The Spanish Flu of 1918

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A public health nurse teaches a young mother how to sterilize a bottle. [Credit: National Library of Medicine]
http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/photos/Nurse_Helps_With_Baby_Formula.jpg

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A street cleaner in New York during an outbreak of Spanish influenza, which hit in 1918.
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/01/nyregion/01bigcity.html

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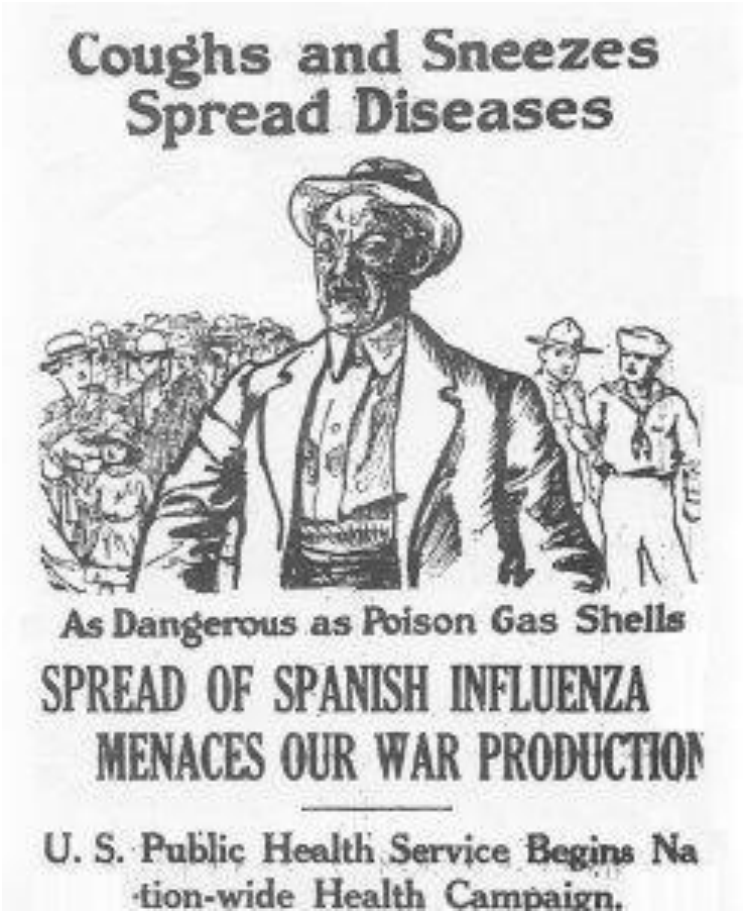

A warning posted in a 1918 issue of the New York Times
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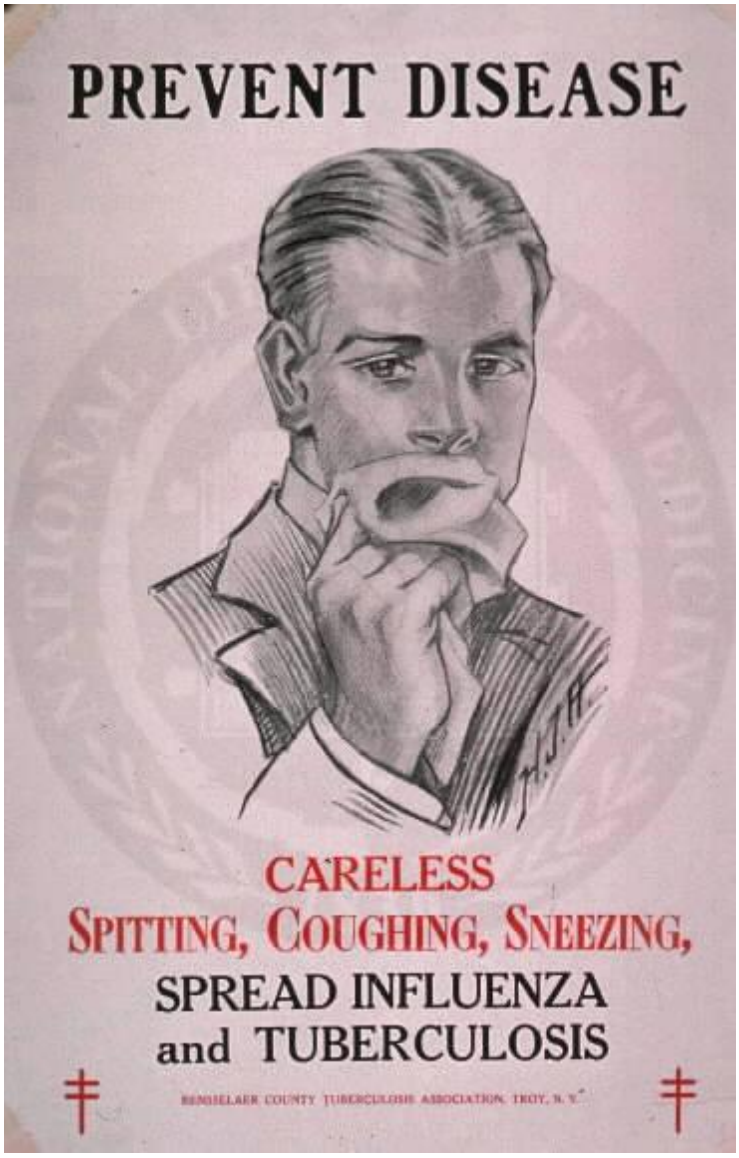

By educating people on how influenza could spread, public health officials hoped to help people avoid it. [Credit: National Library of Medicine]

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/posters/Careless_Spitting.jpg

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http://www.stanford.edu/group/virus/uda/

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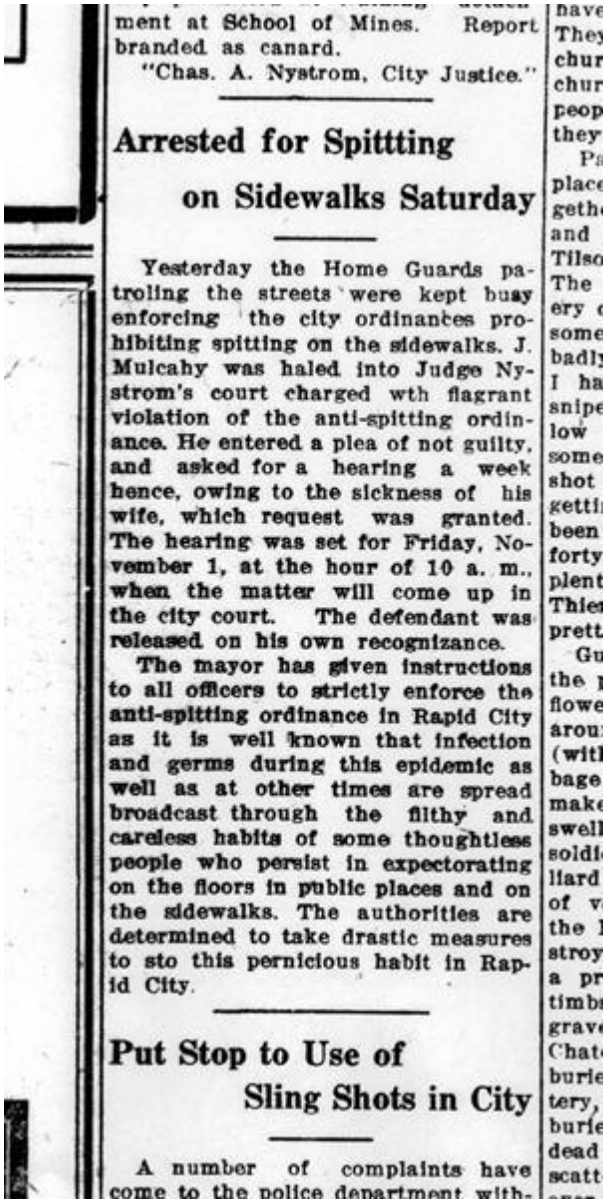

ment at School of Mines. Report branded as canard.

"Chas. A. Nystrom, City Justice."

Arrested for Spittting on Sidewalks Saturday

Yesterday the Home Guards patroling the streets were kept busy enforcing the city ordinances prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks. J. Mulcahy was haled into Judge Nystrom's court charged wth flagrant violation of the anti-spitting ordinance. He entered a plea of not guilty, and asked for a hearing a week hence, owing to the sickness of his wife, which request was granted. The hearing was set for Friday, November 1, at the hour of 10 a. m., when the matter will come up in the city court. The defendant was released on his own recognizance.

The mayor has given instructions to all officers to strictly enforce the anti-spitting ordinance in Rapid City as it is well known that infection and germs during this epidemic as well as at other times are spread broadcast through the filthy and careless habits of some thoughtless people who persist in expectorating on the floors in public places and on the sidewalks. The authorities are determined to take drastic measures to sto this pernicious habit in Rapid City.

Put Stop to Use of Sling Shots in City

A number of complaints have come to the police department with-

Harsh measures were taken against those who disobeyed laws forbidding spitting. [Credit: North Dakota Historical Society]
http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/newspapers/Arrested_for_Spitting.gif

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I had a little bird
and its name was Enza
I opened the window and in-flu-enza

Children's jump rope rhyme heard nationwide during the height of the pandemic.

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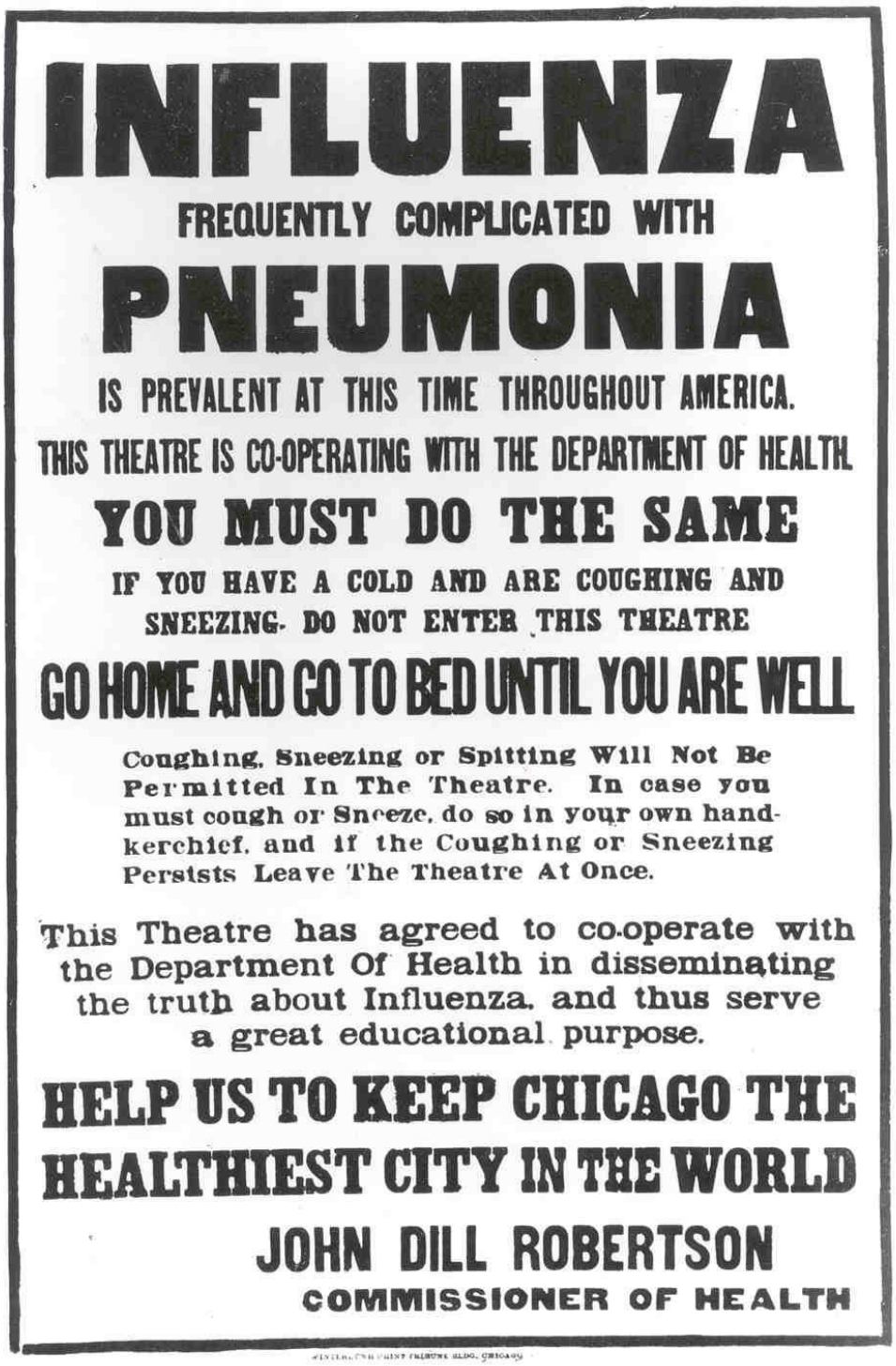

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Local health departments warned those who were ill to stay away from theaters and other public places. [Credit: Office of the Public Health Service Historian]

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/posters/Chicago_Poster_1918.jpg

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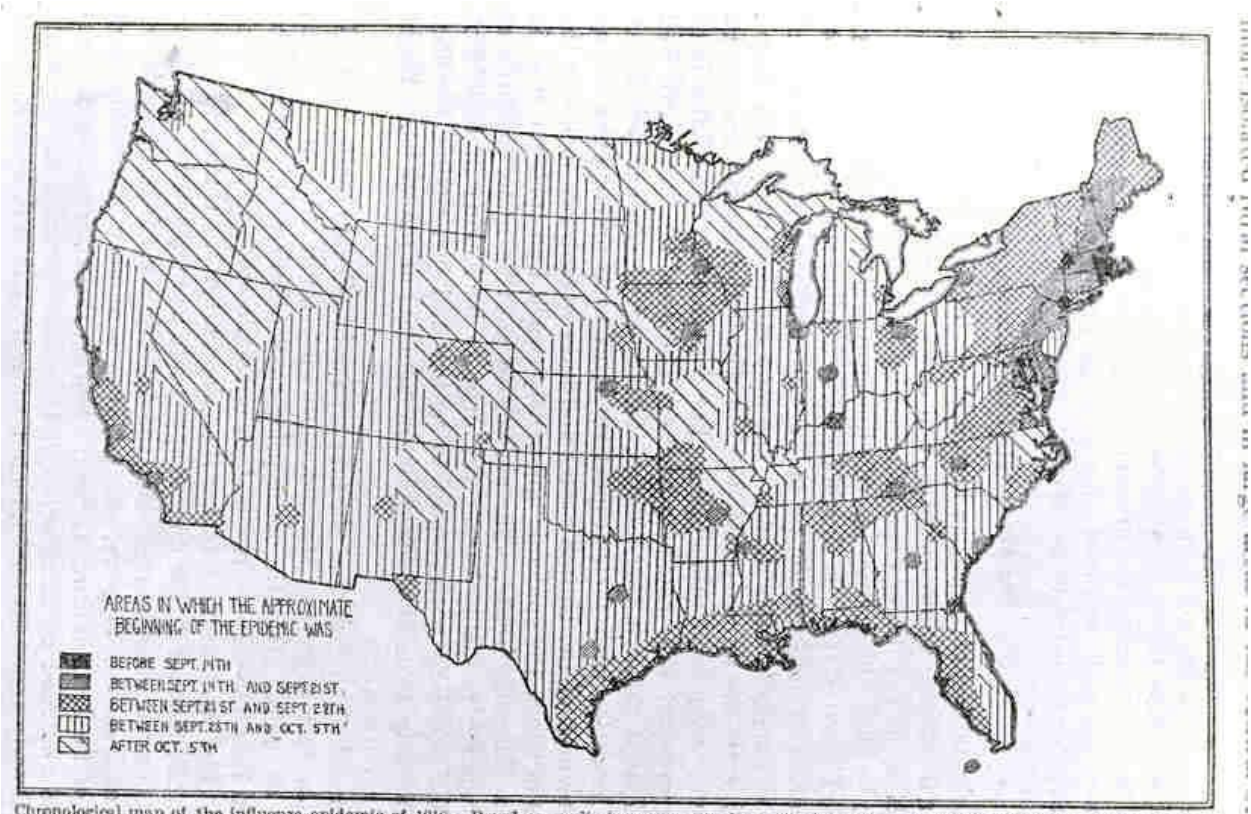

Chronological map of the influenza epidemic of 1918. Based on preliminary reports from 376 localities. Indicating the approximate dates on which the disease reached an epidemic stage.

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/charts/Map_of_Flu_in_1918.jpg

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Nurses and doctors attempted, often unsuccessfully, to protect themselves from influenza. [Credit: National Archives and Records Administration]

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/photos/Nurse_With_Mask.jpg

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Policemen in Seattle wore masks in the belief that these would protect them from influenza. The masks provided no real protection. c. 1918.

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/photos/Washington_State1.jpg

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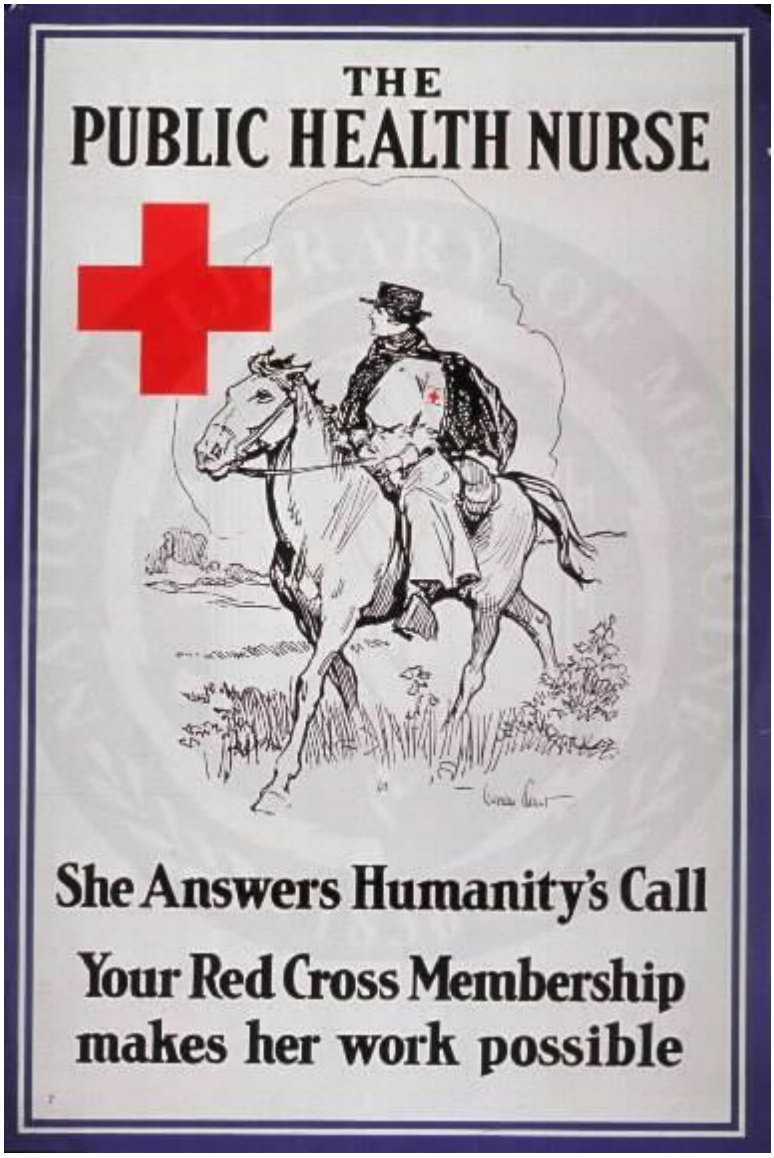

Public health nurses often traveled great distances to reach patients. [Credit: National Library of Medicine]
http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/posters/Red_Cross_Public_Health_Nurse.jpg

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Street car conductor in Seattle not allowing passengers aboard without a mask. 1918
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/influenza-epidemic/records-list.html

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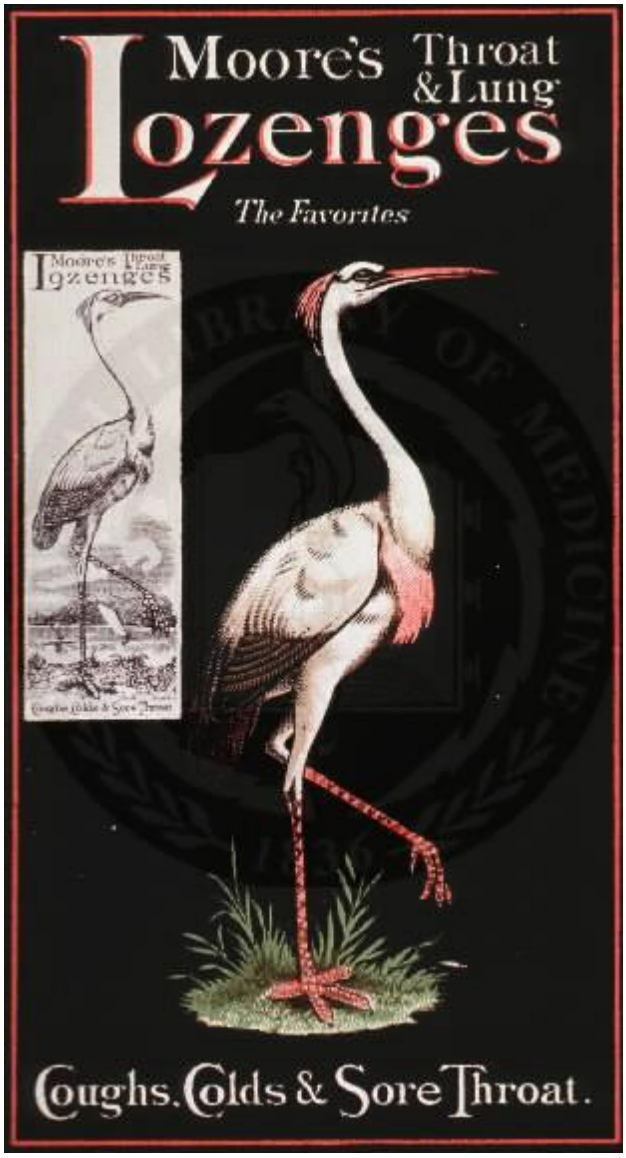

Traditional remedies for colds and coughs remained popular remedies. [Credit: National Library of Medicine]
http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/pics/posters/Throat_Lozenges.jpg

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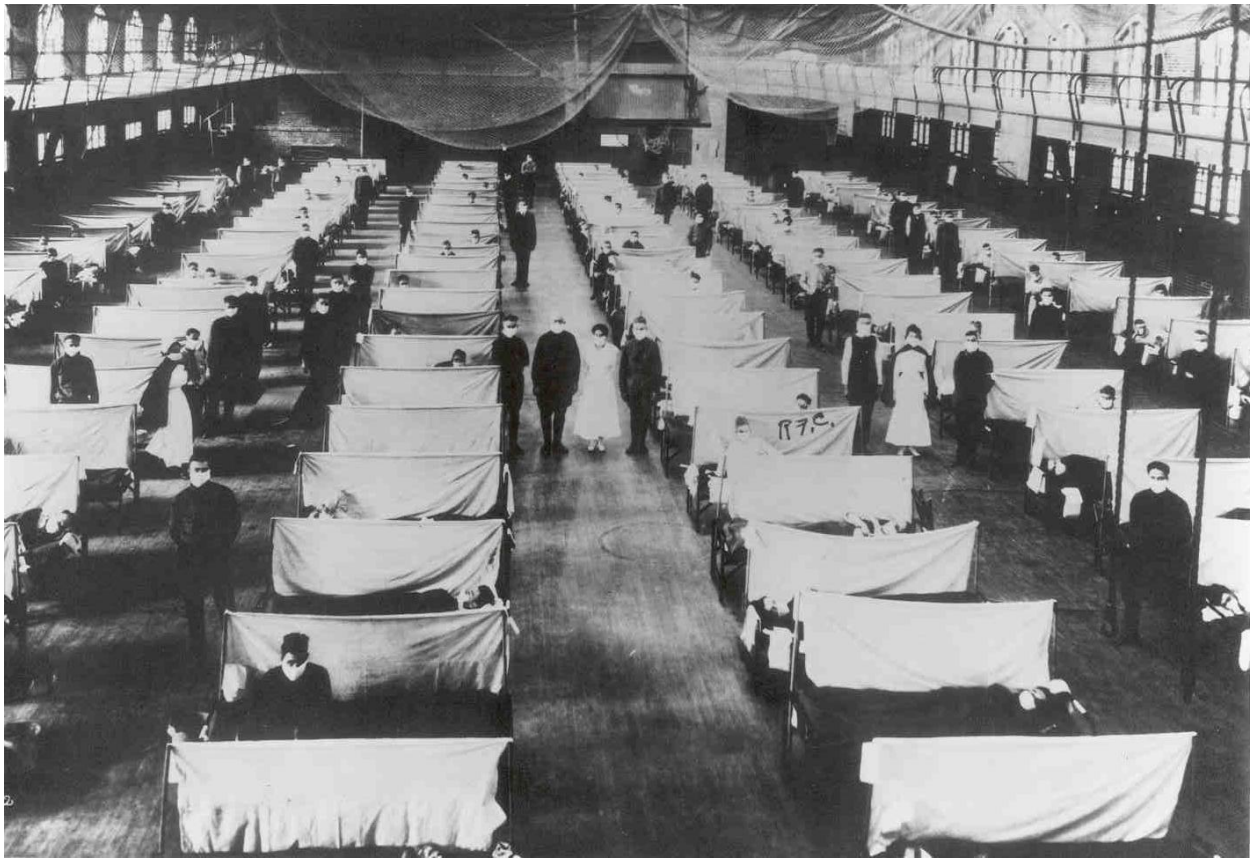

When it came to treating influenza patients, doctors, nurses and druggists were at a loss. [Credit: Office of the Public Health Service Historian]

http://1918.pandemicflu.gov/documents_media/06.htm