

FLU EPIDEMIC MOVING AWAY TO SOUTHWARD

Disease Slowly Losing Grip on
Indianapolis, State Re-
ports Show.

SWEEPS 32 COUNTIES

With a total of 6,670 cases of influenza and 202 deaths reported to the state board of health by thirty-two Indiana counties during the last eight days, indications are that the epidemic is slowly moving southward. Thus far the most serious outbreaks of the disease have been north of Indianapolis and in Indianapolis itself.

The disease now is most prevalent in Wabash county, according to reports to the state board. In this county 1,399 cases and seventeen deaths have been reported. The death rate is low, the number of deaths equalling only one in every eighty-two cases reported.

Although only 575 cases have been reported to the state by Marion county, the death rate is the highest in the state, according to reports available. There were eighty-eight deaths, or more than one for each ten cases. St. Joseph county reports only thirty cases with twenty-five deaths, but this is obviously due to a failure of health authorities to report all cases, for the death rate for no disease is as high as this indicates.

Allen county, of which Ft. Wayne is the county seat, is third in the list, with 688 cases and nineteen deaths.

TABLE SHOWS NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS.

The following tabulation shows the number of cases and number of deaths in some of the counties where the more serious situations are reported:

County	Cases	Deaths
Wabash	1,399	17
Marion	575	87
Allen	688	19
Kosciusko	396	7
Madison	327	1
Lake	234	1
Adams	15	2
Clay	109	1
Porter	63	4
Pulaski	126	2
Randolph	92	11
Wells	302	1
White	101	1

A total of 681 new cases were reported today, a reduction from the number reported any day this week. New cases in Marion county totaled 102, with eighteen deaths. This is the smallest number of cases reported since last Monday, when only fifty-two were reported. The death rate is higher than reported most days this week, however.

Wayne county, with 100 cases, reported the epidemic becoming increasingly serious, with eight schools closed.

A DECLINE IN INDIANAPOLIS.

The board of health is advising against the closing of the schools, declaring that the disease is apparently on the decline in this city.

The board is insisting, however, that teachers send home every child who shows any symptoms of illness.

Influenza in Indianapolis was on the decline yesterday, according to reports from the office of the city board of health. Only thirty new cases were reported, bringing the total to 1,235.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the board of health, said that the epidemic was encouraging and hoped for a decline of the disease next week.

The number of deaths from respiratory diseases increased yesterday morning, however, caused by pneumonia and two from influenza having been reported.

Special delivery letters were sent to hundreds of Indianapolis women asking them to take emergency courses in methods of preventing and caring for influenza cases at the Indianapolis chamber of commerce building.

SENT TO ACTIVE WOMEN WORKERS.

These letters went to women heads of clubs, church societies and other organizations, signed by Margaret M. Scott, director of the teaching center.

"With the great increase in the number of influenza and pneumonia patients and the impossibility of the majority of them obtaining either trained or practical nurses, it behooves the women of Indianapolis to prepare themselves to care for their own sick—whether relatives, friends or neighbors," she says in the letter.

The instruction will be given by Miss June Gray, R. N., in one lesson of an hour's length. Miss Gray, who saw service in France with the Lilly hospital, is now on the teaching staff of the Red Cross center.

RAILROADS HIT BY FLU SPREAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Influenza has wrought havoc in the ranks of railroad employees, seriously crippling the operating forces on some roads and necessitating curtailment in service on some lines. Director General Elwood F. Walker yesterday said that the epidemic is a contributing factor in delaying the movement of trains. Because of the tieup of equipment and men, the director said, the epidemic has been held in some divisions, particularly the eastern against certain classes of freight.

Along the lines east of the Ohio are great accumulations of freight which are delayed in delivery. As a consequence of conditions passenger traffic has been considerably restricted.

Cabaret Girls Strike in Tokio Geishas

TOKIO, Feb. 9.—The municipal amusement tax which Japanese town councils have imposed as a means of helping to meet rising costs was responsible for a strike of geishas in the city of Sendai. The geishas, together with their "kagosas," the proprietors of the geisha houses and the restaurant or teahouse proprietors, held a mass meeting in the public park and passed resolutions denouncing the city council and pledging themselves to go on strike until the tax was removed.

All the geisha houses and the restaurants which cater for the "geisha spread" trade, have since been closed, and the tax remains.

Barbwire Fence Is Death Trap for Elk

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 9.—Winner in numerous battles with bull buffalo and males of its own kind, a big elk, king of Scotty Phillips' herd for more than a decade, recently fought its last battle, and a barb wire fence was the victor in a struggle to the death.

Evidently taking a dislike to the heavy wire fence surrounding the Phillips' ranch, the elk attempted to clear it, but failed and landed squarely on the sharp barbs of the topmost wire. After a terrific struggle, the animal tore itself loose, but died of its wounds.

BOOKSELLERS DISAPPEAR.

It is said that the United States, in proportion to its population, has only half as many booksellers today as it had fifty years ago.

IMPROVES TOOTHBRUSH.

A curving toothbrush recently invented brushes the inner surface of the teeth as thoroughly as the outside.

**Youthful Carrier
Knows Why People
Like to Read Times**



JAMES PRALL.

Boosting his original number of Times subscribers 1400 per cent in five months, James Prall, 826 East Georgia street, a carrier of Station M.

James is a hustler. Every time the paper has gone out to the various Times substations to get busy and increase the number of subscribers, James has buckled down to the job and made good.

His route is made up almost entirely of working classes of men and women. His talk points have hinged on the benefits of reading a newspaper that appeals to everybody.

"I've won a Lone Scout suit, four flashlights, a punching bag, trench helmet, games and about everything The Times has offered as prizes to its carriers," laughed James.

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NEWS of INDIANAPOLIS in Brief

The residents of Brightwood are starting a movement to secure a new library for this section of the city. They claim that the present building is too small to meet the needs of the community. The persons behind the movement suggest that those interested in it should begin with the present branch to its capacity so that the need will be made evident to those in authority.

Earl Lower, 1333 West Thirty-fourth street, is confined to his home with a severe case of tonsillitis.

Miss Dorothy Rentsch, 81 Bungalow park, will depart on a dancing engagement which will include a tour of Canada. Miss Rentsch is a solo dancer.

The "get together" supper, which the congregation of the United Brethren Methodist church had planned to hold last night, has been postponed for two weeks.

The parishioners of St. Rita's colored Catholic church will present a minstrel at Tomlinson hall tonight. A "real craps" game will be staged.

Tony Krich, 1508 Charles street, is confined to his home with the influenza. Herman Wernsing is taking his place as caretaker of the property of Sacred Heart Catholic church during his illness.

A revival meeting is being conducted at the Woodside Methodist church. The service will continue throughout next week. There will be no services Saturday evening.

The members of the Holy Rosary parish are busy with their plans for the church bazaar which is to be held at Tomlinson hall next week.

Rev. M. L. Scheidler of Second Evangelical church Friday received word

MAN, 70, PLEADS AGAINST DIVORCE

Asks Court to Deny His Wife
Chance to Wed Another.

Pinkney Parker, the aged husband of Mrs. Brunette C. Parker, 57, who conducted a boarding house at 57 Kentucky avenue, Saturday appealed to Judge T. J. Moll of superior court, room 5, not to grant a divorce to his wife.

Parker told the court a letter in which he stated that he did not know that his wife after thirty-three years of wedded life was attempting to obtain a divorce until he read newspaper accounts of it.

"I am 70 years old and I lived with my wife for about thirty-three years and have raised eleven children," he wrote. "I did not leave my home, but was run away from there by one of the police. I do not want her to have a divorce. I have a little home now about half paid for, and the door of my home is always open for her."

Parker states that his home is at R. R. L-1, and that he does not want his wife to marry another man.

Mrs. Parker thought that the court had granted her a divorce and applied for a license to marry Stanley Bates, 29, a boarder at her home. Mrs. Parker is 67, the marriage application shows.

The court heard of the attempt at remarriage and the decree had been signed, an entry was made granting Mrs. Parker a limited divorce for five years. During that time she can not live with Parker or remarry.

Scrofula Rheumatism
and Catarrh are constitutional diseases. They require a constitutional remedy. There is none better than

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Which thoroughly purifies the blood and builds up health.

**BRITON FAVORS
DRY LAW IN U. S.**

Predicts Canada Soon Will
Follow Example.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Not all Englishmen who return from America are infuriated at what most of them believe to be the "idiotry of prohibition." But Dr. C. W. Saleeby, one of Britain's foremost eugenicists and sociologists, is the first one to get a column in any British newspaper purporting to show that prohibition has not been rammed down the throats of America by a trifling minority, and that vast good already has been accomplished by the latest constitutional amendment.

Dr. Saleeby predicts that Canada soon will follow in the United States footsteps and that it is high time for England to quit looking at the prohibition movement through colored glasses.

PROHIBITION LAWS.

"The prohibition law is being broken in America," Dr. Saleeby admits, "and it will continue to be broken by the froth and dregs, by the criminal rich and the criminal poor—like other laws in all countries."

"The American prohibition measure is an exceedingly strong and thorough one; the magnificent bravery and devotion at the command of the Anti-Saloon league having been applied to it, and supported by the mass of the nation everywhere."

"The measure is what no one understands here, where the obvious lie is sedulously spread, that by some means undefined and inconceivable, the most democratic, self-determining and highly educated people in the world have imposed on them a policy that they abominate by a chimera called 'pussyfoot'."

The job would be admirable if only the world were not gravely prejudiced by its success. It can not, however, succeed much longer.

BENEFICIAL EFFECTS EXCEED HOPES.

"Throughout the United States, as in Ontario, the effects of war-time prohibition have exceeded the expectations of its advocates, and have strengthened public opinion, already determined, for the final measure. That is why the enforcement act has been made so extraordinarily strong, and by such immense majorities in congress."

"The improvement in social records and vital statistics, the unexpected prosperity of erstwhile breweries, now making innocent and useful things, and sharing in the general prosperity which follows from their own conversion, the increase in private bank accounts, the unprecedented order and freedom from crime that attended the temperance strike, the highest in the history of the United States—such things have made assurance trebly sure."

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**Prepare for \$375,000
City Sanitary Loan**

Preparations to negotiate a temporary loan of \$375,000 to pay off bonds of the department of public sanitation due Feb. 15, are being made by Robert H. Bryson, city controller.

The state board of tax commissioners approved the loan Friday. It was passed by the city council Monday night.

Mrs. Lucinda Dietz and her daughter, Catherine, who live at 1242 Pleasant street, are recovering from influenza.

The Armstrong Transfer and Trucking Company plans to begin construction of an eight-story building on South Pennsylvania street early in March. The building will cost \$300,000.

The Wangelin-Sharp Company, Ford dealers, have started construction work on a new building at 443-445 Virginia street. It will be one story high and built so that another story can be added. The estimated cost of the building is \$85,000.

Persons living near East Thirtieth street and Baltimore avenue are preparing a petition to have the street paved.

At the last story hour of the Prospect branch library 176 children were present. Miss Abner, from the central library, told the story of "The Briar Rose" and "Snow White."

**City Employees Quit
Co-operative Buying**

A co-operative buying association, formed by city employees for the purpose of purchasing supplies in wholesale quantities, has been abandoned, according to Mayor Charles W. Fawcett.

The mayor explained that the city administration did not care to take any steps that might interfere with the merchants of the city who, as taxpayers, should not be put to the expense of supplying necessities to city employees. He further explained that wholesale dealers, in fairness to the retail trade, could not be expected to accept orders from the association.

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**Oh, Mercy! What Our School Girls
Say About That Silk Hose Edict**

Revolution today is brewing among the fair coeds of the Shortridge High school.

Why shouldn't the girls wear 'em as thin as they want to? Many of the girls at Shortridge were openly indignant at an order of Mrs. Della Thompson, dean of girls at Shortridge, prohibiting the girls from wearing diaphanous silk stockings.

The ban on thin stockings and low shoes was placed in effect by the dean as a health measure to protect the girls from grip and the influenza.

The trouble started Friday when several of the girls were sent home because of the diaphanousness of their silk hosiery and low pumps.

ENGLISH OPPOSE UNION DECREE

Resent Marriage Annulment Because of Barrenness.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The decree of a Milan, Italy, court annulling a marriage on the ground that it was childless has aroused a chorus of discussion here, mostly in disapproval.

"It is a gross impertinence in Italy, where women are not represented in the legislature," declared Miss Florence Freedom, secretary of the Women's Freedom league, "and advocates of compulsory annulment for this reason will find no adherents among British women."

"I consider," said Mrs. Davidson Lyall of the London County council and the Marriage Defense council, "that the proposal to make childlessness a compulsory or voluntary basis for annulment of the whole ideal of the greatest and best of human partnerships."

DECLARE CHURCH WILL NOT HEAR IT.

"The Roman Catholic church will never tolerate such a decree," said George Egan, secretary of the Catholic League, "and the church will not hear it."

"Marriage must be regarded as a sacrament or a mere civil contract. The Catholic church regards it as a sacrament and never will annul it on the ground of barrenness."

"I say emphatically that childlessness is not a suitable plea to put in the foreground of an application for divorce," said the Rev. J. H. G. Grogan, vicar of St. Mary's, "and the church will not hear it."

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**SHE MUST WAIT
TO MARRY AGAIN**

Woman Goes to License Clerk,
Finds She Isn't Divorced.

Mrs. Edith Davidson Saturday thought that she had been granted a divorce from Raymond Davidson by Frank Blackledge, special judge in superior court.

A few minutes after she left the witness stand, Mrs. Davidson appeared at the county clerk's office with another man seeking a marriage license. Deputy Clerk Clintworth informed Judge Blackledge.

The court ordered Mrs. Davidson into the court room again and informed her that she had not signed the decree and would take the case under advisement.

Attaches of the court said that Mrs. Davidson apologized to the court for her haste.

**U. S. NABS MAN
AS SWINDLER**

Ray G. Botts of Frankfort
Jailed for Misuse of Mails.

Ray G. Botts, Frankfort, Ind., was placed in the Marion county jail Saturday under a \$1,000 bond on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Botts was arrested Saturday by Frank S. Ream, deputy United States marshal, and arraigned before R. B. Davidson, United States commissioner at Lafayette, Ind.

It is charged that Botts sent out circular letters offering \$10 for each 100 names submitted for an alleged mailing list. He later informed his representatives that they were to collect 25 cents from each one desiring to go on the list and keep 10 cents of the amount. A. C. Garrius, postoffice inspector, swore out a warrant for Botts.

When brought here Saturday Botts said he had made about \$90 out of the deal and had given it up as a bad job. A charge of passing worthless checks is also said to be pending against him.

**Local Men Taken
as Box Car Thieves**

Alleged to be members of a gang of robbers who stole thousands of dollars' worth of commodities from freight cars in East St. Louis, Ill., William Luther Clark, 224