



THE ARMY and THE NAVY

Death Toll Reaches 78 in Single Day

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Liberty theater, erected by the war department, the largest theater in the middle west, was filled with soldiers and citizens from all over the country on the occasion of a memorial exercise in honor of the men and nurses who have died at Camp Dodge from the deadly visitation of Spanish influenza and pneumonia. Gen. Simmons presided and after the usual preliminaries Governor W. L. Harding delivered an address befitting the occasion. It was an impressive exercise throughout. The official announcement of the number of deaths since the epidemic broke out September 29th up to November 1st is 762. This statement was made by Col. E. W. Rich, division surgeon. This is the first and only authentic statement of the number of deaths from the disease. The number of cases of influenza total 10,008, of which 1,923 developed pneumonia. The figures show that 36.6 per cent of those developing pneumonia died. During the worst of the epidemic Des Moines undertakers were overwhelmed with work. The Harbach establishment had the contract for taking care of the deceased soldiers but it had to draw upon all of the undertakers in the city and in surrounding towns. The greatest death toll in a single day was 78. The numerous deaths in every community in the country made it next to impossible to obtain undertakers enough to render prompt service. Among the soldiers at Camp Dodge were scores of undertakers and these were assigned to this special service. The Des Moines Caskets Co. has the government contract for furnishing caskets and shortness of workmen and inability to get material owing to the demand all over the country made it a most difficult matter to render prompt service. When the demand was the greatest a telegram came from Omaha for 500 caskets to be sent by express. In view of the large number of deaths in so short a time the work of preparing the bodies and of sending them home for burial was admirably handled. It will never be known of the anxious moments, the ceaseless care and the faithful devotion of physicians and nurses and volunteers at the hospital. One faithful nurse with a half dozen enlisted men as assistants would have as many as 36 sick men in her ward at one time. All of the Y. M. C. A. men and women came from communities near and remote to help take care of the stricken men. Hundreds of anxious fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters watched at the bed-side of loved ones as they battled heroically with the disease. Throughout the trying ordeal physicians and nurses maintained the most cheerful composure when in the presence of the sick and this exercised a wonderful influence in causing the men to make a vigorous fight to overthrow the affliction.

More Wounded Men at Fort Des Moines
Over 200 wounded men from the battle front in France arrived at U. S. Hospital No. 26, Fort Des Moines, Sunday. These men were in good spirits in spite of their long journey. One poor fellow with one arm and one leg left in France, said it was a pretty long journey, lying on a cot all the way. Attendants are usually those who are recovering from inhaling gas and have fairly good use of their faculties both of mind and locomotion. Several wounded soldiers from the 168th infantry arrived Sunday. They are Eben Leffinwell, Beloit, Wis.; Ray Hickok, Waterloo, and Mike Pothetos, Waterloo, Company H; Capt. Jonathan Springer, Minneapolis, commander of Co. H; Edward Hawley, Co. C; Verne Nipper, Villisca, Co. M; Merle Ingledue, Mering, Co. A., and Eldon Anderson, Council Bluffs, Co. L.

Circus Men Are Happy.
About the happiest bunch of men at Camp Dodge are those who have been in the show business. There are scores of showmen of greater or lesser degree in camp here. The cause of their present hilarity is based upon the arrival of the Yankee Robinson circus to its winter quarters at Grimes three miles from Camp Dodge. These showmen and all of the rest of the soldiers have the freedom of the great enclosure at all times. Some of the fellows who have been accustomed to handling wild animals want no greater sport than feeding these beasts in their enclosure and watching their sportive antics. Col. Buchanan, owner of the show, permits bareback riders who may be among the soldiers to give his horses a try-out whenever they so desire.

New Barracks Practically Finished.
The 688 new barracks are about completed and the work of constructing officers' quarters and the various

buildings required in connection with the barracks is now under way. The war department has taken several hundred of the carpenters to Davenport where 400 cottages are being erected to take care of the men working at the arsenal on Rock Island in the Mississippi at that point.

The 88th Division in Action
Word received at the camp from France states that the 88th division which left here some months ago is actively engaged in the series of great battles now being waged on the western front in France. This division is in charge of a sector in Alsace-Lorraine and it is said to hold the natural if it ever becomes necessary. The negro troops that have been sent from this camp from time to time to hold a sector next to the 88th's assignment. The 88th division was fully equipped for service when it left here. The men are from Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois and Iowa. A letter from a high officer in the 350th infantry states that the regiment has been in action, one officer killed, and five members of the regiment, two officers and three men, have received the Croix de Guerre for bravery displayed in action. The letter was written October 17, and indicates that the battle occurred October 16. The regiment was supported by French artillery, but when the letter was written, the French had moved, and the Camp Dodge regiment was occupying the area alone. The organization had moved from the quiet sector in which it received its initial overseas training. "We certainly got our share of the Boches" the officer writes. He has great praise for the men in the regiment, all of whom, he says, distinguished themselves by whirlwind fighting.

Engineering Unit Nucleus Arrives
Thirty-seven officers, including Col. P. F. Walker, with five hundred enlisted men, have arrived as a nucleus for the Two Hundred Nineteenth engineering regiment. This organization will hold the same relative position in the new division that the Three Hundred Thirteenth under Col. R. P. Howell held in the Eighty-eight division. Both officers and men of the new engineers are from Camp Humphreys, Va. a training camp for engineer officers and men. The regiment will be filled to war strength by the addition of drafted men. Jerome Lock, former surveyor general of Montana and later editor and publisher of the Livingston Enterprise, has been commissioned a captain of engineers in the United States army and will report at Camp Dodge.

School for Staff
A school for staff officers of the 19th division has been established with five officers of the British and France war mission to the United States as instructors, Majors Jackson and Makin of the British mission and Major Eckenfelder with Captain Aumont and Lieutenant Renaudau of the French mission, are instructors. Col. H. A. Ripley, division chief of staff, Col. E. W. Rich, division surgeon, Lieut. Col. M. G. Holiday, assistant chief of staff, Maj. Jesse Ladd, division inspector and Maj. J. J. Toy, assistant quartermaster, will leave soon to attend the army staff school at Washington, D. C.

Work on the Rifle Range
Training of the new Nineteenth division at Camp Dodge is progressing rapidly. All infantry organizations will be working on the rifle range before the end of the week. Capt. Clyde L. Day of the judge advocates branch has been assigned to duty for Camp Dodge. He will work in connection with the bureau of war risk at the cantonment. Captain Day's home is in Chicago.

Bought Many Bonds
Private Curil Van de Willie, Co. 51 163rd Depot Brigade, has purchased bonds to the amount of \$15,000. Van de Willie came to this country from Belgium eight years ago and went west to seek his fortune. He was located at Havre, Montana, when called into the service. All the relatives of private Van de Willie are back in war stricken Belgium.

Bugle Calls Must be Accurate
Nobody but a soldier appreciates the importance and information contained in bugle calls. The war department has sent out the following instructions as to the observance of correct time: The attention of all officers is called to the importance of keeping their watch properly timed, and they have been requested to consult their watches when the diaphone blows, at noon and at 9 o'clock in the evening. The first short blast is blown at ten seconds before noon and the second at 12 o'clock sharp. Officers responsible for the sounding of the calls will be held strictly accountable thru cells are sounded at the prescribed time.

New Librarian at Camp Dodge
Gay N. Power of Burlington has Dodge. The library war service is under the direction of the American Library association, one of the seven

war activities officially recognized by the government. The Camp Dodge library has 45,000 volumes serving the soldiers not only through the main library building, but through branches in the K. C. and the Y. M. C. A. buildings and smaller collections distributed at seventy five points throughout the camp.

Death Sentence for Soldier is Commuted

Pvt. Vermer Siro, Camp Dodge, who was sentenced to be shot, received commutation of sentence to twenty years' imprisonment from President Wilson. Siro was arrested in Minneapolis in an I. W. W. raid by the department of justice and taken to Camp Dodge. He refused to obey orders at camp. Pvt. Earnest R. Daily, Company L. 2nd Infantry, has been sentenced to be confined to the United States disciplinary barracks, Fort Leavenworth for five years at hard labor and to be dishonorably discharged from the service after being convicted by court martial for breaking the quarantine and going to town without leave for stealing \$60 from the Western camp.

Canadian Instructor Here Going to Front

Sergt. Maj. G. H. Anderson of the Canadian army, who has been bayonet instructor here since August 20th, has been ordered back to duty and has gone to an eastern port from which he will later sail for England and France. Sergeant Major Anderson was sent here after convalescing from shrapnel wounds at a hospital in Canada. He is a member of the Canadian army gymnasium staff, and instructor in the Canadian army.

ANTIOCH CLAIMS GREATEST GROWTH IN POPULATION

Scottsbluff is the third largest freight shipping and receiving railroad station in Nebraska. Kimball claims to have sold more tractors at retail during 1917-18 than any other Nebraska city. Antioch claims the entire country's record for growth in population during 1918-19. Beatrice manufactures more windmills and windmill pups than any other city in the country. Omaha is the world's largest butter market. Lincoln made gasoline engines are sold in every country on the globe.

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