

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, gladly consented.

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, but that opinion in well informed circles was not disposed to reject these rumors.

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 accept 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 at the State Department or allied embassies.

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. It is expected that the reply will be an acceptance of President Wilson's terms with some stipulation to the effect that the interests of the German people must be respected.

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—A movement can be observed in the German capital, says a dispatch from Berlin to the Tojdz, 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 on "Fettesahrd shredto shra shrd m 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."

LACK OF SCHOOLS TEACHERS ALARMING

Shall the Public Schools of Nebraska Close for Lack of Teachers is Alarming Question

The public schools of our state are facing a crisis which calls for the highest patriotic consideration. Because of conditions growing out of the present world war, men and women are leaving the school room to take up some of the man forms of war activity.

In times of peace about one-third of the teaching force drop out each year and now that fewer young people are preparing for the work it is apparent that a strong effort must be made to keep the teaching supply if the schools are not to close.

The annual gathering of teachers in state association in the past has greatly stimulated interest in school work and this year an earnest effort has been made to spread the influence of the state organization. In addition to the regular meeting at Omaha there will be meetings at Hastings and Alliance where the same talent will appear, thus bringing to the central and western parts of the state the benefits enjoyed by those in eastern Nebraska.

To maintain the schools requires teachers and to secure teachers we must keep alive the professional spirit. All patrons and school officers, every one interested in education, should see that these meetings are attended by the teachers and by the young people who have the ambition to become teachers.

Let us remember President Wilson's wise message at this time: "I would therefore urge that the people continue to give generous support to their schools of all grades and that the schools adjust themselves as wisely as possible to the new conditions to the end that no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the nation may be strengthened as it can only be through the right education of all its people."

HARRISBURG WELL PROBABLY STRUCK OIL

Monster Twenty-four Inch Well At Harrisburg Down Over Four Thousand Feet

It is rumored in western Nebraska that the monster twenty-four inch oil well, drilling of which was started one year ago near Harrisburg, Benner 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, truckage 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.

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, but the daily movement out of these states during the past week or ten days would seem to indicate that they are now selling again more freely as the average daily shipments out of Minnesota have run between 200 and 240 cars and out of Wisconsin from 100 to 200 cars.

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.

Thursday the market continued easier with prices again off 5 and 10c. Bulk stock, either red or white sold mainly at \$1.50 and sacked stock brought \$1.80 to \$1.85.

New York Market Weak

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 Harlem River but there was no demand for Maine stock at above \$2.45 per cwt., delivered here.

Quite a few potatoes are moving in New York state now and state shippers are offering their best No. 1 grade spuds at \$2.25 to \$2.30 per cwt., delivered New York. They are paying the farmers \$1.85 to \$2.00 per cwt.

Long Island growers are getting \$2.60 to \$2.70 per cwt., loaded on the cars, and the stock is selling in the yards here at \$5 and occasionally \$5.25 per 180 pounds bulk.

There are practically no Pennsylvania potatoes coming to New York, although shippers are quoting \$2.60 per cwt., loading station. However, Jersey points are taking a few Pennsylvania and they are selling around \$4.85 to \$5.00 per 180 pounds in the Jersey markets.

There are very few western spuds here, as the stock is still very green and shippers will not guarantee it to be fully matured. However, a few cars have been received at the docks but they are selling very slowly at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 150 pound bag. Michigan and Wisconsin shippers were quoting \$2.25 to \$2.30 per 180 pounds bulk and \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 150 pound sack this week.

In the yards, Maines were selling at \$4.50 to \$4.75 and states \$4.50 per 180 pounds bulk.

On the docks, Maine potatoes were bringing \$4.50 to \$4.60 per 165 pound bag; states and western, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 150 pound bag and Long Islands, \$4.65 to \$5.00 per 165 pound bag. Jersey longs in 165 lb. bags were selling at \$3.75 to \$4.00 and in 150 pound bags, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

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. I could mention a great many names of employees who are paying on their homes and paying 8 to 12 per cent interest on borrowed money, and still are patriotic enough to feel their responsibility and are subscribing for \$200 to \$500 of the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds to be paid for out of their future savings by making deductions from their checks in the next eight months. They have the right spirit.

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.

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; Prince Edward Island gives promise of a better yield than last year although the acreage is slightly less; Nova Scotia has a good crop; Quebec also promises a large crop of potatoes and all kinds of vegetables.

Coming over 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 this Congregational Church at Frefont, N.C., Sept. 21-27 124 Delegates Present.

Some of the gentlemen who brought words of welcome seemed 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.

President Mamie M. Clafflin 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."

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. Hielman
- Allen C. McInnis
- Arthur R. Reynolds
- Fred Voste
- Fred Schwaderer
- Samuel E. Morris
- Julius Rinders
- Burton S. Rowland
- Phil W. Fraker
- Lee Busye
- J. O. Walker
- Dean W. Ray
- Albert D. Hunt
- Kenneth Morhman
- Glen D. Schrader
- H. C. Hennings
- Theron E. Lyman
- Lynn G. Ives
- Madry Buckley
- Jesus Morales
- Samuel West
- Yonezou Soto
- Leroy L. Taylor
- Abe McIntosh
- George Sinner
- Wm. H. Ayers
- Adam Zwetiz
- Jesse Summers
- Alexander Garga
- Fred Holloway
- Ennis L. Wait
- John McMullen
- Lawrence W. Voneman
- Gaylord H. Fry
- 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 Cross of Lake-side, died at his home in that town late in the evening of October 16th. Mr. Cross 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.