

GANANOQUE

(From Our Own Correspondent) Dec. 14.—The Gordon Granite Company, of this town, is engaged in filling some big orders for monumental stone from its quarry near Findlay station. The quality is said to be as good as that of the imported Scotch granite.

Beginning this evening the local merchants will avail themselves of the town by-law permitting them to keep their places of business open during the evenings for the Christmas trade, which is reported so far as exceptionally good.

Roy Pickett, King street, has been confined to his home by illness for the past few days, but is reported as progressing favorably towards recovery.

Mrs. Marie Donovan, Victoria avenue, received the sad news recently of the death of her brother, Mr. Ritchie, of Montreal, with whom she resided previous to her marriage, and left at once to attend his funeral.

At the session of the Law Society of Leeds and Grenville, held in Brockville this week, J. Arthur Jackson was elected vice-president.

Miss Annie Scott is spending a few days with her brother, Herbert Scott, in Junetown. Miss Alma Sinclair, John street, spent a short time in Lansdowne this week, guest of her sister, Mrs. Veral deWolfe. C. H. Hurd, King street, has been confined to his home for the past week suffering from bronchitis.

Death at Bell Rock. Bell Rock, Dec. 12.—On Nov. 29th there passed away one of Bell Rock's best known and respected residents in the person of Mrs. Michael Percy, formerly Cynthia E. Mills. Deceased was born in Camden township forty-nine years ago. In 1859 she married Michael Percy, and had since been a continuous resident of this place. She will long be remembered as a loving and indulgent mother, a kind neighbor and true friend. There are left to mourn a husband and six children: Thomas, of Belleville; Mrs. Damon Ball, Lindsay, who was present and attended her in her last illness; Sig. Warren, 4th C.D.A.C., France, who has been serving with the Canadian forces since 1915; Edgerton, Stella; and Florence, at home. The cause of death was due to Spanish influenza. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Johnson in the Methodist church, Bell Rock, of

A Sluggish Liver.

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Miss Dian Clark, Myer's Cave, Ont., writes: "I take pleasure in writing you concerning the good I have received by using Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills for a sluggish liver. When my liver got bad I would have severe headaches, but I got better after I had used a couple of vials of your pills." Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills gently unload the secretion, clear away all waste and effete matter by acting directly on the liver, and make the bile pass through the bowels instead of allowing it to get into the blood.

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EXPLAINING THE "FLU"

MEDICAL MEN ARE VERY BUSY MAKING GUESSES. One Alarming Suggestion Is to the Effect That the Spanish Influenza May Be Nothing Less Than the Malignant Pneumonic Plague Which Has Ravaged China Intermittently in Recent Years.

IN an article in the Medical Record, of New York, Dr. Joseph King, now a captain in the U. S. Medical Corps, makes the alarming suggestion that the epidemic which we call the Spanish influenza may be nothing less than the malignant pneumonic plague which has ravaged China intermittently for several years past. This theory has been discussed by medical men, and we are glad to say that the consensus appears to be against it. That it is nothing but the gripe is the verdict of Director Blue of the U. S. Medical Service, but this view is not wholly satisfactory to doctors who have been used for years past to treating gripe patients, but not used to find them develop pneumonia and die in a few hours. The Russian influenza of some 20 years ago was as widespread as the present epidemic, but, if memory serves, it did not account for anything like a proportionate number of deaths. We have had reports that the specific germ has been isolated, but no authoritative statement as to the exact character of it, and in this condition of doubt it is only natural that various theories should be put forward.

Dr. King says that his attention was called to the similarity of the "flu" epidemic and the pneumonic plague by an authority upon Chinese affairs, and that further examination disclosed sufficient points of resemblance to warrant him in making the suggestion that the disease are traceable to the same source. In 1910, the pneumonic plague appeared in Harbin, Manchuria, which was the original hotbed of the disease. Earlier in the year it had appeared in Russia, but the Russians, alive to its menace, took immediate action and stamped it out. It reached Harbin, it is supposed, through the agency of Chinese laborers and fur dealers returning to their homes to celebrate their New Year's day, and owing to the crowded conditions of the city it spread with great rapidity. From Harbin it reached out in all directions, usually following the railroads and other routes of travel. It went as far south as Chefoo, a seaport town, probably having been carried there by Chinese coolies. By Jan. 21, 1911, no fewer than 1,500 Chinese and 27 Europeans, two of them medical men and one an assistant, had died of it. Dr. King said that the mortality was about 100 per cent. Since that time China has not been wholly free from it, although it has not raged so furiously as on its appearance, and he believes that it is from China, and through the medium of the 200,000 or more Chinese laborers who have been doing work on the western front that it has reached Europe and America. Many of these laborers went by way of the Mediterranean and the United States. At this point there appears a slight hiatus in Dr. King's theory. It is not on record that there was any influenza in either Canada or the United States when the Chinese coolies were passing through or immediately after. Nor have we heard of it breaking out among the Allied soldiers behind whose lines the Chinese were working. The disease first appeared, so far as we know, in the German army, and the theory is that it was conveyed by the coolies, some of whom are assumed to have been captured by the Germans in their great spring drive. "Hence," says the writer, "the outbreak of it in the German army and its rapid spread in Spain. The 'hence' does not explain how Chinese coolies, the prisoners of the Germans, communicated the disease to Spain, although undoubtedly this present epidemic first attracted general attention in Spain, as its name proves.

Dr. King compares the two diseases, both clinically and from a bacteriological standpoint. In the Chinese epidemic there are few definite symptoms at the outset except the general malaise, prostration and loss of appetite, soon to be followed by the pneumonic process and death. In the present epidemic there are indefinite symptoms which generally correspond to the aforementioned, but whereas in China the sufferers died, there has been no such percentage of deaths attending the "flu," although, as he says, it is more contagious, is followed more frequently by pneumonia, and is attended by a higher mortality than in any previous influenza epidemic. In the pneumonic plague the bacillus pestis was found almost constantly associated with pneumococcus and the streptococcus. In the present epidemic the influenza bacillus has been found associated with the four groups of pneumococci, the streptococcus hemolyticus and the micrococcus catarrhalis and other bad germs.

Dr. King says that the influenza bacillus and the bacillus pestis in typical forms may simulate each other, for organisms may assume different characteristics in different conditions. His theory, assuming that the two epidemics are the same, is that the bacillus pestis may have been present in a non-virulent state in the Chinese coolies and assumed new vigor, virulence and a somewhat different form when transplanted into virgin soil. Thus he explains the epidemics that have so frequently followed great wars. If a nation or tribe can survive any disease long enough it will acquire immunity to the disease.

Regina's City Farm. Regina operated a city farm this year on which 5,100 bushels of wheat and 1,800 bushels of oats were raised.

Bert Grimshaw was found guilty of being intoxicated in police court Saturday and was fined \$20 and costs.

Holiday books and greeting cards at the College Book Store.

FOUR SOLDIER SONS.



Left to right: Pte. John Kelly, 1st C.O.R., Hamilton; Pte. Frank Kelly, enlisted in February, 1916, now of the 8th Army Brigade, France; Pte. Michael Kelly, enlisted February, 1916, now with the 18th Battalion in France, and Pte. Thomas Kelly, enlisted in April, 1916, and now with the 1st Canadian Machine Gun Section in France. They are all sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, of Trout Creek, Parry Sound District.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY

LOCAL NOTES AND ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Happenings in the City and Vicinity —What the Merchants Offer to the Readers of the Whig.

Greeting cards? Get them at the College Book Store. W. Swaine, piano tuner, orders at McAuley's, or phone 5448.

The Welland Canal will close for the season on or about Dec. 17th. S. J. Chapeau, of the department of public works, Ottawa, is in the city in spite of the bad weather on Friday, shopping was quite brisk in all the stores.

The inclement weather on Saturday put a damper on the market and Christmas shopping. Queen's University, Convocation Hall—At 3 p.m., preacher, Rev. John Macnaughton, of Montreal.

The merchants are hoping the weather will turn cold and that there will be good sleighing soon. Now is the time to have your piano tuned. We carry two expert tuners and will assure entire satisfaction. C. W. Lindsay, Limited.

Fifties of the licensed carters in the city will be utilized to assist the letter carriers distributing the Christmas mail.

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Charles E. Stephens passed away at Rockwood hospital on Friday. The deceased was thirty-seven years of age and was born in Darlington township, Durham. The remains were sent to Bowmanville.

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Letters to the Editor

An Appreciation. Fort William, Ont., Dec. 10.—(To the Editor): I write to thank you for your generous and eulogistic review of my son's book in a recent issue of your paper. I refer to "Pen Pictures from the Trenches," by Lieut. Stanley Rutledge. It was one of the best, if not the best, reviews that has appeared. You sounded a high note of praise, and paid a fine tribute to the character of the writing, all of which, through, I would like to say, was deserved. He was my "statesman" son, and it is hard to lose him.

Enforcing Snow By-law. Kingston, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor): I would like to ask through your paper as to who is right, the police or the Board of Works? The latter body is recommending to council that the police enforce the present snow by-law. The police state that they cannot enforce the by-law as the snows belong not to the property holder but to the city. This view would tend to show that it was up to the city to remove the snow. If the city can compel the property owner to remove the snow then I think they should go a little further and compel them to put sand on the walks. I certainly think Ald. Newman's suggestion of supplying men with teams to clear the sidewalks early in the mornings, a good one, even if it was, as his opponent expressed it, an

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