

DEATH ROLL IS LONG ONE

MANY SUMMONED BY REAPER IN PAST WEEK

James Dilly Reported Gone; Lloyd Perry Succumbs to Influenza; Two Pioneers of County Pass Away.

James E. Dillel
Mrs. James E. Dillel, wife of Private J. E. Dillel, received a telegram Monday from Hoboken, N. J., signed "Judson, Brigadier General," reading as follows:

"Regret to advise the death of Private James Dillel at sea, August 5th, from Influenza. Owing to existing conditions, it was impossible to bring remains back to United States, and at sunrise Private Dillel was buried at sea with full military honors."

James E. Dillel was in Gunnison on the 6th of August. He left Gunnison on the 6th of August. He was entrained and arrived at Fort Logan, August 7th, 1918. So it is evident that there is a mistake somewhere. At the time mentioned in the above message, it is known to be a fact that the Flu had not broken out again, if this young man had died on that date, it is hardly possible that the authorities would have waited so long to notify his wife of his death.

Of course, there is another side to the argument. It is possible that the sender of the message made a mistake in the date, and meant to say October rather than August. It could not have been September either, for Dillel wrote to his mother, Mrs. Dillel, of our city, from Louisville, Ky., on September 19th. At the time he wrote this letter, he was expecting to be sent across shortly. This was the last letter his mother received, and neither his wife nor his mother have known anything of his whereabouts since that time.

We hope that the officer who sent the message told of some other man who bore the same name as our Gunnison boy, rather than that he made a mistake in the date.

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION BY THE COUNTY PHYSICIAN

An epidemic, terrible in proportions and resultant deaths, is sweeping over the country.

According to Salida physicians, three out of every four pneumonia cases are failing to recover in our neighboring city. Similar and worse conditions exist in other Colorado towns. Altho surrounded by this epidemic, Gunnison County is the only one in the state to remain free from the disease.

In order that our lives and those of our families may be better safeguarded, I have caused a strict quarantine to be placed on Gunnison County against the world. Barricades and fences have been erected on all main highways near the county lines; lanterns at night, and signs by day warning autoes to go thru the county at once or submit to quarantine.

Any person may leave the county at his will; None may return except those who will go into voluntary quarantine at a place designated by this office. This applies to residents outside the town of Gunnison, which has its own regulations.

Altho we feel and expect the loyal support of every Gunnison County citizen in making this drastic act effective, however, the first instance in which any person willfully molests these barricades or deliberately endeavors to break this quarantine, that person will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law, and to this we promise our personal attention.

F. P. HANSON,
County Physician

ROCKEFELLER IN CHARGE

TAKES OVER CITY AND COUNTY QUARANTINE AGAINST FLU.

Doctors Disagree, Then Unite on a Measure Which May Save Us Invasions by Epidemic. Situation Was Bad.

At noon today, Dr. Rockefeller of Crested Butte was by mutual agreement of the doctors, given entire charge of both town and county to enforce a quarantine against all the world, in the hope if possible to stop the epidemic from spreading here. This is a wise decision, for conditions were rapidly arousing the public.

Here we have, Gunnison, the only county in the state that has escaped. In nearby communities they are dying by the dozens. Four died in Montrose last night, 19 reported dead in Leadville, Wednesday. The same awful tale from Salida, Silverton, and thru-out Colorado.

This morning we learn that there is one case in Gunnison, that of Miss Dora Gabler, while her sister, Mrs. H. U. Gavette who met her at the train Saturday when she arrived sick, came down 48 hours later and just 48 hours after that Mr. Gavette was attacked. Both the latter lie sick at their ranch home above Parlin.

But we still have time to check this epidemic. Wednesday morning when the county slapped a quarantine over all districts, there was an agreement made to use Chipeta Hall as a detention camp in this city for the 48 hours confinement necessary. That morning Senator Sapp, Fred McKee, W. L. Curtis and the Kunze family from Baldwin were interned, having gotten off the westbound train. The county was to pay half the expense and the city half. Within three hours the agreement was dissolved by the city and the persons in quarantine released, because the authority of the county health officer does not extend into incorporated towns like Gunnison, Crested Butte and Pitkin.

Very fortunately the men released were of no mind to endanger their families or the citizens at large and went into voluntary confinement in their own homes, a thing for which they should receive the gratitude of everyone. Others who have arrived since are going into voluntary quarantine.

"FLU" TOLL IS TERRIFIC

GUNNISON COUNTY ESCAPES DIRECT ATTACK OF INFLUENZA

Only Section of State Believed Free from Dread Disease Which Baffles Doctors Everywhere.

The "Flu" situation in Colorado is getting to be something terrific. Here in Gunnison, where it is doubtful whether an actual case has really occurred yet, it is impossible for us to visualize the terror and desolation that is afflicting our sister towns.

At Salida 500 cases are reported. The big Hotel Denton at the station has been converted into a hospital and both the Rio Grande and Red Cross hospitals are crowded to the limit. Dr. Carman, of Salida declares that only one out of four cases of pneumonia is recovering. At Silverton, 762 deaths from pneumonia. Every city and valley east and west is getting into the thick of it except Gunnison county, where the first of the week not a case was reported. Biens Vista and Duray were the only other communities in Colorado so fortunate, and both of these had quarantined. Ouray has since reported several cases.

Acting Wednesday on the advice of County Physician F. P. Hanson, who had just returned from a meeting of the State Board of Health, a strict quarantine has been put upon the entire county east, west, north and south in the hope that by drastic action the disease can be kept not only from Gunnison, but out of the great producing coal camps and ranch valleys.

This means eternal vigilance on the part of the officials and loyal support by everyone else. Even automobile touring parties are banned. If it is within the bounds of human possibility to make this epidemic pass by and save the lives of our people, we should do it.

In the nation at large, the epidemic is being attended to everywhere. Some are not so exact. There are still some instances of catching the Germans in the act of spreading it, but these have been exterminated.