

EPIDEMIC BRINGS MERCY PROBLEM

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EXTRAORDINARY CHARITY SITUATION FACES CITY

Wage-earning Heads of Families Die or Suffer Protracted Illness in Scores of Cases.

St. Paul must prepare at once to care for scores, possibly hundreds of families, made poverty-stricken by the influenza epidemic.

The coming winter will see many who never before were forced to appeal for charity left to the mercy of the city and scores of calls now being received at the headquarters of the Citizens' committee indicate that in every case where assistance has been asked the need is urgent.

The warning to the city was voiced by Dr. Carol Aronovici, director of the United Charities, now working in conjunction with the Citizens' influenza committee.

Dr. Aronovici declared that in many cases the only wage earners in large families had either died or been ill for several days, with the prospect that some families would have no income for many weeks to come.

Every Appeal Is Worthwhile. It is peculiar, something unknown, but in all the many cases now being reported to us, we have not discovered a single unworthy appeal," said Dr. Aronovici.

This winter is going to be a terrible period for hundreds who directly or indirectly have been victims of the epidemic.

Immediate provision should be made for added charity work, for the real extent of the public misery will not be felt until in the early weeks of winter when the families now penniless and forced to seek public aid are hedged with the demands of cold weather.

Figures Not True Criterion. While nineteen deaths were reported to the city health department yesterday before 4 P. M. closing time, and three new cases were recorded, with thirty-five more from 4 a. m. to 4 p. m., it was stated at the health department that these figures could not be taken as a criterion of the situation.

Impaired telephone service seriously hampered the department and the figures given are not supposed to be representative of the real situation.

However, reports from physicians show the epidemic is waning and it is the hope of the Citizens' committee that another week may see the direct need for medical attention recede.

Citizens Asked to Give Aid. With the opening of schools tomorrow, the volunteer nurses and teachers will be unable to continue their public service and other citizens are asked to give their services for a short time.

Opening of the amusement places is believed by Dr. Aronovici to have had little effect on the epidemic, due to hundreds remaining away from the theaters.

Reports at all amusement places yesterday showed the attendance to be less than 50 per cent of normal.

Additional Deaths. Deaths reported from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. yesterday were: William S. McCluskey, 1066 Hague avenue; Maxine E. Thompson, 1318 Hewitt avenue; Mrs. Carl Marie Eckert, University avenue; Emma Flipp, St. John's hospital; Jennie O'Neill Kieffer, 218 McNeal street; Emma Nielsen, 530 Mississippi street; Peter Sothen, 318 Farrington avenue; Harold Erman, St. John's hospital; Lena Plunzio, 18 North street; Charles Edwin Bauerchmidt, 6214 Charles street; James Fealy, 2128 Lincoln avenue; Julia A. Healy, Pleasant avenue; Elmer O. Steenberg, 438 Marshall avenue; Ethelwyn A. Howry, 181 Ash street; William Schneider, 1048 Van Slyke street; Alice Jackson, 281 East Seventh street.

Free inoculation continued. Free inoculation with pneumonia serum is to be continued by the Citizens' committee for at least one more week.

Thousands of persons have been inoculated and physicians believe that this, together with other preventable measures taken has been responsible for St. Paul escaping the rigors of the epidemic suffered in many other large cities.

SANITARY CORPS MEN GO INTO FIRE ZONE. Fifteen Mankato members of the sanitary corps of the 51st regiment, Minnesota National guard, were ordered by Adjutant General W. H. Tibbitt yesterday to burn the district for influenza sufferers.

FOUR BROTHERS SERVING DEMOCRACY'S CAUSE



Four sons to the United States Army is the contribution to the war for World Democracy by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tillquist, 1451 Laford street. Top left shows Sergeant Elmer C. Tillquist, member of the Five Hundred and Fifth Aero Squadron, Roosevelt Field, Mineola, L. I., while lower left shows Sergeant Julius L. Tillquist, who is a member of the Sanitary troops, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Infantry in France. Edward Tillquist, stationed with the Third Service company, Yale station, New Haven, Conn., is shown on the lower right.

Prosperity Follows Armistice; Northwest Sales Jump Rapidly

Jobbing Firms Putting More Salesmen Out and Mail Orders Increase Here—Better Class of Goods Is Being Purchased by Rural Trade, Reports Say.

If the jobbing business can be taken as an augury—and it can—prosperity is following closely on the heels of the winning of the war by the Allies.

Not for many months has there been so sharp and snappy a wholesale market as now dominates that important branch of St. Paul's industry.

Country orders are coming in fast and the size of them indicates a smart picking-up of the activities of trade in the rural districts throughout the whole Northwest.

Stocks Low, Jobbers Say. St. Paul jobbers are unanimous in the assertion that country retailers' stocks are abnormally low, but here, too, there have been orders from hand to mouth, as it were, buying only just enough at a time to take care of the demand.

Now retailers generally seem to feel it is the time to open up. Unquestionably, local distributors say, this is due to a sharply increased demand from the farms and small town homes, and evidently the frame of mind of the retailer is that the demand has come to stay and in anticipation of it he is planning to fill his stocks as he has not done since America went into the war.

AIR STATUS IS UNCHANGED

Students Resume Studies—No Further Orders Received. "Biting tight" seems to define the present status of the situation as to the removal of the Air Service Mechanics' school or its retention in St. Paul.

Major W. R. Weaver, commandant of the school, has received no further instructions from the War department, and he says: "I am sitting tight, waiting for developments."

E. M. McMahon, general secretary of the St. Paul Association, said last evening no reply had been received from Representative C. C. Van Dyke to the telegram sent him Friday for presentation to Secretary Baker of the War department, setting forth briefly St. Paul's reasons why the school should be kept here and asking a hearing on a brief to be submitted by a committee of St. Paul and Minneapolis business men.

At the school the men are in a state of uncertainty and expectancy.

CASH BASIS PLAN NEXT YEAR URGED

\$4,000,000 BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED.

Comptroller Foot Says Market Would Be Good and Saving Could Be Started in Coming Budget.

With the world war at an end and the money market gradually dropping back to normal conditions, City Comptroller James Foot will urge the City Council to put the city on a cash basis by selling the \$4,000,000 bond issue needed for current expenses next year as approved by the voters at the spring election.

The amendment adopted by the voters places the question of adopting the cash basis plan up to the City Council. It must have a five-sevenths vote in the Council to carry.

Adoption Soon Urged. Mr. Foot will urge that the city be placed on the cash basis plan because he believes next year will be the logical time to adopt the new method.

By placing the city on a cash basis next spring the taxpayers can be saved between \$65,000 and \$75,000, Mr. Foot estimates.

This represents the difference between the interest that the bond issue and tax certificates will draw next year.

These figures are based on the probability that the tax certificates will have to be sold at 8 per cent, while the bonds are expected to sell for 1/2 per cent.

Meagre a Large Saving. If the city is placed on a cash basis plan a \$4,000,000 bond issue with the money that will be on hand will care for next year's bonded expenses. The tax collections received would be used in taking up the tax certificates issued last June.

The present method of financing is to be followed next year, the city will be forced to dispose of \$4,275,000, it is estimated.

It is estimated that the tax certificates, if issued, will have to be sold at the legal limit of 8 per cent interest.

That is the rate they draw this year and it is hardly expected that the rate will be reduced next year.

In the other hand, the bonds are expected to find a ready market. The principal reason for this is because the government, through the Capital Issues Committee, has approved of the bond issue.

San to Continue Some Time. This committee placed a ban on all direct bond issues for the period of the war. This ban will not be lifted until the government is through financing itself, according to the opinion of local financial men.

However, when the committee is ready to lift the ban, the voters had approved of the cash basis plan. Continued on Page 2, Column 4.

OLDEST MINNESOTAN DIES

William Schneider, Aged 97, Had Lived in State Since 1845.

William Schneider, supposed to be the oldest resident of Minnesota, died at his home, 1044 Van Slyke avenue, Friday night of debility due to old age.

The body was shipped yesterday by Union Livestock, undertaker, to Norway, where the funeral will take place today.

Mr. Schneider was born in Germany in 1821, and when he was 17 years old, first in Carver county, where he lived for many years, and later removed to St. Paul. He came to the Union army during the Civil War.

His son, Fred Schneider, and a daughter, Mrs. Amanda Tracy, both of St. Paul, survive.

MARKOE IS RECOVERING.

St. Paul Captain Wounded in Both Legs When Hun Shell Exploded.

Captain Francis Markoe, graduate of St. Thomas and West Point, who formerly lived at 1857 Selby avenue, is recovering from wounds in a hospital in both legs. He was wounded in both legs on October 15 when a German shell exploded nearby, killing his classmate, Lieutenant Charles Dougherty of Glenwood, Minn.

Captain Markoe, who is the son of Dr. Fred M. J. C. Markoe, has been in France for the past year. He took part in the American stand at the Meuse river and the offensive at St. Mihiel.

DR. LANKESTER RETURNS TO FIGHT EPIDEMIC HERE

Dr. Howard Lankester, 71 years old, former health commissioner of St. Paul, who a month ago went to Charleston, W. Va., to assist in combating the influenza epidemic there, returned to St. Paul yesterday. The epidemic is now under control, and Dr. Lankester will direct his efforts toward aiding St. Paul sufferers, he said.

When the influenza epidemic first broke out over the Eastern and Southern part of the country Dr. Lankester, despite his advanced age, offered his services to the government for whatever use it could make of him.

A telegram from Surgeon General Blue of the United States Public Health service followed shortly, appointing him acting assistant surgeon in chief in charge of the influenza commission of health. His assignment was for temporary duty in St. Paul.

Dr. Lankester has been prominent in Minnesota's medical fraternity for more than forty years.

SCHOOLS ARE READY

Buildings Thoroughly Disinfected for Resuming Regular Work Tomorrow.

SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN. The public schools will re-open at the regular hours tomorrow.

Substitute teachers, not already assigned, will communicate with the superintendent's office by Tri-State phone, or call at the office for temporary assignments tomorrow morning, said Superintendent R. O. Hartwell last night.

After being closed eight days on account of the influenza epidemic St. Paul public and parochial schools will open tomorrow morning. School buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and will be germ proof so far as water and soap and the scrubbing brush can make them.

The brief and unexpected vacation for the school children is over. They will now have to get down to work to make up for lost time. The interruption has not been a vacation for the teachers.

Busy Period for Teachers. Principals and instructors from the high schools and the grades have devoted the week and a half since the schools were closed in caring for the sick in all parts of the city.

They have gone into the homes in which it was impossible to get nurses and worked under doctors' orders and under the most arduous conditions, serving in many instances as nurse, cook and scrub woman.

They did not keep their own hours and the school children were offering their services. They were right in where families were suffering from the epidemic, took care of the sick and the nursing children.

Match Deeds on Battlefield. It is not exaggeration to say that during the past days many of the school teachers meted out the heroism of their sisters on the fields and in the hospitals of France.

Just one instance is typical of the labors performed by the whole body of teachers. Miss Helen Austin and Miss Helen Hoover of the Central High school loaded their own children into an automobile after having given them a thorough scrubbing and took them to headquarters for the relief of the sufferers, where the work was done.

ARGUMENT CAUSES ARREST

Joe Friedl Charges Henry Norman, Employee, With Assault.

An argument in the tailor shop of Joe Friedl, 22 West Ninth street, yesterday, resulted in the arrest of Henry Norman, 22 West Ninth street, on a charge of assault and battery.

Friedl alleges that Norman, employed by him, attacked him with a knife in the mixing room of children's clothing, and that Norman, who was taken in the city hospital to have his wounds dressed.

EXTEND WAR WORK DRIVE.

National Council Decides to End Campaign Wednesday Night.

At a meeting of the National War Work Council for the United War Work drive, \$100,000 in New York City yesterday it was voted unanimously to extend the drive two days longer, making it close Wednesday night, instead of tomorrow.

This fact was telegraphed to Edward J. Peck, manager of the campaign for Minnesota, last night.

WAR FUND GO TOMORROW IS INTENSIVE DRIVE.

\$38,890 NEEDED IN INTENSIVE DRIVE.

Pastors to Urge Subscription Campaign to Be Carried Into Schools.

TOTALS LAST NIGHT

Table with columns: Army, Number, Amount. Rows: Red (7,842 \$138.00), White (9,841 174.20), Blue (11,608 132.70), Nurses (75.30), Women's (20,624 135.40), Victory Boys (2,018 4.20). Totals: 51,730 \$661.10.

The United War Work leaders are spending today pre-paring for an ultra-intensive campaign tomorrow morning.

When the forces stopped work last night, for their Sunday ar they were within \$38,890.50 of objective.

Leaders declared this would be reached during the continuance of the drive scheduled for tomorrow.

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