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CHICAGO, December 23.—The first fatal case of acute influenza in the city was reported to the Health Bureau to-day when the death certificate was filed. The victim was Mrs. Julia A. Smith, aged 72 years. She resided at 6331 Wright street, in Lake, and died December 23, after being sick one week. "I don't very much if it is the Russian disease," said Health Commissioner Wickens, "but we have no way of going behind the record."

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DALLAS, Tex., December 23.—Nine men were horribly and some fatally burned by a shower of molten metal from an exploding mold at the Mosher Machine Company's foundry, on Ross avenue, this afternoon at 6 o'clock. J. A. Dobbins, molder, body and head and neck were fairly riddled by the metal. His left ear was burned off and his injuries may prove fatal, he was in intense agony at 6 o'clock. He has a wife, John Hughes, molder, had his clothing burned from his person and both eyes filled with red-hot metal. He was burned from head to foot, and had to be wrapped in cotton saturated with oil. He is suffering the agonies of death, and if he recovers will be blind.

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