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TOWNS AND MILLS QUARANTINED

Rockingham and Hamlet and the Ten Cotton Mill Villages Today Placed Under Strict Quarantine. Guards Placed On Roads to Prevent Entrance.

County Supervisor Maness at 1 o'clock today placed Rockingham and Hamlet and the ten cotton mill villages under quarantine, against the influenza. This means that no one can enter the two towns or villages, and drastic prosecution will follow all violations. It is hoped by means of this quarantine to stamp out and check the further spread of the disease. Guards, duly deputized, have been placed on the roads leading into Rockingham and Hamlet and they will arrest anyone attempting to enter the towns. It will be noted that nothing is said about LEAVING the towns; the quarantine applies to ENTERING the towns. This also applies to railroad traffic.

The Board of Health has vested in Supervisor Maness unlimited powers and these powers will be exercised to the utmost for the health protection. It is hoped by the above means that the quarantine can be lifted in a few days.

The Spanish influenza epidemic is steadily gaining headway throughout the county, but the Board of Health is taking energetic steps towards checking it.

When the disease first made its appearance in the county, the Board met on Oct. 3rd and ordered picture shows, and similar concerns closed and barred the circus and chautauqua. On Oct. 7th the Board met and ordered the suspension of all schools and churches, and requested the people not to assemble in any manner. On Oct 14th the Board again met and elected Dr. J. M. Maness as Supervisor for the county, and gave him full powers to handle the health situation. Dr. Maness at once established an office in Rockingham, in the old Helms store in the opera house building [phone 321], and since Tuesday has been actively on the job.

Monday the Red Cross sewing room was opened for the purpose of making masks, and these have been made at the rate of 250 a day. Dr. Maness urges every physician and nurse to wear a mask and advises others also to do so. These masks should never be worn more than two or more hours at a time; then a new one should be used and the old one boiled and otherwise sterilized. Never under any condition invert one, or put the same one back on unless it has been sterilized. The State Board of Health strongly advises the use of these masks, but they must be sterilized and used as indicated above.

The Red Cross held a meeting last Friday and made plans to combat the disease. B. T. Payne was placed in charge of the influenza committee; Mrs. W. N. Everett in charge of the nursing committee; Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett of the supplies committee; Mrs. Boyd Gasque of the nourishment committee. And after Supervisor Maness was elected by the Board of Health, the Red Cross at once placed the organization under his orders and at his disposal. Nurses are being provided wherever possible. Also arrangements have been made for cots and bedding so that the library can be converted into an improvised hospital should conditions warrant. Many members are individually supplying sick families with soups and other nourishment; truly will the name of Red Cross mean far more to the people after this epidemic is over!

The situation in Hamlet appears somewhat improved. Five deaths have occurred there since Friday from influenza. In Rockingham there are so far about 75 cases. In the mill villages

are many. And on the big farms south of the city there are a great number of cases. In fact, the disease seems to have spread to every corner of the county.

The doctors of the county are requested to report each night to Supervisor Maness the number of new cases. The report of the 15th showed 220; for the 16th, 132.

The epidemic in Wilmington has greatly decreased. The total deaths there were 136. Dr. Stiles, federal specialist, has moved his headquarters to Raleigh where there have so far been 32 deaths; there are 450 cases at Camp Polk.

It is estimated there are 200,000 cases in the state of Virginia. Gastonia and Gaston county are hard hit. The stores of that city are closed, only cafes and drug stores allowed to remain open.

Up until Tuesday the total number of cases in the army camp was 262,186; pneumonia cases from this were 39,276; deaths 12,340. The total casualties with our armies in France so far have been only 48,000, of which number about 14,000 were actually killed. And so it is seen that in a month and a half practically as many soldiers have died of influenza in this country as have been killed in our army in France! There is no estimate as to how many deaths have occurred among the civilian population.

Percy Coley came Tuesday to spend ten days at home. He will return to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, Thursday of next week. The Proving Grounds are on the Chesapeake Bay, and at this camp the big guns are tested, as well as shells. Percy is in Co. G there.

Splendid Advt.

The news items of this paper are NOT confined to the front page. Read all ten pages, and especially note the attractive manner in which the adverts are prepared.

You will find old Hogwallow on page 2, influenza dope on page 3, last week's left-over casualty list page 6, big list of new subscribers page 7, and Food Administration matter page 9.

A Goodly List.

On page 7 can be seen the list of 115 NEW subscribers secured in the past three weeks (from Sept. 19th to Oct. 14th.) The total number of NEW subscribers to the Post-Dispatch from July 1st to Oct. 14th is 348. (This is mentioned for the information of the present and prospective advertisers; that they may know the Post-Dispatch is a steadily GROWING medium.)

HOMICIDE

T. C. McKay Killed by Solomon Brigman. Both White. Alcohol the Cause.

A good citizen dead and his slayer in prison awaiting trial for life—all due entirely to Demon Alcohol.

Tobe C. McKay, a tenant on W. L. Steele's place, on main road between Rockingham and Hamlet, was shot Saturday night about dusk by Solomon Brigman, and mortally wounded. He was rushed to James hospital where it was found that his intestines had been perforated. Death resulted Sunday afternoon. The interment was held Monday.

Coroner A. M. Smith held an inquest Sunday, with the following as jurymen: H. C. Parsons, J. T. Collier, John McPherson, E. L. Cox, L. B. Brady, W. A. Poplin. These reported that the deceased T. C. McKay came to his death from pistol shots at the hands of Solomon Brigman.

As near as can be learned the facts as follows: Brigman, a white man who lives just across the South Carolina line, ran his car into the bank, on the Rockingham-Hamlet road, about three miles from town Saturday about dusk, and the car was badly damaged. He was very much intoxicated. The wreck occurred near a colored man's house, and Brigman is said to have cursed and created quite a disturbance. The colored folks sent for Mr. McKay to come and either quiet the man (as there was a sick person in the house) or get him away. Mr. McKay came and it was in his efforts to help Brigman, that Brigman, drunkenly infuriated, whipped an "Owl 32" out and shot McKay through the body. Brigman then ran back up the road towards Rockingham; Sheriff Baldwin and deputy Reynolds arrested him in the road a short time later. The man was still drunk and appeared to know nothing of what he had done. On his person was found the pistol, re-loaded, a bottle of Noah's Extract of Ginger (contains 82 per cent alcohol) and a bottle of McCormick & Co's Beef, Wine & Iron (contains 20 per cent alcohol.) In the car was found an empty Beef, Wine & Iron bottle. These bottles contain a pint. This is the stuff that turned a sane man into a demon. (It had been reported that Brigman's car ran into McKay's buggy, and that this caused the shooting; this was a mistake. A colored man had driven the mule and buggy to town and had returned just about the time McKay was endeavoring to quiet Brigman; when the shot was fired, the mule injured the buggy by running it into a bank.)

The feeling among the neighbors and friends of McKay was so strong that the Sheriff deemed it best to carry the prisoner to another county for safe keeping and not run the risk of incarcerating him in the Rockingham jail. Brigman is married and has six children; his home is on one of the Pegues farms across the State line. He was arrested in Rockingham in early July for being drunk and required to pay a fine. His drunk then was caused by extracts.

T. C. McKay, or "Tobe", as he was better known, was a quiet, hard-working man; surviving are wife and four children; there are five children surviving by his first marriage.

Cotton today 29 1-2c. Spots up 25 points, closing at 32.55.

OVER THE TOP

Richmond County Has Passed the Quota of \$500,000. \$510,350 Subscribed to Date.

As was to have been expected our good county of Richmond has nobly come to the front in subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan. To date (Thursday afternoon) the total subscriptions reported to the various banks of the county amount to the splendid sum of \$510,350—thus placing the county on the Roll of Honor. The quota assigned was \$500,000, and so it is seen that the allotment has been passed—and two days yet remain for further subscriptions. Fine!

Latest War Bulletin.

The Post-Dispatch was in touch with the Associated Press, Charlotte News, by long distance, at 4:40 this aft. No word had been received from Germany as to developments over President Wilson's last note. The British this morning captured Lille. Germans rapidly being driven from northern Belgium. Admiral Keys, of British navy, entered Ostend at 3:30 this afternoon!

Canteen Closed.

On account of the influenza epidemic the Red Cross Canteen at Hamlet, served jointly by Rockingham and Hamlet chapters, was closed on Thursday of last week.

Register to Vote.

The registration books for the Nov. 5th election will close Oct. 27th. If you are entitled to vote and your name is not on the books, go to your registrar without delay and register.

Rose Acting President.

Thomas M. Rose was Tuesday night elected by the directors as acting President of the Bank of Hamlet, until the annual meeting of the stockholders in January. He succeeds the late E. A. Lackey.

DRAFT NEWS

Epidemic Causes a Hold Up For the Present in Entrainments For Camp.

By reason of the influenza epidemic, orders were received the first of the week countermanding the sending of the 35 negroes scheduled to go to Camp Greene Oct. 17th. They will be sent later when the epidemic subsides. Due announcement will be made. S. R. McIntosh had himself transferred from the Greenwood, S. C., board to the local board and was sent to Camp Jackson the 14th.

Jim Ewing, John Coley, Billy McAulay, Lawrence Drawty and Hobson Covington went to Charlotte Wednesday to be physically examined by the district medical board. Vander Robson, John S. Bruton and James A. Edwards, all white, were sent Tuesday night to Charlottesville, the University Virginia for special training.

The following 7 colored men were sent Tuesday to Greensboro to the A. & T. College for special mechanical training:

Wade Aisbrooks
Will Freeman Watkins
Gee Pankey
James Starnes
McKinley Robinson
Manuel Wallace
Jesse Ellerbe

Influenza Supplement.

The Post-Dispatch is this issue enclosing to each subscriber two health supplements, Nos. 33 and 34, prepared by the Surgeon General. These two bulletins deal with Spanish Influenza and they contain all known available information regarding this disease. Read both of these bulletins, and then pass them along to some neighbor who may not have seen them.

Referee's Court.

Referee's Court was held here Tuesday, with R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, acting as referee. Several cases were compromised, others continued, and only two gone in to at length (Norman Bros. vs. Dan Webb; and Mary A. Brigman et al vs. Admrs. M. L. Hinson et al. Decision in these cases will be announced by the referee next week.)

The court adjourned Tuesday afternoon "sine die."

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