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EPIDEMIC OF ENFLUENZA IN DUNN YIELDED TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION

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CITIZENS OF DUNN HAVE DONE SOME VALIANT WORK

Local Organization Received Complete Co-operation in Their Work, Being Nobly Assisted by the Ministers of the City and a Number of Women Who Acted as Nurses.

Due to the complete organization of the town about 10 days ago, the epidemic of Spanish Influenza, which is still raging throughout the country, is now under control in Dunn and only a few new cases have been reported this week. A number are still ill, however, and a few cases of pneumonia are being reported, but the general situation is much better and shows improvement each day.

Since the first case appeared in Dunn thirty days ago, about 750 of the citizens have been afflicted with the malady. There has been only two deaths in the town, among the white population, except the hospital cases, which were brought in from the country. The situation has been handled in an admirable way, since it was taken up by the local organization in a systematic manner, and no doubt many lives have been saved by administering to those who were unable to care for themselves. There was no discrimination against the colored citizens, they receiving the same medical attention and nourishment from the kitchen, as the white citizens, and not a single one lacked those essentials which are necessary to restore health. Not a single call for assistance has escaped the attention of the Relief Station, this being kept open day and night to direct the work it was called upon to do. This was established in the furniture store...

Mrs. Crouch, a trained nurse of Raleigh. She is being assisted in her work by Miss Flora McQueen, Mrs. Bradley Godwin, Mrs. M. W. McQuay, Mrs. Geo. Gardner, Mrs. Lucinda Black, Mrs. T. V. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Williams, Miss Gladys Young, Miss Caro Lee Farthing, Miss Martha Raynor, Miss Noel Prigden, Miss Clara Naylor, Miss Ethel Bailey, Miss Jeannie Starling, and others of Dunn and vicinity. O. R. Pierce and R. F. Jernigan also have rendered valuable service in caring for the sick in the hospital, being on duty there a greater portion of their time. A number of ladies are also nursing and caring for the sick in various homes of the city and vicinity.

STATISTICS ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Increased Retail Prices of Food, As Given out by Labor Department.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Retail prices of food increased 4 per cent from August 15 to September 15, 17 to September, 1918, and 72 per cent from September, 1918, to September, 1919, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The increases were determined from reports by retail dealers on 28 articles of food.

Only two articles showed a decrease for the period between Aug. 15 and September 15, onions dropping 9 per cent and beans 1 per cent. Butter, eggs, pork chops, and ham showed the greatest increases. Sirloin steak, rib roast and chuck roast increased less than five tenths of one per cent. Lamb, bread, flour and potatoes show no change in price.

CHIEF OF POLICE OF FAYETTEVILLE FLU VICTIM.

Fayetteville, Oct. 19.—Capt. Charles A. Davis, chief of police of this city, died at his home last night as the result of a week's illness of pneumonia which followed an attack of influenza. Captain Davis had been a member of the Fayetteville police force for ten years. After a long and excellent record as roundsman he was promoted successively to assistant chief, and chief of the force. He leaves a wife and young son, Charles, as well as his father, John H. Davis, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Florrie Parker, of Dunn Level, Harnett county. The funeral was conducted at 11 o'clock this morning from the residence by Rev. Joel B. Synder.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC BREAKS UP M. E. CONFERENCE

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 22.—The annual conference of the M. E. Church South, Western North Carolina District, which was to convene at Monroe, N. C., on November 5th, was postponed indefinitely in a called session of presiding elders of the district here today because of the influenza situation in the district. Bishop Darlington of West Virginia presided at the meeting.

The food problem is a perpetual challenge to the idealism and business efficiency of America.

KEEP CLEAN, GET PLENTY FRESH AIR. PRESIDENT WILSON FORWARD REPLY

Washington, Oct. 20.—State executive committee, county representatives of the volunteer medical service corps of the Council of National Defense were urged today by Dr. E. P. Davis, president of the corps, to cooperate fully with local, State and national boards of health in fighting the Spanish influenza epidemic. They were advised particularly not to do surgical operations unless absolutely to save life.

MILITARY TO DECIDE ARMISTICE

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Wilson has requested the German government to agree to an armistice and peace on the same terms as were proposed in the armistice which would make Germany responsible for German military hostilities.

THE INFLUENZA SITUATION IN DUNN.

Although this unwelcome visitor has been in our midst for three or more weeks we now think this scourge has abated in a great measure and we confidently hope it will soon entirely pass from our community.

In some instances loved ones have been taken from our homes but we should feel profoundly grateful that the type of the disease here has not been malignant and that we have not suffered as severely as many other places.

We would be very remiss in our duty if we fail at this time to appreciate the fine spirit of helpfulness which has been manifested in this town.

NO BASIS FOUND FOR REPORTS THAT GERM SPREAD THROUGH ENEMY AGENTS.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Continued improvement in the influenza situation in army camps and in a number of States was shown by reports received today by the Surgeon General of the army and the Public Health Service. New cases in army camps totaled only 2,733, with 127 deaths. The disease now is epidemic at only three camps, Lewis, Washington; McJannet, Alabama; and Kearney, California.

States where the number of new cases reported show a decrease include North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Reports that the influenza germ may have been brought to the United States and spread by enemy agents, possibly landed on American shores from submarines, have been investigated by government agents, but no basis for them has been found. Investigations of several government departments declared today that they were convinced, after an inquiry, that the disease was brought to this country through the natural channels of affected seamen, travelers or imports and not by malicious methods.

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The ten per cent increase in wheat acreage asked for by the Agricultural Extension Service is now in sight, states Director E. W. Gilgore. If every farmer, who has not done so, will make arrangements immediately for putting in a few acres, or enough to breed the farm in 1919, the State will go over the top in this respect.

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WHISKEY WITHOUT STANDING AS DRUG. HARNETT COUNTY RAISES ITS QUOTA IN FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

John C. Clifford, County Chairman, and Ernest F. Young, Township Chairman, Conducted an Aggressive Campaign.

SUBSCRIBERS RESPONDED AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

Under the Leadership of Mrs. J. C. Layton, County Chairman of the Woman's Committee, and Mrs. McD. Holliday, Township Chairman of Aversboro, the Women Did Splendid Work.

The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign ended last Saturday night and Dunn and Harnett county came across with their quotas. A great deal of work was required to put about their work with determination and impressed upon the people the importance of raising every cent Uncle Sam had asked them to raise. The first two weeks of the time allotted to raise the loan passed without a great deal of visible results and the outlook in Harnett seemed discouraging, but the last two days of the campaign were filled with enthusiasm and pep, and the eleventh hour subscribers put the loan across with several thousand to spare.

Every man in the county raised his quota, except the banking resources, which were excepted of the Bank of Harnett. During the campaign this bank has closed on account of its officers being stricken with influenza, and no one was left to push the work along. The bank, it, too, would have gone over the top, as it has done in past campaigns.

Much credit is due E. F. Young, past chairman of Dunn and Aversboro township. Mr. Young was using his efforts to put this township across, which had to raise more than half the entire amount of the county. He accomplished this task splendidly, though, and is responsible more than any other man for the success of this organization, which began work at the beginning of the campaign. A thorough canvass was made of the towns by the ladies and every one was given an opportunity to invest in Liberty Bonds. The ladies, under the direction of Mrs. McD. Holliday, were persistent in their work, and never let up on a prospect until they were convinced there was no chance of inducing him to buy. The women did their share of the work, and made a record to be proud of.

THEY DON'T FIRE ON STRETCH-BEARERS.

Chief Intelligence Officer of German Army's Opinion of U. S. Troops.

With the British Army in France, Oct. 21.—Just what the Germans think of American soldiers with a few of their own officers is shown by the intelligence officer of the 19th German army which has been captured by Americans fighting on the British front. The document prefaces a discussion of the St. Mihiel attack by admitting that the number of Americans in reserve on that occasion was unknown. It then takes up the divisions which carried out the assault.

The document discusses the details of operations, admitting that when the Americans reached Thiacourt the St. Mihiel salient was rendered untenable and therefore its evacuation was ordered and the retreat carried out according to plan.

A little further on the order has his to say of the American soldiers: "He obviously is very much afraid of being taken prisoner. He defends himself violently to the last against the danger and does not surrender. This seems to be the result of propaganda picturing cruel treatment if he falls into German hands."

"The American is expert in handling machine guns, is firm on the defensive and develops a strong power of resistance from his very numerous machine guns. The bearing of the infantry indicates slight military training. The artillery was at its best as long as it remained at its original positions during preparation for an attack. The methods of fire were good. It was very quick in getting on opportune targets, this apparently being due to the lavish employment of technical devices. Within a minimum period the Americans were able to furnish a well directed fire."

"Lasson between the infantry and artillery was perfect. When infantry ran into machine gun net it immediately fell back and a new artillery preparation from accompanying batteries followed very promptly."

A sentence in the document says: "In general it should be noted the American is quite honorable—he does not fire on stretcher bearers."

SUCCESSOR CHOSEN.

S. M. Brinson Elected to Succeed Late W. T. Dorich as Candidate for Congress.

Goldboro, N. C., Oct. 21.—The Democratic Executive Committee of the Third North Carolina Congressional District today elected S. M. Brinson of New Bern to succeed the late W. T. Dorich as candidate for Congress in that District. Mr. Brinson is superintendent of the Craven County Schools. He will be opposed in the November elections by C. L. Abernathy of New Bern, declared by the State Board of Elections to have been defeated by Mr. Lorich in the primary and by Claude Wheatley, Republican of Beaufort.

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TEXT OF GERMAN REPLY TO THE WISHES (PRINCIPLE) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, BASED ON EQUAL, UNIVERSAL, SECRET, DIRECT FRANCHISES.

The text of the German note, as received by wireless, is as follows: "In accepting the proposal for an evacuation of occupied territories, the German government has started from the assumption that the procedure of this evacuation and of the conditions of an armistice should be left to the judgment of the military advisers and that the actual standard of power on both sides in the fields has to form the basis for arrangements safeguarding and guaranteeing this standard."

GERMAN VILLIANY TOLD BY DEPUTIES.

Frenchmen Who Have Just Returned to Seats in Parliament After Years.

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