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40 CASES OF "FLU" IN TOWN

EPIDEMIC SPREADS RAPIDLY OVER THE CITY

ALL AMUSEMENTS AND SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

No Public Gatherings Are Allowed by Local Health Board

There are over forty cases of Spanish influenza in Douglas.

The census was taken yesterday by Miss Grace E. Galbraith, of the Douglas Hospital, County Health officer J. P. Keller and George W. Dickson, treasurer of the Converse County Red Cross chapter.

Last Monday evening Dr. Keller received a telegram from the secretary of the state board of health advising him to close the schools and public places of amusement immediately upon the appearance of Spanish influenza in the city. No cases were reported, however, until Tuesday afternoon and prompt action was taken.

Under the auspices of the Red Cross chapter a meeting was called at the city hall Tuesday afternoon and the matter of caring for patients was discussed. The various physicians of the city advised the chapter which had received orders from headquarters to spare nothing in its efforts to control the dread disease.

Committees were appointed to look after the various branches of the work and it was decided that all schools in the county should be closed immediately until the epidemic had passed.

The picture show, public gatherings, including church services, have been dispensed with and it is believed that the spread of the disease will be stopped within a few days.

A large number of patients have been taken to the city hall, which has been turned over to the use of the Red Cross, and expert attention is being given them. Dr. Keller is highly pleased with the assistance being given him by the public in adhering to his instructions.

TWO DOUGLAS BOYS GIVEN BURIAL BY BRITISH SOLDIERS

Floyd and James Evans Died of Pneumonia Last Thursday—Well Known in Douglas

The names of Floyd S. and James Evans, well known Douglas boys who lived with their parents near this city for a number of years and who recently answered the call of their country to take up arms, appear in a list of victims of pneumonia given out last week. The parents received word a few days ago that the boys had reached France in safety and later the news of their death came as a severe shock.

The report states that they were given military burial by the British soldiers last Friday.

C. D. Zimmerman and other local oil magnates spent some time last week in the field adjoining the new Ohio well. They also visited the other wells in that vicinity.

Mrs. Vernon George and daughters, Vernalee and Charline, left last evening for Denver to join Mr. George in their new home. They expect to remain in Denver during the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson left yesterday for Casper for a short visit with friends in the oil city.

GERMANY ACCEPTS U. S. TERMS OF PEACE NEW ROAD TO FIELD IS NEEDED

President Wilson received the news that Germany had accepted the peace terms laid down by him, while in attendance at a theater in New York City Saturday evening. Following is the reply sent by Germany and which caused demonstrations in every city in the country Saturday night:—

"In reply to the questions of the president of the United States of America the German government hereby declares:

"The German government has accepted the terms laid down by President Wilson in his address of January 8 and in his subsequent addresses on the foundation of a permanent peace of justice. Consequently, its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon practical details of the application of these terms.

"The German government believes that the governments of the powers associated with the government of the United States also take the position taken by President Wilson in his

address. The German government, in accordance with the Austro-Hungarian government, for the purpose of bringing about an armistice, declares itself ready to comply with the propositions of the president in regard to evacuation.

"The German government suggests that the president may occasion the meeting of a mixed commission for making the necessary arrangements concerning the evacuation. The present German government, which has undertaken the responsibility for this step toward peace, has been formed by conferences and in agreement with the majority of the reichstag. The chancellor, supported in all of his actions by the will of this majority, speaks in the name of the German government and of the German people.

"Berlin, Oct. 12, 1918.

(Signed) "Solf, State Secretary of Foreign Office."

OVER THE TOP IN FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN BANKS REPORT SALES TOTALING \$300,000

Douglas and Converse County have gone "Over the Top" in the Fourth Liberty Loan drive. Although we didn't do it on "Liberty Day" we've reached the objective and the county cannot be placed in the slacker column. \$314,250 is a large sum of money to be taken out of a small community such as this but our citizens have never flinched the idea of being outdone, so they just put their shoulders to the wheel at every call and before the push is over the county goes over the top.

At the close of business Saturday evening the banks of the city reported that the sales totaled \$300,000, a subscription of \$35,000 from the Midwest Refining Company making this possible.

Yesterday afternoon Chairman Robert D. Hawley reported that enough more subscriptions were in sight to raise the amount to over \$318,000, although the subscriptions had not been reported to the banks at a late hour this morning. Nevertheless, we're over, and we're proud of it.

The women's committee deserves great credit for the work done during this drive. In Glenrock the women raised \$30,000; in Shawnee \$550; in Orin \$1,400; at Lost Springs \$900. In Douglas the committee sold 140,000 worth of the bonds or over 40 per cent of the total sales of the county.

Chairman Hawley has given out

the following notice for publication:

The fact that a rumor is current that Germany has accepted the Peace Proposal of President Wilson must not interfere with the over subscription of Converse County's quota to the Fourth Liberty Loan. The War Work, which the government is undertaking and which it has under way is gigantic in proportions, and requires amounts of money that a short time ago were not even dreamed of by the average American citizen.

When a man is selected for military service the immediate anxiety, the immediate concern, is his destination, his housing, feeding clothing and health.

The new soldier is under the direction of the Provost Marshal General's department from the time he is accepted until he takes train for the camp he is assigned to. Then the transportation department takes him in charge. If his journey is a long one he travels by Pullman or tourist sleeper. Meals are provided to him along the way, at a maximum cost of sixty cents by the government.

Under a recent ruling the selected man is immediately given an arm band. This is an insignia of military standing and is worn until he is fitted with a uniform. This arm-band carries the same authority, protection and responsibility with it that the uniform does. The enemy would

have a right to fire upon him or take him a prisoner, and anyone selling him liquor would be subject to prosecution under Federal law.

Arriving at his cantonment the soldier is assigned to quarters, usually in a two-story building, with plenty of air and sunlight, and with the cleanest of floors,—floors that would meet the old-time test "clean enough to eat from." He sleeps in a well ventilated room with other soldiers, but not too many, the number being regulated by the cubic feet of air space in the chamber. The army bed is an extra width cot with good steel springs and bedding suited to the weather and climate; never less than two blankets are assigned him, all wool blankets, khaki color. Sometimes he gets three and two thick comforters if weather demands.

Lavatories are located at the rear of these quarters, with water pressure and fixtures of a design similar to that used in the best hotels in the country, and for every company unit there are from four to six shower baths. Cleanliness of person and surroundings are absolute requirements of the United States Army. Every possible precaution is taken by the sanitary corps to insure that the camp conditions are 100 per cent sanitary.

Drainage is installed along strictly scientific lines, and the most scientific

disposition is made of all camp sewage. During previous wars more men have died from preventable disease than from bullet wounds. During the civil war soldiers perished by thousands from typhoid, camp fever, dysentery and kindred diseases resulting from unsanitary conditions about the camp. Those days are gone. Surgeon General Gorgas, who made the building of the Panama Canal possible by draining the Canal Zone and fitting it for human habitation, is in charge of the army sanitation.

As soon as the soldier is assigned quarters he is given the most searching examination. All scientific tests are applied to detect disease. For instance, if there are indications of tubercular infection, the patient is put under observation that there may be no mistake in the diagnosis. If there is incipient trouble he is sent to one of the army sanitariums and restored to health. If his case is advanced he is relieved from military service or exempted until physically fit.

Besides the examining surgeon there is the dentist. Teeth are put in good condition here, and there are dentists overseas to keep them in good condition. Also there is an orthopedic surgeon to examine the soldiers' feet. It has been said that during past wars there were more de-

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THIS CITY SHOULD BE HEADQUARTERS OF OIL MEN

NEW WELL NIOBRARA CO. PROVES BIG AREA

Divide Road Could be Made Good by Repairing Four Miles

It is said by local oil men that Douglas would secure a great deal of business, due to the opening up of the Converse-Niobrara oil field, if the divide road from this city to that field could be repaired in the near future. "At present," said a man yesterday who had driven over the route Sunday, "the road is in good shape for the entire distance with the exception of about four miles in the Flat Top district. The new well in section 36-65 is less than 40 miles from Douglas by this road."

The new Ohio well is said to be the second largest producer in the state, even though it has not yet been drilled into the sand. When the drill reached the sand the gas pressure was so great that tools and oil same gushing out before the drillers had time to consider what was going on.

This strike means that the Converse Niobrara field is highly productive and as the structure is as perfect as any in the state, practically the whole area, which is greater in extent than Salt Creek or Big Muddy, production should be found in all portions of it. The oil runs about 40 per cent gasoline in the new well making the field one which will no doubt be extensively developed within a short time.

The United Petroleum company is reported as having a 15,000,000 cubic foot gas well in the same field and this is taken as an indication that a good oil well will be uncorked in a few days.

Several other wells are nearing the sands in the newly proven area and a large number of operators are now preparing to drill at once.

Douglas is the nearest important trading center from which supplies can be easily shipped in and every effort should be made to secure the business of the operators who are rushing into the fields.

A number of local oil men are interested in the new field and it is believed that among the new operators which will be found at work at the earliest possible moment will be found several Douglas companies.

FOUR MEN LEAVE FOR IDAHO OVER "Q" TOMORROW

Call Received Early Last Week and Drafted Men Allowed to Volunteer Until 12th

To show how eager the physically fit are to get a chance at the Hun the call for 12,000 Idaho, has been filled with volunteers and they leave tomorrow morning on Burlington train No. 29 at 5 o'clock.

Four men compose the contingent and they are: John Marcus Lindsay, Ross, Robert E. Cross, Douglas, Vance Horton, Douglas, Jack Arthur Rockwell Douglas.

Miss Margaret Ferguson has resigned her position in the office of the county assessor.