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REPORTED DEAD

100 Cases In Lane But Few Are Serious; Officials Fight Spread

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Influenza is probably the most virulent since the plague of 1918, now is sweeping over Oregon and Southwest Washington, health officers said today. Probably a dozen schools in the state are closed and the sick list is estimated at several thousand. Deaths are believed to have reached 20 or 25, three having been reported from The Dalles within a week. Portland has many influenza estimates of those ill in the city range from 300 to 400. At The Dalles physicians said they had treated 500 or 600 patients. More than 500 pupils and 13 teachers were absent. Salons had more than 200 students ill, and at Corvallis nearly that number were ill. More than 800 children in Vancouver were influenza victims, with normal absence running about 100 a day.

LANE HAS 200 CASES

More than 200 cases of influenza have been reported in Lane county, officials of the county public health unit announced Wednesday. The "flu" has not the closing of one school. Thirty-two cases of influenza were reported to the county health office yesterday afternoon. There are few serious cases. The "flu" has made the health unit all too busy there has been little for regular work.

One School Closed

The county school superintendent reported that the Lower Camp Creek school has been closed because so many children are ill. Walls several cases of influenza have been reported from the city. The prevalence of the disease is not sufficient to warrant closure of the schools, H. B. Good, superintendent, said Wednesday. Every effort is being made to isolate flu cases as they are found in the schools, and the children home to avoid further exposure.

Weather News

Although the heavy rain continued today, the Willamette river had risen several inches and was at a height of 5.1 feet Wednesday morning. The weather was colder and the snow in the mountains was melting. The forecast: OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Thursday; probably rain northwest; moderate temperature; moderate variable winds offshore. LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature, Wednesday, 35 degrees; maximum, Tuesday, 49. Precipitation, 2.2 inches. Willamette river, 3.4 feet above flood stage. WIND from south. BUSLAW TIDES: Thursday, high, 8 a. m., 8:23 p. m.; low, 12:53 a. m., 1:24 p. m. Friday, high, 8:17 a. m., 8:20 p. m.; low, 1:51 a. m., 3:24 a. m. Saturday, high, 9:08 a. m., 9:17 p. m.; low, 2:51 a. m., 4:21 p. m.

British Banker Urges Use Of Wheat As Money Basis

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The use of wheat as a basis for money would stabilize the price of grain and provide a safe basis for return of prosperity, believes J. F. Darling, a director of the Millard bank, one of Britain's important financial institutions. Darling, who would link wheat to gold and silver, believes "that in the long run a basis for currency is possible on a more powerful instrument than gold, silver, and stimulating the world trade." Darling declared when announcing the plan, "this is a marked advance on the qualities of a currency basis in that it is universal and has a world-wide market. There would be a central super-organization for such wheat and silver as formed the basis of the currency. His plan is addressed to the world's wheat and silver producers and would use 300,000,000 bushels of wheat. The plan could then be settled by the world and would be settled by the

Boy Walks 22 Miles To Get Sister's Pup

After walking 22 miles to get the dog given to his little sister, Archie Hill, 15, of Lorane, arrived at the police station Wednesday morning to find that the dog had already been sent out to his home. Nothing daunted, he had thanked the officers for their efforts in locating a dog for his sister to leave on the return walk. Chief of Police Carl Bergman, to whom the lad's sister, May Blossom Hill, aged 8, had appealed for a "varmint chasing" dog, told the boy to go home and he would see that he obtained transportation to his home. May Blossom had asked the police for a little dog to "keep varmints away" and to play with. A small fox terrier was brought to the station by E. G. Jacoby, of Seiwimmer's Delight for the girl, who wanted the pup for Christmas, but couldn't afford to pay for it. She said, however, she could buy the license.

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JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE!



Here are a couple of scenes preliminary to the passage of the Collier 3.2 per cent beer bill by the house of representatives on Wednesday. At the top, Bishop James Cannon of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is telling the house ways and means committee that the "mad rush to legalize beer is comparable to the fiddling of Nero while Rome burned." At the bottom, Canon William Chase, a noted dry leader, is driving home a point before Chairman Collier, at the left, who wrote the beer bill, and Congressman Hawley of Oregon, center, longtime dry.

Stimson Says Barring Aliens Benefit During Depression

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson today reported to President Hoover that as a result of emergency bars against immigration, over 500,000 aliens who normally would have entered the United States "during the economic depression" have been held out. The secretary of state reported this result had been accomplished solely through the enforcement of existing provisions of law, principally the clause excluding persons "likely to become a public charge." Breaking down his total into smaller figures, Stimson said that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1932, only 12,957 quota immigration visas were issued as compared with the total annual quotas of 157,951. In addition, he said, there was a reduction in the number of aliens not subject to quota limitations from 47,939 during the previous fiscal year to 24,049 during the past year. As compared with the 107,400 non-quota aliens who entered the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1930, he pointed out, the reductions last year was one of 77.3 per cent. "The number of non-quota immigration visas issued to natives of non-quota countries, which comprise most of the countries of the western hemisphere during the period mentioned amounted to 10,322," he said, "representing a decrease of 528 and 84.6 per cent as compared with 12,515 and 92,441, respectively, the number of similar visas issued during the previous two years."

No Pardons For Convict Socks, Says Governor

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Oregon's governor, Julius L. Meier, will not issue Christmas presents to penitentiary inmates in the form of pardons. The governor today reiterated the statement he made a year ago that no additional clemency because of Christmas would be considered. The governor further stated he was giving consideration to pardon recommendations now before him in the usual form and that he would not alter his procedure because of the holiday season. Last year the executive did not announce any additional pardons at Christmas time.

Illness Attacks Marion Schools

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sickness in Marion county has caused several schools to be closed and has made large crowds on the schools which have remained open. County Superintendent Mary Fuller reported that illness at Brooks had caused the school there to be closed until after the holidays. The large sick list at Monmouth brought Christmas vacation a week early and the same situation prevailed at both Independence and Grand Island, though most of the sickness was in the faculties there. Approximately one-fourth of the grade school children were out on illness at the Salem schools and 437 were reported absent from the high school and two junior high schools here.

MUNITIONS EXPLODE

ROME, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Two soldiers were known to be dead and many injured, some seriously, in an explosion at the airforce ammunition dump at Fort Apollo, on the Apennine way outside Rome today.

BRITAIN WOULD KEEP DEBT OUT OF ARBITRATION

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ASK GENERAL PARLEY

Boncour Makes Contacts With U. S. Embassy As Beginning

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain will informally counsel France against pursuing an idea under consideration by officials of having the question of payment of the December interest on the American debt submitted to arbitration, according to reports in diplomatic circles. It is stated that the British feel this would not in the long run contribute to successful settlement of the debt problem and that resort to arbitration would be undesirable because it would be founded on the presumption that the question cannot be settled through the regular diplomatic channels. Conference Favored However, the British are said to be strong for the French idea that a general conference or general negotiations should be adopted for treating the debts. The general situation lined up today about as follows: First, the French attitude is to keep negotiations with America actively going. Second, eventually to try to move towards a Franco-American study of the debts by experts of the two countries. Third, a move toward a general conference. Fourth, the likelihood that France expected nothing vital could be accomplished before the advent of the Roosevelt administration. Contacts Made Fifth, the likelihood that the government would not attempt for several months to get a new vote from the chamber of deputies on payment of the December interest. The American embassy already has established contact with the new cabinet on the debts question. Theodore Mariner, counselor to the embassy, was received today by M. Col, under-secretary of state in the foreign ministry.

AWARDS IN YO YO CONTEST DISPLAYED

A handsome silver loving cup and diamond-studded yo yos were on display at the McMoran and Washburn store Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. They are awards for the winners of the county championship yo yo contest, sponsored by the Register-Guard and the store, finals of which were being held at the store auditorium Wednesday afternoon. Winners of the high school, grade school and rural school semi-finals were competing in round robin contests the winner to be declared Lane county champion. City Councilman Arthur Henderson was to present the awards to the winners after the contest. The Lane county champion will compete with other county champions to determine the state champion, who will represent Oregon in the national Duncan yo yo contest at the world's fair in Chicago.

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LATE NEWS FLASHES!

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LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Lady Furness, an American beauty who married into the English peerage, filed suit for divorce today against the shipping magnate. The Associated Press was informed the grounds for the suit will be misconduct. The suit is expected to be heard at the next court term but the hearing probably will be quiet, with no more publicity than necessary.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Robert Stuart Davis, 82, traffic manager of the Long-Bell Lumber company, died of pneumonia today at his home here. He was an official in all the railroads in which the Long-Bell companies are interested.

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