

# 1918 Spanish Flu “probably introduced here by German submarines.”

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🍷 Latest in a series of posts on the Spanish Flu 🍷

*For perspective on our current coronavirus situation, we are following the entrance of the 1918 Spanish Influenza, that paragon of pandemics, into the minds and bodies of Lehigh Valley residents who got their news through the Morning Call (the files of the Bethlehem Globe are closed to us at the moment).*

Think what our current social media could do with this.

**INFLUENZA PROBABLY  
BROUGHT BY GERMANS**

Prepare against an epidemic of Spanish influenza. This disease, which has been raging in Europe, has now appeared on the Atlantic seaboard and an extensive outbreak is to be feared.

Watch colds such as are common at this time of the year. Keep vitality high thru proper food and rest. Keep the body in the shape best calculated to resist any and all disease.

There is added interest in the arrival of the new disease in the suggestion that it was probably introduced here by German submarines.

It is known that the Germans have tried to spread plagues in Europe thru distributing the germs of fatal illnesses in the territory of their foe. It is also known that men from German submarines have come ashore in this country to gather information. Therefore it is possible that vials of germs, developed in German laboratories,

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