

INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS HAVE REACHED SERIOUS PROPORTIONS OVER SEVERAL SECTIONS OF WESTERN PART OF STATE

Epidemic of 150 Cases Is Reported in Two Catawba County Towns

SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT IS CALLED OFF

Report Made by War Department Shows Cases Increasing in the Army—Steady Increase Apparent Over Country.

Hickory, N. C., Jan. 28.—One hundred and fifty cases of influenza were reported today at Middleburg and Lenoir, two villages in Catawba county, by Dr. George W. Shippey. The cases are said to be of the severe form of the disease. No deaths have been reported. The state board of health has been requested to send physicians and nurses. No other epidemics are reported in the county.

Washington, Jan. 28.—An increase in the number of cases of influenza in the American troops in Siberia was shown today in a statement issued by the war department dealing with the outbreak of disease in the army last at home and abroad. For the week ending January 27, 1920, 2,141 cases were reported. The daily disease death reported, however, was one due to tuberculosis.

The report showed the death toll among troops in Germany continued high. For the week ending January 16 it was 277, of which 104 were slightly higher than 103 reported the week before. During the week ending January 16 there were reported 61 cases of influenza and 10 cases of pneumonia with 12 deaths from the influenza case.

GRADUAL INCREASE SHOWN IN REPORTS

Washington, Jan. 28.—There has been practically no change in the influenza situation since 1919. An increase during the first 10 days of a slow but steady increase in the number of new cases from 1919 to 1920 from several states reported today to the public health service.

RUTHERFORD CITY COUNCIL TAKES ACTION

Rutherford, Jan. 28.—Action in a ruling of the city council against the gatherings of the Ku Klux Klan club and other organizations to prevent a spread of influenza.

WORST DAY ON RECORD REPORTED IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 28.—The day reported here as the worst on record during the 1918 epidemic, with 656 new pneumonia cases.

Cause of Powhatan's Trouble Investigated

Washington, Jan. 28.—Investigation of the cause of the trouble in Powhatan county, Virginia, which arrived at Halifax last night, is being made by an influenza commission in New York. It is expected that the commission will report on the cause of the trouble in the next few days.

HINOCAR IS NAME OF SCHOOL ANNUAL

Title is Selected from Large Number of Names Submitted to Staff

"The Hinocar" will be the name of the annual which Rocky Mount High school will issue this year. The title was selected from a list of names submitted to the staff by the students. The winning title was suggested by Mr. Hightower, the principal, and the staff.

POTATO HOUSES OF COUNTY INSPECTED

Washington Delegate Visits Sweet Potato Storage Houses in Nash

Washington, Jan. 28.—The United States Agricultural Experiment Station, in Washington, D. C., has been visiting the sweet potato storage houses in Nash county, North Carolina. The station is interested in the methods of storing sweet potatoes and the diseases which attack them.

TAX COMMISSION ISSUES STATEMENT

Explains Requirements of Taxpayers Under Revaluation Act

In order that the taxpayer may be fully informed as to the requirements of the revaluation act, the tax commission has issued a statement explaining the requirements of the act. The statement explains the requirements of the act in relation to the revaluation of property for tax purposes.

USE GAS AGAINST WHITE CANNIBALS

British Explorer Will Use All Implements of War Against Islanders

Sydney, Jan. 28.—A British explorer will use all implements of war against the white cannibals in the New Hebrides. The explorer is expected to use gas and other weapons against the cannibals.

Lower California Is Owned by Foreigners

Washington, Jan. 28.—The lower California is owned by foreigners, according to a report from the United States government. The report states that a large number of the land in the lower California is owned by foreign interests.

Jugo-Slovak Reply To Allies is Now in Paris

Paris, Jan. 28.—The Jugo-Slovak reply to the allied ultimatum regarding the Adriatic question received in Paris this afternoon amounts to a virtual refusal of the compromise offered by the Italians. The reply, it is believed, suggests a new basis of compromise along the lines of President Wilson's proposal.

Monarchists Victorious In Hungarian Elections

Budapest, Tuesday, Jan. 28.—It is estimated the monarchist vote in the election Sunday and yesterday approximated 95 per cent of the total number of ballots. Speculation is now centered on who will be king and guesses ranged from Hapsburg princesses to Scions of European ruling houses and American multi-millionaires.

U. S. Balance of Trade Four Billion Dollars

Washington, Jan. 28.—The U. S. balance of trade for 1919 is estimated to be four billion dollars, according to a report from the United States government. The report states that the balance of trade for 1919 was a record for the United States.

Ice-Locked Steamer Enters Chicago River

Chicago, Jan. 28.—An ice-locked steamer entered the Chicago river today. The steamer was stuck in the ice and had to be towed out of the river.

WILSON ASKS FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF

President Appeals for Loan to Stricken Nations of Europe

ASKS GLASS TO WORK

President Declares Inhabitants of Poland, Austria and Armenia are Starving and the United States Should Take Action.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today asked Secretary Glass to make another appeal to Congress for authority to loan \$100,000,000 to Poland, Austria and Armenia to relieve their food situation.

The President wrote the secretary that it was imperative to find some way to help the starving people of those countries. He said that the United States should take action to relieve their food situation.

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Republican Aspirant Presidential Nomination-Airs Views

WANT CLEARING AWAY ALL UNCERTAINTIES

Butler Delivers Strong Criticism Before Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce—Urges Simplification of Industry.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—An attack upon the Federal Coal Commission was launched today by William Butler, Republican aspirant for the presidential nomination. Butler delivered a strong criticism of the commission before the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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SUFFRAGE MEET TO CLOSE TODAY

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Bi-Partisan Conferees Take Short Breathing Spell Today—Fight for Ratification May be Carried Back to Floor of Senate.

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Nations Compete For Transcaucasian Trade

London, Jan. 28.—A lively competition for Transcaucasian trade appears to be developing among the American, British and Italian interests working there. The British consul at Baku in a report published in the board of trade journal states that members of the American relief committee are busily engaged in opening up trade with America.