

PEP TAKEN OUT OF HALLOWE'EN BY QUARANTINE

Regardless of the health ban on parties, dances and other such affairs, the nummers of Hallowe'en held sway Thursday night in celebration of this annual festival in numbers decreased over previous years however. They gathered along the corners and on the city streets in all sections of the town, the only place left for them. In all the by-streets of the neighborhood sections and on Hamilton street especially the masqueraders promenaded and made merry to their heart's content.

Hamilton street between Fifth and Tenth was their main stamping ground. Old and young, garbed, be-painted and be-wigged in every conceivable style showed off their makeups to the more staid but still highly interested citizens who found their way to the main thoroughfare during the evening. As in recent years the domino costume predominated above anything else. The psychology of topical interest and attraction as compared to previous years was to be noted in the great number of Red Cross nurse costumes to be seen on the girls and young women. Here and there one saw a sailor or soldier uniform but the serious portent and dignity of such a garb at the present time seemed to prevent its use for skylarking. As always there were scores of hoydenish girls making futile efforts to be boys. Of the boys who changed themselves into girls for the evening there was a bigger percentage of successful accomplishment. The perennial blackface minstrel make-up ran as strong in popularity as ever but the former popular sight of a girl wearing her sweetheart's baseball togs was conspicuous by its absence, showing again the trend of public interest and the new way the war has made it take.

The strangest sight of all Thursday night was the dark dance halls. Here on previous years was to be found hundreds of skylarking nummers of all ages enjoying themselves from early evening to midnight and trying hard to carry off a prize with their costume. The usual column or two of masquerade parties that should find place in today's issue of this paper is also among the missing—all due to the accursed presence of Senor Influenza and his barred death's dagger which has made the forbidding of such gatherings a necessary precaution against the spread of the epidemic. The serious mindedness of the public at this stage in the world's war, is also advanced as another reason this year for the lack of pep in the celebration of the ancient and universally observed feast of Hallowe'en.