

IS IN DANGER ON WEST FRONT

Franco-British Advance Threatens to Pocket Germans WILL PROVIDE FOR 100 INFLUENZA PATIENTS

Action Taken By Board of Health To Check Spread of Epidemic--Will Depend on Volunteer Nurses to Maintain Temporary Hospital.

Immediate opening of a temporary emergency hospital in the Tabernacle building, to provide accommodation for 100 influenza patients, as a measure of relief in the present epidemic, was ordered by the Board of Health at 10 o'clock last night, and ten minutes later an order had been placed for the necessary number of beds and arrangements for the securing of other necessary equipment were in full swing.

The board's action came at the close of a meeting in which its members heard some home truths on the influenza situation, and were brought to a realization of the seriousness of the epidemic, with the result that a drastic policy of action was unanimously endorsed.

Immediate closing of all churches, theatres and places of amusement, in addition to the establishment of such an emergency hospital, and an active campaign of public propaganda to combat the spread of influenza, were recommendations made to the board by a large delegation from the Board of Trade, but the closing of churches while the factories remained in operation was declared by medical men present to be a futile means of checking the growth of the epidemic.

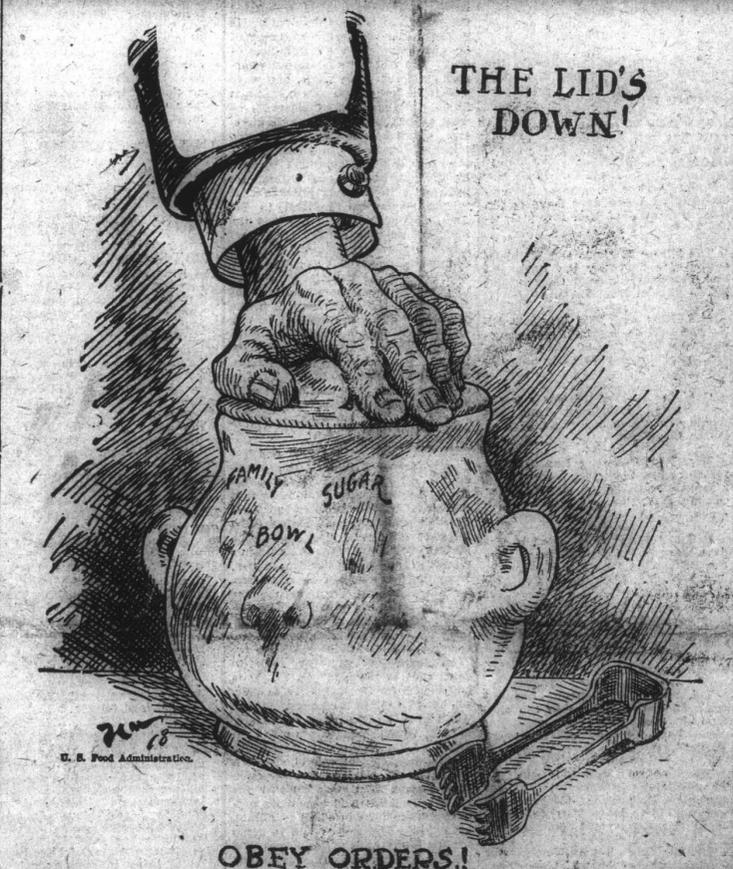
Without taking an alarmist attitude, Dr. Pearson, Medical Health Officer, emphasized the necessity of educating the public to a realization of the epidemic. At the present time it was not taken with the public refused to take proper precautions until the disease had actually seized them.

LETTER FROM HOSPITAL BOARD. The following communications were read: Mr. Minnes, chairman of the Board of Health.

Dear Sir: With sixteen nurses at present writing on the sick list at the hospital and those able to work taxed almost beyond human endurance it is absolutely impossible for any more patients to be received.

Mr. F. D. Reville, Chairman of the Committee, DR. PEARSON.

"There are approximately 2500 cases of influenza in the city at the present time," Dr. Pearson declared to the members present.



NOTES ON INFLUENZA

Among the men of the Cocksbutt Flow Works there are 160 cases and the deaths are recorded to-day of Mr. Kirkpatrick, the timekeeper, and Mr. G. Macintosh, one of the foremen.

In the Massey-Harris works 40 per cent of the men are off. In Verity's 30 per cent, at Paterson's 50 per cent, Barber and Ellis 50 per cent, and so on.

At the hospital there are some very sick people, but no deaths have been recorded during the past few hours.

Called to Kitchener. Mr. J. P. Strong, manager of the Nell Shoe Co., received a sudden call to Kitchener yesterday.

Grace, St. Jude's, Trinity, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. James' Anglican Sunday Schools will be cancelled to-morrow.

IS IN HOSPITAL. Pte. Wilfred M. Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Messer, 141 Sheridan street, has been officially reported admitted to Bradford War Hospital.

TERRACE HILL STREET RAILWAY

By-Law Will Be Introduced At City Council Tuesday Night

Tuesday night's meeting of the city council promises to be an interesting one, at least, as concerns Terrace Hill in particular, and the city as a whole.

Confidence was the feeling predominant at the headquarters of the Catholic Army Huts Association this morning.

On the accompanying two-column map the shaded area represents the gains of the Allies the last two days.

TERrible EARTHQUAKE

New York, Oct. 12.—A message reading: "Terrible earthquake and tidal wave at San Juan, Porto Rico, at 11 o'clock this morning," was received here late last night by a New York business man from his son, who is an officer in a military camp in Porto Rico.

CONTINUED PROGRESS.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Continued progress was made last night by the French troops along the entire Champagne front, the War Office announced to-day.

The Sunday Schools of Zion and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches will also remain closed to-morrow.

ARMY HUTS CAMPAIGN

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CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, THEATRES CLOSED

Closing of all the city churches, schools, theatres and places of amusement was ordered by the Board of Health at a special session at noon to-day.

GERMAN POSITION IN TWO POCKETS CRITICAL

Enemy Faces Grave Danger of Being Turned--Closely Pressed Along Line of Oise, While Mangin's Men Are Advancing Across the Chemin Des Dames.

By Courier Leased Wire. With the French Army in Champagne, Oct. 12 (by the Associated Press).—There was strong defense at chosen spots, sometimes prolonged with great resistance, and at other spots a rapid retirement, of which the first symptom always is the glow of fires on the horizon, yesterday and last night from the region of Blanchemont and the Arnes, and on the heights northeast of Rheims looking over the field where the Germans are still holding the better parts of the line of the Suippe.

One of the most striking features of the situation is the boldness with which the enemy faces what from this side of the line looks like grave danger of being turned. To-day he is in two pockets, from which exit in good order may appear extremely problematical.

Closely pressed from the direction of Cambrai and St. Quentin along the line of the Oise, and with movements of General Mangin's forces advancing across the Chemin des Dames, there was no certain indication that the Germans are abandoning the St. Gobain forest and the region of Laon yesterday. As seen on the map their situation is perilous.

The same may be said of their positions between the Suippe and the Aisne with General Berthelot crowding them east of the line between Berry-au-Bac and Bascourt and General Gouraud advancing northward west of the Argonne and

taking a strong hold on the line of communication northward to Reims.

This morning the Germans were still holding most of their positions north of the Suippe. Berthelot's troops had forced a crossing between the east of Berry-au-Bac and St. Etienne, while north of Berry-au-Bac the situation was unchanged.

While the Germans are taking whatever risk these may be in clinging to this line, they are braving the sentiment of the world and the consequences of which they have been warned by the continued devastation of the region they still hold.

All along the line between the Suippe and the Aisne and further east, north of the Arnes, smoke clouds are to be seen in the distance drifting into immense billows that cover large areas. Dozens of these smoke columns appeared to-day to rise from the enemy's huts and barracks built in the forests. Others that shot up immediately following reports that were louder and carried farther than the sound of cannon, evidently were from the detonation of munition dumps. Many others that developed more gradually could be traced to the sites of towns throughout the region.

On all the heights and in the ruins of the towns along the lines from which this gruesome spectacle of the war could be seen, there are the most impressive examples of the power of the modern explosives, and the thoroughness of destruction of the Germans.

TRANSPORT OTRANTO IS SUNK IN COLLISION

335 United States Troops and 96 Members of the Crew are Feared Lost—Vessel Crashed Into Another Transport

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Oct. 12.—A British Admiralty statement says that the transport Otranto collided on Sunday with the transport Kashmir.

At 11 o'clock on Sunday the armed mercantile cruiser Otranto, acting Captain Ernest Davidson in command, was sunk in a collision with the steamship Kashmir.

The Otranto drifted ashore on the Island of Ilay. She became a total wreck. Sixteen survivors have been picked up at Ilay. There are missing and it is feared 335 United States troops, 11 officers and 85 men of the crew, including men with mercantile marine ratings.

The Kashmir reached a Scottish port and landed its troops without casualty.

called by wireless and by skillful handling succeeded in taking off 21 officers and 225 men of the crew and 300 United States soldiers and thirty French sailors. They were landed at a north Irish port.

Victory Loan Organization

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WEST

For Guelph ... For Guelph and Intermediate.

ST. B. ARRIVALS

Arrive Brantford 8:00 a.m. ... Arrive Brantford 8:00 p.m.

Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway

Brantford—A.M.: 6:30; 7:50; 11:05. P.M.: 1:05; 2:05; 6:05; 7:05; 8:05; 9:05; 10:05; 11:45.

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WEST BOUND.

Arrive Brantford 8:00 a.m. ... Arrive Brantford 8:00 p.m.

W. and N. Railway

Arrive November 11th, 1918. ... Arrive Brantford 8:00 a.m.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Oct. 12.—A moderate depression is passing to the northward of Lake Superior.

Forecast. Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds, clearing, Sunday—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

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