

FIGHTING PLAGUE AT MINE AND MILL

the Company doctor and receive, free of charge, such benefits as it was hoped would follow a complete course of vaccination, consisting of three injections, covering a period of one week. Many availed themselves of this opportunity, 4,500 vaccinations being given at the steel works dispensary alone. No exact statement regarding the true value of the vaccination method of prevention is possible until a complete analysis is made of the great mass of data still coming from all parts of the civilized world. Personally, we feel that it was of distinct benefit, not alone in the matter of prevention, but by rendering the attacks, when they did occur, more mild.

In Pueblo there were numerous instances where every member of the family was sick at the same time. It therefore became a problem how these people, without adequate hospital facilities, were to be fed and given the proper medical care, and nursing attention. The situation was, in part, met with the assistance of the city administration, school district No. 20 and the volunteer service of many noble men and women, who prepared the food provided, and by the use of individually owned automobiles, delivered it at the bed-side, hot and ready to serve.

It has been truly said that figures and statistics in general are dry and uninteresting. But they may be excused when they point a moral, be that moral ever so sad and mournful:

Influenza cases treated, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1918:	
At Camps: (including employee dependants) ..	3,188
At Steel Works and Hospital: (employees only)	1,412
Total	4,600

The more severe cases occurring at the steel works were at once sent to the hospital, and yet the number of visits made by the steel works dispensary staff in the three months above mentioned totalled exactly 2,700, an average of thirty visits each day. The maximum number of visits made in any one day was 87. The record of the Pueblo health office shows that during the months of October, November and December, 1918, 628 persons lost their lives from influenza in the city of Pueblo alone. These figures were far exceeded in other localities.

Will the disease return?

We do not know.

Let us be prepared for the worst, judging the future by the past. Let the public co-operate with the medical profession, with the health officers and give to those of experience and superior knowledge, the same measure of support we gave to the defenders of liberty across the seas, and the answer, in time, will be the same: "Victory."



DISPENSARY AT IRON MINING CAMP, SUNRISE, WYOMING