

## Just by Way of Proving the Darndest Things Can Happen

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Giovanni Evangel, Rochester, N. Y., was standing on a street corner when the door handle of a passing automobile hooked a pocket and ripped off his pants.

Joseph Callahan of Chicago was asleep in a chair when his false teeth fell to the floor. Mr. Callahan slipped off the chair and his forehead hit the plate. He was bitten.

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street. He discovered too late they were carrying a sheet of glass. Mr. Forde was treated for minor cuts. Jay J. Martin, Pueblo, Colo., steel company executive, was at work at his office desk, at peace with the world. A moment later he was carried through two partitions on the cow catcher of a locomotive. The engine had jumped the track and smashed through the wall of his office. Mr. Martin was uninjured.

Eugene Ramsey, a Burgaw, N. C., carpenter, invented a mouse trap. While working on the device it accidentally snapped shut on his finger. He swung his arm to shake off the trap. It flew free, slid under the kitchen stove and killed a mouse.

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## NATION IS READY TO BATTLE FLU

### If Epidemic in California Spreads, Health Officials Will Be Prepared.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—If the California influenza epidemic crosses the continent it will find health and medical authorities prepared to meet it instead of being caught unaware, as has generally been their experience in the past.

Flu-fighting plans for the New York City area were drawn at a conference called by Dr. John L. Rice, Health Commissioner for New York City.

Plans were discarded as impractical, both because of the large numbers of persons who would have to be examined and because there is no way of telling by looking at a person whether he is coming down with influenza.

**Go Home, Go to Bed**

Advice from the conference to the public is:

If you feel influenza or grippe coming on, go to bed and stay there. Have a doctor if you possibly can, but stay in bed even if you cannot.

Most patients with the present type of mild influenza, it was agreed, will be best off at home under a doctor's care rather than in a hospital where there is more chance of picking up other infections.

New York City and surrounding communities, the conference was told by health authorities, have less influenza now and have had less since Nov. 1 than in the same period last year.

**Not Felt in Illinois, Ohio**

The California epidemic has not yet reached even halfway across the continent, according to reports gathered by Science Service.

In Illinois only 42 cases of influenza have been reported since Oct. 7. Dr. Robert R. Cross, Public Health Director, reported.

In Missouri, Dr. Harry F. Parker, State Health Commissioner, said: "The case reports are no longer than the usual seasonal prevalence."

Dr. R. E. Markwith, Ohio Director of Health, said only 63 cases of influenza had been officially reported in that state this month.

In Nevada 143 cases of influenza with five cases of pneumonia have been reported.

### MRS. SCHLEPPEY IN CRITICAL CONDITION

The condition of Mrs. Geraldine Schleppeny remained critical today in St. Vincent's Hospital. She was injured and her 2-year-old son, John, was killed when their car and another collided Sunday at 71st and Spring Mill Road.

Mr. Guy Rainey, 23, Tipton, a passenger in the other car, was killed, and John B. Mitchell, driver of the other car also was reported in a critical condition in St. Vincent's.

Mrs. Schleppeny, the wife of Bloor Schleppeny, Zionsville, an Indianapolis attorney, funeral services for the Schleppeny child will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

### REPUBLICANS GAIN 2 VOTES IN RECOUNT

Republicans in 20 contested races for county offices picked up two votes yesterday as the count for defeated Democrats continued despite rumors it would be abandoned.

Sherwood Blue, the other Republican candidate, gained two votes in scattered precincts to widen his lead over Prosecutor David M. Schilling.

Recount commissioners, including Walter Pritchett, Frank P. Baker and Jerry Gates, recounted the vote on 39 machines from 37 precincts.

The discrepancy occurred in Ward 13, Precinct 2, where the Republican ticket gained a vote and the Democratic lost one.

### BLAST BURNS FATAL TO TERRE HAUTE MAN

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 10 (U. P.)—Funeral services were being arranged today for Robert McFee, 68, who died from burns suffered yesterday when a kerosene stove exploded in an old streetcar which he had built into a home.

He was rescued by neighbors who saw the blaze.

### MRS. MARY POGUE'S RITES IN GREENFIELD

GREENFIELD, Ind., Dec. 10.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pogue, mother of Bartow Reese Pogue, Indiana University professor; poet and speaker, will be at 2 p. m. today here.

She died Sunday night at her home. She was 77 and lived in Greenfield for 45 years. She was a Church and of the W. C. T. U.

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