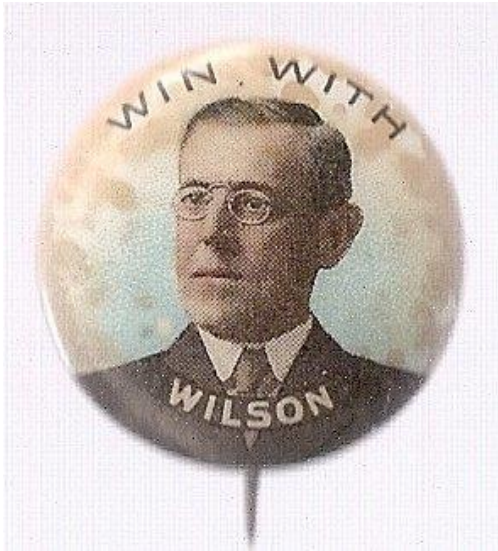


The Great Influenza, Woodrow Wilson and World History



Woodrow Wilson crusaded for an idealistic peace process but was derailed by a tiny virus—the Great Influenza. His illness, and inability to participate fully in the Paris Conference of 1919, led to the growth of Hitler and Stalin, World War 2, and modern Europe as we know it.

The Great Influenza



The “Spanish Flu”, although not Spanish in origin, spread throughout the world in the spring of 1918, peaking in the fall of 1918 and ending by summer 1919. It killed approximately 40 million people world wide before it dwindled. No wonder it’s called (still) The Great Influenza.

INFLUENZA
FREQUENTLY COMPLICATED WITH
PNEUMONIA
IS PREVALENT AT THIS TIME THROUGHOUT AMERICA.
THIS THEATRE IS CO-OPERATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
YOU MUST DO THE SAME
IF YOU HAVE A COLD AND ARE COUGHING AND
SNEEZING. DO NOT ENTER THIS THEATRE
GO HOME AND GO TO BED UNTIL YOU ARE WELL

Coughing, Sneezing or Spitting Will Not Be Permitted In The Theatre. In case you must cough or Sneeze, do so in your own handkerchief, and if the Coughing or Sneezing Persists Leave The Theatre At Once.

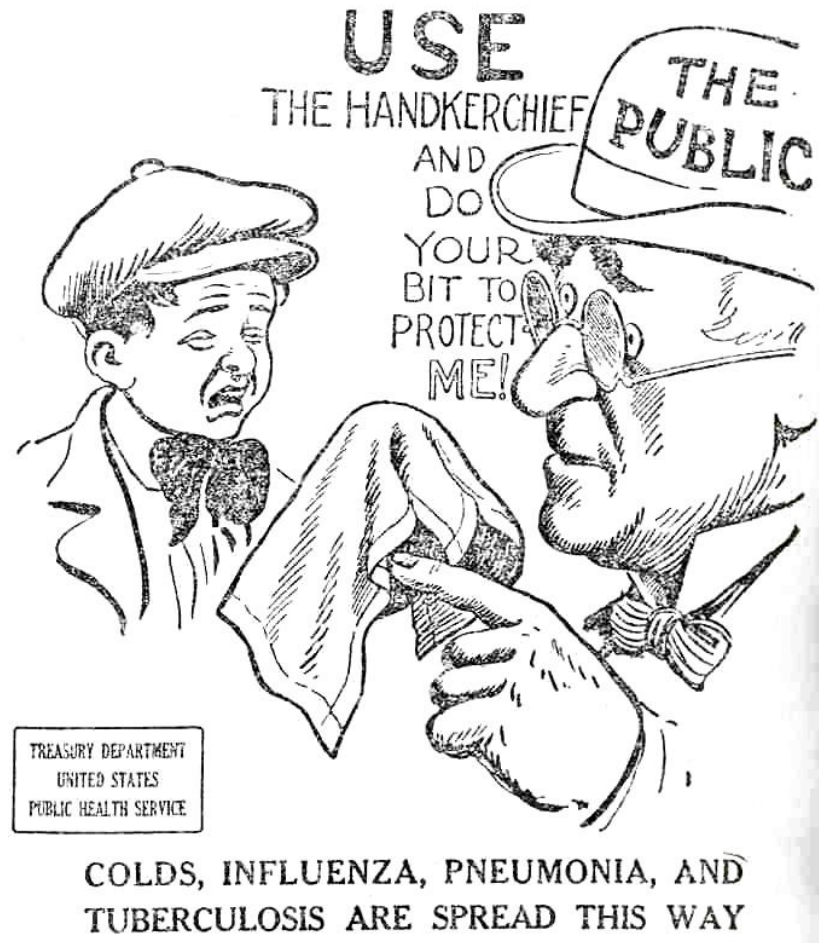
This Theatre has agreed to co-operate with the Department Of Health in disseminating the truth about Influenza, and thus serve a great educational purpose.

HELP US TO KEEP CHICAGO THE HEALTHIEST CITY IN THE WORLD

JOHN DILL ROBERTSON
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

Public Health Awareness Campaigns— Yesteryear's Social Media Was Cartoons

No Facebook, no Twitter, no Internet... very few phones and no TV! Public health relied on poster campaigns to educate the public as well as notices and newspaper articles.



Dr. Jones Was Busy Too



Businesses capitalized on the 'flu, too!

World Leaders Met to Repair Europe, Paris 1919



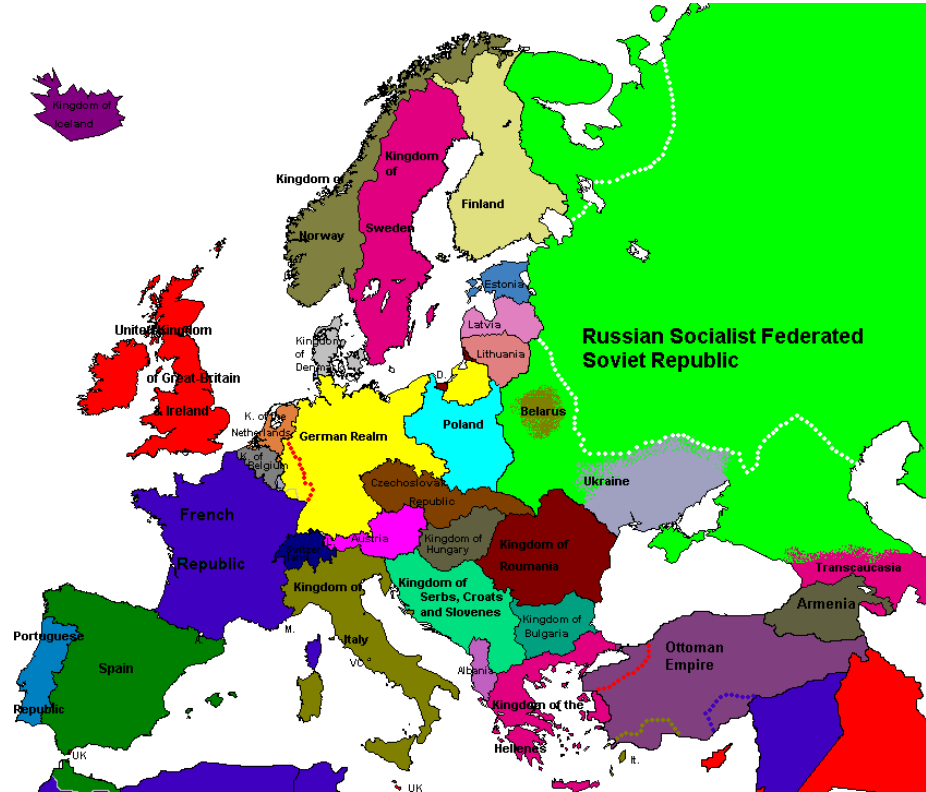
Clemenceau, France

Wilson, USA

Lloyd George, Great Britain

While attending the peace conference, and pushing France to stop being so aggressive about war debts and reparations, Wilson fell ill with influenza and never really fully recovered. His lack of influence during the conference led to a deeply divided, bitter Europe.

Europe in 1918/1919



Europe as it was in 1918/1919 was a deeply divided, wounded place. Wilson was hoping to reunite the former warring countries through peaceful, non-punishing processes but Clemenceau and Lloyd George were able to override Wilson due to his illness.

Europe Now



The modern shape of Europe was distinctly influenced by the decisions made in 1919 in Paris... which led to the empowerment of Lenin and Stalin in Russia, and the dramatic rise to power of Hitler in Germany.

The Human Face of The Great Influenza



Private Cayce Brann from TN died 9/28/18 from influenza in England

A. S. N. 3 998,723

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POST OFFICE Weakley COUNTY

GREAT WORLD WAR
TENNESSEE'S ROLL OF HONOR
GOLD STAR RECORDS

Name in full Cayce Fleming Brann

Date of birth, month November day 17th year 1882

Where born, Town, and County and State Anson, Jones Co., Texas

Occupation Farming married Yes If married how many in family

Name of parents Reuben M. Brann & Mary Vaughn Brann

Place of birth

Name and address of nearest kin Mrs. R. M. Brann, McConnell, Tenn., R#1

What schooling

Date and place of entering service July 24, 1918, Dresden, Tenn.

Branch of service Infantry (Sept Aut Repl Draft Camp Gordon)

Company 22 Regiment Division

Rank when first in service Private

Where trained Camp Gordon, Ga. (Atlanta)

Camps Camp Merritt, Hoboken, N. J.

Date of sailing Sept. 14, 1918 Date of arrival in Europe Sept. , 1918

Transfer 29 Co 8 Tng Bn 157 Dep Brig; 22 Co Sept Auto Repl Draft Camp Gordon

Promotions

Honors

Battles

Casualties (including taken prisoner) date and place

Died, date and place Sept. 28, 1918, Winchester, England (Hursley Park)

Cause of death Died of pneumonia.

(OVER)

This soldier from Tennessee was one of the Gold Star Mother's Roll of Honor members—he died in England from pneumonia, likely brought about by the Great Influenza. Over 40,000 Nashville residents had the flu and 438 died.

Shelby County, TN Death Certificate for Influenza Death, 10/7/18

Handwritten: *and* *copy*

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 County Shelby
 Civil Dist. _____
 or Village _____
 or City Memphis (No. 722 N. Decatur St.; Ward _____)

STATE OF TENNESSEE
 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. 28005 File No. _____
 Primary Registration District No. _____ Registered No. 2597
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME Harry D Featherstone

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M. 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Single
 (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 24, 1901
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 17 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

8 OCCUPATION Laundry man
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 7:10

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Ind

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER W. J. Featherstone
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ill
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Rosa Lee Butcher
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Tenn

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) W. C. Featherstone
 (Address) 722 Decatur

15 Filed 10-7, 1918

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Oct 7, 1918
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 10/6 1918, to 10/7 1918, that I last saw him alive on _____, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Broncho Pneumonia
Influenza
Contag.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
 At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
 Former or usual residence _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Ft. Hill DATE OF BURIAL Oct 9, 1918

20 UNDERTAKER McDOWELL & MONTEVERDE ADDRESS _____
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

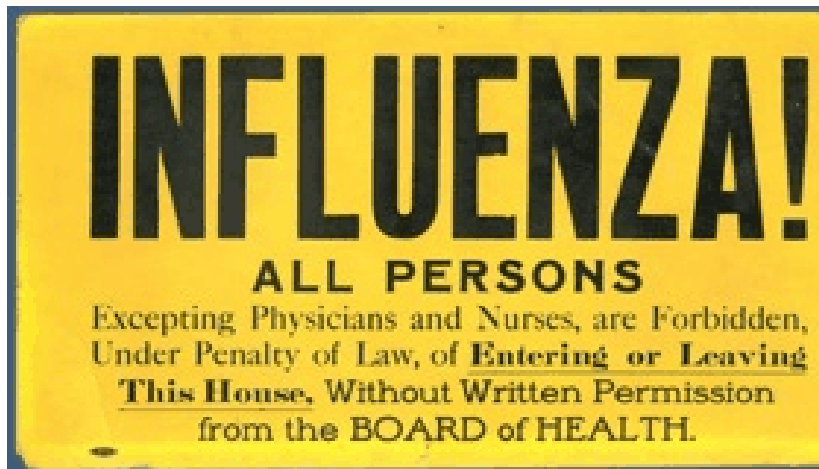
Form V. S. No. 4-100M * POSTER & PARKER CO., NASHVILLE

Vertical text on left: WRITE PL. IN UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
 Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIAN should state. Cause of death should be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

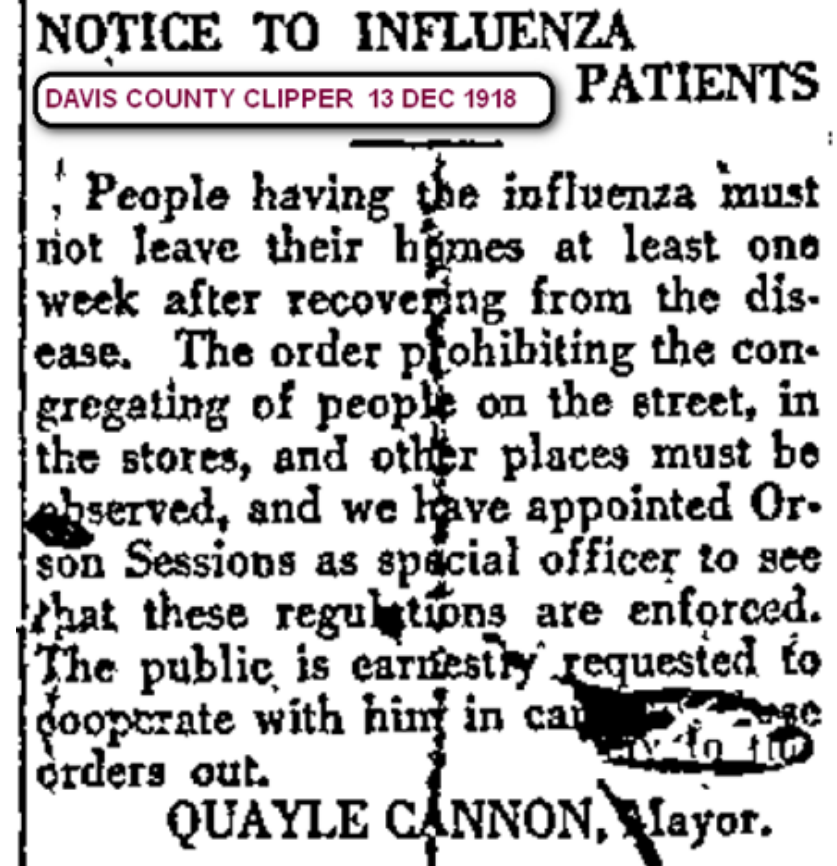
This is a death certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, TN Dept of Health, for Harry Featherstone, a 17 yr old who died in Memphis from the Great Influenza.

Public Health Announcements During The Great Influenza

Stay home
or else!



Public Health Officers were given special, limited powers to keep people from circulating in public during the height of the flu epidemic.



British Public Health Announcements During The Great Influenza

... steps were taken. It is too late now, and the best counsel we can give to the public is to get as much fresh air and moderate exercise as is possible, to keep away from crowds, especially under cover, to feed as well as restrictions permit, to avoid overstrain, to keep their houses scrupulously clean, and to stay indoors if they are seized. The surest way to catch any prevalent epidemic is to worry about it or to be afraid of it.

The only thing we have to fear is... the flu?

England's public health approach was rather less "in your face". Don't worry, be happy and clean compulsively.

Doctors Tried to Educate Each Other About Spanish Flu Symptoms



Photos were not as easily recreated and printed as they are now, so physicians still relied on hand-drawn and tinted illustrations. Remember, this is a time period before antibiotics; the flu could kill within hours.

US Army Recruits Were Hard Hit

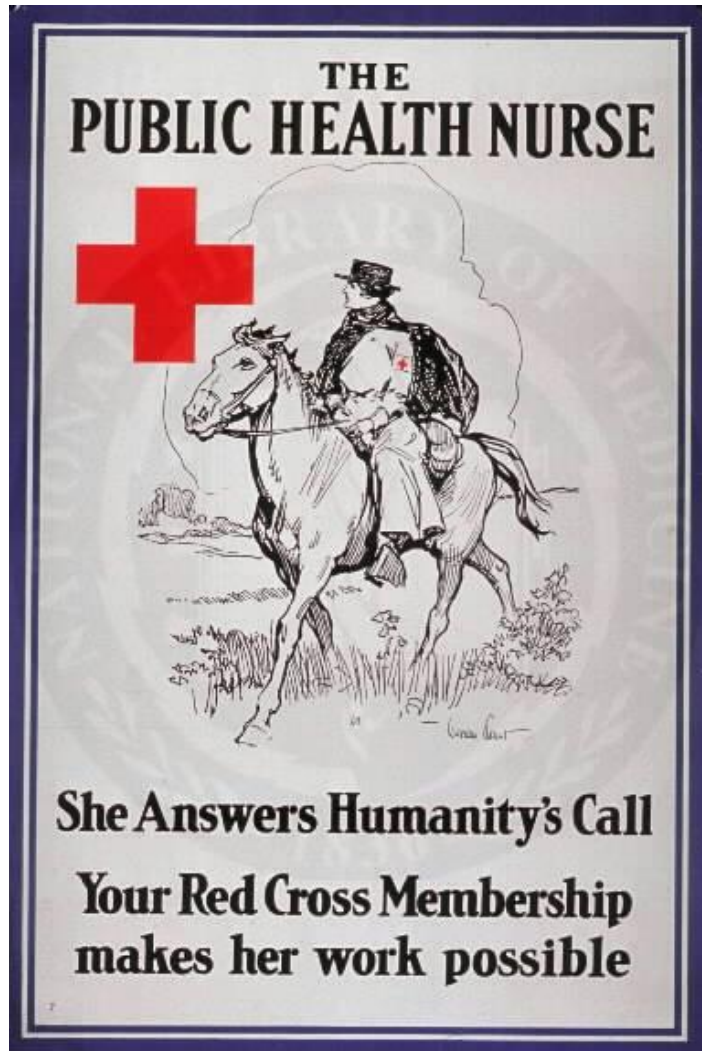


Basic training isn't much fun but it's worse when your whole battalion has the flu!

The US Army recruit training camps were very hard hit. Public Health Nurses played a major role in caring for these stricken men. The US Navy recruit training command was also hard-hit.



Public Health Nurses Played Important Roles During The Great Influenza



But transportation has improved since then for nurses! Hopefully Nurse and Horse have been replaced by a Nurse in a Mustang!

Katherine Porter, Author and Influenza Survivor



The Great Influenza had an impact not only on world politics and personal lives but on literature.

Katherine Porter's novel Pale Horse, Pale Rider, was set in Colorado in 1918. She wrote it after surviving (barely) the Great Influenza and it plays a major role in this novel.

The Great Influenza and World History

Hitler, Goebbels and his
followers, 1920



Stalin and Lenin, 1920

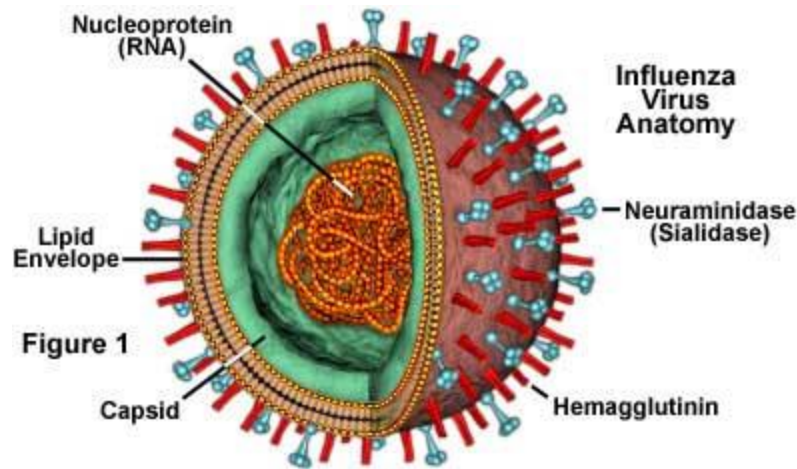


Hitler, Goebbels and the Nazi Party rose to power in the 1920s and 1930s in a devastated, bitter Germany. Lenin and Stalin consolidated power in Russia after the Russian Revolution, and both dictatorships were helped immensely by the flu and its impact on the Paris Conference of 1919.

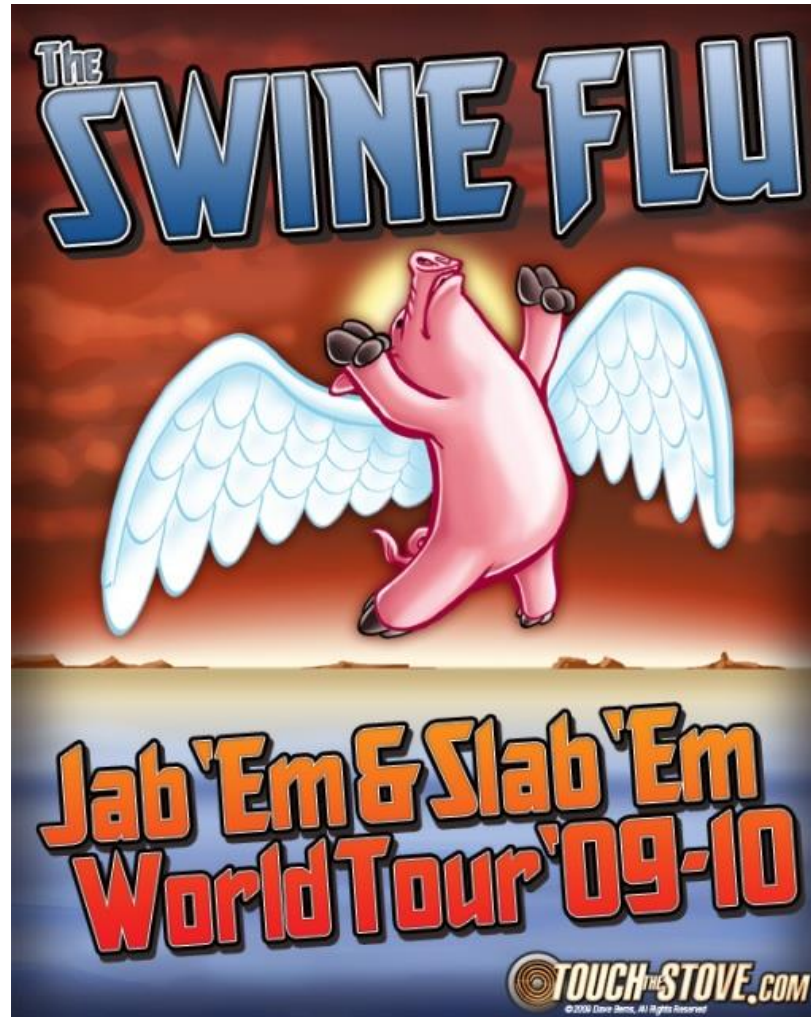
What If?

- What if Woodrow Wilson had been healthy during the treaty convention, and been able to push his agenda more energetically?
- What if Hitler and the Nazis hadn't had widespread disaffection, fear and economic disruption linked to the harsh Versailles Treaty of 1919?
- What if Lenin and Stalin hadn't come to power?
- When would WW2 have happened and who would have been in it?
- Would the Cold War have happened?
- What would the world look like now?

Influenza Influences the World



Popular Media Anti-Flu Campaign 100 Years Later



Now Look at Your Numbers

- If your number is **1**, you didn't catch the flu in 1918 in Nashville. You were lucky!
- If your number is **2**, you caught the flu in Nashville in 1918. You felt awful!
- Sadly, if your number is **3**, you passed away from the flu in Nashville in 1918. Sorry.

Gesundheit!

Nashville population in 1918 was 118,342; 40,000 caught the flu; 438 died. If there are approx. 40 people in this room, that means about 14 got the flu and about 2 died.