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## CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS CLOSED

**On Account of "Flu" City Board of Health Orders That Schools, Churches and Theatres Be Closed and That There Be No Public Gatherings of Any Kind.**

By order of the City Board of Health the "flu" is epidemic in Abbeville now.

Twenty-eight new cases were reported here Tuesday, making a total of 105 altogether. No cases of pneumonia have developed.

On account of the influenza epidemic the City Board of Health has ordered, "that the schools, churches, moving picture theatres be closed and that no public meetings of any kind be held, and that no skating be allowed."

The city schools closed Tuesday because of lack of teachers and the scarcity of students. Only one high school teacher reported for duty. Miss Lottie May Vaughn, the rest, Miss Julia Turner, Miss Johnnie Mae Lynch and Prof. MacTyre Daniel being confined to their rooms with flu or la grippe. The action of the Board of Health makes the closing official.

Dr. J. R. Power, Chairman City Board of Health, said that the flu was epidemic here in a very mild form and that they felt that there was no reason for the public to become unduly alarmed. Some cases in the country were severe, and were typical of last year's epidemic, but that the type of flu prevailing in town, was mild.

He said that the City Board of Health took action as a precautionary measure and urged the public to respond in spirit, thus reducing to a minimum the chances of spreading the disease.

The order of the Board of Health will remain in force until there is a marked diminution in the epidemic here.

### Enforce Quarantine.

Supt. Fulp has asked that all parents help in strictly enforcing the quarantine as ordered by the City Board of Health in so far as the school children are concerned.

If the parents do not see that their children are kept at home and away from other children, the closing down of the schools will work more harm towards spreading the epidemic than if the children were kept in school. While it is not definitely known by the medical profession just how influenza is contracted, it may be assumed that the germ or organism is contracted by close contact with carriers or from persons already having the germ in their bodies. So it is expedient for us to use every precaution to prevent a further spread of the disease and see that children do not be permitted to gather or to play together.

If the quarantine is accepted in the same spirit in which it is levied by the board of health, there is at least hope that the schools may resume their work in a few days.

The superintendent also has advised all the teachers to remain where they are as every doctor admits that the disease is most easily contracted on crowded trains, and it may be that some already affected would carry the epidemic to their home towns. It is also the intention of the board of health to reopen the schools just as soon as practicable, and each teacher must be where they can be quickly notified.

## EXTENDED STUDY OF COTTON SEED; MUCH SOLD ANNUALLY

Washington, Feb. 3.—Marketing of cotton seed for planting purposes should be made a more highly specialized industry than it is and the term "planting cotton seed" should be made to represent a product of infinitely greater intrinsic and potential value than ordinary cotton seed or the average planting cotton seed of today, the department of agriculture has concluded after thorough investigation of the subject. Cotton seed sold annually in the United States for planting purposes is approximately 170,000 tons; the estimated value in very recent years approaches \$20,000,000. That represents about 31 per cent. of the total annual requirements for planting, the remaining 69 per cent. being produced on farms where it is used.

Approximately 93,000 tons or 17 per cent. of the total planting requirement, is obtained from seedmen, cottonseed oil mills, cotton gin operators and small local dealers. Seedmen handle about 30,000 tons of that. Under the present system of handling cotton seed on the average farm and at public gins, the department says, very little pure seed of any variety or strain is available. Standard commercial varieties of cotton sold for planting purposes number less than 40, while the number of variety names used in exploiting the business during recent years is well over 600. The practice of renaming varieties has been abused in some instances to the extent that the variety name serves little more than to advertise or identify the seller, the department's report declares.

Delinting of cotton seed for planting purposes is being followed in very few instances, although it has been advocated by some of the state agricultural experiment stations in the South. It has proved a practical success from the standpoint of both dealers and farmers wherever it has been tried. It is of prime importance in improving the quality of the seed, causing them to germinate more quickly and to produce a better stand. If delinters were installed in custom gins, farmers might have their cotton seed which they had selected to be used or sold for planting purposes delinted during the ginning process at very little additional cost. More than 30,000,000 pounds of linters, valued at \$1,200,000 which at the present time is wasted, would be saved.

Quoting of planting cotton seed for sale per 100 pounds rather than per bushel is urged and many other phases of the industry thoroughly discussed.

### FORMER MANAGER HERE.

M. C. Hoyer, Columbia, formerly manager of the Five and Ten Cent store here, arrived in Abbeville Tuesday to take charge of the above named store during the illness of R. E. Henry, who is confined to his bed with the flu.

### A New Nurse.

Miss Sallie Gossett, of Greenville, has accepted a position as community nurse at the Mill and has entered upon the discharge of her duties. Miss Gossett comes highly recommended and will be a great help in the welfare work carried on at the mill.

### Goes to Hospital.

The friends of Mrs. C. A. Haigler will regret to learn that she left Tuesday to enter a hospital in Atlanta for treatment.

### The Old Grey Mare.

There is an old saying that "a grey mule never dies" which, if true, puts the street paving people in Class 'A'. On the Greenville street job they work four grey mules, all hitched to one plow or scrape, presenting a most unusual sight. If the present weather holds out the street paving job will probably last the life of a good grey mule.

## SENATOR LODGE TO MOVE TO CONSIDER TREATY IN SENATE

Washington, Feb. 3.—A renewal of senate debate on the peace treaty next week was regarded as virtually assured today when Republican leaders decided to join with the Democrats in the movement to bring the treaty back into the open senate.

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, gave notice today that he would move "on next Monday to suspend the rules of the treaty. The Democrats already had announced they would make a similar motion Tuesday of next week.

In the form proposed by Senator Lodge the motion will require a two-thirds majority, but the general prediction was more than that number would support it. Not only those who favored ratification in some form, but some of the treaty's irreconcilable foes are ready to vote to reopen the debate.

Should Senator Lodge's motion fail, however, the motion of the Democratic leaders the following day will be in such form that only a majority would be necessary to pass it, the party leaders say. The Democrats contend that no suspension of the rules would be necessary to take up the treaty and that position is expected to be upheld by Vice President Marshall. On appeal from his decision, a majority only would be needed to sustain him.

### Democrats Surprised.

Senator Lodge's announcement, made just after the senate met, apparently astounded Democratic senators who asked him to repeat it. The surprise was due to the fact that last week Senator Walsh, of Montana, gave notice on behalf of Senator Hitchcock that the latter would move on February 10, to take up the treaty. Senator Lodge thus forestalling Senator Hitchcock by setting the date of his motion one day ahead of Senator Hitchcock's.

"I sincerely hope," said Senator Lodge, in making his announcement, "that unanimous consent will not be refused. If it is, I shall make the necessary motion."

"Why wait so long?" asked Senator Ashurst, Arizona, Democrat. "Why not tomorrow or next day?" "I'll say to the senator," replied Senator Lodge, "that I've given that consideration. But so many senators are absent that I think it better to wait until next Monday."

Senator Lodge's decision was reached after conferences with other Republicans and a study of the record of the treaty debate in the last session.

Democratic and Republican leaders are understood to be preparing reservations to offer as soon as the treaty again is before the senate. In some quarters it was predicted many of the points at issue soon would be eliminated by an agreement on the basis of the work done by the informal bi-partisan compromise committee. The possibility that open debate would facilitate agreement on article ten and the Monroe doctrine, however, was regarded by many of the senators as remote.

### CUT IN CLOTHING PRICES AGREED ON

Washington, Feb. 3.—Representatives of the Men's Clothing Industry in conference with Department of Justice officials reached an agreement today on a policy to be followed by them in an effort to reduce to cost of men's clothing. Further than this announcement, the clothiers would not discuss the conference.

Assistant Attorney General Figg said a statement outlining the results of the conference would be issued later in the day and that it would embody a resolution adopted by the clothiers.

### Wintering in Camden.

The friends of Mrs. Mamie Lee Bryant of Atlantic City, will be glad to know that she is spending the winter in Camden. She comes in search of a warm climate and friends hope she will come to Abbeville before returning North.

## GRAND AND PETIT JURORS ARE CHOSEN; COURT MEETS FEB. 23.

The grand jurors for 1920 and the petit jurors for the February term Court of General Sessions which convenes Friday February 23, follow:

### Grand Jury for Year 1920

J. S. Morse, 11, W. H. White, 11, A. L. Link, 10, F. P. McGee, 5, T. A. Fuman, 5, Pat Roche, 11, R. L. Barmore, 4, A. D. Kennedy, 5, W. A. Harbin, 6, J. T. Magill, 5, J. B. Price, 11, R. S. Link, 11, Jesse Bonds, 13, J. G. Baskin, 13, A. B. Minor, 13, Thor. Stevenson, 6, B. G. Campbell, 13, R. D. Branyon, 5.

### Petit Jurors, February Term

L. M. Patterson, 12, B. E. Evans, 7, C. G. McAllister, 14, V. R. Ramey, 10, R. W. Smith, 10, John M. Wright, 13, T. C. Sutherland, 14, S. H. Rosenberg, 11, W. R. Phillips, 4, J. S. Fields, 14, J. W. Baldwin, 5, B. A. Campbell, 13, A. B. Broadwell, 13, J. H. Sherard, 14, J. W. Lollis, 4, J. W. Bradberry, 12, J. E. Culbreth, 11, J. T. Black, 14, H. G. Darricott, 14, W. E. Johnson, 11, A. L. Bass, 11, J. H. Ferguson, 11, Pierce Bowen, 6, W. M. Agnew, 6, Lott Branyon, 5, E. O. Clinkscales, 13, Norris Wakefield, 12, J. L. James, 6, Albert Henry, 11, J. A. Ashley, 6, J. E. Palmer, 11, G. E. Tate, 11, J. W. McKee, 6, H. P. Salley, 12, J. C. Dupre, 10, W. M. Kerr.

## NEW MEMBERS OF WILSON CABINET TAKE THEIR SEATS

Washington, Feb. 2.—Edwin T. Meredith of Des Moines, Iowa, became a member of the cabinet today, succeeding David F. Houston as secretary of agriculture. Mr. Houston was sworn in at noon as secretary of the treasury, replacing Carter Glass, who took his seat in the senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Martin, of Virginia.

Mr. Meredith, the new agricultural department, is the editor of the "Successful Farming," and president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. He also is a director of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank and was one of the excess-profit advisors of the treasury department.

Secretary Glass, then a member of the house of representatives, from Virginia, was appointed about a year ago to succeed William G. McAdoo as secretary of the treasury.

### MRS. J. D. MILLER

Mrs. J. D. Miller, 76 years old, died at her home six miles east of town Tuesday night. She is survived by her husband and several children. The deceased is well known throughout the county and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at Ebenezer Church.

### Going To Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lee leave today for a pleasure trip to Cuba. They will be away some time and expect to see all the sights in the gay city of Havana.

## GERMAN WAR GUILTY MUST BE TRIED BY ALLIES SEPARATELY

Paris, Feb. 2.—The council of ambassadors today approved a draft of the allied reply to the German note asking moderation in the terms of the peace treaty demanding surrender of German war guilty.

The allies' reply will point out, it was learned, that under the terms of the treaty trial of the German war guilty of the allies must be separate from any German trial.

Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation here, will receive the allied reply tomorrow, according to the council's plans.

At the request of the French representative, who pointed out Germany is more than 1,000,000 tons of coal a month behind in her coal deliveries to France, the council decided to ask Germany to speed up deliveries.

There now is more coal per capita in Germany than in France, it was claimed.

Hereafter the Belgian ambassador will attend the council's meetings when matters of interest to Belgium come up for discussion.

## PASSENGER SHIP FROM GERMANY

New York, Feb. 3.—The first passenger ship to sail from a German port to the United States since July 1914, and the first American passenger ship to undertake a similar voyage, reached here today when the American line steamer Manchuria docked. She sailed from Hamburg January 9, calling at Southampton, and brought 39 passengers, all from the English port.

Capt. Adrian Zeder, master of the Manchuria, said he could have filled his ship to overflowing at Hamburg with passengers for America had passport regulations and restrictions as to travel permitted. Applications were numerous and Germans expressed regrets that they could not come to this country.

It required eight days, of 24 hours each, working three eight hour shifts, to discharge at Hamburg the 5,000 tons of cargo the Manchuria took with her to Germany. Officers of the ship said. This work could have been done before the war in about 24 hours, and the delay was said to be due to the listless manner in which the German dock workers labored. The officers said they were low of spirit, apparently suffering from malnutrition, and displayed little ambition.

Food was said to be scarce, but those with money have no trouble in getting all they want, ship officers declared. A party of five from the Manchuria dined at a prominent Hamburg hotel and paid for their meal 409 marks. On the other hand, a story was told of one of the German dockers begging from the steward of the ship a piece of frozen beef, which he eagerly devoured raw. The Manchuria brought with her a quantity of cargo, including phosphates.

### Miss Charlotte Brown Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown, accompanied by Dr. J. C. Hill, left Tuesday night for Cartersville, S. C., where they were called on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Miss Charlotte Brown. Miss Brown left here a few days ago to visit her sister, Miss Louise Brown in Cartersville, and a message arrived Tuesday telling that she was dangerously ill.

### Army Buys Caskets.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The purchase of 17,000 caskets at a cost of \$1,104,508 to be used for the return of army dead from Europe has been completed by the war department in accordance with its announced policy to return as soon as practicable the bodies of American soldiers buried in France to the next of kin, for interment in this country. The manufacturers were instructed to expedite deliveries.

## POST OF LEGION ORGANIZED HERE

Second in South Carolina—W. D. Wilkinson Elected Post-Commander—Banquet Planned For February 17—Memorial Exercises Here February 22 if Flu Epidemic Abates.

Monday night a Post of the American Legion was organized in Abbeville, the ex-service men gathering in the Court House to the number of 75. It was an enthusiastic meeting, a modicum of the traditional spirit of the "veteran" showing, despite the fact that it is not "post-bellum" enough to develop "veterans."

The officers of the new Post were elected as follows: W. D. Wilkinson, post-commander; Carroll Swetenburg, vice-commander; Joseph Anderson, Antreville, adjutant; R. E. Cox, post-finance officer and J. M. Nickles, post-insurance officer.

The executive committee follows: W. J. Brownlee, Major J. D. Fulp, S. F. Sherard, R. B. Cheatham, and G. A. Neuffer, Jr., with the post-commander and the post adjutant as ex-officio members.

### February 17.

A banquet for all the ex-service men of the county is planned for Tuesday, February 17. A committee was named to have charge of this banquet, to name a place and make all arrangements and this committee will meet at once and make arrangements which will be announced at an early date. It is planned to get every former soldier and sailor in Abbeville County to attend this banquet. The committee in charge of the banquet includes C. L. Richey, A. H. Rosenberg, J. C. Hill, J. C. King and H. G. Clark.

It is possible that the flu epidemic will force postponement and if so notice of fact will be published.

### Origin of Legion.

The meeting Monday night was called to order by Carroll Swetenburg and W. D. Wilkinson explained the facts about the American Legion; he went into the history of its inception in Paris March 15, 1919; and its final organization in St. Louis, May 8-10, 1919. He also told of the organization of the State branch of South Carolina, which had its origin in Florence. The Abbeville Chapter was the first to make application for a charter, but owing to the fact that Florence men had been instrumental in the first State organization that city was given Charter No. 1 and Abbeville Charter No. 2.

### Memorial Exercises.

Talks were made at the meeting by Major R. B. Cheatham, Major J. D. Fulp, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, John Lomax, Joseph Anderson and others. A splendid spirit prevailed throughout and the enthusiasm shown bodes well for the success of the local chapter.

The matter of the memorial exercises to be held here February 22 in honor of Abbeville County men who lost their lives during the war was taken up and Post-Commander Wilkinson appointed the following committee to have entire charge of the arrangements: R. B. Cheatham, J. D. Fulp, W. J. Brownlee and G. A. Neuffer.

### Club Rooms for Post

One of the plans of the local chapter is to have club rooms somewhere in Abbeville. This feature is for the special benefit of the members of the local post who live in the country and who have felt the need of some sort of lounging quarters while in town.

The question of the dues for the Abbeville post was taken up but no decision was reached and a committee was named to look into the matter of dues and report at the next meeting.

M. M. Pennell, a business man from Belton, was in the city Tuesday on business.

COTTON MARKET.	
February 4.	
Spot Cotton	40.00
March	34.55
May	32.26
July	30.36
October	28.00
December	27.21