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EPIDEMIC BREAKS OUT AFRESH WITH 3,616 NEW CASES

Gulford, Cabarrus and Buncombe Counties Report Big Numbers

NOWHERE HAS DISEASE CLAIMED MANY VICTIMS

Believed That It Is Prevalent In Every County In State But Less Than Half Report Daily; Beaufort Reports Epidemic Over and Schools Reopened Yesterday; Nurses Needed

The epidemic of influenza tightened its grip over the state yesterday with a total of 3,616 new cases developed over the week-end in 38 counties that reported to the State Board of Health.

Communities Want Help. Calls for help are being received daily from many sections of the State, among them calls from communities that in so far as the records of the department show have not developed a single case of influenza.

Report by Counties. The report yesterday was as follows: Bladen, 49; Cabarrus, 324; Caldwell, 48; Chatham, 139; Cherokee, 28; Cleveland, 35; Cumberland, 32; Dare, 11; Davidson, 10; Durham, 145; Forsythe, 86; Franklin, 7; Gaston, 1; Guilford, 905; Halifax, 18; Hertford, 25; Johnston, 203; Lee, 47; Lenoir, 15; Martin, 39; Mecklenburg, 80; Mitchell, 20; Northampton, 2; Perquimans, 5; Pitt, 93; Randolph, 1; Rockingham, 1; Stanley, 77; Stokes, 4; Surry, 37; Swain, 5; Washington, 39; Wilkes, 75; Yancey, 55.

Franklin County Escapes. Franklin, Feb. 9.—So far this place has been lucky enough to escape the outbreak of influenza.

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Railway Employees Direct To Strike Tuesday Morning

Three Hundred Thousand Maintenance Of Way Laborers And Shop Laborers Ordered Off Duty; Administration Officials Say Strike Is Violation Of Union Agreement In Matter Of Notice

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9.—Orders directing 300,000 members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers to suspend work at 7 a. m. Tuesday, February 17, were going out tonight to the various locals of the organization.

Claim Violation of Agreement. Washington, Feb. 9.—Action of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers in calling a strike of its members was declared by Railroad Administration officials to be a violation of the union's wage agreement.

OLD FEUD TAKES TOLL IN BURKE

One Man Dead and Possibly Two Fatally Injured In Battle

Morganton, Feb. 9.—Stirred to pity by the terrible wounds that had been inflicted upon Andrew LeFevers in the outbreak of an old feud between the LeFevers and Mull families four miles from Morganton Sunday night, and protesting against further violence against him, Alf Mull shot his brother Lenoir Mull when the latter turned upon him with a knife, and was himself, perhaps, fatally wounded when other members of the Mull clan attacked him with an axe and a shot gun.

Attack is Renewed. When they had gone some 300 yards from the Branch house, the younger LeFevers became exasperated from the loss of blood and had to stop by the roadside to rest.

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DEMOCRATS FEEL HOPEFUL UNLESS LODGE USES WHIP

Senator Simmons, Democratic Treaty Conferee, Says Ratification Is In Sight

DEMOCRATS WILL WORK ON LODGE RESERVATION

It Is Agreed That Flood Gates of Oratory Will Be Opened When Treaty Gets To Floor Again; Probable That Long Fight Is Ahead Before Agreement On Treaty Is Reached

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 9.—There is a distinct feeling among Democratic Senators now that the treaty of peace with Germany will be ratified in a way that will meet the approval of the President, unless Senator Lodge uses the party whip on the Republican mild reservationists.

CONGRESS REACTS TO LABOR ATTACK

Representative Blanton Declares Gompers Wants To Elect His Own Tools

Washington, Feb. 9.—The first reaction in Congress to plans of organized labor for intervention in the coming political campaign came today in the House.

Representative Nolan, Republican, California, defended labor's program, and charged that Blanton, in a previous extension of remarks in the Congressional Record, had "stolen in as a thief in the night."

Mr. Gillette said that the Congress made a fight upon the trusts, "Mr. Gompers' statement said. "That kind of a fight seems to be more of a burlesque. Ask any citizen of our country, ask any house wife what they feel as the result of the fight on the trusts and the answer will be readily forthcoming.

LINER PRINCESS ANNE IS SLOWLY SINKING

New York, Feb. 9.—Cracked and storm battered from stem to stern, almost broken in two amidships, the Old Dominion liner Princess Anne, abandoned except by her two first officers, was slowly submerged by the seas tonight as she lay stranded on the sand shoals off Rockaway.

Captured By Bolsheviks. Washington, Feb. 9.—A consular report from Harbin today gave the following list of Americans as recently captured by the Bolsheviks at Kishinevskaya, Siberia, but contained no details or initials.

Influenza In Budapest. Budapest, Feb. 9.—Eight hundred new cases of influenza are reported daily and statistics would indicate that the malady is fatal to 10 per cent of those attacked.

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In Caucus Democrats Oppose Universal Military Training

Reject Advice Of President Wilson Who Asks That Action Be Withheld To Allow Party In Convention To Take Stand; Vote Of House Democrats 106 to 17 Against System

Washington, Feb. 9.—Rejecting President Wilson's advice, house Democrats in caucus tonight went on record as opposed to universal military training by a vote of 106 to 17.

House and Senate Will Vote. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that both House and Senate will have to vote on the universal training proposal, for it is included in the Senate bill, and Representative Kahn, Republican of California, chairman of the House Military Committee which is framing the House bill, persisted to-night in his intention of pressing adoption of the plan.

Caucus Resolution. "It is the sense of this caucus," declared the resolution adopted by the Democrats, "that no measure should be passed by this congress providing for universal military service or training."

MAY CUT COTTON EXPORTS IN HALF

Exchange Situation Promises Serious Reduction According To Statistics

Washington, Feb. 9.—Indications that England's inability to purchase American cotton because of the exchange situation may mean virtual cutting in half of the United States export trade in cotton are shown in statistics issued today by the Department of Commerce.

More than fifty per cent of the cotton exported by the United States during the five months ending with December, went to England, according to the department's latest foreign trade reports.

DANIELS DECLARES FOR STRONG FLEET

Without League, U. S. Navy Should Be Incomparably Greater Than Any Other

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FORCED LANDING STOPS LIEUT. MAYNARD'S FLIGHT

New York, Feb. 9.—Defective motor ignition compelled Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, the "Flying Parson," to make a forced landing one mile from Mitchell Field, Mineola, today after he had "hopped off" on a 2,000 mile flight in the interest of army enlistments.

BENNY LEONARD WINS FROM JOHNNY DUNDEE

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 9.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight boxing champion, outfought Johnny Dundee, of New York, in every round of an eight-round bout here tonight.

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MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED AFTER LEXINGTON RIOTS

Mob Bent On Lynching Negro Fired Upon By Guardsmen and Four Are Killed

CONTINGENT OF FAMOUS FIRST DIVISION ON DUTY

Attempt To Lynch Follows Confession of William Lockett to Murder of 10-Year-Old Girl and Comes As Jury Pronounces Verdict; Soldiers Fire Point Blank

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—Martial law prevails here tonight. Six hundred Federal and State troops are patrolling the streets to prevent further rioting, which during the day exacted a toll of four dead and fifteen wounded.

The city was quiet early tonight, but authorities fear a recurrence of violence. Five hundred additional United States troops are en route from Camp Taylor, Ky.

Attempt Follows Confession. The attempt to lynch Lockett was made just after he had confessed to the murder and as the jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to die in the electric chair March 11.

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