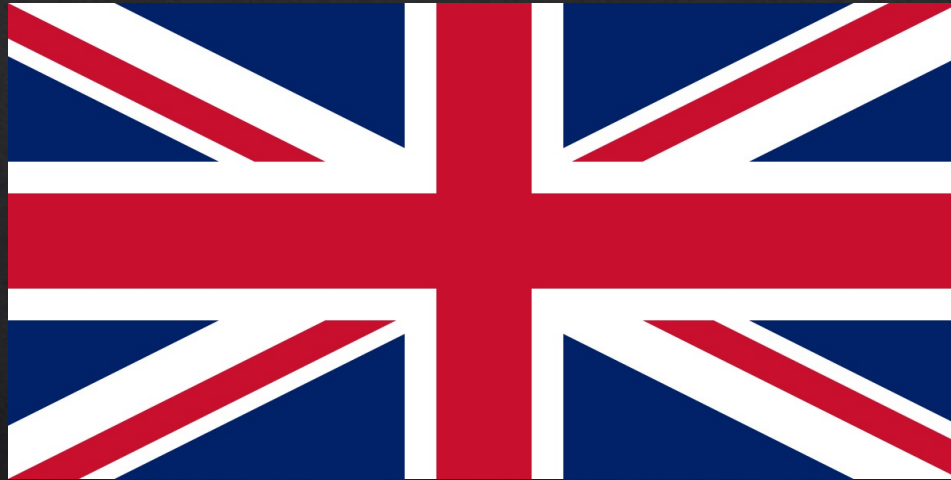


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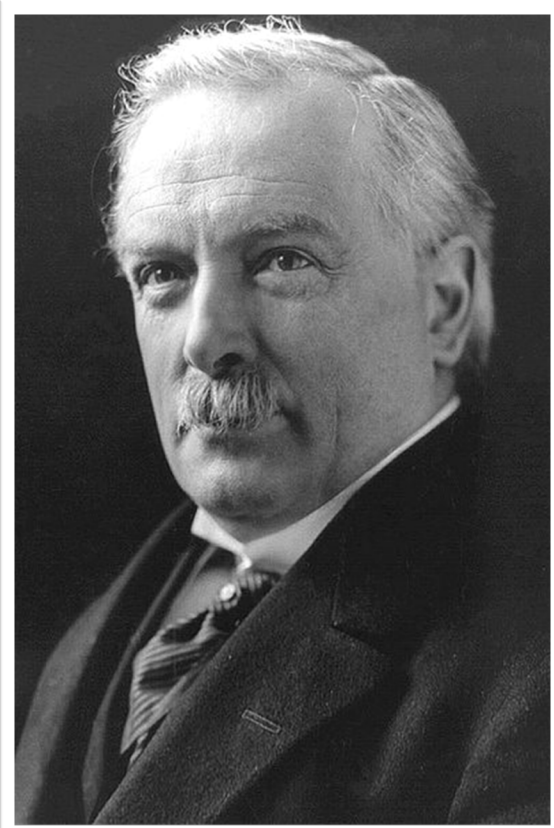
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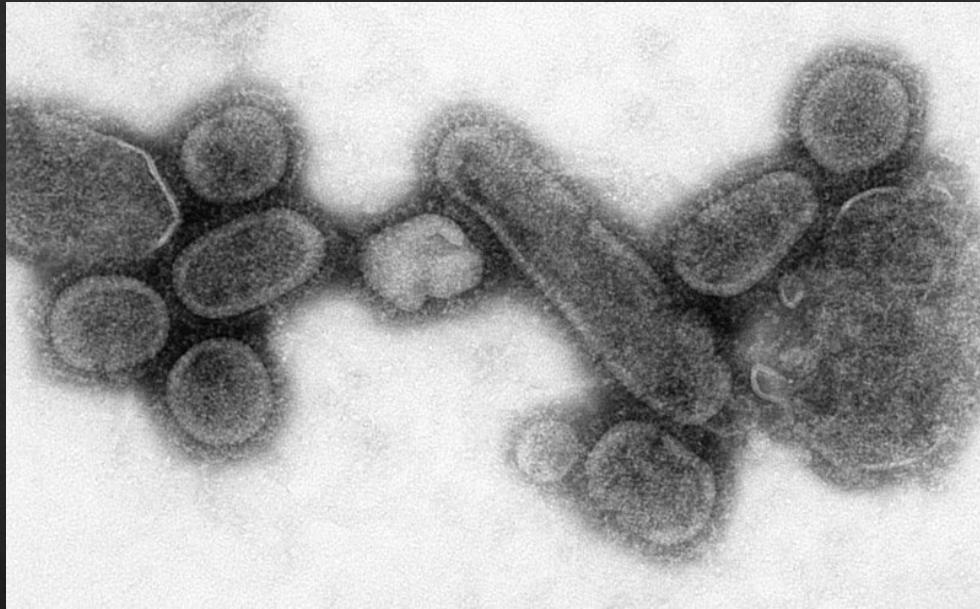
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# David Lloyd George

- Welsh Statesmen
- Member of Liberal Party
- Minister of Munitions, May 1915- July 1916
- Secretary of State for War, July 1916- December 1916
- **Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, December 1916- October 1922**





Reconstructed Spanish Influenza A(H1N1) Virus



“...the malady is not of a serious type...” - *Derby Daily Telegraph*, June 24, 1918

## SPANISH INFLUENZA.

### NEW EPIDEMIC THAT CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS.

An epidemic of influenza is reported from various parts of the British Isles, but though many thousands of cases have occurred in both civilian and military hospitals, reports to-day suggest that the malady is not of a serious type, and that the few deaths notified so far have been those of weak patients suffering from other complications.

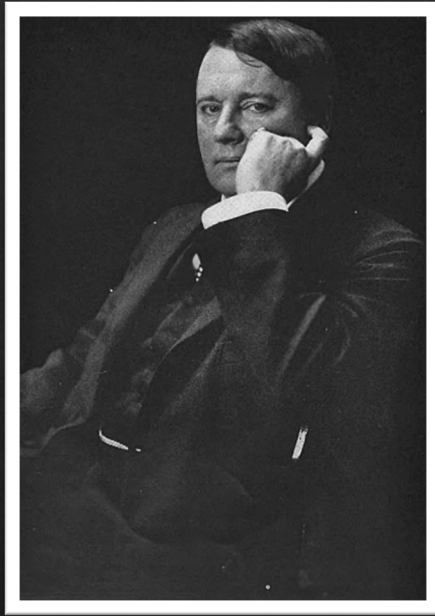
## Defence of the Realm Act (1914)

- Gave British Government far reaching powers in a time of war, including (but not limited to)...
  - **The right to censor press**
  - Making it illegal to discuss naval and military Manners
  - Arrest foreigners or conscientious objectors of war
  - To seize factories, farms, and land
  - New regulations for making laws



# Alfred Harmsworth, Lord Northcliffe

Owner of the *Daily Mail*,  
*Evening News*, and *The*  
*Times*



“The King of Lies”

# “Spanish” Flu?



King Alfonso XIII



“The three-day fever.  
There are 80,000 infected in Madrid.  
[His Majesty] the king is sick.”

-El Sol, May 28, 1918



# Blaming the Enemy

## INFLUENZA SPREADING IN GERMANY.

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### BERLIN INDUSTRIES AFFECTED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE HAGUE, JULY 3.

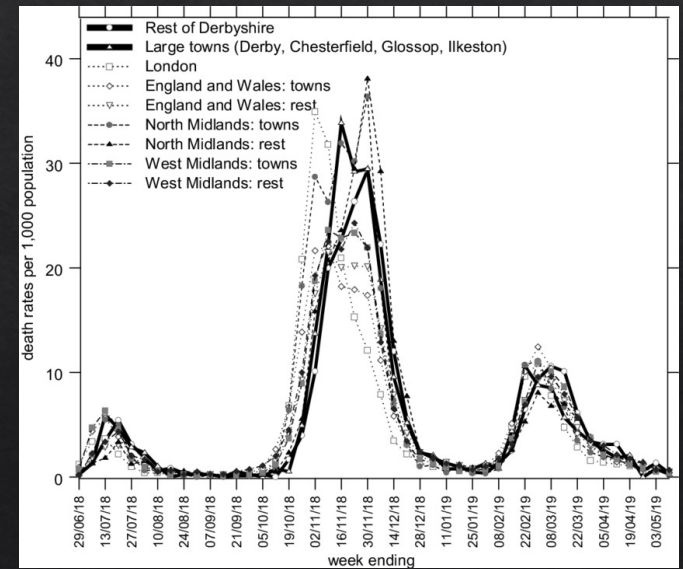
“Spanish influenza” is increasing in Germany to an alarming extent. Many large industries in Berlin are suffering from the illness of their employees. In two weeks the number of patients on the books of the Berlin local sickness insurance office has increased from 16,000 to 18,000. From 200 to 300 new patients are reported daily.



A worker disinfecting a city bus  
- a common response to stopping the spread of flu was sanitation



British Red Cross workers

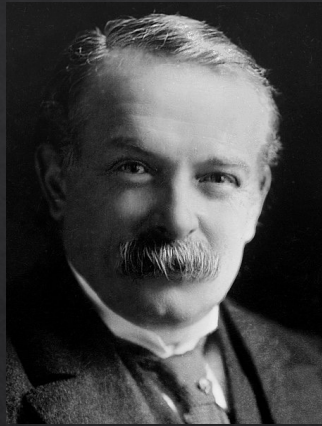


Britain Mortality Rates

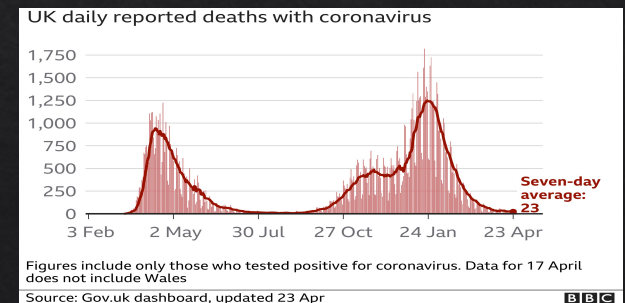
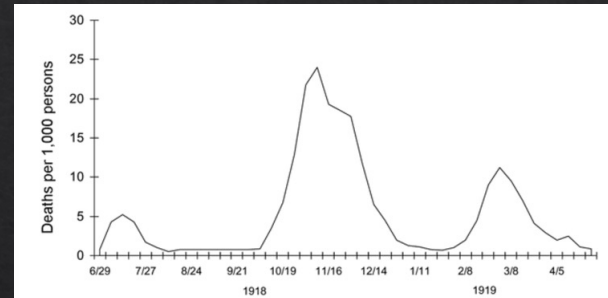
# Sir. Arthur Newsholme



# Modern Parallels?



**ANTI-MASK MEETING**  
**TONIGHT (Saturday) JAN. 25**  
**DREAMLAND RINK**  
To Protest Against the Unhealthy Mask Ordinance  
Extracts will be read from State Board of Health Bulletin showing compulsory mask wearing to be a failure.  
**Eugene E. Schmitz and other interesting speakers.**  
Admission Free.



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