

THE HARTFORD DAILY COURANT: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1918.

SPANISH INFLUENZA IN CONNECTICUT

State Health Department Reports Spread of Mysterious Disease.

DR. BLACK GIVES ADVICE TO PUBLIC

No Occasion for Alarm if Proper Precautions Are Taken.

Spanish influenza, that mysterious and rapidly spreading illness, has started an offensive in Connecticut, and the state board of health officials think it quite possible that the disease will become epidemic throughout the state within a few days. The disease first occurred in this state at the naval training stations in New London, and within three days the number of cases has grown to several hundred, and is said still to be spreading rapidly. Ambulances are in constant use carrying sufferers to their homes or to hospitals, and the army has been pressed into service as a hospital.

No occasion for alarm was suggested provided that people take proper precautions to avoid the disease and to care for it when it develops. The great danger is the development of pneumonia after pressure returning to work. The malady is peculiarly contagious, a very large percentage of those exposed to the disease becoming ill. The incubation period is about from one to two days. The rapidity of the development of Spanish influenza is shown by the fact that after only about ten days of prevalence the disease has reached thousands of people in the United States.

Dr. John T. Black of the state health department said yesterday that the disease is usually of about three days' duration, although many patients become prostrated with the disease a second time when they have practically recovered from the first attack. About 2 per cent. of Spanish influenza cases develop into pneumonia, most of the pneumonia coming from the recurrent cases. In New London one death has been reported from pneumonia which developed from this disease. A few cases have been reported from other Connecticut localities, including New Haven and Manchester, and Mr. Black said yesterday that other towns would probably report cases in the next day or two.

Because of the rapid spreading of the disease quarantine is practically impossible, but Dr. Black declared that it is the patriotic duty of everyone who is taken with the disease to isolate himself or herself at once. Public gatherings held indoors should be avoided, as well as contact with suspected cases. The disease usually makes itself known very suddenly, the victim often being taken ill with

chills and a violent headache on the street or at work. The symptoms are very similar to those of ordinary grip, and the health officials regard the disease as grip in epidemic form. The health officials especially desire to emphasize the point that the greatest danger from the epidemic comes from attempts to worry along with it instead of going to bed.

The state board of health has issued instructions to all local health officials as follows:—

"1.—Epidemic influenza is hereby declared a reportable communicable disease until further notice.

"2.—All cases or suspected cases should be reported in accordance with Regulation 4 of the sanitary code and shall be controlled in accordance with Section C, Regulation 20, which provides that patients shall not be put under quarantine but shall be isolated.

"3.—No definite restrictions can be placed on contacts, but indiscriminating visits to patients must be forbidden."

These regulations have been in force in New London for a week.

TOURING CAR TURNS TURTLE IN SUFFIELD

Five Passengers Thrown Out But No One Badly Injured.

(Special to The Courant.)

SUFFIELD, Wednesday, Sept. 18. A seven passenger touring car owned and driven by Meyer Garber of No. 86 Hancock street, Springfield, Mass., and five other persons turned turtle twice about 1:30 o'clock this morning and at Fuller's corner in North Main street and landed on its side on the front lawn of William S. Fuller badly wrecked. The only seriously injured person was the driver, who has a badly sprained wrist and cuts from flying glass from the windshield about the face and hands.

One of the children, a boy about 6 years old was badly cut about the face and hands by broken glass and he lost considerable blood. The other occupants of the car were two brothers of Mr. Garber, and Mrs. Garber and two children, a girl about 11 years old and a boy about 6 years old. The party had been spending a few days in New York with friends, and was on the way back to Springfield when the accident happened. They left New York at 5 p. m. and after stopping in New Haven, for three

hours, left there for their home. The car was badly damaged, the front axle being bent, one front wheel damaged, and the tire torn from the rim, windshield and top broken and both rear and front mud guards badly bent up. They were taken to their home in Springfield, Mass., about 2 o'clock by William S. Fuller of Springfield. The place where the accident happened has been the scene of several accidents of late and Mr. Garber said the road was new to him and he was unable to make the turn. The car ran out of the highway on to the lawn of William S. Fuller, where the car turned turtle.

On account of the illness of Mrs. William A. Hambley of North street the ladies of Hilliday avenue and North street will not meet Friday afternoon and new for the Red Cross. The meeting will be held next week.

The ladies of the West Suffield Congregational Church will serve a supper in the church parlors Thursday evening, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson have gone to New York for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred King and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brockett left by automobile for a week's stay at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Howard Alcorn has gone to the Roxbury Tutoring School at Cheshire, this state.

Mrs. Louis Adams was operated upon for appendicitis at the Weason Hospital in Springfield, Mass., this week. The operation was successful.

Christopher Michels and family have gone to New York state for a two weeks' stay.

Miss Agnes White, a teacher at the Center School in Bridge street slipped and fell at her home in Danbury, last Friday and dislocated her shoulder. She is able to be at her room in the Center School, which opened this week Monday.

BERLIN.

John F. Hagerty has gone to Williamstown, Vt., where he will remain the balance of the winter.

The board of registrars will be in session Thursday in the town clerk's office from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

J. M. Blake has moved his family from New Britain into the tenement of Postmaster Goodrich.

Miss Minnie Thompson is visiting with her grandparents in Northampton, Mass.

Henry L. Porter attended the reunion of the Sixteenth Connecticut Regiment at Hartford yesterday. Mr. Porter is the only member from this town.

Gaetano Gallatiello, charged with non-support, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman M. J. Sayers. Policeman Moriarity arrested John P. Scully on a similar charge.

COLLEGE



In response to the appeal at the Red Cross surgery headquarters on the corner of the Wise, Smith & Co.'s these patriotic women have volunteered their services to boys across the seas on the fields of France. There is to be done but these women fully giving their time a their bit" and the com

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