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DO NOT RELAX IN VIGILANCE. From Washington, Surgeon General Blue of the public health service, warns the country that the epidemic of influenza has not come and gone.

The advice should be heeded. In 1889 the influenza epidemic broke out a second time, after the disease was supposed to have been wiped out. No epidemic in America's history has equaled in virulence the present attack of influenza, and no safeguards should be neglected which will keep the disease from returning when control has been obtained.

MAKING OUR OWN POTASH. Potash was produced in large quantities in Germany prior to the war, and one of the best markets for the product was America.

Since 1914 this country has been laboring to become independent of the German supply. We are informed by government authorities that the outlook is encouraging, the rate of production during the first six months of 1918 having been equal to nearly 25 per cent of the normal consumption.

A demonstration is to take place at the plant of the Portland Cement company of Utah, which is located near Salt Lake, to prove that even mining tailings may be utilized in the turning out of a commercial potash.

When western tailings from the old milling plants begin to yield potash in large quantity, the United States will be in position to tell the Germans that their fertilizer and chemical is not wanted.

A NATION NEVER DEFEATED. On Sunday President Wilson placed a wreath on the tomb of Lafayette, and thus recalled the debt of gratitude

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which America has paid to France. When Lafayette came to America with his troops, the struggling soldiers of Washington were making a fight against great odds.

The Paris correspondent, reviewing this wonderful record of successes, says: "In the war with Mexico the Yank fought vastly superior numbers of brave men and won. The Mexican war was comparatively small, but the troops had to suffer and endure and they always filled all they were called upon to fill, and often more.

"Of the civil war the deeds of the soldiers of both sides have become classic. General Grant, in speaking of the south in his official report, says: 'Let us hope to remain in perpetual peace and harmony with that enemy whose manhood, however mistaken the cause, has called forth such Herculean deeds of valor.'"

"Unltd we need fear no foe." It was General Longstreet, the right hand of Robert Lee, who said: "Of Washington it was said, 'First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen.'" Of Grant we can say, 'First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his enemies.'

"In our little war with Spain, in which I took a humble part, when the Spanish ships were sinking off Santiago de Cuba it was an American officer who said, or rather shouted, to his crew: 'Don't cheer, boys; the poor devils are dying.' And the men obeyed and did not cheer, but they did what they could to save the lives of their quixotic opponents."

"Why the German emperor and the German general staff could think we were of little military value I never could make out. With traditions such as ours, how could our army be anything but what it is? And when people say with a surprised look, 'The Americans are good soldiers and did well,' I smile and say: 'Of course; I could have told you that before.'"

"We have a blameless military record. We have never been beaten in all our history. We have had a series of wonderful commanders. Today their sons are doing just what sons of such men would do. They are maintaining our standard and that standard is high."

A WORD TO OLD SANTA CLAUS. Say, Santa Claus, have you met Rev. John E. Carver of Ogden? Do you know him?

On Christmas eve, when you are so busy distributing tokens of esteem, the Standard invites you not to overlook this most worthy man, who has been going at top speed, day and night, since the first day that the plague came to worry and distress so many Ogden homes.

Perhaps there is not a home in this city which has not had some tangible evidence of the volunteer work of Rev. Carver.

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with mortals; their sardonic laughter rings forever down the awful void; what were thought to be victories proved to be defeats and defeats to have been triumphs. Major Langhorne in Brussels a day or so after the city had been abandoned said that Antwerp, if not a victory for the Belgians, was hardly a victory for the Germans.

"This same vanity robbed the Germans of victory before Paris. The German high command had a time table prepared before the war, which included the taking of the French capital on a given date. When the troops of Von Moltke met with unexpected resistance in Belgium and fell behind in their schedule, the infantry was pushed ahead of the heavy artillery and commissary and had arrived at the outskirts of Paris when the French counter-attacked with their famous '75's' and hurled the Huns back a distance of fifty miles."

CAN FEED THE WORLD. If the winter wheat crop forecast is realized, the United States will be able to feed the world at harvest time. The acreage totals nearly fifty million and the government experts are predicting a yield of 765,000,000 bushels, or 210,000,000 bushels greater than last season.

Next year our farmers will be called on to continue to help the people of Europe escape starvation. The farms of France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and Hungary are in need of fertilizers, as they have been under constant drain during the war. The worn soils of those old world countries must be restored in order to produce as they did in 1914.

Much attention has been given to the number of soldiers sent across the ocean, the quantity of ammunition and other equipment of war, but the one great thing that saved France and Great Britain, before this country even entered the conflict, was the food that left America's shores for the allies.

BRIGHAM QUARANTINE. The situation brought about in Brigham by the action of James Hull, and Knudson and Bywater, pool hall owners, and J. E. Ryan, moving picture theater man who last Thursday opened up their places of business in defiance of the health regulations on account of their opinion that they were "being discriminated against," is now happily settled.

ENFORCE QUARANTINE. County Physician W. H. Emmett, and the health officers of the precincts of Weber county together with Sanitary Inspector George Shorten, Dr. H. M. Rowe, and John Spargo, and the county commissioners met yesterday to consider the health situation of the county.

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"The ironic spirits have their fun

PRESIDENT WILL CELEBRATE XMAS WITH OUR BOYS

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made me realize to the utmost the intimate community of thought and ideal which characterizes your people and the great nation which I have the honor for the time to represent.

"Your welcome to Paris I shall always remember as one of the unique and inspiring experiences of my life and while I feel that you are honoring the people of the United States in my person, I shall nevertheless carry away with me a very keen personal gratification in looking back upon these memorable days.

"Madame: Paris is infinitely happy and is touched to think who has accompanied the president, have been gone enough on this occasion to give us the charm and grace of your presence. We have long been aware of your devotion and of the wise and beneficent activity you have shown by the side of your illustrious husband.

"During weary months our soldiers have fought with stoic resolution in defense of the soil of their forebears and the land of their children. So vast was the field of battle, so great was the issue at stake, so bitter and so hard was the struggle that only after the passage of time did it seem possible that the grandeur of their accomplishment could clearly show forth. Yet your distance from the theater of war has allowed you to see, while yet they lived, the greatness of the monument they were building.

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 15.—The French government is considering a bill establishing among the Allies an international financial union. The purpose of this union would be to distribute the expense of the war between the nations on the basis of populations and power to contribute. The proposition is supported by 100 delegates of all parties. It is understood that a similar bill is under consideration by the British government.

REDUCTION IN PHONE RATES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Sweeping reductions in long distance and toll telephone rates by the adoption of a basic rate for night service up to midnight and one-fourth the day rate after that hour, were announced today by Postmaster General Burleson. They become effective next January 21.

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SOLDIERS WHO HAVE RETURNED. The Red Cross "Welcome Home" cards, which are being signed by soldiers and sailors discharged from the service, and which will be filed for future reference, show that the following men have returned to their homes in Ogden: Corporal Hayden Candland, Company B, 138th engineers, 552 Seventeenth street; Blaine A. McField, candidate for commission in the central infantry officers' training school, 2269 Quincy avenue; Richard Kenneth Pierce, candidate for commission in the C. I. O. T. S., 3405 Washington avenue; Sergeant Arthur M. Burch, Company B, Eighty-first engineers, 2030 Douglas avenue; Corporal Edwin Randall, 320 Second street; Private Ephraim Olsen, Second regiment, S. P. D., 2439 Quincy avenue; Harmon C. Meisner, field artillery officers' training school, 1325 Twenty-fifth street.

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