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The Vital Statistics Department of the State Board of Health makes the statement that the Spanish influenza is on the decrease in North Carolina, notwithstanding the fact that out. breaks continue to occur in different localities. According to this report, there were 3,923 deaths less in November than in October and 533 deaths less in December than in November. In other words, the number of deaths decreases from 6,056 in October to 2,133 comber This steady decline is thought ple are becoming more informed as to with him. the ways and means by which the diswase is spread, and are perhaps more more careful in their practices of percates one particular fact in regard to shocked. this disease, namely, crowding. Counties and localities having populations boys?" he asked. closely settled show a greater number of deaths, while counties having popalations sparsely settler show a small er number of deaths. For instance, only four deaths have been reported from Alleghany County, five from Polk, twelve from Clay, twelve from Dare, thirteen from Graham and seventeer each from Gates, Jones and Tyrrell Counties having the largest number of deaths are those having thickly settled industrial populations and those having military camps.

Dr. J. W. Tibbetts, the campaign manager of a national organization to in a public speech at Atlanta Sunday that the Mormon Church still preaches and doubtless practices polygamy, that it has five thousand missionaries quietly at work in the United States, and that Mormonism is rapidly becoming not only the moral, but the political menace of the nation. Dr. Tibbetts declares that the Mormon Church would openly establish polygamy if it dared. He declares that plurality of wives is secretly practiced by members of the church. He asserts that the Mormons control six western states and have a balance of nower in five other states. The church has a huge finan. cial strength, he further asserts, accumulated from its members through the tithing system. No doubt the statements of Dr. Tibbetts are true but we do not believe the menace of Mormonism can increase in this country. It is distinctly a heritage of mor. al corruption and ignorance and in this culightened country and age must decrease rather than increase.

With the putting out of the way of Dr. Liebnecht and Rosa Luxemburg, it begins to look as if the Germans approaching the formation of a government. That country has on more fortunate so far than Rusma in putting down the element that extened to destroy.

any persons have the idea that is a cork-tree, but in reality cork he bark of a species of oak tree ch grows in great abundance in in, italy and certain parts of nee. The tree retains the bark for maker of years. er of years, then casts it off in

MALTA PLAYS, PICK OF THE URBS, OFFERS THURSDAY THE NEW PASTIME BESSIE RIBGALE IN "MADAM WHO," EVEN REELS.

If the former Kaiser's Christmanical to blame.

v Une Kind



His Cure of Shell Shock Cases in France Astonishes

suite in Treatment of Patients Suffering From Nervous Affliotions-Says He Is Not Hypnotist.

Paris,-"Doctor" Van isn't a doctor really—that is, he has never been inside a medical school. He is not a comnissioned officer, either. Two days after war was declared in America he enlisted in one of the cities of the middle West and came over as a private. He is a sergeant now. His experiences -driving an ambulance first, and after that in the front line and then in various camps in France until he was sent to a base hospital as a patient—would fill several diaries, if he keeps such things, which I doubt.

But there are a great many men in that base hospital who owe their returning health to him after they had been in bed for weeks, and even months. Now, although they admit that he is well again, they will not let him go from the hospital, because a transfer is a long and tedious business to bring about, and they need him there to help out with the patients.

He was out of bed only a day or so imself when he came across two boys n one of the wards who had been in he hospital since April. They had been shell shocked, and in all those months, from April to September, they had grown scarcely any better.

Asks Leave to Try. "Captain," Sergeant Van sald one morning to the doctor in charge of the ward, "do you mind if I see what I can do for those men there? I think I may be able to help them out a bit if you don't mind."

The captain looked at him interestin November, and to about 1,600 in De- edly. If it had been any other man the captain would have been indifferent, to be due partly to the fact that peo- perhaps. But Sergeant Van has a way

"Oh, go ahead, Van," the captain "Do anything you blame agreed.

Next morning on his rounds the capsonal hygiene. The report issued by tain stopped beside the bed of the first the Vital Statistics Department indi- of the two men who had been shell

"How's it coming this morning,

"F-f-fine, sir," was the answer, a little unsteadily given, perhaps, but the captain did not notice that. He sat down on the bed and looked at the boy in amazement. Those were the first words he had spoken aloud since the day he came to the hospital, unconscious, five months before.

At that moment Sergeant Van hove into sight from the diet kitchen. He had a plate of milk toast-a plate the boy in bed followed with an interested

"Beg pardon, sir," Sergeant Van said, saluting, "but I must ask you to wait until my patient has had his breakfast before you talk with him."

The astonished captain allowed himself to be waved from the bed to the nearest chair and watched in amazement the boy devour the toast. His hands shook so from shell shock that he could scarcely manage it, but he was propped up and fed himself, with every appearance of keen interest in his food. The day before the boy had not been able to swallow anything but liquid food, and he couldn't have held

the spoon. The captain beckoned Sergeant Var to the end of the ward.

"Did you do that?" he demanded. "Yes, sir," admitted Sergeant Van. "How in blue blazes"-began the captain and paused for lack of words

"I'll show you if you like, sir." "I would like," ordered the captain

Astonishes the Doctors So Van showed him, though the doc tor couldn't quite make it out at that just what Van did. He stroked their heads a little and massaged their throats a bit, and all the time he talked to them in the quietest voice in the world. Ten minutes after he began the boys were asleep, naturally without a tremor in the bodies that had been nerve-wracked for weeks. The doctor looked at Sergeant Van belplessly and left shaking his head.

Two weeks later Sergeant Van held a clinic before a major general of the dical corps and several majors and still more captains and lieute al' men of reputation in America as doctors. Two of his subjects were the men over whom he worked that first morning. They came into the clinic, clear-eyed and straight and ruddy as athletes from the field.

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They passed tests that the doctors couldn't pass themselves.

Since then the shell shock cases have been in Van's hands. The doctors shake their heads and wonder.

In the camp and the hospital they call him the "hypnotist."

"It isn't that I hypnotised them at all," he will tell you. "I just tall them that they are bigger than their nerves and that they are bigger than their nerves and that they can control-them if they really want to. And I show them how. They believe it because I tell them it is so, and then, you see, they are well."

But the doctors continue to wonder and say that Van has discovered the first really successful treatment for shell shock.

PARALTA PLAYS, PICK OF THE PICTURES, OFFERS THURSDAY AT THE NEW PASTIME BESSIE MARKIBCALE IN "MADAM WHO," IN SEVEN HELLS.

American Airmen Make Great Record in War.

854 German Airplance and 82 Ger Balloons Accounted for by Yanka

Washington.-American tirmen in France brought down a total of 854 German airplanes and 82 German balagainst an American loss of 271 planes and 45 balloons, according to a report cabled by Major General Harbord on December 15 and made public today by the war department. Destruction of the 854 of the enemy planes and 57 of the balloons had been officially confirmed.

The total casualties of the American air service in action are given as 442, including 100 killed, 103 wounded, 200 missing, 27 prisoners, and three th terned.

When the armistice ended the fight ing, the report said, there were 39 American air squadrons at the front They included 20 pursuit, six day, and one night bombardment squadrons and five army, 12 corps, and one night observation squadrons. The total personnel was 2,161 officers and 22,851 men at the front, with an additional 4,643 officers and 28,358 men in the service of supply. Eight American flying officers were detailed with the British army and 49 officers and 525

men with the French forces. The total strength of the American air service in France was 58,090, of whom 6.861 were officers. This was exclusive of the air service mechanics' regiment with the French army

numbering 109 officers and 4,744 men. Up to November 16, General Harbord said, a total of 6,472 planes of all types had been received by the American air service in France, in cluding 3,337 pursuit planes for combat work and 90 for schools, 3,421 observation for service and 664 for evil. schools, 421 day bombers with 85 additional for schools, and 31 night reconnaissance machines. There were, in addition, 2,285 training, 30 experimen tal, and 108 miscellaneous machines.

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Estevan. Sask.—Plana are definitely under way to utilize the lignite coal deposits of Saskatchewan to supply electric light and power to the cities of Regina, Moose Jaw, Stevan, Weyburn and intervening towns. Several of the municipalities already have appointed delegates to a convention which soon is to be held. The plant is to be erected in Estevan. The Canadian government will be asked to guarantee the bonds of the development project and each city will become responsible for a fixed proportion of the bond issue.

The Saskatchewan lignite fields are practically inexhaustible, but the coal is low grade. The steam boiler meth-

is low grade. The steam boiler method is therefore not adapted to the work, and it is proposed instead to use a suction gas producer. S. G. Dethbridge, city engineer, in a report to the Estevan chamber of com estimates the power plant will cost \$1,620,000 and the power line \$4,643 a mile, or \$835,740 for the entire 180 miles of its length.

BIG WAGES ATTRACT BOYS

Dodge School at Philadelphia for Money to Be Had for Work in Shipyards.

Philadelphia.-So many boys under sixteen years of age have been kept out of school by parents to work in the shipyards here at big wages that the shipyards themselves have taken up the problem.

On one day 115 parents were in the magistrate's court charged with allowing their boys to work in the shipyards in violation of the law.

"I should worry," said one parent, "I was fined \$14 and costs and Johnny made \$50 the last week he worked." The decrease in overtime and Sunday work since the armistice was signed is already helping to state the

Find Potash in Georgia.

Cartersville, Ga.—Vast deposits of high potash slates in this district and high potash schist in Pickens county have just been located. This new four d supply of potash, it is said, will make Georgia and nearby territory independent of the rest of the world in the matter of fertilizer manufacture averaged only about now in such a precarious condition because of the falling supply of pot-

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