

6,122 DEATHS FROM 'FLU' FOR WEEK IS RECORD

Heaviest Toll Taken in Philadelphia; Open Emergency Hospital in Capital; In South America.

Lincoln, Oct. 16.—(Special).—According to reports coming to the office of the State Board of Health today, there are 4,000 cases of Spanish influenza in Omaha and 897 in Lincoln. There are 1,376 cases reported in the state outside of these cities, 350 of which are in Crofton and 400 in Bloomfield.

Telegrams were sent by the board to the Council of National Defense and the surgeon general of the public health service at Washington asking for assistance.

Washington, Oct. 16.—There were 6,122 deaths from Spanish influenza in 30 cities the week ending October 12, as compared with 19 the week ending September 14, when the disease got its first foothold in New England. In the same period there were 4,409 deaths from pneumonia.

These figures, announced today by the bureau of the census, do not include figures from army camps, and with reports missing from all other cities and towns and country districts, there was no way of estimating the total number of deaths. The heaviest toll from influenza was 1,697 in Philadelphia. The New York toll was 979; Boston 850; Chicago, 571.

Open Big Hospital. Washington, Oct. 16.—An emergency hospital of 500 beds was opened in Washington today to care for the large number of war workers suffering from influenza for whom accommodations are not available in city and private institutions. The building and equipment for the hospital were furnished by the federal government.

Deaths resulting from influenza in Washington for the 24-hour period ending at 9 o'clock last night numbered 88, the largest number reported in any similar period, although it was said there probably were many more cases, especially among war workers living in crowded quarters.

While Spanish influenza continues to spread among the civilian population generally a continued decrease in the number of new cases at army camps tonight led army medical officials to believe the peak of the epidemic among the soldiers has been passed. Secretary Baker said reports indicated measures taken by the surgeon general's office had brought the disease under definite control.

Close Order at Denver. Denver, Colo., Oct. 16.—An order prohibiting all public gatherings, both indoor and outdoor, was issued last night by the state board of health to check the epidemic of Spanish influenza which is general over Colorado. The order applies to the entire state.

Many Die in New York. New York, Oct. 16.—More than 5,000 persons have died from Spanish influenza and pneumonia in this city within a month; more than 50,000 have been ill and the new cases developing during the last 24 hours show a big increase over those reported yesterday, according to the figures given out today by the health department. Fatalities are slowly decreasing, however, the deaths from both diseases being 25 fewer on today's lists than on Tuesday morning.

To South America. Buenos Aires, Oct. 16.—Spanish influenza has made its appearance in Buenos Aires, Rio Janeiro and Montevideo.

Close Order in Sioux City. Sioux City, Ia., Oct. 16.—The city council sitting as a board of health tonight ordered the public schools, theaters, moving picture shows, lodges and all public meetings closed as a precautionary measure against the spread of influenza. The Sioux City Service company was directed to prevent overcrowding of all street cars and at noon and evening rush hours. The cars must be fumigated daily.

Deaths in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—The number of new cases of influenza reported for the 24 hours ending at noon today was 1,686 as against 1,590 reported yesterday. In the same period there were 466 deaths from influenza and 245 from pneumonia.

Mann Act Charge for Man Arrested With Stepmother. Fremont, Neb., Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram).—Ed Callahan, 47, arrested in Council Bluffs with his 24-year-old stepmother, Cora Callahan, as they were returning to Fremont with a quantity of liquor, left his wife and several small children last July to go to Kansas to work in the harvest fields. A warrant charging Callahan with wife desertion was issued by Mrs. Callahan two months ago. Callahan's father, late husband of the young woman, died a year ago and Callahan soon began paying attention to his stepmother, Mrs. Callahan said. Callahan had been employed as molder at the Fremont foundry. Callahan will be charged with violation of the white slave act.

Noted Runner Dead. Franklin, Pa., Oct. 16.—Gayle A. Dull, noted long distance runner, who took part in the 1908 Olympic games at London, died here today following an operation for appendicitis. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan, in which institution he won many sports honors.

Hitchcock Aids Sanisbury. Washington, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram).—Senator Hitchcock was in Wilmington, Del., tonight making speech in the interest of Senator Sanisbury, who is a candidate for election.

SUBSCRIPTIONS REACH HIGH MARK IN FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Day's Pledges of \$315,000, Secretary McAdoo Asks Public to Take Liberty Loan as Battle in Spirit of Army and Navy.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The largest single day's subscription—\$315,000—reported to the Treasury department tonight, raised hopes that the optimism of the 12 district Liberty loan campaign managers may be justified and the fourth war loan prove an unqualified success. Tonight the total of subscriptions had mounted to \$3,269,001,500, leaving \$2,730,000,000 to be gathered tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. To reach the \$6,000,000,000 mark, \$900,000,000 a day must be subscribed.

Officials do not expect that big rate to appear in official reports at least until Saturday. They believe \$1,000,000,000 or more will be counted up after the campaign has closed Saturday night from the flood of last minute subscriptions. They fear that unless the officially tabulated total reaches \$4,000,000,000 mark on the latest reports Saturday, the loan may fail to reach its goal.

Officials report do not show any federal reserve district above 100 per cent, but Minneapolis district managers, with a recognized showing of 80 per cent, claim they have gathered enough pledges to put them over. The St. Louis district, with 85 per cent, still leads all others. New York, Atlanta and Philadelphia are lowest, with percentages of 47, 42 and 42, respectively.

Showing by Districts. By districts the showing tonight was as follows: District Subscriptions Per. St. Louis \$221,794,650 .85 Minneapolis 168,215,950 .80 Boston 337,603,950 .67 Dallas 77,380,250 .61 San Francisco 237,676,400 .59 Chicago 500,000,000 .57 Richmond 153,080,200 .54 Kansas City 133,132,400 .51 Cleveland 300,225,700 .50 New York 847,530,000 .47 Philadelphia 210,984,400 .42 Atlanta 81,319,400 .42

This was navy day in the campaign. On battleships and at land stations throughout the world, American sailors and naval officers turned in pledges of part of their small earnings to help pay the expenses of the war. Even without today's additions, the navy has already subscribed more than \$22,000,000. Rear Admiral T. J. Cowie, Navy Liberty loan officer, reported today.

KAISER QUILTS, RUMOR ABROAD

(Continued from Page One.) sincere terms. If they are put forth as another vehicle for a quibble, an opportunity of diplomatic evasion and trickery, or a negotiated peace, they will meet only one reply.

If they mean guarantees for the integrity and sovereignty of the Germany which is rightly German, always taking in the determinations of the human beings concerned, no obstacle is foreseen. If they mean guarantees for the right of the German people to live their lives under a peaceful responsible government which does not menace the life of the world, President Wilson's utterances on the subject, officials believe, already have given the answer.

Guarantees for the interests of Germany, involving only Germans, it was pointed out, are quite apart from the set determination of the oppressed nationalities in Austria for which President Wilson has pledged the peace to secure opportunity for an autonomous development.

Peace Party Perhaps Dominant. There always is the possibility that the conditions President Wilson has laid down as the basis for a peace already have come about in Germany. Diplomats noticed that Chancellor Maximilian sent a note and that when President Wilson answered with an inquiry, it was Foreign Secretary Solf, and not the chancellor, who replied and that Solf spoke of a new government which had been formed in Germany.

It would not be without precedent if the peace party in Germany actually was in possession of an imperial rescript or other secret act renouncing the power of the kaiser and his party, when the reply to President Wilson's inquiry was sent. It would not be without precedent if the negotiation was begun with a maneuver for the best possible terms and holding back the last card—the downfall of kaiserism.

If the conditions for an armistice are accepted the arrangements will be made not by a mixed commission, but by Marshal Foch and the co-belligerent commanders. These will be the means of taking from Germany every agency with which it could break its word if it would; the occupation by allied forces of such places as Strassburg, Metz, and Coblenz; turning over to the allies of its fleet and submarine bases; with the recall of its submarines which today's dispatches hinted it was ready to do, and the surrender of munitions of war, undoubtedly also the agencies by which others might be produced.

GOOD FOOD—and a food that fits these saving times—Grape-Nuts Needs no sugar. 73c

Washington, Oct. 16.—Secretary McAdoo tonight issued the following statement: "I am coming three days the American people must decide whether the fourth Liberty loan shall be a success or a failure. "It would be fatal to minimize the gravity of the nation's problem. In three days we must raise almost \$3,000,000,000.

"The American people should face this stupendous task with the spirit of the American navy, in honor of which we have just celebrated Navy day. On land and sea all over the world the men of the American navy do not regard this Liberty loan merely as a campaign to raise money; they look upon it rather as a battle, and are plunging into this battle with the spirit of Manila Bay.

"Navy men are doubling their subscriptions. Many battleships are representing every officer and man on board on the honor roll. "Let every individual American take fresh inspiration from the thrilling record of the navy. "Let us convoy the navy's ships into the Kiel canal with our Liberty loan dollars."

Soldiers Subscribe Liberally. For the fighting men on land, Brigadier General Lord, army Liberty loan officer, reported that soldiers, exclusive of the American expeditionary forces, had bought \$30,000,000 in bonds up to last Monday, and Capt. Robert W. Daniel, assistant army Liberty loan officer, estimated this would be raised to \$45,000,000 by the end of the week.

The demand by members of the American expeditionary forces in France for facilities through which to subscribe was met by the branch offices in Paris of the Equitable Trust company, the Guaranty Trust company and the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York, the War department announcement says.

One of these companies provided an exceptional opportunity when, through its arrangement with the Societe De Generale, 400 branches of that bank, scattered throughout France, were put at the disposal of our soldiers for the receiving of subscriptions to the Fourth liberty loan. Reports from all sections of the country today show that railroad men had subscribed for \$109,638,000 at the close of business October 11,

and probably the employment of the great war machine plants of Germany to repair the industrial damage done in Belgium and France. Seeing is believing, one official clared tonight, and there will be no scraps of paper.

Empire Will Be Disarmed. In a military sense Germany would be treated as an individual prisoner of war—disarmed and guarded.

Allied forces placed in strategic positions could then, by invasion of Germany if necessary, enforce any terms. The allied war council, in which President Wilson holds one vote, has agreed upon these conditions as guarantee for the supremacy of the allied armies.

It can be stated with official authority that should Germany agree to such an armistice the downfall of military oligarchy could be arranged easily at the peace conference without danger of accepting a "negotiated peace."

Allied forces would be in a position to enforce the decisions of the peace council. The chief question in the minds of public men tonight is: "Is the German military power really so broken as to be ready to accept the allies' terms?"

Throughout the American capital there is an air of calm, determined confidence. People are reading the news bulletins at the winds and buying Liberty bonds at the curbs.

Another Fortunate Purchase of NEPONSET THE SPLENDID NEW FLOOR COVERING ON SPECIAL SALE AT THE UNION OUTFITTING CO., 16TH AND JACKSON STS. FOR FOUR DAYS ONLY COMMENCING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19. READ PARTICULARS BELOW. There will be no more Neponset Floor Covering made during the war. The government requires for ammunition many of the ingredients that are used in the making of this famous floor covering. We took over at a bargain price 500 rolls that the Neponset company had stored in their western warehouse, all they had on hand at this time. It is our rule when we secure a big bargain to pass it along to our customers and give them the benefit. Neponset will be put on special sale for four days only. At per square yd., 73c

Omaha jubilated over the local "victory" in raising its quota of Fourth Liberty loan bonds, at a big "victory meeting" at the Tower of Liberty on the courthouse lawn at noon yesterday.

Mayor Smith and Miss Grace La Rue of the Orpheum circuit were co-stars on the program, the mayor providing the oratory and Miss La Rue the musical talent. Edwin T. Swobe, chairman of the Tower of Liberty committee, presided.

The whistles of the city sent out a prolonged blast just before the ceremony started, announcing that the quota had been raised, and then some, the total being \$11,316,000. Hundreds of men and women who have given most of their time during the last two weeks gathering subscriptions, were there to rejoice in the victory. And there were thousands who bought bonds in the big audience.

O. T. Eastman, chairman of the Douglas county Liberty Loan committee made a short speech in which he thanked the people for their generous response to the country's latest appeal for funds. Women Raise \$1,750,000. The men's Liberty loan committee asked for \$1,500,000 from the house-to-house canvass, and by noon Wednesday Mrs. Frank Judson, chairman of the women's committee, reported over \$1,750,000, with subscriptions still coming in. A final report of all wards soon will be made.

Mrs. F. A. Brogan and Mrs. John A. McShane canvassed the Blackstone hotel and sold \$27,500, the largest amount sold at any hotel. Of this \$1,500 came from the employees. Many school teachers who have been waiting to buy their bonds through a school committee are requested to buy their bonds at women's headquarters, as no school committee was formed under the block system.

and districts captured and little processions of these are straggling rearward out of range of the guns and out of the way of the fighting troops. Stories are beginning to come back how liberated Belgian women have seen their sons, brothers or husbands going forward into battle.

Quite a number of civilians also have been rescued from Roulers and left in such a hurry that they had not time to remove the civilians who wanted to stay and take a chance of being liberated. Today these men, women and children are again walking on the free soil of France. The Germans appear to be making strenuous efforts to save their munitions and equipment and their material, the accumulation of four years from the coast districts of Belgium. The roads behind the Germans are littered with all sorts of transports and allied airplanes are again playing havoc with the retreating enemy.

The weather today was cloudy, but thus far no more rain has fallen. However, Flanders is mud from one end to the other and this condition makes movement difficult for the allied troops. The ooze and soft ground make it doubly difficult for the enemy to move back. Therefore the allied soldiers have put up with great hardships, for they realize that they have the enemy on the west front and do not desire to let him have a chance to reassemble his shattered units.

Outside Courtrai the infantry has progressed about three miles and here have been compelled to fight their way forward, for the Germans had orders to hold on to the last and they did so. Not many of those who had been stationed with machine guns to try to hold up the advance of the allied troops managed to escape.

At the Thiel positions the French cavalry has begun to come into a country where the ground and roads are harder, allowing them to operate more freely. It is through this gap that the Germans throughout the entire Belgian coast system must go if they wish to save themselves, providing, of course, the advance continues.

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CAVALRY NEAR HOLLAND BORDER

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GERMAN DEFEAT IS ADMITTED BY ARMY LEADERS

(Continued from Page One.) feat, contradicting the reports of the Berlin writers that the German retreat was purely a tactical retirement, are supported by material facts not open to controversy, such as 4,600 cannon captured during the three months of the allied offensive, or about one fourth of the entire armament of the German artillery, and a quarter million of prisoners taken during the same time on the western front alone.

The Germans had about 180 divisions on this front on March 10 to which were added about 23 divisions relieved from the Russian front. The German force was maintained in the neighborhood of 205 divisions from April to September through drafts on the reserve depots. The wastage began to tell after the battles of July and August. Twenty Divisions Disappear. On September 15, the Germans had on this front 200 divisions, including Austrian reinforcements. Shortening their line, had, however, enabled them to constitute a reserve of divisions. The battles of September and the first days of October reduced these reserves to about 30 divisions, about half of which had been recently retired from the front to be reconstituted.

Twenty divisions had disappeared entirely by October 10, through progressive dissolutions that have been confirmed. The wastage in armament is not only in cannon captured by the allies, but in diminished production by reason of drafts made upon war industries to reinforce the field forces, and strikes.

Strategically, the Germans have lost with the vast extent of territory they had occupied, the immense advantage of their position in the interior arc of a circle that enabled them to transfer troops rapidly from one sector to another while the allies were obliged to take the longer route around the circumference. German troops detaining in the region of Valenciennes, Bohain or Le Cateau could in a few hours be transported to the Flanders, to the Aisne or to the Oise. The region of Bohain and Le Cateau, where this switching of forces was accomplished, is now in the hands of the allies, while the Germans not only have lost the advantage of their interior position and the turntable that facilitated the use of it, but also important lines of communication with them.

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