

### VETERAN FIGHTER OF BRITISH ARMY HERE

#### Lieutenant Croft Still Active, Despite Many Wounds.

#### OLD CAMPAIGNS RECALLED

#### Gray-Haired Soldier Grieves at Learning of Death of Former Comrade, Captain Gadsby.

Sword, shrapnel, rifle bullet and shell fragments have all had their turn with Lieutenant Edwin Croft, who has grown gray in the service of the British army without permitting his various wounds to shelve him, and who last saw action with the contingent from India in the stiff fighting at the Dardanelles.

Lieutenant Croft is with the Allied War Veterans' Band, otherwise the "fighting sons of guns," which played a recent engagement in Portland, and which returns to the Hellig for an encore engagement on Thursday evening. Arrangements now are under way for



Lieutenant Edwin Croft, D. C. M., of the British Army, who is in Portland with the Allied War Veterans' Band, to appear at the Hellig on Thursday night.

the appearance of the veterans' band at the Auditorium next Sunday.

Though every member of the big band saw overseas service, either with British, French, American, Canadian or Italian units, the most blase hero of the lot is but a boy compared to Lieutenant Croft, who counts the great war as the last of many and who has followed the British flag in a dozen different campaigns.

#### Wounds Almost Forgotten.

Across his right wrist runs a slanting white scar—memento of a tearing charge with the horse artillery in Afghanistan. Beyond all odubling it was born of a slash from the razor-edged double-bladed knife of "Fuzzy-Wuzzy," whose warlike talents won the tribute of Kipling—but Lieutenant Croft doesn't even remember now how he came by it.

"I got it in the charge," says he, "but, you know, the horse artillery doesn't stop for anything, and I never realized I had it until afterward. It bothers me a bit now and then."

It was the Afghan fighting man who brought the time to hand when Lieutenant Croft won both his commission and the distinguished conduct medal, way back in 1896, when border trouble raised the fighting clans along the boundary of Afghanistan and Persia.

#### How Commission Was Won.

"I was sent out to locate the enemy," says Lieutenant Croft, "during the campaign near Herat. Poking along, I discovered a fortress with walls 70 feet thick, which, to all appearances was alive with tribesmen. But, after careful reconnoitering, I found the supposed Afghans to be dummies and the fort deserted.

"The east and west gates were tightly locked, but I found the central gate open. I was a sergeant-major then, warrant officer, and when I entered that gate I won my commission and the medal. From the wall of the fortress I wig-wagged the General officer commanding, Sir William Lockhart, of the true condition of affairs. His reply was, 'Hoist the British flag.' I then located the enemy some miles away, and again communicated with the general officer commanding. The British forces came up and occupied a position near the abandoned fortress, engaging the enemy and utterly routing them, though they numbered 45,000 to our 10,000."

#### Comrade Gadsby Is Gone.

The saddest of disappointments awaited Lieutenant Croft on his arrival in Portland, for he had counted upon a reunion with his old comrade-in-arms, Captain William Gadsby, whose death occurred some months ago. It was in his humble office at Bombay that Captain and Mrs. Gadsby were wedded in February, 1890, and Lieutenant Croft had not seen the two since they sailed for America in 1892.

#### DOCTORS CUT WITH RAZOR

#### Spanish Marine Makes Unexplained Attack on Physicians.

NEW YORK.—Dr. Isaac Glassman and Solomon Selkin, both of whom have offices at 182 Lexington avenue, are in Bellevue Hospital, the latter in a serious condition, suffering from razor-made cuts. Awaiting arraignment in court on a charge of felonious assault is Demetrius Lopez, a Spaniard, of 48 West Fiftieth street, accused by the police of attacking the physicians.

According to the story told by the police, Lopez, who, if papers found on him are correct, was formerly a Spanish marine, appeared at Dr. Selkin's office and asked to see him immediately. He was told he would have to wait, but he rushed into the doctor's office and insisted on seeing Dr. George Tumison, who shares offices with Dr. Selkin. When told Dr. Tumison was out of the city, Lopez, so the police say, pinned Dr. Selkin against the wall, and, flashing a razor, drew it across the latter's throat.

The doctor's screams caused a panic among his patients, who were in another room, and brought Dr. Glassman from his office in an adjoining suite. He met Lopez as the latter rushed from Dr. Selkin's office and grappled with him. The man slashed Dr. Glassman on the hands, arms and face, and then broke away.

After a chase of two blocks Dr. Glassman captured the man, overpowered him and took the razor away. Then he marched his prisoner back to

## They Tell an Anecdote In France

That General Pershing bade the men under his command polish even the backs of their buttons and the very nails on their boots.

Every American soldier and sailor has been drilled to be keen as a bayonet and sleek as a rifle barrel about his appearance from blouse to his brogans.

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### SOLDIERS TO BE FARMERS

#### CANADA NOTES CHANGE IN FIGHTERS' PSYCHOLOGY.

#### Fourteen Per Cent of Enlisted Men on Farmers Before War; 43 Per Cent Soon to Farm.

OTTAWA, Canada.—Fourteen per cent of the soldiers Canada sent overseas were farmer boys. Forty-three per cent of the soldiers who return will become farmers. These facts, given out by the Canadian government, furnish an interesting sidelight on the changes war has made in soldiers' psychology.

An overseas census showed that 43 per cent of the soldiers wanted to go on the land. The census was taken by Canadian government agents that Canada might be prepared in advance to take care of its returned soldier problem. Canada is planning to settle upon good land every soldier who wants a farm. There are 250,000,000 acres of uncultivated land in the three prairie provinces—10,000,000 in Ontario, 7,000,000 in Quebec, 2,000,000 in the other maritime provinces, and 5,000,000 in British Columbia. "Canada has so much land," said T. C. Norris, Premier of Manitoba, "that after taking care of its soldier farmers, it proposes under new land laws to throw open for settlement every uncultivated acre in the Dominion. The settler can choose the kind of land he wants. Rich prairie land awaiting the plow; timber land in British Columbia, Ontario and the Maritime provinces which have to be cleared before being farmed; or idle improved farms in the Eastern provinces which can be turned into truck gardens or used in stock growing, dairying and poultry raising. In order to settle Canada and develop its resources, Canada has decided to offer this land on terms that it believes will bring a flood of immigrants into the country and build Canada into a Nation of 50,000,000 people in twenty years."

### LOCK OF DOOR IS STOLEN

#### Los Angeles Cigar Dealer Says Thieves Left Store Only.

LOS ANGELES.—Not only did thieves take his stock of 2000 packages of cigarettes and 25 cigars, as well as all his package tobacco, but they even took the lock off his door with them, Francisco Flores, of No. 238 Sunset Boulevard, reported to the police. "About all they left me was my store," said Flores.

### OLD-TIME COLD CURE—DRINK TEA!

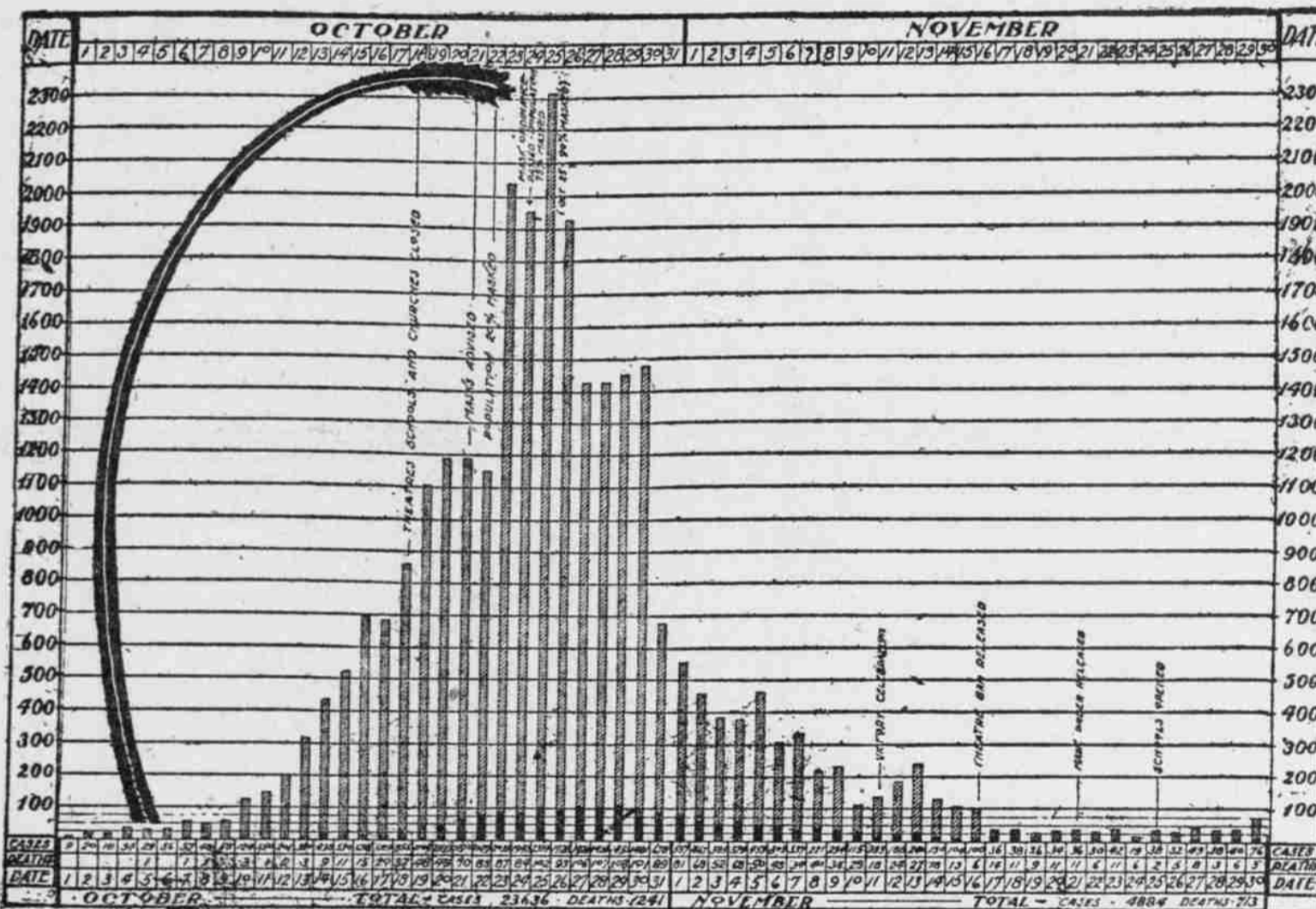
Get a small package of Hamburg Breakfast Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of this Hamburg tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoonful at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.—Adv.

# Wear a Mask

## and you may

# Save a Life

### This Chart Shows Number of Cases and Deaths From the Spanish Influenza in San Francisco During October and November and Proves the Efficacy of the Mask



## 80% DECLINE

### In the Number of Cases in One Week as a Result of Wearing Masks

OCTOBER 25 (Mask Order Effective)		NOVEMBER 2 (Masks Worn One Week)	
NEW CASES	DEATHS	NEW CASES	DEATHS
2319	102	467	68

(Signed) Advisory Committee of the Consolidated Health Bureau.

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Director-General of the Consolidated Health Bureau.

**To All Red Cross Gauze Workers:**

Report at Red Cross Workroom, 8th floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Company, this morning to begin work on 250,000 influenza masks. Chairmen of Auxiliaries report for supplies to make masks.

R. F. PRAEL,  
Acting Director.