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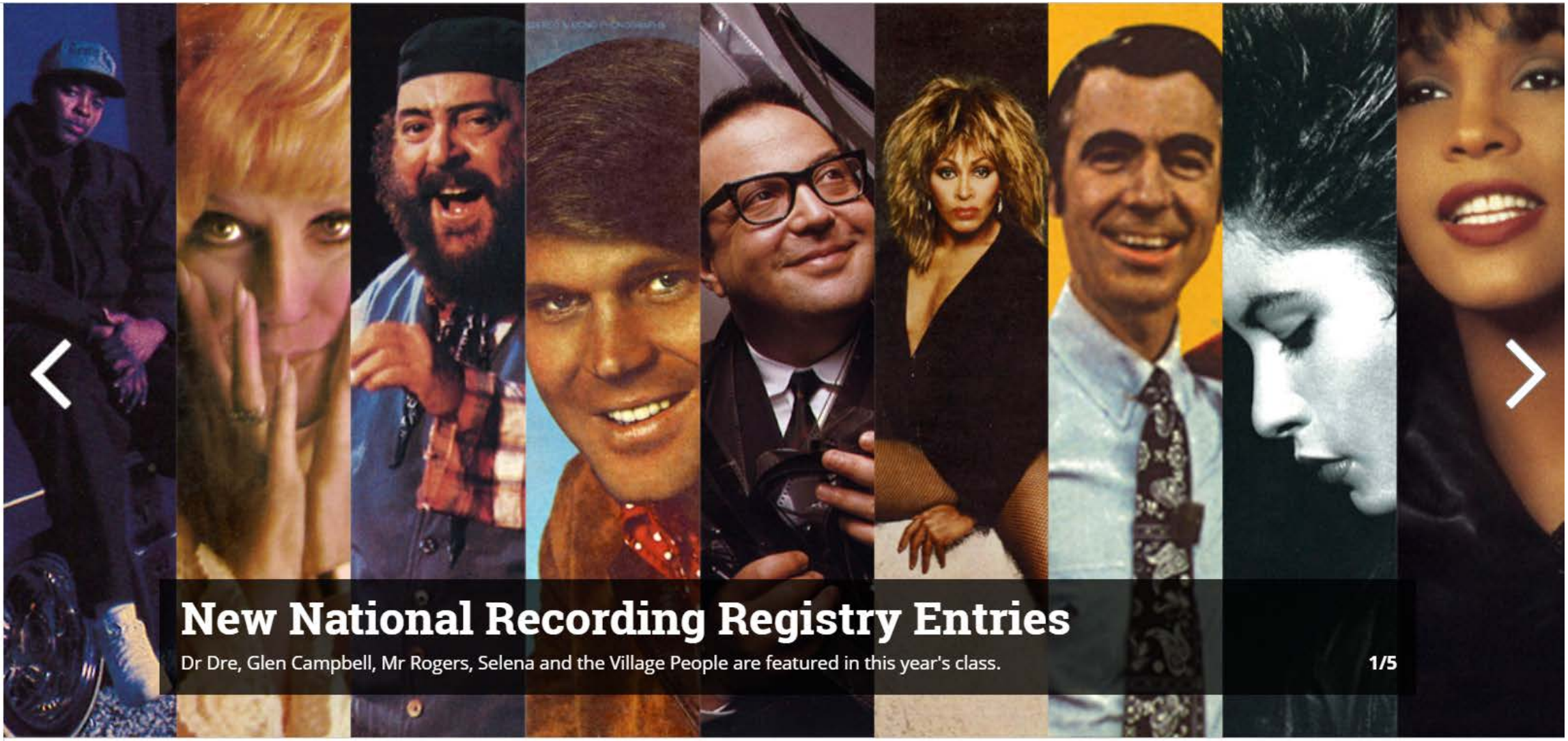

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St. Louis Red Cross Motor Corps on duty Oct. 1918 Influenza epidemic.

1 photographic print. | Photograph shows mask-wearing women holding stretchers at backs of ambulances.

PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING

Mrs. Myrtle E.B. White of Washington, D.C. Died of Influenza at Camp Humphries, Va. during the ...

1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in.

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Members, St. Louis Red Cross Motor Corps on duty on 5 ambulances. Influenza Epidemic

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Demonstration at the Red Cross Emergency Ambulance Station in Washington, D.C., during the influenza pandemic of ...

1 photographic print. | Two Red Cross nurses with person on stretcher.

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The Back Yard Workshop, while School was closed for

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Community Center Diet Kitchen for Influenza patients. Salt Lake City,

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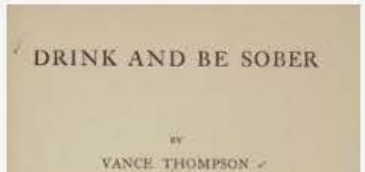

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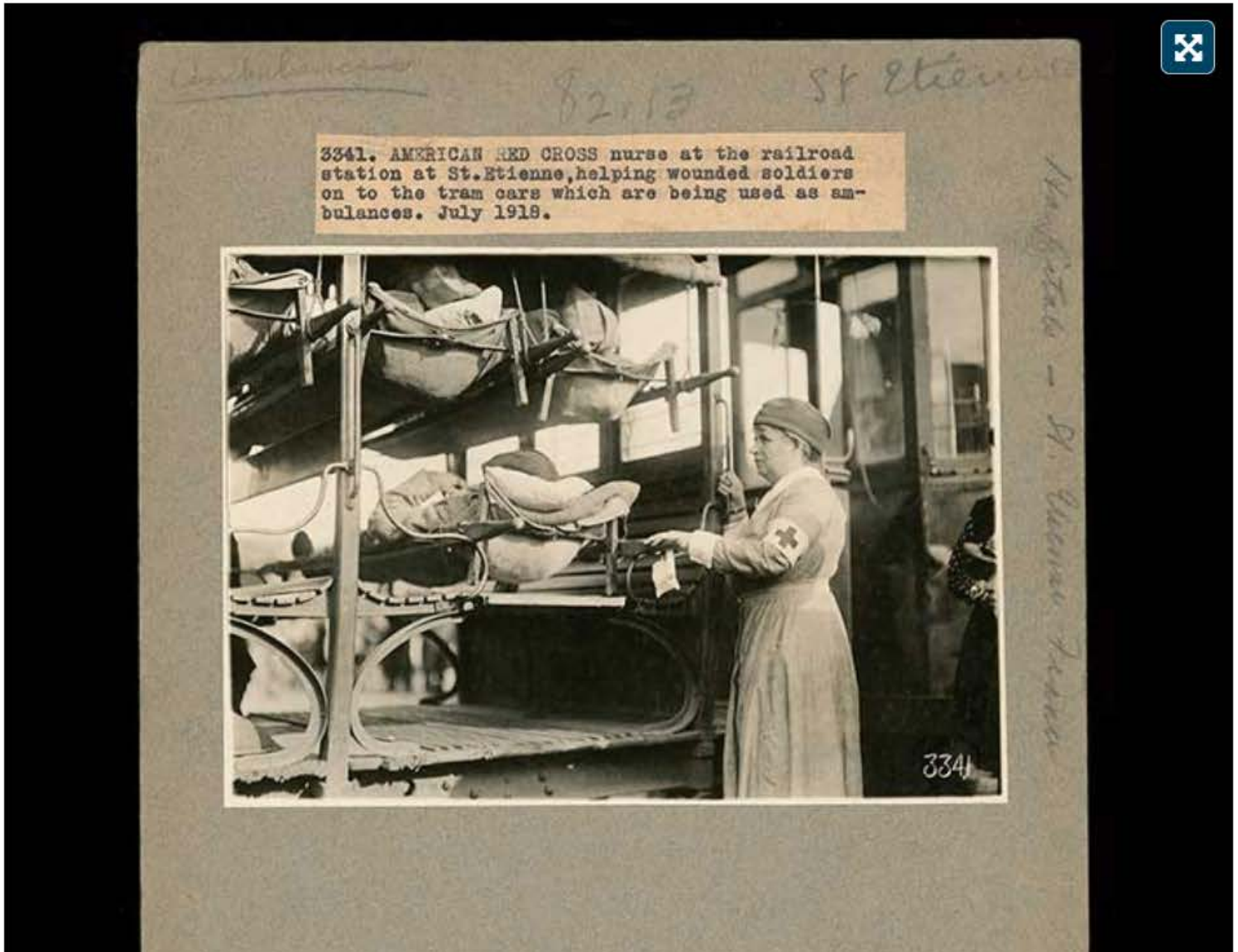
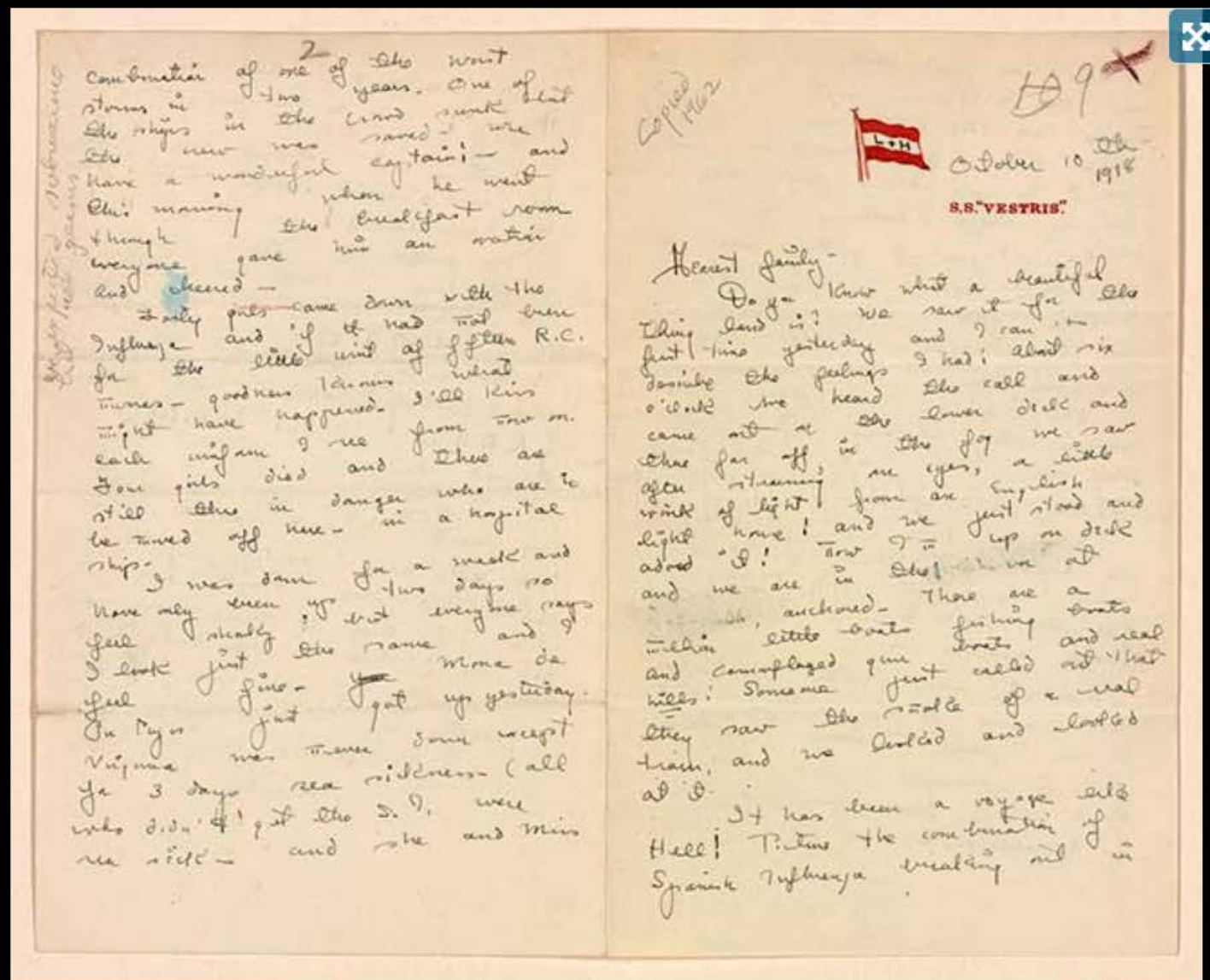


Influenza Pandemic

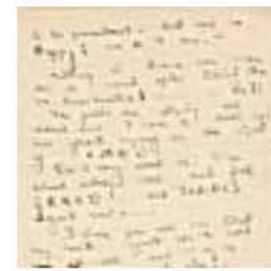
Photographer Lewis Hine joined the American Red Cross in 1918 and then did freelance photography for the organization through the 1930s. By the time this photograph was taken in July of 1918, nearly 24,000 American Red Cross nurses were enrolled for military service. A devastating challenge emerged the same year in the form of an influenza pandemic that would eventually claim an estimated 20 to 50 million lives, more than were killed by enemy weapons. The Red Cross continued working with the U.S. Public Health Service to provide nurses and motor corps workers until the pandemic receded in 1919.



Dorothy Kitchen O'Neill to "Dearest Family," October 10, 1918. Miscellaneous Manuscript Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress (154.00.00)

"I was down for a week"

The Great War did not cause the epidemic of influenza that swept the world in 1918 and killed more than 30 million people. However the war likely helped to spread the disease, an especially deadly strain of flu, with its crowding of troops in training camps and trenches and the flow of people across oceans and borders. In this letter home, American Red Cross volunteer Dorothy Kitchen O'Neill describes how she and forty other women came down with influenza on the voyage to Europe; four of those women died. Dorothy wrote to her family on October 10, 1918: "I was down for a week and have only been up for two days so feel shaky."



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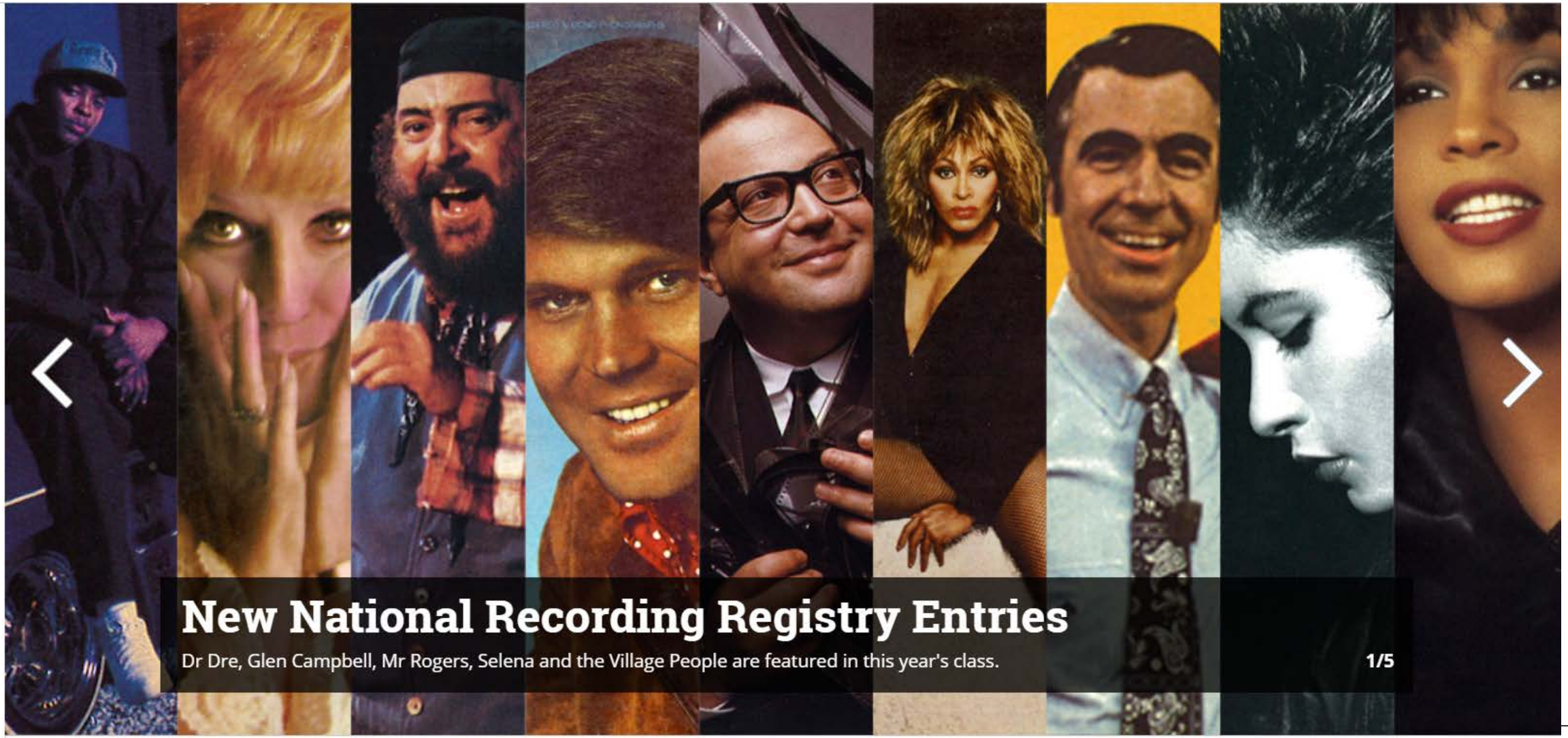

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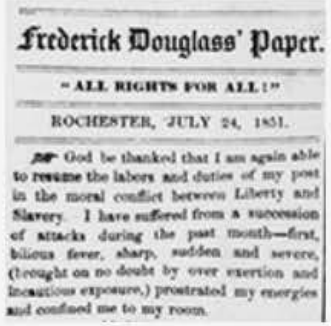

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camp have been erected, replacing a good share of the dirty white tents that used to keep most of the water out at the top, but let in enough to make up for it underneath. There are streets, too, and sidewalks, and an adequate drainage system but there is still mud when it rains.

No Flu, No Cootics, Can Leave

Here the 20,000 spent their last ights on English soil as American sol-lers; here they underwent the twice-a-day tests that make it certain that not a case of flu shall get back to America unless it reaches the transport by wireless, that not a single cootie shall enter the port of New York through the ruse of concealing himself in the under-shirt of some member of the American Air Service.

Knotty Ash, before the war a brewery surrounded by scattered clusters of semi-detached cottages, a development pro-

THE LITTLE INNKEEPER OF DA

The little innkeeper of Dampicourt had no time last week to clean and pol-ish up her tiny tavern, which stands at the fork in the roads where the traffic from France turns up toward Brussels or down toward Luxembourg. The metal on the little bar sadly needed shining, but she had to stand out at her door and wave her apron as the Americans went by, wave her apron and cry "Bon Jour, Monsieur" at every truck and ambulance, at every doughboy and Marine in the endless procession leading to the Rhine.

It was the procession she had promised her downhearted neighbors they should

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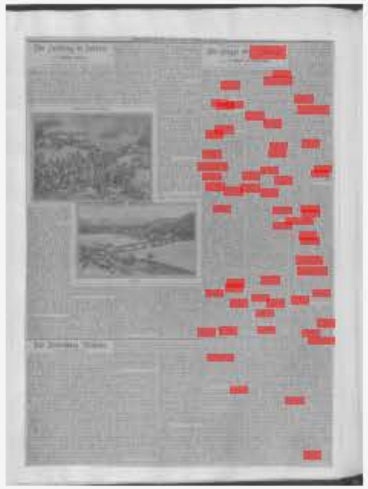

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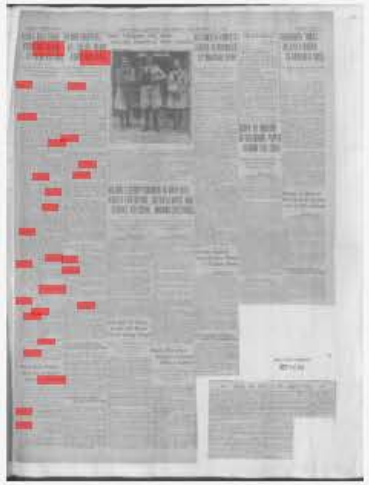

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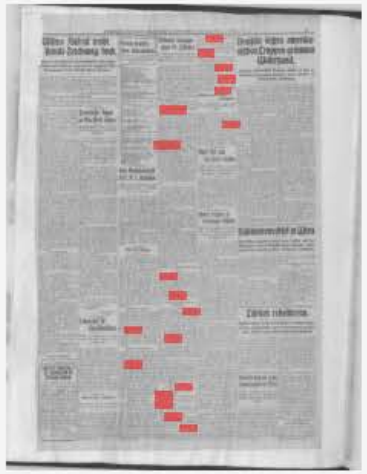

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Influenza Epidemic of 1918 (Spanish Flu): Topics in Chronicling America

Between the spring of 1918 and 1919, a virulent and fatal influenza swept the United States. This guide provides information for researching the "Influenza Epidemic of 1918 (Spanish Flu)" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspaper

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"Spanish Flu" Sweeps the Country, Killing Millions!

Between the spring of 1918 and the spring of 1919 a highly virulent and fatal influenza sweeps the country in three waves, killing the youngest and the strongest, devastating entire communities. **Read more about it!**

The information in this guide focuses on primary source materials found in the digitized historic newspapers from the digital collection Chronicling America.

The timeline below highlights important dates related to this topic and a section of this guide provides some suggested search strategies for further research in the collection.

The influenza epidemic of 1918 captures millions. January 29, 1916. *The Ogden Standard* (Ogden City, UT), Image 17. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.

TIMELINE

Spring 1918 - Spring 1919	Three waves of highly virulent and fatal influenza sweep the country. The fall-winter wave is the deadliest for the US. The pandemic kills millions and devastates entire communities.

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The links below provide access to a sampling of articles from historic newspapers that can be found in Chronicling America. You can further explore the topic of the "Influenza Epidemic of 1918 (Spanish Flu)" using the following search strategies:

- Use the following terms in combination, proximity, or as a phrase:
  Spanish influenza, **Spanish flu**, **grip**, **la grippe**, **plague**, **epidemic**, **pandemic**, **Pfeiffer's bacillus** (**Pfelffer's bacillus** will also reveal results)
- It is important to use a specific date range if looking for articles for a particular event in order to narrow your results. The date range from **1918** to **1920** will yield the best results.

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- "Epidemic of Grip and Pneumonia"
  The Ogden Standard (Ogden City, UT), May 8, 1918, 3:30 P.M. City Edition, Page 4, Image 4, col. 1.
- "Camp Dodge Leads in Health"
  The Tomahawk (White Earth, MN), June 27, 1918, Page 2, Image 2, col. 3.
- "Today: the Kaiser is Ill"
  The Washington Times (Washington, DC), July 11, 1918, Final Edition, Page 1, Image 1, col. 1.
- "Phipps Institute Identifies Germ of Spanish Grip"
  Evening Public Ledger (Philadelphia, PA), September 20, 1918, Page 1, Image 1, col. 1.
- "Influenza Claims Victim in Capital"
  The Washington Times (Washington, DC), September 21, 1918, Final Edition, Page 1, Image 1, col. 2.
- "Influenza Will Spread West, Is Belief"
  El Paso Herald (El Paso, TX), September 27, 1918, Home Edition, Page 1, Image 1, col. 6.
- "Medical Science's Newest Discoveries about the 'Spanish Influenza'"
  The Washington Times (Washington, DC), October 6, 1918, National Edition, Page 22, Image 22, col. 1.

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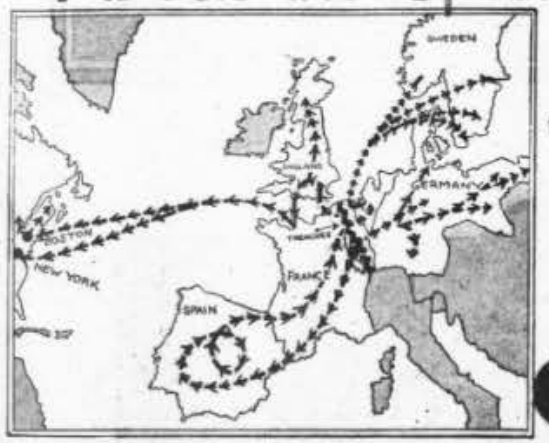
Medical Science's Newest Discoveries About the "Spanish Influenza"

How the First Real Epidemic of the World War Spread from the German Trenches—and Why Science Believes It Has Averted All Danger of Catastrophic Pestilences Such as Have Followed Many of the Great Wars of the Past



Map showing the Course Taken by the Misnamed "Spanish Influenza" from the Trenches to the United States. Originating Within the German Lines it First Spread Through Germany, Having Been Communicated by Soldiers on Leave or Returning Wounded. Making Its Way Through Prisoners Into France, It Followed, Through Causes Not Yet Known, a Well-Marked Line Into Spain, Where It Increased in Virulency and Gained Its Name. From Spain It Returned Again to France, from Whence It Was Carried by Infected Persons on Ships Both to England and to America. Its Transmission Into the Scandinavian Neutral Countries, Where It Has Claimed Many Lives, Seems to Have Been by Way of Belgium and Holland.

Photographic Diagram of the Nasal and the Laryngeal Passages Which Are the Seat of Infection. It Is Everyone's Duty to Keep These Passages Clean and Disease Resistant by Some Mild and Safe Antiseptic. The Letters Show the Passages.

By Dr. Gordon Henry Hirshberg, A. M., M. D.

THE first really serious epidemic of disease produced by the great war is that called "the Spanish influenza," which has caused deplorable mortality in New York and New England.

At the outset it should be said that the term "Spanish influenza" is clearly an error, and that the name should be "German influenza," for investigation proves that the disease originated in the German

symptom. The patient thus hacks and sprays forth lots of the microbes, which spread the infection rapidly unless handled with the greatest precaution.

A thick, tenacious sputum of a whitish mucoid character distinguishes this new disease from the well-known old influenza with its greenish sputum. This also distinguishes Spanish influenza from pneumo-

FERNANDINA NEWS-

VOLUME 31, NO. 42 FERNANDINA, FLA., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1918

UNCLE SAM'S ADVICE ON FLU

U. S. Public Health Service Issues Official Health Bulletin on Influenza.

LATEST WORD ON SUBJECT.

Epidemic Probably Not Spanish In Origin—Germ Still Unknown—People Should Guard Against "Droplet Infection"—Surgeon General Blue Makes Authoritative Statement.

Washington, D. C.—(Special.)—Although King Alfonso of Spain was one of the victims of the Influenza epidemic in 1893 and again this summer, Spanish authorities repudiate any claim to Influenza as a "Spanish" disease. If the people of this country do not take care the epidemic will become so widespread throughout the United States that soon we shall hear

may be slightly 'bloodshot,' or 'congested,' as the doctors say. There may be running from the nose, or there may be some cough. These signs of a cold may not be marked; nevertheless the patient looks and feels very sick.

"In addition to the appearance and the symptoms as already described, examination of the patient's blood may aid the physician in recognizing 'Spanish Influenza,' for it has been found t in this disease the number of lte corpuscles shows little or no increase above the normal. It is possible that the laboratory investigations now being made through the National Research Council and the United States Hygienic Laboratory will furnish a more certain way in which individual cases of this disease can be recognized."

What is the course of the disease? Do people die of it?

"Ordinarily, the fever lasts from three to four days and the patient recovers. But while the proportion of deaths in the present epidemic has generally been low, in some places the outbreak has been severe and deaths have been numerous. When death occurs it is usually the result of a complication."

What causes the disease and how is it spread?

"Bacteriologists who have studied Influenza epidemics in the past have

How About the Farmer?

The end of the fourth Liberty Loan campaign is close at hand, and the South has not fully met its share of this national obligation.

There have been many subscriptions, and many of them were large. There were some which represented merely the surplus money of wealthy folk; there were many which meant real self-denial by the poor. But on the whole, we have not made a sacrifice. We have said to ourselves: "I cannot spare any money just now," and turned the canvassers away with a small subscription or with nothing at all.

Now, let us think this thing over, you and I. This is our war. Our boys are fighting in it, our country is backing it. It is just as much our war as though the Germans were bombarding Charleston or Savannah or Brunswick or New Orleans and threatening to march inland, burning and destroying, and murdering innocent women and children. It isn't a far-away war in Europe. It is our war.

Let us consider this bond issue as a cold-blooded business proposition, if you like. Suppose we were stockholders in a big business house which had been waging a great and expensive fight for success. Suppose our rivals had fought us hard and had almost won the victory. Suppose that we had poured every effort into the business and were gaining the advantage, that we were right on the eve of permanent success—and our money ran out!

Let us suppose that the president and directors you had elected to run that business called on us as stockholders for more money to win this fight; that they assured us and proved to us that additional funds would win, and pay us a handsome return. Would we button up our pocketbooks

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JOSEPH CHRISTMAN
Killed in Action

WO PULLMAN MEN MEET DEATH IN ACTION

gnor Frank Hamelius and Pri-
ate Joe Christman Give Lives on
Battle Fields of France

ceipt of information that Ser-
nt Frank Hamelius and Private
eph Christman, two of Pullman's
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work of the organization.

Joseph Christman was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christman of Colfax and graduated from the Colfax high school. He came to Pullman to accept a position with the Standard Oil company and for several months prior to enlistment was employed as city driver for that company. He was a young man of sterling qualities, quiet and unassuming, yet possessing all those traits which go to make up the best there is in young manhood. He left Pullman in December, 1917, and enlisted in the marines, being sent overseas with his unit soon afterward. He took part in many of the fiercest engagements, and his letters to Pullman friends related his experiences in "going over the top" on numerous occasions.

Mr. Christman was a member of Kiwanis Blue Lodge, No. 14, Knights of Pythias and was serving that lodge as inner guard when he answered the call to the colors. Over 20 members of the lodge are in the military service, but the gold star in honor of Joseph Christman is the first to be placed on the lodge's service flag. Appropriate memorial services for the departed brother will be held by the lodge in the near future.

PULLMAN HOGS TOP MARKET

Corn-fed hogs raised by C. A. Hood, prominent Pullman farmer, topped the market in Spokane Friday by 15 cents, according to word received here Saturday, selling for $17.25. Mr. Hood shipped two cars of hogs, averaging 280 pounds. The hogs were fattened on corn raised by Mr. Hood on land that would otherwise have lain idle in summer fallow, thus proving again that the land is a money maker on the western Palouse when farm crops, even though the feeding of wheat is forbidden by the food administration.

MRS. MANNING DEAD

Mrs. Anna Manning, aged 71 years, succumbed to bronchial pneumonia at the home of her son, Will Halpin, Friday night, after an illness of only a few days duration. Mrs. Manning had resided with her son on his farm three miles east of Pullman for several years. The body was taken to Moscow Saturday and

Quarantine Is Lifted

The ban is off, yet the danger is not over, and I kindly ask every one to join in a campaign to keep this influenza under the same stringent submission you would the Kaiser, for just as surely it will get you as the Kaiser, if you give it a chance.

There will be services at the various churches Sunday, but if you are not feeling well stay at home for your own protection as well as that of others.

The schools will open Monday. Watch your children carefully and if they are not well by all means keep them at home.

Theaters, lodges and pool rooms will also begin operations Monday and we hope within the next few weeks to see Pullman the same busy, happy little city she was before this awful epidemic struck us.

J. L. GILLELAND,
City Health Officer.

PULLMAN WILD WITH JOY WHEN HUNS SIGN ALLIES' TERMS

ELOQUENT CELEBRATION IN HISTORY OF TOWN MARKS CLOSE OF WORLD WAR — KAISER

burned, guarded, by Uncle Sam, impersonated by P. E. Sanger, and a soldier and sailor in uniform. The

PULLMAN MUST HURRY TO RAISE ITS QUOTA

Pullman is about fifteen behind its quota of $2775 for the United War Work Fund. Let us not be backward now in making things comfortable for the "boys who licked the Kaiser."

The morale of our troops will be much harder to maintain now that the "War Incentive" is taken away.

The country churches are going over the top with time to spare and Pullman surely can not fall on a small quota of $2775. Remember you are giving to seven distinct organizations, each accepting a dollar's place and each doing a separate work.

Put your shoulder to the wheel and "do it now."

The local committee does not wish to make a personal canvass of the city, unless it is absolutely necessary.

E. W. THORPE.

CHAMBER TRUSTEES ARE NOMINATED

The nominating committee of the chamber of commerce has announced a list of 14 names to be balloted on for the nine positions on the board of trustees at the regular meeting of the chamber November 24. The members nominated are E. E. Wagner, Robert Neill, R. H. Douglass, F. L. Hall, E. N. Clark, Otho West, L. E. Wenham, J. L. Gilleland, W. A. Spalding, Bruce McCully, F. A. Hodges, R. N. VanDuzer, E. Scott, James Fauer, R. E. Schenick, A. E. Hudson, F. C. Dotson and S. J. Hall.

No meetings of the chamber have been held during the past five weeks, due to the influenza quarantine on public assemblies, but the regular weekly meetings will be resumed Tuesday of next week.

MARTIN RESIGNS FROM WATER POWER CO.

William J. Martin, local manager for the Washington Water Power Co. since the resignation of L. W. Glasgow, this week resigned his position and will move soon for Spokane to assume other duties. He is succeeded here by R. E. Tompkins,

FRANK HAMELIUS
Killed in Action

MUST NOT FORGET SACRIFICES MADE

Speaker Urges People to Express Their Joy Over Victory in Deeds Rather Than Noise

At the conclusion of the big parade Monday, after the crowd had howled its approval of the burning of the effigy of the Kaiser, Wm. Goodyear was called upon and responded with a short address, in which he said, in part:

"This is the happiest day in our lives because it means that

'The Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.'

"For the first time in over four years the booming of the guns on the western front has ceased and in the sudden silence we can almost catch the echo of the song which the angels sang on the first Christmas morning: 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'

"But in our joy in the victory we must not forget the terrible sacri-

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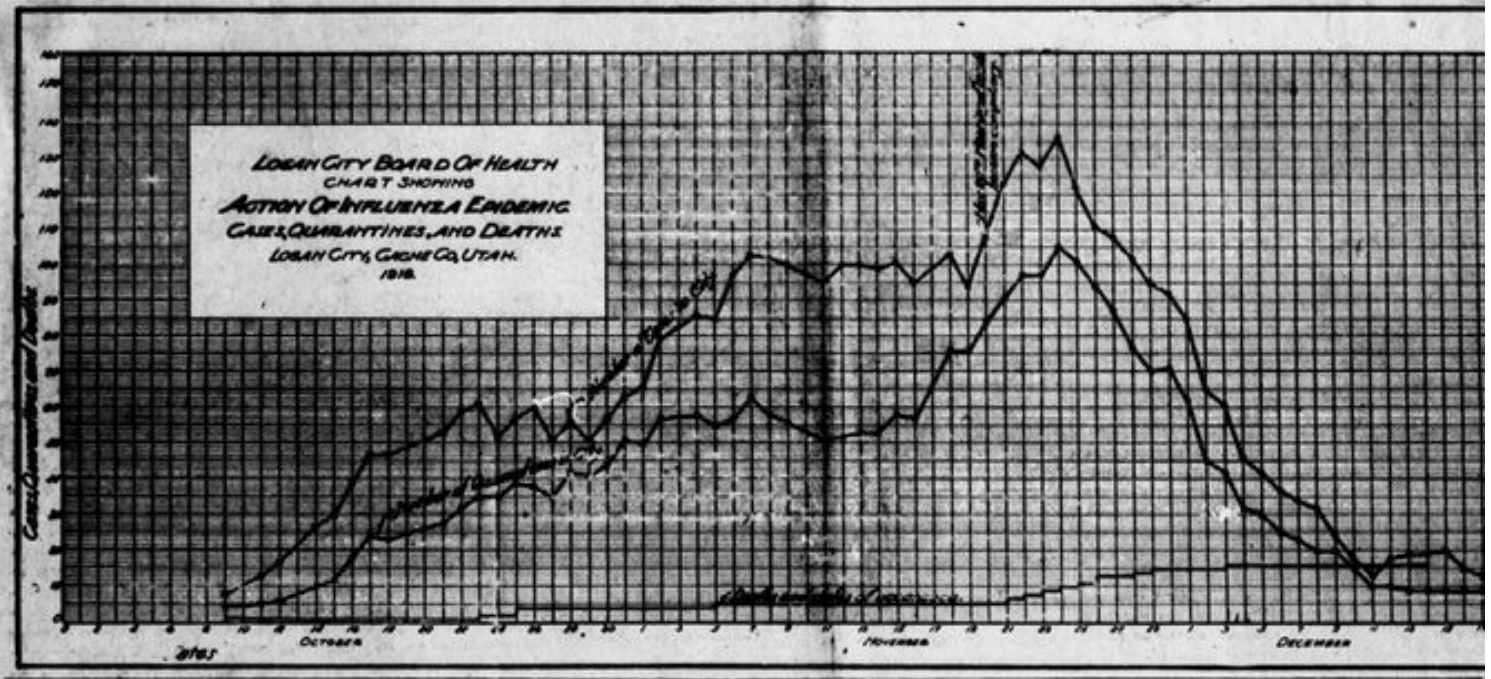

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. J. W. NELSON

Impressive funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. J. W. Nelson Wednesday afternoon on the lawn in front of the family residence on First South street. Where a great many friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects to the deceased lady who was a recent victim of influenza. The services were conducted by Bishop J.

MAKE THE OLD APPLE TREE NEW

Graft an apple orchard on to the old apple tree, runs up a timely bit of advice sent from the Utah Agricultural College by the agricultural experts there that form the committee on Agricultural Production of the State Council of Defense. It is an easy process, says the committee. All you need is an old apple tree with a sound trunk. But bank a branch or two and graft on a good variety. Next year graft on another variety and the next repeat. Soon you will have a tree bearing several kinds of apples producing bothearly and late.

A synopsis of the committee's advice to the Utah farmer is as follows:

"Old, ugly orchard and shade

Influenza And The Mask.

The above is a chart showing when the Influenza started in Logan and how it has acted since, with reference to the total number of cases in the city each day, the total number of places in quarantine and the total number of deaths which have occurred. From this chart the condition for any day can readily be determined. For example take the 21st day of November. The chart shows that there was a total of 123 cases, and a total of 97 homes in quarantine in the entire city on that day. The death curve shows that there had been five deaths from the disease up to that date, but that on the 21st two more deaths occurred making a total of seven.

Until the 16th day of November there had been only one or two cases of the disease developed in the business district of the city, but upon that date there was ten or twelve cases developed in the business houses on Main street. It therefore became evident to the board of health that further precautions would have to be taken if an incerased rapid spread of the disease was curtailed. An ordinance was therefore passed on the 18th, becoming effective on the 20th, making the universal wearing of gauze masks compulsory.

BOYS AT THE U. A. C. BEING MUSTERED OUT

As fast as their pay can be compiled out and their discharge papers signed, the men of the Students' Army Training Corps at the Utah Agricultural College are today being mustered out of the service of Uncle Sam. The final step in demobilization began this morning at seven o'clock and before night every one of the six hundred and forty-three men in the corps will be again a civilian.

Military work has been carried on in the organization intensively and continuously every day since the installation of the corps on September 30, ad with the exception of an en-

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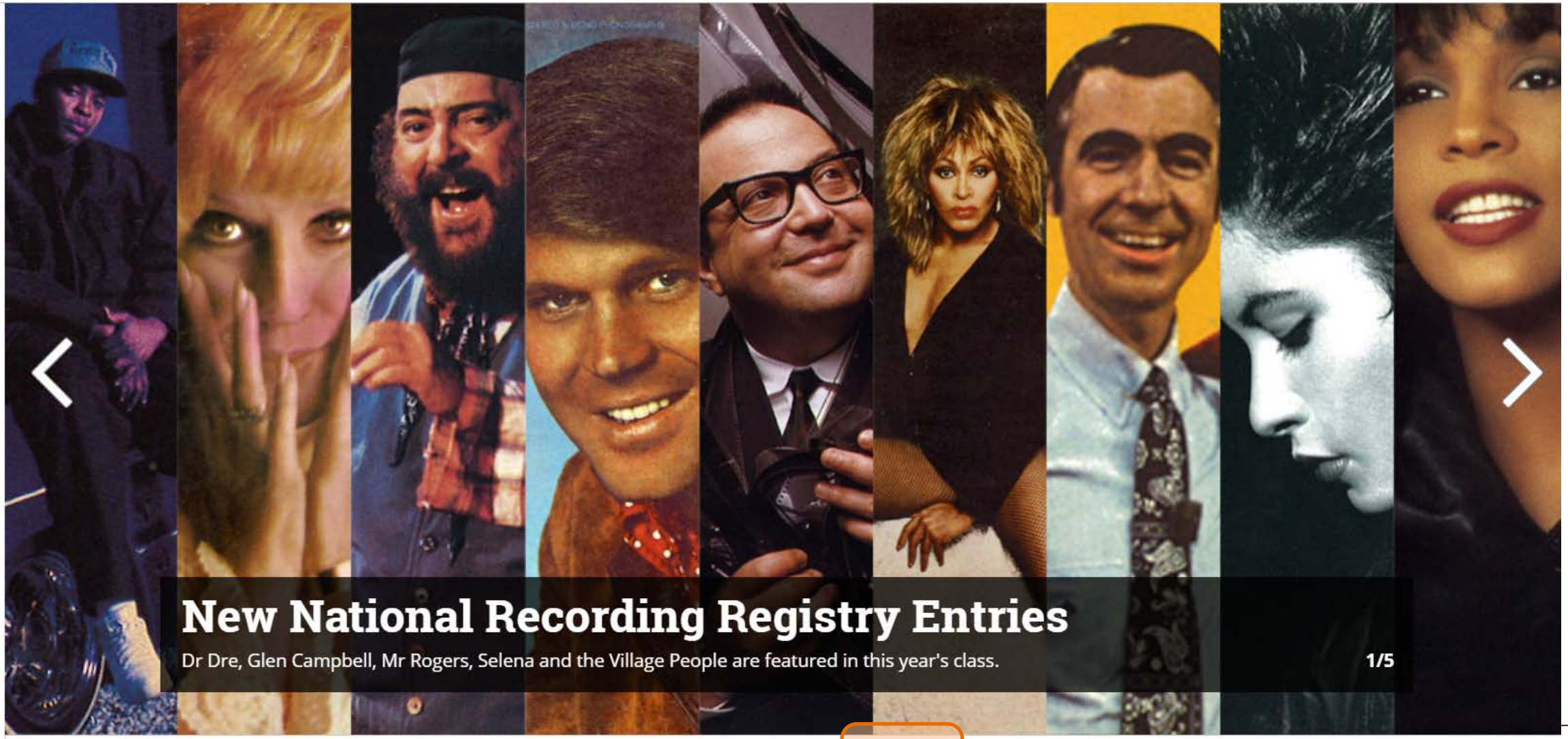

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In 1918, the United States faced one of the worst public health challenges in its history. An influenza pandemic – also known as the Spanish flu – infected an estimated 500 million people worldwide, killing 20-50 million people, including hundreds of thousands of Americans.

In response to that crisis, the American Red Cross mobilized countless Americans to assist their fellow citizens. Historical primary sources provide examples of *civic virtue*–that is, of citizens dedicating themselves to the common welfare, even at the cost of their own interests. By examining such sources, students can reflect on how civic virtue was practiced in the past, and how the concept might apply today.

Introduce students to the Spanish flu by asking them to examine this image of masked men near a Seattle street car.

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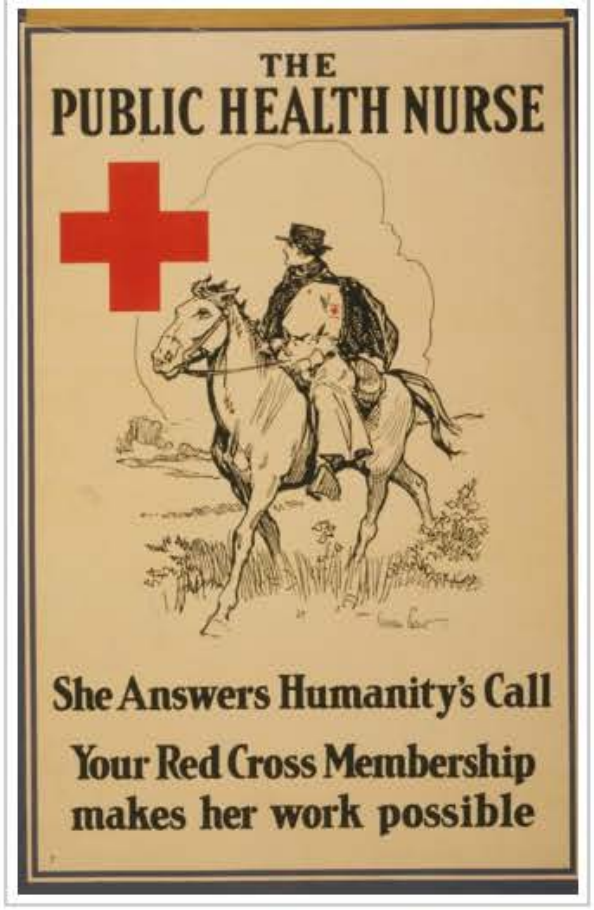
NEED RED CROSS WORKERS TO MAKE MORE FLU MASKS

With 20,000 gauze influenza preventive masks made and distributed, the local Red Cross chapter calls for volunteers to help make a new supply. Several hundred women are wanted at once, as the present force is wholly inadequate to cope with the emergency. The Red Cross headquarters is at 315 University st.

"Need Red Cross Workers to Make More Flu Masks," The Seattle star., October 26, 1918



The Public Health Nurse She answers humanity's call : Your Red Cross membership makes her work possible

Next, divide students into groups and invite them to analyze an additional source, responding to the focus question: "How did U.S. citizens serve their communities during the Spanish flu?" Some possible sources include:

- "Red Cross Opens Influenza Hospital" – an article asking citizens to donate food to the hospital.
- "The Public Health Nurse: She answers humanity's call" – a poster inviting citizens to donate money to support community nurses.

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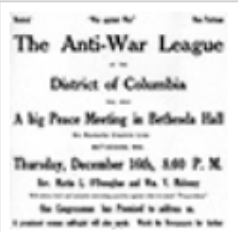

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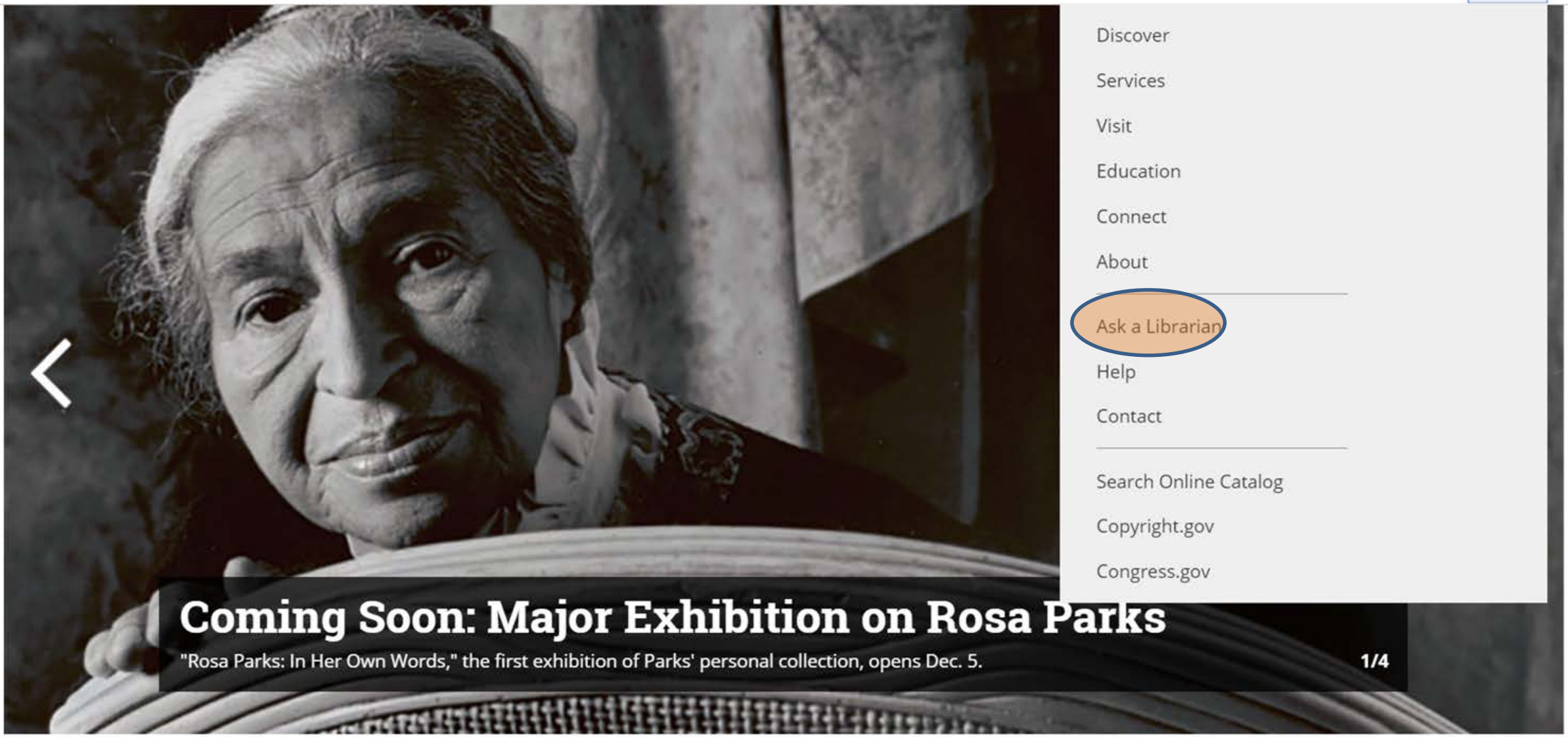

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