

INFLUENZA GREST SAID TO BE PAST

War Department Reports Great Decline in New Cases and Deaths in Camps.

Washington, Oct. 24.—(I. N. S.)—The crest of the influenza epidemic has been definitely passed, the war department announced today, in presenting a detailed report of the health conditions among the camps and cantonments of this country.

The report shows 43,799 influenza cases for the week ending October 18, as compared with 90,253 the preceding week, and a drop of pneumonia cases from 17,882 to 11,013 in the same period. The number of meningitis cases is given as 82, compared with 68 the preceding week.

"The admission rate for disease," the report adds, "is 2914, against the rate of 4784 last week. This week's non-effective rate (105) is well below that of last week (120). The death rate (190) is still exceedingly high, but shows a considerable decline as compared with last week (206)."

New York Shows Decrease

New York, Oct. 24.—(I. N. S.)—A decrease in the number of new cases of influenza and pneumonia was announced by the health department today. New influenza cases totalled 4402 and pneumonia cases 752. There were 443 deaths from influenza and 216 from pneumonia in the past 24 hours.

New Cases at San Francisco

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—(U. P.)—Five hundred and sixty new cases of influenza and pneumonia were reported to the health body today with 34 deaths from the same cause.

PREMIERS OF ALLIES IN ACCORD WITH U. S.

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allies will be permitted to cease fighting. There already have been some exchanges on the subject.

War Council Has Acted

The supreme war council at Versailles has taken some steps and has outlined a tentative program for guarantees. But it dealt only with some of the angles of the subject. Any further

conferences will take place in the near future at which all the military and naval phases will be debated and an agreement reached. This is made absolutely necessary, officials and diplomats here explained, by the political developments within Germany.

Copies of the note also were sent by the state department to all of the allied nations, and these were followed by copies of the complete text of all the communications exchanged to date between Washington and Berlin.

It is expected that eventually the military conference that is to be held to deal with the armistice proposals will report its findings to President Wilson, and that then he will in turn transmit them to Germany, inasmuch as they would prove a chapter in sequence to his note of last night.

Allies Like Latest Note

Officials today were well pleased with the text of President Wilson's note. Meager information reaching Washington indicated that it had made a real hit in the entente capitals where it was accepted as crystallizing the future unified policy of all the countries at war with Germany. And officials here professed to be amazed at suggestions from certain quarters that the note needed interpretation. They declared that it spoke for itself and that no further statements dealing with its text would be issued.

The note already is in the hands of the Kaiser and his advisers. At the request of the Swiss charge it was sent by wireless last night to the big German wireless station at Nauen which sent out the original text of the German note at the same time. The official copy was put on the cables for Berlin via Bern.

U. S. Not Shaking Efforts

President Wilson's reply to Germany puts the next move up to Berlin. The very fact that at the moment the text of the note was being made public last night by the state department of the White House issued the correspondence between Secretary of War Baker and President Wilson showing a total of more than 2,000,000 Americans overseas, is highly significant. It was designed, officials very freely admitted, to emphasize to the ruling class in Berlin and to the German people at home that the efforts of the United States were in no way being slackened. And there is no doubt that this statement will make a much deeper impression on the military "masters" of the German people than any utterance in the president's reply.

Diplomats here today believed that the diplomatic exchanges were at an end for a time. They based this belief on the address of Chancellor Prince Maximilian to the reichstag in which he made it plain that his policy was entirely for a peace by negotiation. However, a few officials also said that in view of the grave political crisis now existing in Germany, the government, in an effort to save its face, may make another effort to argue questions of surrender.

The outstanding fact in the president's

note today was his comment on the statements that the government had liberalized and put under the control of the people themselves. The president, in naming for the first time the "King of Prussia" in any state document of the present war pointed out that his authority to control the policy of the empire is unimpaired while the determining initiative still remains with those who have hitherto been the masters of Germany. And he says that if the United States and its allies must deal with these military masters, they can do so only on the basis of surrender.

This utterance is calculated, officials said today, to have a very powerful effect on the agitation with Germany for a complete overthrow of the existing German government. How powerful this sentiment must be was best indicated by the fact that the Socialist leaders have been able to openly demand that the Kaiser retire and permit the formation of a responsible German government.

Will German People Get Note?

Officials will watch with the deepest interest whether the German government now will allow the exact words of the president to become known to the people of Germany. If they do, the reply is expected to create a profound impression everywhere. But judging by past performances, it is considered unlikely that the note will reach the people except in a garbled form.

Some of the congressional leaders, notably Senator Lodge, were inclined today to criticize the president's action in passing the German appeal for an armistice along to the entente allies. This criticism, administration leaders stated, was unjust. They dealt with emphatic heat that any such action was in the nature of weakening the position of the United States or calculated in the slightest degree to embarrass the allies.

Allies Position Safeguarded

The president very plainly states that no armistice can be considered which does not leave the United States and allied forces in a position that they can enforce all arrangements entered into and which does not leave the German army in such position that a renewal of hostilities is impossible. And all that the president actually has done, officials say, is to pass along to the allies the request that the military control, frame and submit a form of armistice. If the military control believes that such an act would be inadvisable at the present time they easily can say so, officials point out, and then all that the allies need do is to officially refuse the armistice.

Kaiserin Reported To Be Seriously Ill

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.—(U. P.)—The Kaiserin is seriously ill, according to reports received here today. Her children are said to have been summoned to her bedside at Potsdam.

Extraordinary Safeguards Demanded

"The president would deem himself lacking in candor did he not point out in the frankest possible terms the reason why extraordinary safeguards must be demanded. Significant and important as the constitutional changes seem to be which are spoken of by the German foreign secretary in his note of the twentieth of October, it does not appear that the principle of a government responsible to the German people has yet been fully worked out or that any guarantees either exist or are in contemplation that the alterations of principle and of practice now partially agreed upon will be permanent.

"Moreover, it does not appear that the heart of the present difficulty has been reached. It may be that future wars have been brought under the control of the German people, but the present war has not been; and it is with the present war that we are dealing. It is evident that the German people have no means of commanding the acquiescence of the military authorities of the empire in the popular will; that the power of the king of Prussia to control the policy of the empire is unimpaired; that the determining initiative still remains with those who have hitherto been the masters of Germany. Feeling that the whole peace of the world depends now on plain speaking and straightforward action, the president seems it his duty to say, without any attempt to soften what may seem harsh words, that the nations of the world do not and cannot trust the word of those who have hitherto been the masters of German policy, and to point out once more that in concluding peace and attempting to undo the infinite injuries and injustices of this war, the government of the United States cannot deal with any but veritable representatives of the German people who have been assured of a genuine constitutional standing as the real rulers of Germany. If it must deal with the military masters and the monarchical autocrats of Germany, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later with regard to international obligations of the German empire, it must debate not peace negotiations, but surrender.

"Nothing can be gained by leaving this essential thing unsaid. Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration." ROBERT LANSING.

Frederick Oederlin, charge d'affaires of Switzerland, ad interim, in charge of German interests in the United States."

Stevedores Being Recruited for U. S. Engineer Battalion

A new recruiting office has been opened in the Worcester building, Third and Oak streets, room 433, for a stevedore battalion for overseas work. It will be a part of the United States engineers and men between 18 and 46 will be admitted. Special consideration will be given men between 36 and 40. Captain J. J. Ryan and Lieutenant R. M. Barton are in charge. All kinds of workers along shore, who have had experience, including checkers, typists, clerks, hatch tenders, winch drivers, marine, dock and warehouse men, riggers, coopers and many other lines are wanted. Men who have been registered by the draft board may be accepted, even if they have been classified.

Officials of Draft Boards Urged Not To Relax Efforts

Urging every member of the selective service in Oregon not to fall victim to the German snare and relax, one while in their work, Captain J. E. Cullison today sent a circular to all local and

FULL TEXT OF NOTE

DEPARTMENT OF State, October 24.

"Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the twenty-second, transmitting a communication, under date of the twentieth, from the German government, and to advise you that the president has instructed me to reply thereto as follows:

"Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of peace laid down in his address to the congress of the United States on the eighth of January, 1918, and the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses, particularly the address of the twenty-seventh of September, and that it desires to discuss the details of their application, and that this wish and purpose emanate not from those who have hitherto dictated the policy and conducted the present war on Germany's behalf, but from ministers who speak for the majority of the reichstag, and for an overwhelming majority of the German people; and having received also the explicit promise of the present German government that the humane rules of civilized warfare will be observed both on land and sea by the German armed forces, the president of the United States feels that he cannot decline to take up with the governments with which the government of the United States is associated the question of an armistice.

Question of Armistice Goes to Allies

"He deems it his duty to say again, however, that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and the powers associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible. The president has, therefore, transmitted his correspondence with the present German authorities to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated as a belligerent, with the suggestion that if those governments are disposed to effect peace upon the terms and principles indicated, their military advisers and the military advisers of the United States be asked to submit to the governments associated against Germany the necessary terms of such an armistice as will fully protect the interests of the peoples involved and insure to the associated governments the unrestricted power to safeguard and enforce the details of the peace to which the German government has agreed, provided they deem such an armistice possible from the military point of view.

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