

'Flu' Epidemic Sweeps Coast

395 Absent From School Here; Subsiding now in Original Areas

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into Fort Lewis by recruits who joined the army within the past few weeks.

Absentees at the Salem senior high school reached 395 yesterday and the total in the system was 1210 missing classes because of colds and influenza.

An extra nurse has been added by the county health department for the duration of the epidemic, according to Dr. Vernon A. Douglas.

Absentees numbered 216 at Parrish junior high school, 59 at Bush, 53 at Englewood, 35 at Garfield, 55 at Grant, 159 at Highland, 35 at McKinley, 55 at Richmond, 58 at Washington and 60 at Leslie junior high school.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The influenza epidemic was subsiding tonight in several California communities which were among the first to feel the attack.

Dr. Bertram P. Brown, state health director, reported, but uncounted hundreds of cases still were keeping physicians busy in Los Angeles and other populous centers.

At the same time other far western states, some of them reporting the presence of influenza-like illnesses, began taking precautions against spread of the disease.

In Washington, D.C., Dr. Thomas Parran, chief of the public health service, said Dr. John W. Olliphant, a research surgeon of the National Health Institute, had left the capital for California to obtain laboratory specimens of the California infection.

Dr. Brown said the reports of county and local health officers showed the attack was subsiding uniformly in areas hard hit last week, and that the peak of the epidemic in those communities had passed.

The official record in Dr. Brown's office today showed 118 new cases, bringing the total reported there thus far to 1765. The official state reports, lagging far behind the actual situation, however, in Los Angeles city and county alone the official total stood at 1516. County health and school authorities expressed the belief that the spread would be checked there shortly.

Los Angeles influenza-pneumonia deaths stood at 32 thus far and one death was reported from Riverside, where 30 per cent of the population was reported affected by the disease.

Absences from school in Los Angeles totaled about 14 per cent of the entire enrollment, authorities reported, but in some schools the absentee percentage ranged as high as 27. Nearly 500 of Pasadena Junior college's enrollment of 6000 were absent. Twelve

Babe May Brighten Dormitory



If Mrs. Bessie Blitting, housemother at a University of Pennsylvania men's dormitory at Philadelphia has her way, this three-week-old girl will add a feminine touch to the dormitory. Mrs. Blitting wants to adopt the baby shown in the arms of Miss Mae Thelma, welfare shelter head after the baby was found abandoned on the dormitory steps.

To Demand Inquiry Of Vote Counting

SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Washington's democratic national committee announced tonight they would "demand a full and complete inquiry by the legislature of the grave charges that have been made" of vote-counting fraud in the state's election of a governor.

Committee E. A. Carroll of Wenatchee and Mrs. Jeanette Testu of Seattle made the announcement only a day after former Senator C. C. Dill, the democratic candidate who trailed by 5816 votes, sent his congratulations to Mayor Arthur B. Langlie of Seattle, conceding the republican's victory.

The statement issued by the two democratic officials, calling upon the state central committee which meets Saturday to take the same course, did not elucidate on what the oft-mentioned fraud charges were based.

members of the University of Southern California football team were affected.

Johnny Kiser and Mother Reunited

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The world was a much brighter place for little Johnny Kiser, 5, and his mother, Mrs. Leo Davis, today.

Johnny and his mother have seen hard times recently. Without transportation funds they set out for Union, Ore., this week from Tacoma. They got as far as Portland, where Mrs. Davis had to leave Johnny in the railroad yards while she looked for transportation.

Johnny was found in the yards and turned over to police. While police cared for him and sought his mother, newspapers printed his picture.

His mother came for him yesterday, and Johnny was overjoyed, but they still had no funds so had to stay at the police station.

Relatives had seen Johnny's picture in the paper, and today they arrived—Grandad Warren Nelson with a box of toys for Johnny, and Uncle Clair Nelson with an invitation to stay at his place in Union.

Dad Won't Okeh Date, Boy Friend Tries Wrestling

SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A blighted campus romance reached the courts today when J. Strange Hopper testified his 20-year-old daughter Marcia's former fiancé, Ray Jones, 22, assaulted him Thanksgiving day over his forbidding her to accompany him on a date. Describing the altercation, Hopper said young Jones extended an engagement ring which his daughter had returned, "wanted to wrestle with me," and in the ensuing scuffle knocked Hopper's hat off.

He explained his disapproval by saying he didn't want the two to marry while they were still university students and that: "I didn't intend to make every night in the week a night out for them."

Young Jones, charged with third degree assault, pleaded that on his side he might have "acted hastily in the exuberance of youth." His own father, Dr. W. Ray Jones, also in court, inquired: "Would you be willing to have a son-in-law in your family who wasn't willing to fight for your daughter?"

After it was all over, Justice William Hoar postponed a ruling for 30 days.

Arguments Heard In Libel Appeal

Arguments were heard in the state supreme court here yesterday in a libel suit filed by Ralph DeLashmitt, Portland florist, against the Oregon Journal Publishing company.

The lower court awarded DeLashmitt a judgment for \$5000. Plaintiff alleged that a reporter for the defendant corporation referred to him as a "Peeping Tom," when the name of Lambert L. Beard should have been used.

Float Destroyer; Damage Is Light

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The US destroyer George O. Badger, which went aground yesterday in a heavy blow, was hauled off a ledge today and found to be only slightly damaged.

The 24-year-old 4-stacker, engaged in work in connection with a US defense base here, will continue operations without the need of immediate repairs, it was announced.

American Eagles Warmly Greeted

Lady Astor Tells Fliers They'll Be Followed by Many More

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Lady Nancy Astor saluted the 30 American volunteers of the Eagle flying squadron today, predicted that they would be followed to Britain by "thousands of others," and told them with emotion: "America should know that this is really the greatest hour of trial in the history of the English-speaking people. They may not know it, but it's their turn next."

"The British empire, backed by the United States, cannot fail," said the Virginia-born peeress.

She remarked that the British would never give up under aerial bombardment, saying: "The most extraordinary thing is the stupidity of the German

mentality. You can kill us, but you can never scare us." Speaking of the United States help coming to Britain through the Red Cross and other relief organizations, she told the American fliers that Britons "enormously appreciate it," adding: "I don't suppose there ever has been a country in the world more generous than America has been to Great Britain."

Turning for a moment to things to come, she suggested that after this war world peace could be maintained by collaboration of Britain and the United States in a "federation."

24 From Oregon in Class Entering Moffett Field

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Thirteen cadets from Oregon State college and 11 from the University of Oregon were included among 130-odd arriving at Moffett field for basic training in the army air corps.

Sixty came from Texas, 25 from California, 24 from Oregon and the remainder from 15 other states and Hawaii.

Convoy Scheme's Reception Cool

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officially is that the president might change the combat zone to permit American ships to enter the ports of neutral Elre (Ireland).

What effect this would have, however, as a measure of aiding Britain presumably would depend on what arrangements could be made between Britain and Elre.

However, such a step would mean that American ships would enter an area covered by Germany's "total blockade" around Great Britain.

In proclaiming this "total blockade" last August, Germany declared that "every neutral ship which voyages into this territory in the future exposes herself to destruction."

To afford effective protection to British ships, however, American naval vessels presumably would have to be prepared to fight off any submarine attacks

and to do so, it was argued in some quarters, might result in war.

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Annual Turkey Exhibit Opens at McMinnville

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