

15,000 VICTIMS OF GRIP IN CITY; HUNDREDS DIE

Epidemic Assumes Alarming Proportions and Hospitals Are Filled

PNEUMONIA IN ITS WAKE

Suburban Sections Hard Hit. Camden Suffers Severely. Undertakers Busy

The death rate from pneumonia developed by grip is rising "by leaps and bounds" in this city, according to Chief Vogelson of the Bureau of Health and other city health officials.

The high-water mark in the number of cases reported in this city was reached today, when, up to noon, 50 new cases had been reported.

The health authorities, however, have only a faint idea of just how great the epidemic of grip and pneumonia is.

There are many more cases of pneumonia in the city than are reported, said Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief medicant inspector of the Bureau of Health, today.

Many cases of pneumonia thus far reported in this city are greater than any week in the year, and there is still another day to go to complete the week.

During the whole of last week there were only 125 cases, the week before that the figures show the wave of pneumonia has been increasing in severity.

Dr. Cairns was asked what part playing played in the transmission of grip and pneumonia. He replied that it was undoubtedly a factor in the transmission of disease, but that the health authorities could not interfere with individual rights.

Philadelphia is not the only victim. The grip epidemic is spreading with startling rapidity throughout the northern and central sections of the country.

A week ago Camden health authorities warned citizens that kissing spreads grip and colds more rapidly than anything else.

The number of deaths reported to City Hall so far this week, it was said today, is 24. This is unusually high, in view of the fact that it is for only five days.

In some sections of this city and in the suburbs the conditions are even worse than in Camden. Glendolen, Delaware County, officials have been forced to close the public school there until after January 4, owing to an epidemic of measles and scarlet fever, and it may be necessary for the Presbyterian and Congregational churches there to abandon contemplated Christmas entertainments.

Employees at City Hall who issue burial certificates are swamped with applications from undertakers, in this city. Several of them have been stricken with grip. Nearly every department in the municipal government is so handicapped, in fact, and the situation is becoming serious.

Throughout the North department stores have been the hardest hit. At this season of their greatest sales, many have been compelled to fill the places of experienced clerks with salesmen and women who knew nothing of the stock. This has caused much confusion and delay nearly everywhere.

A health official in this city said today that when he visited an office employing a large number of stenographers to find out why so many of them had been stricken with grip, he found the temperature in the room 75 degrees. This, he says, is much too high. It should not run over 70. Keeping the temperature at that point when indoors is one of the most important methods of fighting off the grip, it is said by physicians.

CAMDEN SUFFERS SEVERELY. Camden's health situation as regards the grip epidemic is much worse than Philadelphia's, bad as it is here. On the other side of the Delaware the cases are turning into pneumonia much faster.

Twelve funerals were held today, there will be 25 tomorrow and 20 on Sunday—all for grip-pneumonia victims. Camden undertakers have a job almost bigger than they can handle. Thus far no funerals have been arranged for Christmas Day.

The fire and police forces of Camden are hard hit. Ten of each force are dying. Chief of Police Ellisha Graynor is in a very serious condition. Many of Camden's citizens are on the sick list, among them Mayor Ellis, Congressman George Schaefer and Jacob O'Quinn, leader of Camden's German-American element and prominent in the Masonic organization.

Camden has had 64 deaths since Monday from grip-pneumonia. The Cooper Hospital has 60 cases, the Homeopathic Hospital has 20 cases, besides the many cases of ordinary grip. In all, there are about 500 persons sick with grip in Camden. Today brought in reports of similar situations in Palmyra, Beverly, Haddonfield, Morristown, Woodbury and Collingswood—all suburbs of Camden.

Railroad Head Leaves Hospital. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—"I am feeling better today than I have felt for many years," said M. H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, as he left Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been a patient for the last month.

Mr. Smith, who is 79 years old, was operated on by Dr. Hugh H. Young.

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LOST



Miss Sara Longshore, of 1623 Walnut street, is advertising for the return of a dozen of these pictures of herself which she lost on the street. They were taken last summer at Chelsea. She explains that she is embarrassed at the thought of the photographs being "at large."

HORRORS! THIS BATHING GIRL'S PICTURES ARE AFLOAT IN CITY

Fourteen Lovely Poses of Miss Longshore Lost and Now Probably Exposed to Male Eyes—Thought of It Almost Makes Her Sick

ENVELOPE, containing photographs in bathing suit and other attire, found. Reward, Miss Longshore, 1623 Walnut st.

Miss Sara Longshore has a fondness for photographs of herself taken in alluring poses. Existing pictures in the latest word in bathing suits and photographs snapped while nonchalantly sipping tea in a pink frock adorn her room by the scores in her home at 1623 Walnut street.

Miss Longshore dreads undue publicity and notoriety. Hence when she lost a package containing 14 of the loveliest and delectable photos somewhere in the shopping district on Tuesday she was nearly frantic. The very thought of having them found by an unknown man and passed from hand to hand was almost distracting.

A bit of tet-a-teles and some dancing. When she arrived home the parcel and the photographs were missing.

The package contained one dozen photos taken in her bathing suit at Atlantic City, one taken when she was but 15 years old and one taken in a pink linen suit. A liberal reward is offered for their return. Miss Longshore is in hopes that the printing of the picture in this paper will enable the finder to readily recognize it and return them to her.

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U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FACES GRUELING IN NEW SENATE INQUIRY

Hoke Smith and Lodge Will Push Resolution for Airing of Alleged Failure to Protect American Interests

TRADE THE VITAL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The general foreign policy of the United States will be attacked in Congress. Resolutions calling for a complete inquiry are being prepared and will be introduced shortly.

Announcement that Colonel E. M. House is going to Europe as an "unofficial ambassador" has precipitated action for an inquiry to determine whether the American diplomatic service has failed to safeguard American interests.

It is likely that Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, will lead the way by forcing a vote on his resolution, now before the Senate, calling for an inquiry by the Foreign Relations Committee into the alleged failure of the State Department to prevent interference with American trade with neutral nations. This resolution is to be fought by Senator Lodge, who wants it amended so that it will include also an inquiry into the submarine activities of the Teutonic allies.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, has warned the Administration that the opposition to the present foreign policy is serious. As chairman of the powerful Committee on Foreign Relations Stone will endeavor to prevent any general debate in open session of matters of policy which might embarrass the Administration abroad. But he will not be able to prevent such discussion in executive sessions of the Senate, he has explained.

Peace advocates, followers of William Jennings Bryan and cotton state representatives, are expected to combine to get all of the facts, especially those in connection with the trip of Colonel House. The explanation that he is making the trip to give information to American ambassadors has increased the demand for the "inside reasons" instead of lessening it, and it is expected that an effort will be made to force action that will end the general policy of secrecy now prevailing at the State Department.

\$250,000 for Market Street Lease. A 10-year lease for the first floor of the building at 230 Market street, formerly occupied by Berg & Berg, has been obtained by the W. T. Grant Company, of New York, which owns a chain of 5-and-10-cent stores in New York and other cities. A rental approximating \$250,000 for the term of the lease has been fixed.

POLICEMEN RESCUE FAMILIES FROM FIRE

Rabbi Rivkind Among Those Saved From Flames—Firemen Kept Busy

Three fires kept the firemen busy early this morning, at a jewelry establishment at 1300 Chestnut street and at dwellings in the southeastern part of the city, where two men had narrow escapes, one of them being the Rev. M. Rivkind, of the B'nai Jacob Synagogue, a prominent rabbi.

The blaze in the second floor of the Chestnut street building damaged the jewelry stock of Meehan, Rankin & Co. to the extent of \$100, and spread to the third floor, which is unoccupied. It was easily extinguished. The fire was discovered by the night watchman, John Taylor. Its origin could not be learned.

Rabbi Rivkind and his family occupy the building at 225 De Lancey street. He carried Nathan Weiss from the second story landing, where he had been overcome with smoke, and then went back to help Mrs. Weiss and her three children to safety.

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SMITH PAPERS OWE MILLION

Ex-Senator's Newspaper Properties Accounted in Receivership

TRENTON, Dec. 23.—The Newark newspapers owned by former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., have assets of \$355,338.62 and liabilities of \$1,311,123.37, according to an inventory filed today in the Chancery Court at the State Capitol here.

The inventory was prepared by Edward A. Pruden, trust officer of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Newark, which is the receiver of the former Senator's affairs. The assets and liabilities are listed as those of the Newark Advertiser Publishing Company, the Smith Company, controlling the Newark Morning Eagle, and the Newark Evening Star.

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TAFT A SPHYNX ON COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Continued from Page One. E. J. Laubach and Edwin Donecker. The party went by automobile to the Bellevue-Stratford for breakfast after which they left the city for the terminal in Allentown in the private car of H. R. Fehr, president of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company.

IDA VON CLAUSSEN FREED FROM ASYLUM THIRD TIME

Woman Who Threatened Roosevelt Now in Brother's Custody. NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Countess Ida Von Clausen, who once tried to bring a \$1,000,000 damages suit against President Roosevelt, has won her release from an insane asylum for the third time. Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, of the Supreme Court, handed down a decision today ordering the Countess' release from the Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital. She will be placed in the custody of her brother.

TAFT SPEAKS AT DEDICATION OF HOME FOR NURSES

Handsome Structure a Memorial to the Late Judge Harvey

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.—William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, hurrying here through snowstorms from Wisconsin, this afternoon addressed the most select audience ever gathered in Allentown, assembled in the new Nurses' Home for the Allentown Hospital. This is a magnificent structure representing an investment of \$100,000, erected through bequest of the late Judge Edward Harvey, of the Lehigh County courts.

For ten years Judge Harvey was president of the Allentown Hospital, and he always advocated a separate home for the nurses. His wishes were carried out by A. L. Reichenbach, executor of his will and his successor on the board of trustees, and Dr. Charles D. Schaeffer, surgeon-in-chief of the hospital. Mr. Reichenbach at the last election was chosen Mayor of Allentown without opposition, and Doctor Schaeffer is a former Mayor of Allentown.

After the home, a building, 130 feet long by 50 feet wide, had been erected, Mr. Reichenbach and Doctor Schaeffer raised by contributions \$20,000 to furnish the home.

It was thought proper that there should be a memorial to Judge Harvey, and out of the funds a statue of him was placed in the entrance hall, designed by George T. Brewster, the Tortoise, artist, and executed in bronze by the Gorham, at a cost of about \$2000.

At the dedication exercises this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, the principal addresses were made by Mr. Taft and Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa, of Philadelphia, and the devotions were conducted by Bishop Talbot.

Lansdale Art Store Burned

LANSDALE, Pa., Dec. 23.—Fire, which started in the basement, evidently from a spark from the heater, resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars' worth of stock at the Wesley Heebner art store on Main street. The fire occurred about 5 o'clock last evening. The art works were destroyed by the dense smoke and the basement was flooded.



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