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RESTRICTIONS PREVENT SPREAD OF 'FLU'

Best Medical Skill in Entire Country on Duty at Camp Dodge—150 Physicians in Charge

(By J. W. Jarnigan, Herald Correspondent)

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Oct. 23.—The wave of Spanish influenza that is sweeping over the entire country, it is thought, has reached its maximum force at the camp. Col. E. W. Rich, divisional surgeon, has forbidden the publication of the number of cases or the number of deaths on account of exaggerated statements that have gained circulation. In announcing his action Colonel Rich pointed out that it was his belief much unnecessary worry and unrest were being caused by published accounts of the deaths and cases. Scores of telegrams are received daily by the military authorities inquiring as to the welfare of the soldiers. The military authorities notify relatives of soldiers as soon as they show symptoms of pneumonia and the adjutant general of the army reports immediately to the nearest relative all cases of death. A daily bulletin is issued giving a review of the situation but this is not intended for general circulation. It can be said upon the authority of the medical staff that conditions are steadily improving. The death rate has been nothing like as large as in some of the other cantonments and when it is taken into account the large number of men at the camp the situation is really not as serious as was the pneumonia epidemic last spring when there were 120 deaths in a single month. The best medical skill in the entire country is on duty, thirty-two medical officers having joined the staff this week. This makes an aggregate of 150 physicians in charge. There are 375 nurses, and 1,000 enlisted men are acting as attendants. Quarantine rules are strictly enforced and every precaution to prevent a further spread of the disease has been taken. Various women organizations have contributed over 35,000 gauze masks to be worn over the mouth and nose. The material out of which these are made is medicated so that the filtered air is free from all bacteria and other impurities. These are worn at night while sleeping. Thus far the fatalities among the colored troops have been largely in excess of the whites when the number of these men is taken into account. Perhaps the group of men most disappointed on account of the sudden visitation of the epidemic are the officers from base hospitals from 4 to 124. These men had received orders to entrain for an eastern camp, which meant a quick departure for overseas, but when the disease broke out the order was cancelled and these men were ordered to assume active duties here.

Men Crave Jellies
The sick men crave jelly like mother makes. The executive committee of the W. C. C. S. has issued urgent requests that 2,000 glasses of jelly be contributed with all speed. To meet the requirements 2,000 individual boxes have been furnished. The men sick with the influenza also crave lemons and oranges and these are being contributed in large quantities. Several down-town grocers have sent out boxes of these fruits.

Officers Assigned Here
Following officers were assigned to duty at designated posts in recent army orders from Washington: Major John R. Porter, medical, to Ft. Des Moines; relieved from Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C.; First Lieut. John F. Boyle, to duty at Camp Dodge as assistant personnel adjutant from adjutant general's department at Washington. Mitchell C. Mackin appointed first lieutenant, medical, to duty at Ft. Des Moines. Captains James T. Faulkner and Charles E. Ross, medical, transferred from Ft. Des Moines to Camp Custer to examine command for nervous and mental diseases. First Lieut. Everett N. Bennett, Austin C. Davis and Joseph L. Swartz, medical, transferred from Camp Dodge to Base Hospital 157, at Camp Greenleaf.

Jewish Order Is Busy
The various Jewish war relief organizations are preparing boxes of cigarettes, candy and cookies for the quarantined Jewish soldiers at Fort Des Moines and Camp Dodge.

Mike Gibbons Is Slated for Rank of Major in Army

According to report from St. Paul, Mike Gibbons, the famous artistic middleweight, is slated for the rank of major in the United States army. The honor is to be conferred upon Gibbons, it is declared, in recognition

of his services as boxing instructor at Camp Dodge, and later at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Soldier Given 20 Years
Death sentence, imposed by a military court martial upon Sander Maki, a recruit with the 163rd Depot Brigade at Camp Dodge, for refusing to obey orders of his superior officer, has been commuted to confinement at hard labor for 20 years, the War department announced. Papers in the case indicated that Maki refused to wear a uniform. He was not a "conscientious objector" but just naturally "ornery" is the way a member of the court martial expressed his opinion.

More Wounded at Fort Des Moines
The government hospital at Fort Des Moines received another contingent of nearly 100 men right from the battle front in France the last of the week. These men are all wounded and it will take some time to restore them. They came across the ocean on the ship Tennidors, one of the big ocean liners this government purchased from Norway. Most of these men were wounded in the battle at Chateau Thierry in July and belonged to the 168th regiment.

Socialist Leader Gets 25 Years
Benjamin J. Salmon, one of the most persistent socialistic agitators in the West, a resident of Denver, whose case has been under review since June, received a sentence of 25 years in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth. He defended himself before the court martial. He was a voluminous talker and argued every point brought out in the trial. Some of his oral arguments consumed over two hours. He submitted all kinds of evidence and arguments to prove that the draft law was unconstitutional. He even attacked the articles of war that have been in existence for a hundred years. His wife plead with him to serve in the army and influential friends appealed in vain. He was first sent to Fort Logan, Colo., where he refused service, and was placed in the guardhouse. Short yafterward he was transferred to camp Funston, Kans., where still refused service and was confined. So convincing were his arguments that the military authorities at Camp Funston when transferring him here wrote to the camp judge advocate, Maj. Adam Richmond, stating their belief that he had been wrongly inducted. An investigation of the case by Major Richmond brought out sufficient evidence to warrant a trial. After several weeks of deliberation he was declared guilty. The sentence of the court martial with a complete record of the case was sent to the judge advocate general of the army at Washington for review and received his approval. This makes eight socialists that have been sentenced to 25 years each in the penitentiary from Camp Dodge, besides fifteen I. W. W. followers. Cases against several so-called conscientious objectors are still pending.

Two Go to Federal Pen
Privates Kelly Newman and Jesse McIntosh, the latter a negro, have been taken to the United States disciplinary barracks at Ft. Leavenworth to start serving five-year sentences, each, at hard labor. Private Newman was found guilty of forgery and McIntosh of stabbing a fellow soldier with a knife, in the arm.

Ft. Des Moines Under Quarantine
The United States General Hospital No. 26 at Ft. Des Moines is under quarantine as a protective measure against the possible advent of Spanish influenza. At present there are more than one thousand patients at the big hospital, more than three hundred of them having been returned wounded in action from overseas. The others were transferred from other posts. The provisions of the quarantine at the fort are in effect the same as those imposed at Camp Dodge.

Men Busy at Drills
Despite the fact that a strict quarantine has been established at Camp Dodge as a result of Spanish influenza work for officers and men of the new 19th division is progressing as rapidly as possible. The order establishing the quarantine specified that drill work should not be interfered with. Following these directions officers have kept enlisted men at their work consistently and will continue to do so, according to present indications. The formation of new units of the division and the transfer to them of enlisted men has been postponed until the quarantine has been lifted. While there are a large number of officers in camp without any organization duties, the division schools for officers have been established, and work at these is progressing rapidly. These include the school of bayonet combat, the machine gun school and automatic rifle, and the unit commanders' school, the band guards school, while practice

also is being given officers with the Stokes trench mortar and with the one-pound cannon. These schools are being conducted by officers who have either been abroad and seen service on the western front, or who are specially qualified by virtue of long practice and study in the various lines. The machine gun battalions are about the only units which recently have been assigned officers. These organizations, under Maj. William Dean, have received sixty-six officers. It is deemed likely that several hundred enlisted men from the machine gun school at Camp Hancock will be transferred to the machine gun battalion after the quarantine has been lifted. While enlisted men from the depot brigade and other organizations are well along with their preliminary training, members of the Second and Fourteenth Infantry regiments who are well prepared in the preliminary work are on the rifle range working with the big targets.

Nurses Arrive for Training
A nurses' training school has been opened at Fort Des Moines. Twenty young women came Friday. These are from the recent campaign for volunteers. Others are arriving daily and over 100 are ready to begin training for active duties overseas. There are now 250 nurses at Ft. Des Moines.

Nearly 1,000 Men Naturalized
Nearly 1,000 foreigners took out naturalization at Camp Dodge recently. In the gathering twenty languages were represented. There were a large number of German boys, also Swedes, Danes, Norwegians, Greeks and Italians. They were all young men. They were naturalized under a new law enacted by congress a few months ago by which men who had volunteered or who had been drafted into the United States service could receive full citizenship without going through the form of first and second papers. After the papers had been given each man was presented with a small silk flag by members of the D. A. R. The men with a confusion of tongues joined in singing America and it was humorous as well as patriotic the way they went at it.

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