

# OFFICIAL WORD OUR ATTITUDE ANNOUNCED

## IN SCHOOLS INTO GRIP HOSPITALS; SODA COUNTS CLOSED

By Associated Press.  
Oct. 7.—Germany's peace note was delivered to personally today by Frederick Oederlin, an at-tis legation. This gave rise to suggestions that it ror William himself.

It decisively reply to Germany's latest peace pro- by developments in Washington early today. lion canceled his usual morning recreation hour luded in his study at work. Prince Maximilian's e during the night at the Swiss legation, where e made to deliver it at once to the state depart- of the president.

of the nature of received through the Swiss legation, no statement as to how the enemy proposals were regarded by the United States was to be expected. On their side, however, the experts do not meet the requirement laid down by Pres- ident Wilson and the spokesmen for the entente government.

In the opinion here, Germany eventu- ally will make a peace offer worth considering. That the war may not end until the end of the year is a prob- ability which is not shared by the Ger- mans. It is, however, a well-founded test which must be met by any offer he may make.

Germany's first formal offer of peace. It was noted that it was made to the president with a request that he invite America's associates in America to believe that the purpose of opening negotiations is the general discussion of the proposal two thoughts were voiced in many quarters. One was that Ger- many might spare the time and trouble to answer the letter, and the other that the German effort, coming at this time, might have been intended to affect the fourth Liberty Loan campaign by leading many peo- ple in America to believe that the end of the war is near.

It hardly is taking a position in advance of the American government to say that if the present proposition is Germany's unqualified ac- ceptance of the four principles of peace laid down by President Wilson in his fourth of July speech at the tomb of Washington, it will be ac- cepted. If it doesn't, if it is an ac- ceptance in principle, with saving diplomatic language paving the way for nibbling around a council table, it will not be considered. These terms accepted by all the allies as their own position compressed into a single sentence.

The voice of law based upon the not- withstanding opinion of mankind." They provided for the destruction or reduction of the population of districts in which the peace of the world; the settlement of every question on the basis of the interest of the people con- cerned, and in effect a league of nations.

Test German's Sincerity.  
In the offer of Prince Maximilian, the new imperial chancellor, Germany is to accept these terms and the re- mainder of the world is satisfied that it speaks not alone, but with the au- thority masters of German in ac- ceptance, the next logical step would be the withdrawal of every Ger- man from every foot of occupied ter- ritory.

It might be said that the allies ought to insist that the sincerity of Germany's willingness to conform to the world peace observing program. No one in Washington even as much as to give a thought to any proposal that the world peace observing program, British France, Italy and the United States should halt in an armistice while a "disposition" is conducted.

There might be an armistice of the same nature as that granted to Bulgaria, an armistice of unconditional sur- render.

Officials who informally say they have no reason for thinking peace will be brought about sooner by the latest developments point to the cur- rent situation in Germany and at the battle fronts. They say there has been no change in control in Germany despite the fall of Prince Maximilian to the chancellorship with a cabinet including social democrats and cler- icals that favored the west front and the destruction of Bulgaria sought should have been changed, but the social democrats still have the Kaiser and his war lords who will keep any promise made on paper or around the council table only so long as they stand the test of superior mili- tary power.

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# EMERGENCY CALL ISSUED FOR NURSES TO SERVE DURING INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Dr. Emmon G. Williams, state health commissioner, this afternoon issued the following emergency call for nurses to serve during the increasingly grave influenza epidemic:

**"ALL WOMEN WITH ANY NURSING EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONAL OR NON-PROFESSIONAL, WHETHER AT WORK NOW OR NOT, ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED ON ACCOUNT OF THE SPANISH INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC."**

It is earnestly desired by the health authorities that all who can register under this call do so in person at health headquarters, 1110 Capitol street, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Those who cannot call in person may telephone Madison 7451.

An order was issued by the city administrative board today, at once closing down every soft-drink parlor in RICHMOND. The order also placed a ban upon the selling or disposing of soft drinks by any drug store in the city.

The administrative board will meet this afternoon at 6 o'clock, in conjunction with the city school board, to consider pressing into service as hospitals public school buildings in the city.

At the meeting of the board today State Health Commissioner Emmon G. Williams spoke with great seriousness of the situation confronting RICHMOND; he was fearful of the "greatest calamity that has befallen the city since the war."

A minimum of 30,000 cases, with a 2 per cent. death rate (600 deaths) is regarded as a conservative statement of the outlook.

Opportunity for Teachers.  
School teachers, temporarily with normal school, are being urged today to volunteer for work in limiting the influenza epidemic. It is probable that thousands of them can be utilized to great advantage as nurses. An urgent call for nurses was made by the state health commissioner this afternoon.

After Medical Students.  
Sub-Chairman Tolson, of the board, accompanied by State Health Commissioner Williams, left the board meeting to call upon Lieutenant Guy E. Manning, in charge of the medical students of RICHMOND. Captain Lieutenant Manning if he could place these students at the disposal of the city authorities.

Should the public school buildings be pressed into commission as hospitals a serious question will arise as to how to provide these buildings with coal. This phase of the situation was touched on at the morning meeting and will be gone more thoroughly into this afternoon.

The Y. M. C. A., the Soldiers and Sailors' Club, and the Army and Navy Club may be called on for beds and it is thought that blankets can also be had from one or more of these organizations.

John Marshall high school will be the first public school building turned into a hospital for school buildings to follow as necessity dictates.

# VA. STATE FAIR IS ORDERED CLOSED BY HEALTH BOARD

## Action Taken This Morning After Surgeon-General Bland, of United States Public Health Service, Had Been Consulted by Dr. Emmon G. Williams, State Health Officer—Fair Directors Have Been Ready to Close for Days, But Waited for the Authorities to Act

Department of Health officials this morning issued orders to close the spread of influenza, which have been by the state fair. The most this morning, closing the state fair. An assembling of crowds in public buildings and schools, theatres and moving picture places.

Following suggestions from Surgeon-General United States public health service, Dr. Emmon G. Williams, state health commissioner, held a conference this morning.

Afterwards the following order was issued:  
Richmond, Va., Oct. 7, 1918.  
To the State Fair Association, Inc., Richmond, Va.  
Gentlemen:

By virtue of the authority vested by law in the said board of health, whereby the said board has a right to make orders and rules to meet any emergency for the purpose of suppressing contagious and infectious diseases and other dangers to the public life and health, and in order to prevent the spread of a dangerous and contagious disease, known as influenza throughout the state, known as the influenza, you are hereby directed forthwith to close the gates to the state fair and to prohibit the ingress and egress of persons to the fair, and to prevent the ingress and egress of persons to the fair.

Respectfully,  
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,  
By Emmon G. Williams,  
State Health Commissioner.

# DOCTORS OF RICHMOND OVERWORKED AS SPANISH HISTORY; 2,000 GRIP CASES

## Approximately One Hundred Physicians to Care for Them and All Other Demands Upon Their Skill. But Six Doctors on Hospital and City Territory May Be Provided This Week—Numerous Instances Where Whole Families are Down-Suffering With Influenza

"It'll come as soon as I can, or I'll try and get a replacement of some one who'll be able to take care of you." With minor variations this is the message that travels by telephone between Dr. Hancock and the homes of Spanish influenza victims all hours of the day and night as a result of the epidemic in this city.

At few times in the history of RICHMOND have doctors been so hard pressed. With approximately 2,000 cases of influenza here, they are called today that there are in the neighborhood of only 100 physicians and surgeons subject to call in the entire city.

# SEARCH RUINS FOR BODIES AT MORGAN

## Work of Rebuilding Wrecked Shell-Loading Plant Already Started.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 7.—While search of the ruins of the mammoth shell-loading plant of the T. T. Gillespie & Co., at Morgan, continued today in the hope of finding more of the bodies of the ninety-four workmen who are believed to have perished in the fratricidal explosions last Friday and Saturday, the work of rebuilding was started.

Of the twenty-one bodies taken from the ruins only five have been identified. The revised list numbered, it is said, would number about 150.

Government officials, who have been studying the effects of the disaster which caused damage estimated at \$25,000,000, have adopted measures in the rebuilding plans to prevent the possibility of another explosion in one building from spreading such wide destruction. Fires were still smouldering today in various parts of the ruins covering most of the 200-acre site, but officials declared the danger of further explosions was remote.

The urgent need of speeding up the work of reconstruction was emphasized by army officials who said that the supply of munitions for the fighting in France is being depleted.

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# AMERICANS IN JUBILANT SPIRIT WHILE HUMS ARE DESPONDENT

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 7.—American troops are among the wounded who are being taken in large numbers at a southern front. They are jubilant with victory and jubilantly declare: "The allies have been beaten to a frazzle." Wounded German soldiers are being taken to the rear and they say it is impossible to see the front lines.

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Outfought by the French, a wide front in the Champagne. The enemy has been caught but and General Gouraud's forces, on the Hindenburg line, it may be that it is impossible to see the front lines.

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