

"SURRENDER GERMAN ARMIES," SAYS WILSON

PRESIDENT REPLIES WITHIN 11 HOURS TO LATEST GERMAN NOTE REGARDING DESIRE FOR ARMISTICE AND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

KAISER STILL IN POWER

Wilson Says That Changes in German Government Are Not Enough and Will Grant Armistice Only When German Armies Are Surrendered—Navy Must Also be Considered in Peace.

Washington, October 24.—President Wilson has replied within eleven hours to the latest German note on the peace situation and has informed Berlin that there can be no armistice except upon terms that would make it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities.

The president's reply to the last German note was handed to the charge of the Swiss legation last night for transmission to the German government. It reads as follows:

Department of State, Oct. 23, 1918.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 23rd, transmitting a communication under date of the 20th from the German government, and to advise you that the president has instructed me to reply thereto as follows:

Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of peace laid down in his address to the congress of the United States on the 8th of January, 1918, and the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses, particularly the address of the 27th of September, and that it desires to discuss the details of their application, and that this wish and purpose emanated, not from those who have hitherto dictated German policy and conducted the present war on Germany's behalf, but from ministers who speak for the majority of the reichstag and for an overwhelming majority of the German peoples; and having received also the explicit promise of the present German government that the humane rules of civilized warfare will be observed both on land and sea by the German armed forces, the president of the United States feels that he cannot decline to take up with the governments with which the government of the United States is associated the question of an armistice.

He deems it his duty to say again, however, that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and the powers associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible.

The president has, therefore, transmitted his correspondence with the present German authorities to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated as a belligerent, with the suggestion that, if those governments are disposed to effect peace upon the terms and principles indicated, their military advisers and the military advisers of the United States be asked to transmit to the governments associated against Germany the necessary...

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TWO HUMAN SKELETONS UNEARTHED AT 723 LARAMIE AVENUE LAST WEEK

While engaged in digging a hole in the ground for a gasoline tank at the rear of the Carr home at 723 Laramie avenue last week, S. O. Carr and J. A. Luttrell were somewhat startled when one of them threw out the skull of a human skeleton. After they had recovered sufficiently from the shock they began to investigate further, and lo, and behold you, they uncovered another skull. By this time they began to wonder whether they were really in the peaceful city of Alliance or in blood-stained Belgium. After considerable discussion they decided to take another chance, so went to work probing around for more skulls, but beyond unearthing a few of the larger bones belonging to the two skulls nothing more was found.

The two skeletons were found lying side by side about six feet underground and were lying with their heads in a northeasterly direction. No wood or casket of any kind could

ORGANIZING FOR WAR ACTIVITIES

District and County Officers Selected at Meeting Held in Scottsbluff Last Week

At a meeting held in Scottsbluff last week, officers for the United War Activities organization in this district were elected, as well as county officers for the different organizations represented in the forthcoming drive.

The district includes Box Butte, Scottsbluff and adjoining counties in this part of the state. District officers elected were: S. K. Warrick, president; J. C. Morrow, vice-president; Harvey Sams, secretary-treasurer.

Box Butte county directors appointed were: I. E. Tash for Y. M. C. A., Mrs. Lloyd Thomas for Y. W. C. A., Mrs. C. C. Smith for Library Association, John Guthrie for K. of C., and A. G. Isaacson for the Hebrew Association. These directors will meet and select a county chairman.

FRANK SMITH ARRESTED AT NEBRASKA HOUSE WEDNESDAY

Frank Smith was arrested late Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff Cox, charged with breaking into a trunk belonging to Mrs. Selma Richardson, who died at that place a few days ago. The trunk contained \$30 in cash, some Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps and a certificate for \$800. Some of the money and other articles were found on his person when arrested but he made the excuse that Mrs. Richardson had given him some money to purchase some things for her. He was in a drunken condition when placed under arrest.

Predicts Cold Wave.

It is predicted that a cold wave is due to strike this section of the country some time during the night followed by snow. It is thought by many that a change in the weather will put an end to the Flu epidemic, consequently it will be welcomed.

ALLIANCE AN AUTO DISTRIBUTING POINT

A. H. Jones Company of Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, Establish a Branch in Alliance

Alliance is to be a general distributing point for the A. H. Jones Company of Lincoln, Omaha and Hastings, general distributors for Reo automobiles and trucks, Stewart trucks and Cleveland tractors. The territory covered from the Alliance branch will include western Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado.

Plans have been drawn for a three-story, fire-proof brick building to be built in Alliance at the close of the war. The building will cost from \$50,000 to \$65,000 and will be a duplicate of the Omaha branch quarters.

The company has leased the building formerly occupied by the Alliance Auto Supply Company on West Third street. I. L. Keith, general manager of the Alliance branch, is in the city with Mrs. Keith. They have rented the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas at 915 Box Butte avenue and will occupy it while Lloyd is in the army.

Town Clock Installed By Banking Institution

The First National Bank of Alliance, one of the strong financial institutions of western Nebraska, this week had installed on the front of the banking house a beautiful clock which can be readily read from either direction in the business district and which will by the ringing of the chimes denote the time of day or night by quarter hours.

Varying in tone at each interval of the hour, the chimes will sound four times at the quarter; eight at the half; twelve at the three-quarter and sixteen times at the full hour and are followed by the striking of the hour in a tone that is clear and distinct.

This is the first of these clocks to be placed in this section of the state and besides being a novel and constant reminder to the public of the progressiveness of the institution it is also a real convenience to the citizenship.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY GOES "OVER THE TOP" IN THE FOURTH LOAN DRIVE

Banks Report a Total Subscription of \$515,000.00—Our Quota Being \$488,000.00—Over-subscribed \$27,000.00

Burlington Railroad Employees' Subscriptions in This County Alone Amounted to Over \$75,000.00

The Fourth Liberty Loan bond drive closed Saturday night with Box Butte county's subscriptions totalling something over \$515,000, which put us "over the top" \$27,000 in round figures. The Burlington employees in Box Butte county displayed their patriotism to a marked degree by subscribing to over \$75,000 in the Fourth loan.

As soon as all pledge cards are returned from the different banks throughout the county the Council of Defense will take particular pains to check them over and all those who have failed to take out their full quota

SIMON PITTS GIVEN LIFE TERM IN PENN

William Dunbar and Clarence Darrah Also Given Terms of One to Ten Years

Simon Pitts, one of the colored men who shot and killed Ray Wilson, a young Liseco farmer, on Friday night, September 20, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Westover at a special session of the district court Monday. Pitts was picked up the next morning after the killing by Sheriff Cox but stoutly protested at the time that they had the wrong nigger, but during the cross examination admitted that he was a party to the crime, also implicating another colored man whom the officers have been making every effort to locate but so far have been unable to find.

It will be remembered that Ray Wilson was the man who was flashing a large roll of bills at the auto races which took place here that day. He had evidently secured a supply of liquor and was pretty well "tanked up". About 10 o'clock that night a colored man approached Wilson at the Burlington depot and asked him to step outside. That was the last seen of him until he came running east on Second street and fell in front of the Phillips rooming house just after five shots had been heard, three of which entered his body, causing death before medical aid could be called.

Pitts admitted that the revolver used was his but denies having any part in the shooting.

Clarence Darrah and William Dunbar were also sentenced by Judge Westover to from one to ten years in the penitentiary. They both pleaded guilty to robbing the E. G. Laing clothing store. Both of these young men have served time in the penitentiary.

Sheriff Cox will leave some time this week with the three prisoners for Lincoln, where they will begin serving their time.

Red Cross Ladies Make Jackets

The Red Cross ladies have been busy the past week making pneumonia jackets. We were requested to announce that all those in need of these jackets would be supplied by making their wants known to Mrs. Harry Gantz.

NINETEEN "FLU" DEATHS IN ONE WEEK—SITUATION IS NOW ENCOURAGING

The Number of New Cases Gradually Decreasing From Day to Day—About 300 Cases in City Today Against 375 Tuesday

City Physician Bellwood Reported This Afternoon That the Situation Looked Encouraging—Not Many New Cases

With a total of nineteen deaths within the past seven days as a result of the influenza epidemic the situation assumed an alarming aspect. Almost an average of three deaths a day being reported. The high mark was reached Tuesday when four deaths and a total of three hundred and seventy-five cases were reported to the local health board. Since that time the number of new cases has gradually decreased, City Physician Bellwood stating that he hadn't a new case during the entire day. Only one death, that of Mabel McCoy of Mitchell, who had been attending school in this city, was reported today against three or four a day since last Friday.

The city was placed under strict quarantine at two o'clock last Sunday morning, the city authorities finding it necessary to take

HOME GUARDS ARE DOING POLICE WORK

Alliance Efficient Military Organization of Great Assistance in Handling the Quarantine

When the deadly "flu" germs have at last been driven to cover and when the city once again recovers from the quietness and gloominess which pervades it now, no one will deserve more credit for good work and aid than the Box Butte Home Guards.

This volunteer organization, under the leadership of Captain Roy Strong and his capable lieutenants, took charge of the special police work needed at the time of the placing of the quarantine and have been on duty since, day and night.

Uniformed guardsmen patrol beats assigned them in a manner that shows they mean business and they are pleased to meet with co-operation and appreciation from the civilians who find it necessary to be out and about. In the downtown section of Alliance a guard patrols each block and one is always on duty at the postoffice and the depot. Their work consists in preventing the gathering of crowds, the preventing of children on the streets, in assisting at funerals, and in assisting the mayor and other officials in preventing further spread of the epidemic.

Many of these men have found it necessary to neglect their business affairs but they are gladly and willingly doing the work assigned to them.

MRS. ELVA LAMB VICTIM OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Mrs. Elva Lamb, who lives on a farm, 30 miles south of Alliance, died Wednesday evening, a victim of the influenza. She was 25 years old and had been married only since August 1, and was the only daughter of Mrs. Peer. Her father was among the old time ranchers and was well known by all the early settlers. She will be buried in this city tomorrow.

these drastic steps in order to prevent a further spread of the epidemic which was rapidly sweeping over the entire city. All business houses in the city were closed with the exception of the restaurants, and all loitering on the streets and public places forbidden. Patrons were requested to have their needs supplied by phone, these orders would be filled and delivered to their homes, or if they preferred they could give their orders to the clerk from the sidewalk, but under no circumstances were they allowed to enter the store.

Every house in the city where the epidemic exists bears a large red card with the words: "Influenza, keep out, by order of the board of health."

The Home Guards were called into service last Saturday and have been on duty constantly ever since, working in shifts. They are placed at different points throughout the business district and see to it that crowds do not congregate on the streets and that the rules are strictly enforced. Many of the people of Alliance fail to realize the service these boys are rendering at this critical time. With the exception of health authorities very few people appreciate the good work of our Home Guards.

It is reported that eighteen deaths occurred at Gordon Tuesday. Out of a population of 1,400, 800 cases of the Flu have developed.

Following is a list of the nineteen deaths which have occurred since last Friday:

Walter P. Peterson, age 27 years, 3 months and 12 days. Unmarried. Died at Ft. Omaha Oct. 15, while in the service of Uncle Sam, and was buried in this city.

Frances Boffer, died Oct. 17, age 17 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Selma Richardson, died Oct. 18, age 30 years. Her husband arrived here from Gettysburg, Pa., where he has been in the army training camp.

Merle Leland Pyle, died Oct. 18 at 211 Toluca. Age 10 years, 7 months and 22 days.

Ervin Fred Poffenberger, died Oct. 18 at 130 Yellowstone avenue. Age 27 years, 2 months and 5 days. He

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SPANISH INFLUENZA

The disease now spreading over this country is highly catching and may attack you and your family unless you are very careful.

Influenza is a crowd disease. Therefore: Keep out of crowds as much as possible.

Influenza probably spreads mostly by inhaling some of the tiny droplets of germ-laden mucus sprayed into the air when ignorant and careless persons sneeze or cough without using a handkerchief. Therefore: Cover up each cough and sneeze.

Influenza is probably spread also by the filthy habit of spitting on sidewalks and other public places. Therefore: Do not spit on the floor or sidewalk.

Influenza is probably spread also by the use of common drinking cups and the use of common towels in public places. Therefore: Shun the common drinking cup and the roller towel in public places.

If you feel sick and believe you have "Spanish" influenza, go to bed and send for the doctor. This is important. Don't get up too soon. Your heart feels as tired as your legs and needs rest.

In all health matters follow your doctor's advice and obey the regulations of your local and state health officers.

All that has been said about "Spanish" influenza is true also of colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and tuberculosis. Do your part to keep them away.

NEBRASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Burlington Brakeman Succumbs to Injuries

G. D. Fairfield, Burlington brakeman who was injured near Weir last Friday morning, died at the home in this city at about 11 o'clock that night.

It is not known just how the accident that caused the young man to lose his life happened. He was, it seems, sent with a wrecking crew and while acting as flagman was struck by a backing train. He was sent immediately to this city on a special train for medical attention, but the shock proved too great for him to withstand.

The body was shipped Saturday to Mason City, Iowa, the former home, for burial, accompanied by the sorrowing wife.

"FLU" EPIDEMIC IN CITY HALTS CALL

Chances Are Men Will Not Be Called Again Before First Week in November

W. C. Mounts, chairman of the local exemption board, received a message Tuesday from headquarters at Lincoln cancelling the call of the forty-two men who were to leave between the 21st and 25th of this month due to the influenza epidemic which has increased at an alarming rate the past week.

The message did not state when the call would be made, simply informing the chairman that the call had been cancelled and that further instructions would follow. It is thought, however, that the call will be made some time during the first week in November.