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# HEALTH MACHINERY SHOWN UP BY FLO

## State Department Declares Ohio System Has Fallen Down With Inefficiency.

### Estimated Toll From Epidemic Is 600,000 Cases and 12,000 Deaths.

Despite enormous loss of life and interference with industry which the influenza has caused in Ohio, the disease has served one good purpose—that of showing up the inefficiency of the state's local health administrative system, declared state department of health officials yesterday.

Some of the state's most serious outbreaks of influenza have occurred in rural districts and small villages, the places in which the public health machinery is the weakest, according to the department. Health officers in most such localities are untrained men chosen with no regard to their fitness for the work and paid so little that capable men would not consider the positions.

#### Couldn't Meet Task.

When the influenza outbreak occurred, state health officials point out these local health departments were totally unable to meet the situation, and responsibility for fighting the epidemic had to be assumed in many instances by the state department. "The consequence has been that the volume of work thrown upon state officials is said to have interfered seriously with the work of stamping out the epidemic and may, it is believed, have increased the influenza death toll.

"The cause of the inefficiency noted," says the department, "lies in the multiplicity of independent health districts in Ohio. Each of the 46 cities, 700 villages and nearly 1400 townships has its own health officer, and none of these local departments is subject to adequate supervision by the state. The districts, except in some of the cities, are too small to support adequate health departments. The remedy is to group these small districts into fewer, larger districts, capable of maintaining adequate public health service and to make health officials in these districts subject to state supervision.

#### Blame for Recurrence.

"The smallpox epidemic last winter illustrated the inability of Ohio to meet a health emergency, just as influenza has done this fall. Any other epidemic is likely to cause similar havoc so long as our present system of organization continues."

Recurrent outbreaks of influenza, attributed by state health officials to premature relaxation of local closing regulations, are continuing in various parts of Ohio, reports tell.

These outbreaks, returning in numerous communities after conditions had presumably been restored to normal, are delaying the final extinction of the epidemic, which has caused an estimated total of 600,000 cases and 12,000 deaths in Ohio. The responsibility of these recurrences rests with the local communities, according to the state department.

## SECOND FALL IN YEAR MAY END MAN'S LIFE

Falling 45 feet yesterday from the roof of a railroad roundhouse, under construction at Nelsonville, Joseph Lawton, aged 32, Louisville, N. Y., was perhaps fatally injured. His left leg, left arm, right shoulder blade and nose were broken. The Brown-Ferguson ambulance went to Nelsonville and returned with Lawton to Grant Hospital.

Just a year ago yesterday Lawton fell from a building sustaining injuries which at the time was thought would result in his death.

## Former State Journal Writer In Land of Ruined Villages, Tells of War Experience

WRITTEN before the armistice was signed, Lieutenant William Telfair Daugherty, former Ohio State Journal writer, has sent an interesting letter to a newspaper friend in Columbus. He is an interpreter at headquarters of the Seventy-ninth Division. Among other things he writes:

"We're in the land of ruined villages, where one-time peaceful centers of mortar, stone and stucco, beneath the inevitable and omnipresent lead the roofs, have been reduced to smithereens. Where there has been before us a chapter of history that no doubt burnt up the news wire when it was filed for your editorial attention. I see a great deal of this, as my work carries me in, out, back and forth through all these impressive scenes, where life and death are only a toss-up and where one learns to hate until their blood curdles, the unspeakable, rotten, machine-gun handling Boche.

"Some take an afternoon off with me and I drop into our car. We'll go over to the village that the Hun has just been routed out of and see if we can uncover a story."

"We'll have to go by the one-way route and avoid certain areas, for Fritz is popping gas and shells over there now. We pass a couple of towns we find in ruins, only skeletons of their former outlines showing now. We marvel at the shower of lead that must have fallen, for no habitation has escaped. Save occasionally we find the church, its tower shot away, but its nave and altar still intact, and used betimes for military masses.

"Turning off we hit into country from which the Hun has just been routed. His trenches, fresh with up-turned earth, yawn at us from roadside. His machine-gun emplacements are remarkable for their toughness of construction on the best vantage points in his system.

"Barbed wire, rusted from rains and moisture, covers acres of fields and seems impassable, but miracle upon miracle, it has been passed by our victorious heroes of the infantry. Dugouts that lead deep into the ground are abundant. It takes our punter on how, after all, when men grapple to the death, they instinctively revert to the animal and succeed in digging their way out of holes freshly made, but in which water is already brimming from the never-ceasing rain. We remember

the poor victim of drinking of this sort of water who died on our hands last week because it was impregnated with their poisoned gas.

"We finally arrive, after passing through a splendid scenery, whose beautiful autumnal coloring is a mockery of the war just ahead.

"The town isn't in such bad shape, Fritz was in too much of a hurry to destroy. In fact, as we look through paneled windows and open door we see he has left in such a hurry that he has left wardrobe and all in his rout.

"We pick up gingerly a gray blouse, a Feldmütze, a pair of trousers, but we beware that it isn't a trap, for he's tricky and often leaves explosives about under such harmless camouflage. And we find papers, hooks, pamphlets, etc. littered and strewn everywhere. He seems to be an inamiable reader. Material is abundant—much of value. He was, indeed, in a hurry to get out, dropping his tools at the bench, leaving his beer and wines—obviously a stinking regular."

"Tender by the roadside a graveyard of German dead. How well appointed it is, with his usual thoroughness! Gray granite headstones bear the names and grades of those who lie beneath. It is quite a large graveyard.

"Up on this hillside he is well built in fact if he were here for life. We visit a home he has built that is as comfortably appointed as our own in Columbus and much more pretentious. A wondrous panorama stretches for miles and miles beneath us.

"On our way back we'll have to stop and take dinner. We arrive about twilight.

"No sooner installed than the lights go out. A siren demently screeches into the now fallen night. In order, but in haste, we tie down the stairs and then down more stairs until we are in damp dugouts. Here we huddle together, laugh and chat, while above us, with appalling crash, the bombs from Fritz's airplanes drop all about.

"Then we hear the whirr of airplanes. The French are going up to chase. Then a staccato of machine-gun fire. And quiet. The Boche have gone and we return to our underground shelter. It is a matter of how always comes back, and we can't be bothered with spending half the night in our dugout prisons."

## FULL POWER PACT FOR WORLD PEACE

—IS LEAGUE PROGRAM.

### Organization to Enforce Cessation of War Announces Program for Nations' Congress.

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Realization of the status quo that will defeat the forces of healthy growth and change, and providing, on the other hand, a way by which progress can be secured and necessary change effected without recourse to war.

"4. A representative congress to formulate and codify rules of international law, to inspect the work of the administrative bodies and to consider any matter affecting the tranquility of the world or the progress or betterment of human relations. Its deliberations should be public.

"5. An executive body, able to speak with authority in the name of the nation, representative of the world and to act in case the peace of the world is endangered.

"The representatives of the different nations in the organs of the league should be, in proportion to the responsibilities and obligations they assume. The rules of international law should not be defeated for lack of unanimity.

"A resort to force by any nation should be prevented by a solemn agreement that any aggressor will be met immediately by such an overwhelming economic and military force that it will not be attempted. No member of the league should make any other offensive or defensive treaty or alliance and all treaties of whatever nature, made by any member of the league should at once be made public.

"Such a league must be formed at the time of the definitive peace or the opportunity may be lost forever.

## Casualties Number 1109; 41 Ohio Men

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action, 316; died of wounds, 60; died of disease, 232; wounded severely, 40; wounded slightly, 108; missing in action, 42; prisoners, 34. Total, 1109.

Forty-one Ohio men are included in the list: Killed in action, 12; died of wounds, 4; died of disease, 1; wounded severely, 1; wounded, 4; missing in action, 2.

- 1. Killed in Action: William Barnes, Greer; Edward Kessel, Cincinnati; W. L. Middleton, Dayton; Lase Rosenbaum, Columbus; George Scott, Cincinnati; Joe Verbo, Cleveland.
- 2. Died of Wounds: William Barnes, Greer; Edward Kessel, Cincinnati; W. L. Middleton, Dayton; Lase Rosenbaum, Columbus; George Scott, Cincinnati; Joe Verbo, Cleveland.
- 3. Died of Disease: L. E. Thornberry, Jerusalem; C. J. Dilly, Andis; C. P. B. Leitch, Cincinnati; Brye, Gray, Medina; H. O. Mitch, Cincinnati; D. Ray, McConnellyville; C. H. Smith, Andis; W. F. Sturgeon, Youngstown; E. S. McCune, Nelsonville; William Jones, Lorain; H. W. Ferguson, Woodland; Frank Gibson, Woodland; W. C. Jones, Cleveland; Andrew Zubrisky, Cleveland.
- 4. Wounded Severely: William Barnes, Greer; Edward Kessel, Cincinnati; W. L. Middleton, Dayton; Lase Rosenbaum, Columbus; George Scott, Cincinnati; Joe Verbo, Cleveland.
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## LIBERAL PROHIBITION LAW ENFORCEMENT

Liberal Prohibition Law Enforcement Such as Will Be Proposed by the House Will Be Opposed by the Senate

House and Senate Will Oppose Proposed Prohibition Law for Campaign

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Plan New Campaign for the Personal Liberty League of Cleveland, has made a statement that it will support the proposed amendment. The Personal Liberty League of Cleveland has a strong following in all cities, will be made a permanent organization.

Use of the referendum will be made by the state. It is expected that the prohibition law which may be passed in the opinion of the legislature and responsible.

Dry Credit War Program. At the same time their announced program for the House and Senate. Dry leaders yesterday said that any laws the general assembly may pass, on the theory that thereby the laws will become so unpopular that the voters won't stand for them.

Program to aid in strict law enforcement, said the drys, never has been lived up to by the state. The drys also asserted that by their spring a sufficient number of amendments will have ratified the federal amendment, so that there will be no opportunity to call another wet and dry election in Ohio.

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