Held At Graveside Only

It was reported late this afternoon by City Physician Bellwood that there are two hundred cases of Spanish influenza in this city resulting in four deaths.

The city health officers are required to make a daily report to the State Health Department at Lincoln, the local board were notified by this department that it was absolutely necessary.

School Teachers Offer Services The local school teachers offered their services in caring for the sick at the Armory, the local health board being unable to get sufficient help.

All funeral services are held at the grave side only, only relatives and the necessary attendants being allowed.

NOTE ON WAY MAY BE "FULL SURRENDER"

Reported That Germany Had Capitulated and That Emperor William Had Abdicated

London, Oct. 16.—The British foreign office stated this evening that it had no official confirmation that the German emperor had abdicated.

New York, Oct. 16.—The New York Times has posted on its bulletin board the following bulletin: "The Hague, Oct. 16, 1:37 p. m. via London.

"The New York Times correspondent can state authoritatively that Germany's answer, which is expected this afternoon, will be that Germany many accepts President Wilson's terms, but on the condition that German people are guaranteed."

Washington Waiting with Interest

Washington, Oct. 16.—No official information concerning the report that Germany is about to accept the peace conditions of President Wilson's note had been received early this evening.

London, Oct. 16.—Reuter's Limited learns that the German reply to President Wilson is expected to be communicated immediately and that it is likely to constitute a general acceptance of the president's conditions.

London, Oct. 16.—The German reply to President Wilson's latest note probably will be sent today, according to news received here through diplomatic channels from Holland.

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—A movement can be observed in the German capital, says a dispatch from Berlin to the Tojd, to bring about a cessation of the submarine war as the result of President Wilson's note.

Further Discussion Forecast The Cologne Gazette, which often speaks authoritatively, commenting on President Wilson's reply to Foreign Minister Solf, says: "After President Wilson's note hope for peace must be lowered a few pegs."

The semi-official North German Gazette of Berlin says: "President Wilson's reply has partly carried the discussion farther and partly extended it.

"A fresh counter utterance by the German government therefore is necessary, so that the bringing about of an armistice and the inauguration of peace negotiations are not yet immediately attainable."

CHICAGO SPUD MARKET DECLINED LAST WEEK

All Big Markets Were Weaker With Continuing Tendency to Lower Prices on Potatoes

Chicago—The potato market remained easy and during the trading the first few days of last week there was but little change in prices.

For a time, after the potato market first dropped off sharply three weeks ago, growers in Wisconsin and Minnesota were reluctant to sell at the prices which prevailed following the drop in the market.

The Michigan crop is reported to be running better than had been expected. The growing season of that state was rather unfavorable this year, as there was a very light rainfall all season and an early frost caught some of the fields that lay rather low before the tubers had a chance to fully develop.

On Tuesday, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Dakota bulk Early Ohios sold mainly on a basis of \$1.65 to \$1.75 per cwt.; bulk round and long whites brought \$1.60 to \$1.70; sacked round and long whites, \$1.90 to \$1.95; sacked mixed red and white stock \$1.75 to \$1.85 and U. S. Grade No. 2 sacked round and long whites, \$1.15 to \$1.20.

The market Wednesday was fully 10c lower with bulk Early Ohios quoted at \$1.55 to \$1.65, bulk white stock, \$1.50 to \$1.65, and sacked white stock at \$1.80 to \$1.90. Receipts were 92 cars.

New York City—The potato market continued weak and prices were slightly lower last week with the tendency downward. This week, Maine shippers were quoting \$2.45 to \$2.60 per cwt., delivered Harlan River but there was no demand for Maine stock at above \$2.45 per cwt., delivered here.

It is rumored in western Nebraska that the monster twenty-four inch oil well, drilling of which was started one year ago near Harrisburg, Bannock county, south of Scottsbluff and north of Kimball, has struck oil at a depth of over four thousand feet.

The rumors, which come from apparently reliable sources, are that a huge "plug" and "cap" for the well has been shipped to Kimball and taken overland from there to Harrisburg.

The Harrisburg well is being drilled by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company. It is estimated that the expense of the well to date is between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Recently the Department of Publicity sent out copies of 285 listed commercial organizations in Nebraska, asking for information about needed industries, capital required, trackage facilities, amount of local capital possible to invest, etc. The intention was to issue a booklet for wide distribution showing the opportunities for profitable investment in Nebraska manufacturing enterprises.

The blanks were sent out three months ago. To date less than a dozen commercial club secretaries have responded. The department takes it for granted that there is no demand for such publicity, therefore the plan will be abandoned until some future time.

M'ADOO'S MESSAGE TO LOCAL R. R. MEN

The following Message Was Received by Supt. Griggs Urging Railroad Men to Buy Bonds.

"I wish you would say to the railroad men in your region, officers and employees alike, how earnestly I hope that they will subscribe to the limit of their ability to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

"Lending their money to Uncle Sam is the finest use they can make of it, not only because it is a safe investment for themselves, but it will help their country win the war.

"The fact that the Kaiser is already making offers of peace should make us more eager to put this on over and keep our fighting pressure at the maximum until we actually get the peace.

"Now is the time for every man in the fighting army in Europe and in the industrial and financial army at home, to go the limit to make the great victories our soldiers have already won absolutely complete and final.

"I hope that when the returns are in next Saturday it will show that the railroad men in your region were one hundred per cent. I hope that no railroad man will fail to do his full part."

Some employees took only fifty or one hundred dollars in bonds because they were advised that "if everybody else did the same our quota would be raised." But here is the trouble, there are a few that will not be able to take any due to misfortunes, and it is up to the rest of us who can and should, to make up the deficiency. I hear some saying they "can't afford to take any more that they owe some money on their place," etc. But if we don't win this war their places won't be worth very much.

We have just three more days, now let's get busy and double our original subscription and go "Over The Top."

G. L. GRIGGS.

Frisco Market Declines

San Francisco—The potato market was weak last week and uncertain with trading under pressure and prices receding. No. 1 large, well sorted stock went around \$2.00 to \$2.15 per cwt., with one or two select marks held at \$2.25. Some fairly good shipping stock went at \$1.75 to \$1.90. Reports from Oregon have it that growers in that section will commence to dig their crop in about a week or so.

Good Potato Crop in Canada.

Ottawa, Canada—While it is somewhat early to form an opinion as to what the potato crop will be it appears from present indications that the quantity will be above that of 1917, according to the October report of the Department of Agriculture of Canada. Reports received from New Brunswick give an estimated yield of 8,650,000 bushels as against an estimated yield last year of 5,000,000 bushels.

Coming to the Western provinces, it appears that Manitoba will have the largest crop of potatoes in her history, which is estimated at 10,000,000 bushels. This is 1,000,000 bushels more than the large crop of 1916. Manitoba also reports a bumper crop of cabbage, carrots, turnips and all kinds of vegetables.

Potatoes in some parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta were heavily frosted early in the season, but it is expected that a fairly good crop will be harvested in other sections. In British Columbia the prospects point to a good average yield.

TWENTY-FOUR MEN IN BAD IF THEY FAIL TO APPEAR BY OCTOBER 21ST.

If the Twenty-four Men Fail to Appear On Or Before the 21st of October They Will Be Subject to a \$50 Fine

Some Have Failed to Return Their Questionnaires; Others Have Disappeared—Chance to Make Some Easy Money

INDIANS PLAN FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Philip Romero, Indian Interpreter, Plans With Community Club for October 30th

The fifty-six Indian families, comprising two hundred and twelve members, who are now picking potatoes and shucking corn in the vicinity of Alliance, are desirous of having a grand pow-wow and gala day at Alliance before they return to the reservation.

Philip Romero, Indian interpreter, has taken the matter up with Secretary Fisher and plans are being made for the big day on Wednesday, Oct. 30th, at the Box Butte fair grounds near town, providing the influenza epidemic has subsided so that it is thought safe for outdoor crowds of any size to congregate.

REPORT 44TH ANNUAL W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Met in the Congregational Church at Frefont, N.C., Sept. 21-27 124 Delegates Present.

Some of the gentlemen who brought words of welcome to be the opinion that the W. C. T. U. goal was reached and we could only receive the benediction "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We work to make men efficient as well as sober. Nebraska reports seven thousand members of the W. C. T. U. The work is divided into about thirty departments. One of these is new but important at this time, "Work among Soldiers and Sailors." The Unions of Nebraska furnished four thousand comfort bags to soldiers with a package of temperance literature in each. Nebraska has also four field kitchens at the front with the inscription "Nebraska W. C. T. U. on each. We also have \$750.00 for the fifth at hand. Alliance did much in helping to place the twenty-four fans in our Hospitals. After the W. C. T. U. started this work, the government helped to complete it.

President Mamie M. Claffin in her address said, "This is a patriotic convention. Our flag stands for righteousness, justice and truth so the fight against intemperance is patriotic. The spirit of American women is helping to win the war."

"The Tobacco Trust is hoodwinking the people into the idea that to give tobacco is patriotic. Dr. D. H. Kress quotes the Kaiser, addressing his cadets in 1911 in this wise: "In the next great war the nation that consumes the least alcohol will win." Dr. Kress adds, "It is my confident belief based upon years of careful observation and study that tobacco is doing more to lower the efficiency of American young men than alcohol. "Do you know one and a half billion acres of good land is wasted for the production of tobacco and that it takes four times as many men to handle the tobacco crop as wheat crop? Help the W. C. T. U. with its Chocolate Fund!"

The following resolution was introduced by Mrs. R. A. Hunter of Broken Bow and adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, the State of Nebraska by a good majority, voted in favor of Prohibition and, "Whereas, the powers in authority in Nebraska failed to ratify the National Prohibition Amendment, "Therefore be it resolved, That we the State W. C. T. U. in convention assembled, realizing the vital importance of the quick ratification of this amendment by thirty-six states, we deplore and condemn the action of the powers in authority for this failure to so ratify."

Mrs. Stephen J. Elper

Twenty-four of the sixty-six men listed below have either failed to return their questionnaires or disappeared, at least the local board is unable to locate them. If these men fail to make their appearance on or before the 21st of this month they will be subject to a \$50 fine, or if you round up the missing twenty-four you can collect the neat little sum of \$1,000 for your trouble, you will receive \$50 for every man you bring in after October 21st.

Forty-two men will be drawn from the sixty-six listed below to leave some time between the 21st and the 25th of October. Half of them will be sent to Camp Bowie in Texas and half to Camp Kearney in California. The men have no choice in regard to which camp they care to go, this being entirely with the board.

These men were to leave for the camps October 7th, but the call was cancelled due to the influenza epidemic which was at its height in the training camps at that time.

Below is a list of the sixty-six men from which the forty-two will be drawn:

- C. W. Sharp
Edward Brost
Royce L. Nichols
John C. Thomas
Geo. A. Hieman
Alleg C. McInnis
Arthur R. Reynolds
Fred Vogie
Fred Schwaderer
Samuel E. Morris
Jullus Rienders
Burton S. Rowland
Phil W. Fraker
Lee Bayne
J. O. Walker
Dean W. Ray
Albert D. Hunt
Kenneth Morhman
Glen D. Schrader
H. C. Hennings
Theron E. Lyman
Lynn G. Ives
Murry Buckley
Jesus Morales
Samuel West
Yonezou Soto
Leroy L. Taylor
Abe McIntosh
George Sinner
Wm. H. Ayers
Adam Zwoitz
Jesse Summers
Alexander Gorga
Fred Holloway
Ennis L. Wait
John McMullen
Lawrence W. Voneman
Gaylord H. Pry
Tilford D. Schwasinger
Raymond LaValda
Gilio Ilviro
Floyd L. Walbridge
Harry O. Baird
John B. Nepper
Charles E. Owen
Joseph L. Sherlock
Peter Marise
William M. Coupons
Sterling G. Mendenhall
Lloyd C. Thomas.
Emil Joseph Winter
Jose Mandoisa
William J. Carter
David L. Hammond
Dillies H. Schultz
Joseph H. Robbins
Thomas A. Dillon
John F. Anderson
Howard E. Reddish
Clyde Curry
Jacob W. Hastings
Jacob H. Herman
Walter H. Buechenstein
Leya Mediva
William H. Robinson

James Cress of Lakeside, died at his home in that town late in the evening of October 16th. Mr. Cress was unmarried, about 25 years old, and had not been ill or feeling bad for quite awhile. It seems that the attack of heart failure came upon him very suddenly and he died before a physician could be called. His mother, who lives in Omaha, is expected to arrive today. The body was brought to the Darling undertaking parlors in this city.

The football game which was to have been played last Friday with Morrill was cancelled owing to the quarantine.