

"FLU" IS RAGING IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—More than half the population of Papeete, capital of Tahiti, have died from influenza, and the disease is rapidly spreading through the islands of the Pacific, according to the passengers and crew of the steamer Moana.

The Moana, on her way here from Sydney, visited Papeete. Mounds of bodies, tar coated, were burning on the hillside, and whole families, dead from the disease, were burning in the houses in which they lived, passengers declared. Influenza is believed to have hit Tahiti harder than any other section of the world.

Among the victims at Papeete was Mme. Levina Chapman, known to every traveller in the South Pacific as a hotel and coconut grove owner and member of the Hawaiian royal family.

BRITAIN ACCORDS ROYAL WELCOME TO PRESIDENT WILSON

London, Dec. 27.—President Wilson, in response to calls from crowds of wounded soldiers and sailors, came out on one of the Buckingham Palace balconies and delivered a short address. He was accompanied by King George, and was given a great reception. Later King George received a group of American newspapermen.

President and Mrs. Wilson were in Buckingham Palace Thursday afternoon after a journey from Calais to London, during which they were accorded all the honors given royalty. Never has a royal progress, except those of great national ceremonies, excited such interest here as the first state visit of the American President.

The drive of the short procession from the station to the palace was made through streets lined with the guards regiments in khaki. Fresh flags hung overhead and covered the buildings, while windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were filled with people, many of whom wore the American colors.

Royal Attendants
It was a brief spectacle. First came the American escort of troops from the household cavalry with helmets and plumes. Then came the King, Queen Mary, Mrs. Wilson, and Princess Mary. These were followed by three others.

The steamer Brighton, on which the President crossed the Channel, had a quick and smooth passage and arrived at Dover just about mid-day. She was met at Calais by Sir Charles Cust, the King's equerry, and Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who accompanied the party to Dover. Four French destroyers escorted the Brighton to mid-channel, where British destroyers and a dozen airplanes took over the duty.

BILL IS SICK, BUT CAN EAT GOOD MEAL

Amerongen, Holland, Dec. 27.—William Hohenzollern's health shows a marked improvement, but he is still compelled to exercise the greatest precautions, owing to the damp, cold weather. Since Saturday the former emperor has not left his suite of apartments in Amerongen Castle, but has been able to join the members of his retinue at all meals. He occupies other periods of the day in reading hundreds of letters reaching him from all parts of the world. He receives only an occasional telegram, and these rarely evoke a reply.

PARIS CHRISTMAS UNLIKE OLD DAYS

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Victory Christmas celebration in Paris varied little from that of the Christmas days during the war. The authorities maintained the ban on the traditional midnight supper on the ground that it was a waste of food and lighting material, which could not be spared at the present. Some of the more expensive restaurants evolved a scheme for starting a meal at 8.30 o'clock in the evening and extending it well into the night, but they were informed that policemen would be posted outside to see that all the customers left at the regular closing time of nine o'clock.

There were scores of promenades along the boulevards, among them many British colonial troops and Americans on leave, but such revelry as developed was of the most subdued order. The military clubs, hospitals and other institutions all carried out the Christmas festivities they had arranged.

CANADA'S TROOPS WILL SOON BE HOME

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—So far as official advice is concerned, the Dominion Government is without intimation of any change in Allied plans which will affect the status of the Canadian forces in Siberia. It is expected, however, that the stay of the force in Siberia will not exceed in time, demobilization of the Canadian corps now on the Rhine. Announcement has already been made that it is not intended to retain the Siberian force in the far East longer than twelve months following the signing of the armistice. An early return of the men will depend on Allied policy. There is every likelihood, should the situation warrant, that the men will be back in the course of the coming summer, and perhaps earlier.

Situation Uncertain
The complexities of the Russian situation are such that it is impossible to determine whether any changes in Canadian plans are likely to be made in the immediate future. And while no official advice are to hand, considerable interest is taken in the news dispatch from Paris that the Allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia. Comment is withheld, however, for the time being, as to the bearing of any decision, if taken, on the position of Canadians already in Siberia.

THE SALVATION ARMY HAMPERS HELPED TO KEEP THE POT BOILING

Forty Families Received Substantial Yuletide Baskets—\$300 Donated to Salvation Army Pot

Through the generosity of Brandon citizens forty families were made the happier Christmas Eve by receiving Yuletide baskets filled with good things which were delivered by the Salvation Army. The Christmas pot on its trip out on Ninth street corner was certainly "kept a-boiling" in a way that surpassed all previous years, over three times the amount of any other season being collected. The total sum was \$300. In addition to the donations of money, many firms sent fruit, candy and toys for the baskets. Each basket contained five pounds of beef, ten pounds of flour, eight pounds of rolled oats, one pound of butter, half a pound of tea, sugar, apples, nuts, candy oranges, and in some cases, toys.

BELGIANS LIVE AMID HARDSHIPS

Assistance Must be Lent Them or Privations Will Complete Enemy's Work

"In travelling through Belgium with the Belgian armies I have been able to see the country recently tenanted by the Boche in the condition in which he left it, and never was there such desolation anywhere. One cannot get away from signs of destruction, no matter where one goes, along the country roads or in the city streets there are the same signs.

"Not only has property been destroyed and every means of livelihood taken away from the people, but the peasants, especially in the country districts, have been left destitute both of home and food. We travelled twelve miles yesterday through open country, and as but one small instance of the vast plundering of the Germans, let me state that in all that twelve miles not one solitary live animal did we see, and practically every tree had been felled, so you can imagine the dreary aspect of the scenery.

"All the peasant women and children we met on our way, while they greeted us with cheers and received us into their homes with open arms, those of them who had homes, showed the greatest suffering from insufficient food and nourishment. They did not complain but merely stated as fact that they had tasted no meat for two months and had lived largely on bread and soup and of course the inevitable coffee."

The above is an extract from the cabled news of a correspondent with the Belgian armies in the field, now working their way through the evacuated regions towards Germany. Everywhere in the recently liberated regions the Belgian civilians have been left on the verge of starvation, and unless food and clothing are sent to them immediately their already aggravated condition will be increased during the coming winter months. Official Belgium has not yet had time to set her house in order again, but just as soon as this can be done the country will be able to care for her own, but till that time comes the people of the Allied countries are appealed to to send help.

The cry of the Belgians today is for food and clothing and those who would help, no matter how little, should send their contributions to Mrs. H. L. Christie, or direct to the Central Committee, Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

CHILLY RECEPTION

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Ald. McKenzie said that he did not think very much of the scheme, only so far as it made provision for improving existing property. There are already too many vacant houses in the city now. It would be better if the money was used to erect manufacturing so that employment would be provided and more people brought into the city.

Need For Improvements
Ald. Curran deprecated the remarks of Ald. McKenzie inasmuch as the report would go out and give the impression that they were bucking the scheme without giving it due consideration. There were many homes in this city that were not equipped with modern improvements and he thought that the money offered at such a low rate of interest would be a big advantage to many people.

Ald. Bullock held that loan companies would advance all the money that was needed to improve existing properties if the equity was good. If the equity was not good then it would be poor business for the city to have anything to do with it. The fact that the money was so cheap would only make people more careless about the repayments.

Ald. Trotter did not want the idea to go forth through the press that he was throwing cold water on the scheme, but he thought that the Government would find something better to do with the money than in rebuilding old houses. Why not put it out to assist returned soldiers?

Careful Survey Needed
Ald. Bourke thought that a very careful survey of the city should be made before the matter could be intelligently discussed. He mentioned that at Winnipeg there was great need for more houses and in such cases, the scheme would doubtless work to great advantage.

Ald. Grantham thought that it would be a calamity for the city of Brandon to turn the proposition down. This time of the year appeared to be the right time for pessimists to talk, and they had heard enough of pessimism there that evening. The Dominion Government had started working out a great ideal, and must be prepared to spend as much on reconstruction as it had on destruction. There are many people in Brandon without homes and this appeared to be the first step towards providing them with homes worth living in.

After further discussion, the report was adopted and referred to the new council for further action.

It was decided that the Council Chamber be placed at the disposal of Principal McDougall for holding classes until the Collegiate building is ready for re-occupation on January 6th.

A letter was read from Mr. J. S. Macleure thanking the City Council for the grant of \$200 which had been given in recognition of the services of the officials of the Y. M. C. A. during the recent flu epidemic.

Ald. Bullock: "Has the Y. M. C. A. paid its water bill?"

The Mayor: "We have received a cheque for \$300."

YANK DESTROYERS HOMEWARD BOUND

Queenstown, Dec. 27.—Ten American destroyers, flying their long "homeward-bound" pennants, steamed out of the harbor here Thursday. Seaplanes dipped over them as they disappeared in the fog. With the departure of the squadron the harbor is cleared of all American vessels except the flagship Melville.

FIRST RECOGNITION

Representative English women arranged for a luncheon recently in honor of the Matrons-in-Chief of the Military Hospitals. This is the first public recognition given these workers although the high quality of their service has been realized every day. No one except those in, close daily touch with all that a military hospital must do can form the slightest idea of the extent to which the success of the entire institution depends on the Matrons-in-Chief. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll presided and Queen Alexandra sent flowers from Sandringham. The Queen sent a kindly message and Mrs. Humphrey Ward sent an address to be read as there were no speeches.

PRISONER ESCAPED

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Chas. Kemp, who has been arrested on a charge of breaking into the Village Inn at Grimsby, drew a revolver on Constable Conle, of Grimsby, when the constable visited him in the village jail, and escaped, taking the keys of the jail with him.

Just about the time a man succeeds in accumulating all the money he wants the alarm clock gets busy and wakes him up.

BRANDON HONOR

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for conspicuous bravery and devotion during an enemy attack. For thirty-six hours he commanded the machine gun crew under heavy shell and rifle fire, during which time the gun and equipment were buried and the tripod destroyed. Notwithstanding, he managed to get spare parts, keep the gun in action, several times moving its position, and held up the enemy's advance. He gave a splendid example of superb courage and coolness to his men. At the same time that he was awarded the D.C.M. he was recommended for a commission, but did not receive it until last fall.

Lieut. C. D. Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates, received his commission.

Sergt. W. J. Campbell enlisted with the 196th University Battalion and was promoted from Private on the field. He went overseas in 1916 and was in France two years. He is now an instructor at the Third Divisional Training School in France. Prior to enlisting he was for seven years in the C.P.R. Freight office here.

Sergt. W. Bateman promoted from Private. Won the Italian bronze medal in 1916.

Sergt. Henry Chapman promoted from Private. Previous to enlisting he farmed ten miles South of the city.

Sergt. F. J. C. Crang, M.M., son of Mrs. A. Crang, 1203 Ninth street. Sergt. V. Arthur promoted from Private on the field. He enlisted with the 45th Battalion, and was wounded twice, October 4th, 1918 and September 1917. He is now in hospital in England. Prior to enlisting he was a carpenter, and resided at 120 Thirteenth street.

Sergt. F. Rodwell, D.C.M., who went overseas from this city with a Brandon Battalion.

Sergt. Geo. Oliver, M.M., and two bars; promoted from Corporal. He went over with the First Canadian as a member of the late Major McLaughlin's platoon.

Sergt. Oswald Morgan went overseas with the 69th Battalion and was promoted to Sergeant. He has been two years in France.

Corporal R. D. Evans, 108215, who went overseas with the First C.M.R.'s promoted from Private. He was wounded in 1918.

Corporal C. E. Yates, M.M., promoted from Private. Won the Military Medal in April, 1917.

Sergt. Wm. J. Hall who went overseas with the 196th Universities Battalion, promoted from Private.

Corporal F. J. McMillan, 152583, who went overseas with the 73rd Battalion and transferred to the First C.M.R.'s to reach France, won his promotion on the field. He is a son of Mrs. J. McMillan Chamouny Apartments.

Corporal P. G. Wilson, 150 Fifth street, promoted from Private, now returned.

Private A. W. H. Wythe, D.C.M., enlisted January 16th, 1915, and went overseas with the 6th Battalion as a private. He was awarded the D.C.M. for his gallant actions while on active service, October 6th, 1915. He was wounded twice. Private Wythe received his discharge from military service December 22nd, 1916, and is now on the staff of the Imperial Bank in this city.

PATIENTS FROM COLLEGIATE NOW HOUSED IN IMMIGRATION HALL: FEW FLU CASES

That Spanish influenza is rapidly disappearing in Brandon would seem to be the case when the number of new cases reported on Friday and the homes released from quarantine are taken into consideration, with the heavy reports which were being given out from the Health office just a few weeks ago. On Friday there were eleven new cases of flu reported, and seven homes were released from quarantine.

By this evening the Collegiate Emergency Hospital will be a thing of the past, and in another week studies will be the order of the day in this building. The patients, fourteen in number, have been all moved to the new Emergency Hospital in the Immigration Hall. This building has been newly decorated, thoroughly cleaned and comfortably fitted up with as up-to-date an equipment as possible. Nurse Mitchell, who is in charge of the hospital, stated that for an emergency, the building seemed very suitable. The same phone, 3680, as that used at the Collegiate, has been installed in the new building. The staff, with the lifting of the ban, and the need of the teachers and others to rest awhile before returning to their former duties, has been somewhat depleted, and will, in the next few weeks, lose more of the faithful workers. Miss Eleanor Groff, who was deputation at the Collegiate Emergency Hospital, is keenly missed, as she worked untiringly to prepare suitable food for the patients.

The Convalescent Home, which was closed for Christmas, has not yet been opened.

Do your work a little better than the other fellow and some morning you will wake up and find yourself boss.

CANADA TO TAKE STOCK OF ALL WAR MATERIALS

Sales to be Made in Such a Manner as Not to Disturb the Markets

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Canada is to take stock of her war materials and a committee has been appointed to undertake the work. The end of the war has found the Dominion in possession of heavy quantities of cloth, harness, leather goods, boots and shoes, motor trucks, lorries, knitted goods, army food stocks, and all the paraphernalia of war, which are stocked in military storehouses everywhere in the Dominion. This is in addition to the vast quantities of materials in England and France. An inventory is to be taken at once of stocks in Canada, and the question of disposing of the materials without undue disturbance of the markets will be considered.

The committee comprises: Hon. Messrs. McLean, Ballantyne, Newburn, Sir George Foster, Sir H. LaPorte of the War Purchasing Commission, and J. W. McConnell, of the War Trade Board.

BELGIANS WILL FOREVER HONOR BRAVE CANADIANS

La Libertan Publishes a Testimony of Gratitude and Affection

The following articles taken from the Belgium paper, "La Libertan," shows how greatly the people of this country appreciate the work of the British and Canadian armies, who with the Allies, succeeded in freeing them after four years of suffering. In the first article appearing in this paper when it was published again after the signing of the armistice, the Belgians remembered their gratitude and expressed it as given below.

"Our first article will be a testimony of gratitude, of affection to our valiant liberators, to the British Army which has shed its blood for the liberation of Mons, and the country of Bormage which for over four years suffered under the yoke of the invader.

"To the dead soldiers who now sleep in the reconquered Belgium land goes our undying gratitude.

"Our unknown friends have fallen for strangers as we were for them. They have sacrificed themselves in order to rescue from slow agony our bodies and souls.

"Their graves are for us a sacred trust that we shall flower and that the future generation will proudly keep.

"To those who have escaped from the peril and whom we receive with open arms, in the glee and the enthusiasm of the recovered liberty, we only may utter, of the best of ourselves, with a single heartfelt feeling, our deepest, and heartiest thanks!

"Glory to this heroic Canadian Division whose name ever will remain engraved in the annals of our city and the history of the Belgian nation!"

The proclamation given below will be of interest to Brandon people as it is the first published after the entering of Mons by the Canadians.

"After 51 months of suffering caused by the iniquitous, pitiless and insistent German occupation, Mons finally has been liberated by the heroism of the British army which on the hour of the armistice finishes its series of victories at the place where the 23 August, 1914, is entered in contact with the enemy.

"The 3rd Canadian Division, after heavy sacrifices entered the town at three o'clock in the morning and re-venge by a brilliant success the retreat of 1914. Glory and Recognition to it.

"The armistice is signed. The German army has capitulated. The brutal force is annihilated. The justice and the high triumph. Belgium comes greater and stronger out of this terrible proof.

"The population has supported with courage and confidence the sufferings of the occupation. We are sure that in the joy of triumph, the population will observe the dignity and the measure they kept all the time.

"We count upon the will of all to maintain the order.

"We invite the population to return at work as soon as possible. The ruins caused by the war are great and the co-operation of all the wills and all the energies is necessary to heal rapidly the wounds.

"At this solemn hour our infinite gratitude goes to the Allies' Armies and among them, from the deepest of the heart to our valiant Belgian Army and our King, its Heroic Commander.

"Long live the King! Long live the Country!"

"The College of Burgemaster and Oldermen! Jean Lescart, Fulgence Masson, Leon Save, Victor Maistriau, Henry Rolland, The Secretary, Gaston Talaup."

And a little kindly as is a charitable thing.

A political candidate should wear canvas shoes.



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STRAYED OR TAKEN BY MISTAKE from Matheson pasture, east half 6-12-13 about October last, one red heifer with broken horn, and one red steer, both rising two years. A reward of \$15 each will be paid for the return of same to the owner. Anyone harboring same will be prosecuted. Geo. E. Howard, Forrest.

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FOUND—ON THE TRAIL BETWEEN Brandon and Forrest, Goat-skin robe. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying for this ad. A. E. Hamilton, Forrest, Man.

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STRAYED TO THE PROPERTY OF the undersigned, 24-10-20, last April one red steer, M. P. Hawley.

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