

Foreign News

MEXICO CITY. — Spanish influenza is epidemic in virtually all parts of the republic, except the extreme south and a few of the Pacific Coast states. Newspapers estimate the number of cases here at 60,000, but the death rate is low.

HAVANA. — Grieving over the death of her husband, who had died of influenza, Mrs. Carman Lavera killed her seven young sons. She then placed the livestock of the farm in a hut and after setting it afire, leaped into the flames. She was rescued in a serious condition by soldiers.

PARIS. — Charles Lecocq, the musical composer, died last week.

In Paris during the week ending Oct. 30, there were 2,566 deaths, the greatest total since the beginning of the gripe epidemic here. Of the deaths reported, 1,253 were due to gripe and 515 to various diseases of the lungs. During the last few days, the number of deaths reported daily has been decreasing.

AMSTERDAM. — Prof. Lammasch, the Austrian premier, has informed the president of the state council that he had been empowered to hand over the government, so far as it related to German localities, to the German-Austrian state council, says a Vienna dispatch.

A new war credit of 15,000,000 marks will be submitted to the German reichstag in November, according to the Munich correspondent of the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette, of Essen.

The Vaderland points out that Article V. of the treaty of 1864, which ceded the dukedoms of Schleswig-Holstein and Lauenburg to Prussia, provided for a plebiscite in northern Schleswig, to decide whether the inhabitants would prefer allegiance to Germany or to Denmark. The provision, it is declared, never has been carried out.

THE HAGUE. — Discussing the American offer of coal to Holland the labor leader Pieter Troelstra, speaking in the chamber, opposed the acceptance on the condition that Holland cease exporting to Germany. He contended that this would be a breach of neutrality. The premier, Jonkher Ruijs de Beerenbrouck, repeatedly nodded assent.

It is semi-officially explained in dispatches from Berlin that neutral residents of Brussels, who have gone to the front to investigate conditions there, have not been formed into a commission of inquiry. It is said their visit to the cities near the battle line was made for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done. They have communicated their report to the German authorities in Belgium and to the Belgian, French and British governments.

The leather scarcity in Holland is so acute that 70 postmen of Groningen have requested the post office director there to permit them to wear wooden shoes when they deliver the letters.

COPENHAGEN. — King Boris of Bulgaria, who ascended the throne on Oct. 3, has abdicated. A peasant government has been established at Tirnova under the leadership of M. Stambulivsky, who has been the chief of the peasants and agrarians of Bulgaria for some time.

A dispatch from Vienna says the Emperor accepted the resignation of Baron von Hussarek as premier and appointed Professor Heinrich Lammasch as his successor. According to the dispatches, Prof. Lammasch will form a ministry composed of impartial officials in order to exclusively bring about a speedy peace.

BASEL. — A new Hungarian ministry has been formed at Budapest. Count Michael Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independent party, is premier, and Count Theodore Batthyanyi is foreign minister.

A Vienna dispatch received here says that according to the Austrian newspapers the kingdom of Great Serbia has been proclaimed at Sarajevo, Bosnia, and that the assassins of Archduke Ferdinand have been released by soldiers.

LONDON. — A report of the Berlin Synod of the Lutheran Church of Prussia to the Central Synod states that up to the end of June 10,000 applications for divorce had been registered. Of these, 99 per cent. were made by husbands who had been called to the colors. In commenting on the report the Synod says that "immorality among the (non-Catholic) women of Germany has risen to such a degree that the foundations of society will be menaced by it."

Figures published on the growth of the British navy during the war show that the fleet, including auxiliaries, increased from 2,500,000 tons displacement to 5,000,000 and the personnel from 146,000 to 406,000. Since the outbreak of the war, 21,500,000 soldiers have been transported by sea, of which 4,391 were lost. For the requirements of the British naval and military forces more than 86,000,000 tons of stores were transhipped, while more than 24,000,000 tons were taken overseas for Great Britain's allies. Transportation also was provided for 2,000,000 animals.

Keepers of pigs have been notified by the board of agriculture for the probable discontinuance of the small ration of concentrated feed which has hitherto been allowed them. The notice says that every possible ton of shipping space is to be spared to bring American soldiers and their supplies to France.

CAPETOWN, S. Africa. — Influenza is spreading through the native districts. Some small communities have been almost completely wiped out. The disease continues to be violent in the country, but the towns are rapidly assuming their normal aspect. The death rate in Kimberley was over 70 per cent. of the population and probably a similar death roll will be recorded in Capetown.

MELBOURNE, Australia. — Some conception of the losses sustained by the Commonwealth can be gained from figures which have just been officially issued. Out of a population of 5,000,000, Australia has sent abroad 336,000 men. The total casualties numbered 90,101, including 54,431 dead.

BOMBAY, India. — The number of deaths caused by the influenza in Bombay on October 5, was the biggest in the history of the city. Hindus of the lower castes, Mohammedans, and Jews suffer most. In the week ending Oct. 6, 4,844 deaths occurred in the city, compared with 3,205 during the preceding week. The exodus to the highlands continues, although the influenza is also spread there.

TOKIO. — Belated reports filtering in from southwestern Japan show that a typhoon which occurred early in September, caused a considerable loss of life and an extensive damage to property. The corpses of 273 persons were washed ashore on the coast of Iwami on the sea of Japan.

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