

## Press Hard Hit by Flu Epidemic

Readers of The Press will have to bear with us in the unusual strain of publishing a paper during the epidemic. Two of the members of the mechanical force have been stricken with sickness and two of the carrier boys are threatened with it. The paper is being published under difficulties and if it does not seem to be just up to the usual par excellence, blame it on the epidemic and be glad that we can publish at all.

George Martin, job printer, is the only man left in the composing room where the forms are made up. Roy Hoff and Sam A. Greaves being indisposed this week.

## INFLUENZA VICTIMS PILED ON GROUND: NOT ENUF COFFINS

EL PASO, Oct. 22.—Deaths from influenza are occurring so fast in northern Mexico it is impossible to supply coffins for the dead or to bury them for days after they die.

Reports received here from Torreon, Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua City and other Mexican towns tell of desperate conditions due to the influenza epidemic. At Chihuahua City, the state capital, one man reports 20 bodies lying on the ground at the municipal cemetery, because the graves could not be dug fast enough to bury them.

# Influenza Spreading 60 to 70 Cases Here

There are about 65 to 70 cases of Spanish influenza in Montross at the present time and the contagion is still spreading. Dr. Isaiah Knott says that there seems to be no very serious outbreak of it, and yet there is no reason to hope for an early lifting of the quarantine.

Dr. Schermerhorn hands the following to The Press for publication:

To members of state executive committees and county representatives, volunteer medical service corps:  
Subject—Influenza.

I urge upon the members of the volunteer medical service corps that they instruct families under their care to guard against the epidemic by:

Thorough cleanliness of houses, premises, clothing, utensils, and personal cleanliness.

Avoid stirring up dust. Wash scrub, flush, sprinkle and use soap and water thoroly.

Gargle and spray the nose and throat with an alkaline antiseptic fluid frequently.

Cooperate at once to the fullest extent with the local, state and national boards of health. Urge and cooperate in preparing towns and cities for the epidemic, by establishing emergency hospitals in suitable buildings, by districting communities, and apportioning or dividing medical forces comprising men and women physicians and nurses, so that no portion of the community is without medical care.

Circulate as thoroly as possible and explain to the public the warnings and directions printed by the United States public health service and by local health authorities.

Urge the importance of fresh air and the avoidance of still and over heat. In fighting the epidemic give no medicine and use no treatment which may depress the vital forces especially the heart of the patient.

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and conquering Gerianns. We must fight and conquer germs without taking anything away from the army and navy. Don't ask the army or navy for medical and surgical supplies. Use simple utensils for sterilizing, the simplest kinds of bed and bedding, make your own masks and dressings, and fight for yourselves.

While the epidemic is on, do no surgical operations unless absolutely necessary to save life.

In every way in your power urge the members of the volunteer medical service corps to cooperate to the fullest extent with the United States public health service and with the state and local health authorities.

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President Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

FRED SCHERMERHORN,

Representative Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

## GRADING STREETS

Some grading has recently been done on Main street from Park avenue to the city limits on West Main. All loose rocks on this street have been picked up and removed.

## SHIPPERS WHO PACK GOODS POORLY WILL BE PROSECUTED

The Post Administration is "going after" the shipper whose goods arrive at their destination damaged because of improper loading or defective equipment.

Tons of lost cattle yearly come in to Denver damaged because of careless loading, declared A. V. Wiley, director of the Department of Justice of the Post Administration.

General freight agents of all lines have been notified how best to pack goods, and the Post Administration is going