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"FLU" SITUATION GROWING BETTER FROM DAY TO DAY

Dr. Manning Says New Chart Shows the Wisdom of Putting Lid on Gatherings Here.

The Spanish influenza situation is improving slowly. Friday 110 new cases were reported to the health commissioner's office and the number of deaths was 24. Three bodies of Omahans were sent here for burial from Fremont, Fort Riley and Camp Dodge. This makes a total of 132 deaths here since the epidemic started.

City Health Commissioner Manning has taken special steps to stop the gathering of crowds at funerals.

"It is at funerals that the anti-crowd order is being violated most," he said. "The people should know that there is very great danger in crowding at such places, especially in chapels at undertaking establishments. Only the close relatives are allowed to enter the chapels. The danger is in the crowding and not in any contagion from the dead."

In regard to the foot ball game scheduled to be played here between Cotner and Creighton university teams Saturday, Dr. Manning has ruled to leave it "up to public opinion."

"National and state authorities have ruled strictly against the gathering of crowds even in the open air," he said. "I have not made a positive order against playing this game, because you can't exactly force health down the throats of the public. But I don't believe that the game will be played when the school authorities realize that there is very grave danger or that the public will attend if it is played."

Dr. Manning is particularly delighted with a chart which is being prepared by his office, showing the progress of the "flu" contagion here. It shows unmistakably the wisdom of the closing order here.

The line on the chart indicating the number of cases of "flu" in the city starts at 140 on October 5, the first day when all public gatherings were closed. It reaches its greatest height three days later when on October 9 there were 540 new cases reported in the city. This, says Dr. Manning, was the "period of incubation" during which the germs introduced by people before the anti-crowd order went into effect, developed and produced the disease.

After October 9 the effect of the closing order is seen. The line on the chart plunges downward and on October 12 there were only 110 new cases a day. Since then the number of cases has fluctuated, but never above 150.

The hospital room for patients is now being to get and Dr. Manning is trying to solve this problem. The cases reported now are milder than in the early days of the epidemic.

When the ban will be lifted, Dr. Manning sayeth not. It all depends. It won't be until all danger from crowding is past. And at present the anti-crowd order applies to outdoor gatherings as well as to indoor ones.

Each Krema Dies from Wounds After Battle "Over There"

Popular Young Matron of Omaha Victim of "Flu"

Mrs. Harry Graves Shedd died Thursday night of Spanish influenza after an illness of two days.

An apparently light attack of influenza developed suddenly into pneumonia and Mrs. Shedd passed away before her husband, who was absent from town on a business trip, could be recalled. Mrs. Shedd was Madge Bullard, daughter of W. C. Bullard, Omaha lumberman. She was one of Omaha's most beautiful and talented young matrons. She is survived by her husband and a sister, Mrs. Joe Ellingwood, and a younger brother, Will, who is away at school. Her mother died about a year ago.

The funeral will be held in the residence, 700 North Fortieth street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with interment at Forest Lawn cemetery.



—Photo by Bluchart-Steffens. MRS. H. G. SHEDD.

THREE DEATHS OF FLU AT FORT AS CASES WANE

Officers Declare Situation is Improved as They Arrange Pastimes for Men Outdoors.

Three deaths from influenza were reported from the Fort Omaha Balloon school Friday morning. The total number of deaths is now 26. Army officials declare that the situation is improved and that the epidemic is almost completely under control. Every precaution against the disease is being taken at the fort and officers say that the quarantine ruling will continue until all danger is past.

Albert L. Coldiron of the 49th balloon company died early Friday morning following an attack of Spanish influenza. His home was in Oklahoma City, and the body will be taken there for burial.

New-Now Cases.

Albert Durnin, Carlisle, Pa., and William E. Britton, Dantocot, Tex., died from the disease Friday morning. Durnin was a member of the 60th balloon company and Britton belonged to the 60th company.

Only a very few new cases of the disease have developed at the fort the last few days.

Outdoor Entertainment.

Major P. Van Nostran, executive officer at the fort, has planned entertainment for the soldiers and has arranged for outdoor moving pictures and has provided for band concerts every night. Foot ball teams have been organized and boxing and wrestling matches have been planned. The officers at the fort are doing their best to make life cheerful for the shut-in soldiers.

Columbia Records for November of Great Variety

The November catalogue of Columbia records, which has just been issued, contains much of interest for all lovers of music, from the classical to the rag.

Since Hawaii is now an ally of Italy, it has become quite the thing to have Neapolitan songs played on the ukules and island guitars, and it is more than interesting to hear how extremely well this music

JUDGE REFUSES WRIT TO WOMEN IN HOSPITAL

Redick Announces Determination Not to Interfere With Municipal Authorities.

Judge Redick in district court yesterday afternoon announced his determination not to interfere with the administration of the health commissioner, in case of women committed to the Detention hospital, except when it may be shown that the action of the health department was not prompted by honest motives.

In the cases of Inous Carthrum and Marie Wells, he denied writs of habeas corpus and declined to hear evidence in either case, as he believed that interference by the court in such cases would be inimical to the health interests of the city.

The petitions, asking for the writs, alleged that these women were held without proper authority in the form of hearings.

Belongs to City.

"The power to pass upon her physical condition," the judge stated, in the Carthrum case, "has been delegated to the municipal authorities, and if she is held on a legal order of the health department, she cannot be said to be illegally detained, unless it can be shown that the order was wrongfully issued. To substitute the judgment of the court for that of the police powers, properly exercised, would interfere with the municipal and state legislation and would be mischievous. Health rules are adopted for the benefit of the public, and some individuals must suffer by reason of their enforcement."

Five Denied Writ.

Five similar cases recently were heard in Judge Redick's court by the introduction of medical evidence for both sides and in each instance a writ of habeas corpus was denied.

Mrs. Carthrum, arrested at Twenty-fourth and Burdette streets, and Miss Wells, whose address was given by the police as 2933 North Forty-third street, are held on charges of being afflicted by communicable diseases.

Attorney for the women stated that he would take the Carthrum case to the state supreme court for a ruling. The judge denied an appearance bond.

Brother of South Side Man Killed on Battle Front

W. L. Browning of Twenty-first and I streets, is in receipt of a telegram stating that his brother, Stephen C. Browning, was killed in action on September 12. Mr. Browning was an employe of the bureau of animal industry until last May, when he left for Camp Funston and was soon sent across.

This is the first reported death of the 25 bureau of animal industry employes who have been called to military service.

Allied War Work Campaign To Have Offices in Paxton

The Allied War Work campaign, representing a united drive to finance the war activities of seven organizations: Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Jewish Relief, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, and War Camp Community

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