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INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC REVEALED
GREAT NEED FOR TRAINED NURSES

Secretary of Association Says U. S. Should Have
50,000, But That There Are Only 8,000 Avail-
able in Country.

The startling shortage of trained nurses disclosed by the influenza epidemic has revealed the fact that even for ordinary times there is in New York an insufficient number to give the city adequate care, according to the statement of Miss Ella Phillips Crandall, executive secretary of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, 156 Fifth Avenue.

"More than 50,000 public health nurses are needed and there are available scarcely 8,000," said Miss Crandall. "Federal and state legislation, passed and pending, calls for at least 40,000 more nurses to protect the health of the country—but they cannot be legislated into existence. They must be trained, but the enrolments in training schools are not keeping pace with the rapidly expanding needs of the hospitals and

especially with the development of public health nursing.

"The better training schools throughout the country are now offering increasingly attractive inducements. The eight-hour day is gaining favor everywhere. Educational standards are steadily going up and non-essential drudgery, which saves the employment of unskilled labor but discourages and exhausts the student nurse, is being eliminated. A great deal more progress must be made along these lines, however, before the ambitious, well-educated young women who should take up nursing will be attracted in sufficient numbers to meet the present shortage of student nurses."

"We need not only recruits for the rank and file of the nursing profession, but there is also the greatest need for leaders. The present public health pro-

gramme of both state and federal authorities is far-reaching. Important executive positions, as state supervising nurses, superintendents of nursing associations, Red Cross supervising nurses, are constantly becoming available."

The National Organization for Public Health Nursing maintains a scholarship fund, which is used to aid qualified nurses to take post-graduate courses, which will fit them for these positions.

A New Profession.

"The profession of public health nursing is, relatively speaking, a new one," Miss Crandall continued. "The public health nurse is neither a private nor an institutional nurse. She may do district or county visiting, infant welfare, industrial, anti-tuberculosis, school inspection or similar work but she is above all a teacher of the principles of sickness prevention. A community which provides itself with a public health nurse or a visiting nurse association takes out health insurance which pays for itself many times over."

"Take the recent influenza epidemic as throwing light upon what is accomplished by the visiting nurses in New York alone. In spite of expanded hospital facilities, only about 2 per cent of the sick could have hospital care. The remainder—98 per cent—must be cared for at home. That meant that the little army of public health nurses worked day and night to the point of exhaustion. In the 1918 epidemic public health nurses gave their lives in the service of

the community with a heroism equal to that of soldiers at the front. Had these women not been trained and ready the mortality would have been incalculably higher."

"Take, for instance, the special work done by the school nurse, who holds a place filled by neither the school doctor nor the teacher. The doctor can detect symptoms of communicable disease and exclude the child from school; it is for the nurse to follow the child into the home, to persuade the parent to obtain proper treatment and to return a healthy child to school."

"A few years ago New York had no school nurses. Only 6 per cent of the doctor's instructions were carried out. Now, with school nurses to make the connecting link between the doctor and the home, 84 per cent of the instructions are executed."

The School Nurse.

"Not only in cases of actual illness does the school nurse function. She examines the children, praises some, tries to stimulate others to better care of their health, and in each case notes the progress or retrogression to call to the doctor's attention."

In the home the nurse may see other causes for the child's bad physical condition. Perhaps by the window the sister sits huddled all day, coughing slightly, feverish, yet unwilling to have the room aired or cleaned. A visit or telephone call to the doctor, a word of suggestion to the superintendent of the visiting nurse association, which takes follow-up visits, leads to the child's recovery. In the home, too, the nurse has saved the mother from the danger of tuberculosis infection and another home made safe for the healthy children within it. The community, too, has been freed of the menace of a disease centre from which infection may radiate through the family of the worker, through the mother who takes in sewing and through the school children who may sleep in the same bed with an advanced case of tuberculosis."

Stresses Maternity Care.

"Because motherhood is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States special emphasis is laid on the training of public health nurses upon pre-natal and maternity care. In isolated country districts, where there are no hospitals, the nurse is called upon to deliver and to care for the mother and child. In the proportion of deaths of mothers at childbirth, every important mortality statistic, Every important country, Spain or Switzerland alone excepted, according to Senator Sheppard, who has just introduced into congress a bill providing for public health nurses to aid in the hygiene of maternity and infancy, ranks lower than the United States in the proportion of deaths of mothers at childbirth."

As a result of war experience every one is aware of the desirability of providing for public health nurses in times of peace. Thus the opportunities for young women are better today than at any other time in the history of nursing. The educated woman who enters the profession is given opportunities and responsibilities which call for the highest qualities of resourcefulness and personal initiative. A background of economics, science and sociology is really needed for these positions, and training schools give credit for certain college courses. Many city hospitals, for instance, have social service departments which supervise special classes for cardiacs, baby welfare clinics and similar enterprises requiring educated, progressive women with nursing training."

The National Organization for Public Health Nursing maintains at its headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue a register of opportunities in the field, as well as the names of nurses waiting specific employment. It also puts at the disposal of its members or any interested person information concerning post-graduate courses in public health nursing and scholarships which such schools offer.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

(Amherst News.)

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Richardson announced the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Jean, to a Gordon Ramsay, marriage to take place April 7.

The engagement of Miss Brenda Elizabeth Woodworth of Westchester, N. S., to Irving B. House, B. A. M. Co. of the teaching staff of Cumberland County

Academy, Amherst, N. S., is announced. The groom-elect is a son of Frank H. House, of Cornhill, Kings Co. The marriage will take place at Westchester on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Symes of Mindic announce the engagement of their daughter, Freda May, to Ora Hoeg of Maccan. The wedding will take place at an early date.

LOCAL NEWS

Y. W. P. A. meeting Veterans' Rooms, 8 tonight. Speaker, Rev. M. Legate. Important business.

BOISALINO HATS \$10. Big shipment just arrived. King the Hatter, Union street.

OPEN SATURDAYS. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., store opens Saturday evenings till 10.

Latest Stories

Just Opened
At McDonald's
Library

Sheepskin and Grey Russel (E. Temple Thurston); Sunny Ducrow (Henry S. J. Cooper); Up the Rebels (Birmingham); The Tallyrand (M. S. Fletcher); How Janice Day Won (Helen B. Long); The Knibbs; The Fortieth Door (Mary H. Beagle); The Bite of Benin (Robt. Simpson); Legend (Clemence Dane). Early selections prevent disappointment. — McDonald's Lending Library 7 Market Square. Phone Main 1273.

GIVES FIGURES
BUT NO COMMENT

First Lord of Admiralty on
Big Naval Estimates in
United States.

London, April 1.—His attention being called in the House of Commons yesterday by the American naval estimates, Walter Hume Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, entered into a detailed comparison. He said that at the current rate of exchange when \$23,000,000 sterling for end of the war expenditure was deducted from the British estimates, the American estimates were \$14,000,000 pounds sterling in excess of the British. Moreover while the personnel of the British navy was being reduced the American estimates provided for an increase in personnel.

The First Lord refrained from comment.

A FISH THAT GROWS.

(New York Times.)

What ichthyologists describe as the most wonderful fish in the world looks like a reptile rather than a fish. It cries like a cat, and is also able to growl. But even its voice is not the strangest thing about the puzzling creature. It has lungs, and puts its head out of water, opens its mouth and breathes air into them, just as a land animal does.

Lungfish are a link between reptiles and fishes—the nearest of kin to the stock from which fishes and reptiles both spring. They are found in Australia; in fossil times their relatives lived through long droughts, according to an account in the Courier-Journal. Alligators are almost the only enemies strong enough to master them. Their rich salmon flesh is highly prized by the Indians, who go after them with spears.

In a natural state the African lungfish is about eighteen inches long, but when kept in aquariums and fed the year round, instead of lying dormant for lack of water, they grow to be two feet and a half long and weigh six pounds or more.

It is a fact that there are fish which cannot swim. A Brazilian fish, called

the malha, can only crawl or walk or hop. It has a long, upturned snout, and resembles, to an extent, a toad. The anterior fins of the malha are quite small, and are not able to act on the water. They are in reality thin paws, which are of no service for swimming.

DR. MACLAREN'S JOKE.

At a meeting in Woodstock last week at which Dr. Murray MacLaren organized a branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, a vote of thanks was tendered him by Mayor Nodden. Dr. MacLaren replied:—

"I thank you for your kindness. I might say, Mr. Mayor, that I learned your name from Dr. Rankin. I told that gentleman that I once was addressing a meeting when the mayor of the town, who presided, fell asleep in the chair. The name of your mayor would have been very applicable to the mayor I put to sleep."

TO THE ELECTORS:

Ladies and Gentlemen.—

Upon solicitation of many friends, I have decided to become a candidate for the office of Commissioner in the forthcoming civic election. If favored with your support, I promise to devote my full energy to forwarding the interests of the City with a view to making St. John's a better place to live in.

Sincerely,
HUGH H. McLELLAN
8-24-47

PILES

Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles. No surgical operation. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once and as certainly cure you. 25c. a box. All druggists, or Edmondson, Baker, 222, St. John's. Sample box free if you mention this paper and enclose 10c stamp to pay postage.

Just a Brief
Reminder

That your Easter Footwear is here ready to go home with you, and that no time like today to secure the pick of the season.

Man, woman and child can be fitted here and no matter how exacting the style demand may be we can keep step with that demand.

Never has Dame Fashion exerted herself to the extent she has this year as our line will show.

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CASH STORE
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Square Deal Lesser assures each and every customer service and quality on every garment of clothing and furs he sells at his stores. The large volume of business done in his stores makes his percentages on the store expenses small enough to sell as cheap for credit as the ordinary cash stores. All the newest styles shown in all the largest cities are shown here.



People ask and wonder why, Square Deal Lesser sells his customers clothing on credit so reasonable. Lesser buys such large quantities of clothing from the manufacturers, this enabling him to buy merchandise at a smaller margin of profit from them. He also makes one who has purchased at his store always a customer, as his only aim is to suit all the trade with merchandise to stand all the wear, make and quality that is required by the purchaser.

Dress Up For Easter

Clothing and Furs on Credit—Pay as You Get Paid!

It's Your Own Fault If Not Correctly Dressed For Easter

Absolutely So. If You're Not Well Dressed—Even If You Haven't the Necessary Cash—You Don't Need it At Lesser's!

VALUE — STYLE — CREDIT — SERVICE!

We offer an endless variety of Suits, Coats, Dresses and Furs, all the better quality, on credit.

Just a Small Deposit and \$1 or \$2 Per Week Will Do

Your credit with us is like Cash and buys just as cheap.

Men and women may visit our store and select what they want and pay us a little a week.

We Make the Terms to Suit Your Convenience!

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

We have just received a large shipment of both Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats in all the newest styles and colors. In coats we can show the waist-line. Slip-on, Form-fitting, Ulsterette, Chesterfield and other styles.

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ALEX. WILSON, Chairman.