BRIGHTER TODAY IS REPORT MADE ON THE EPIDEMIC

Perceptible Decrease in the Number of New Cases of Influenza.

NURSES BADLY WANTED

And Some Doctors Are Ill From Their Recent Exertions.

"Things are brighter on the whole today," is the statement that has come from the Institute of Public Health, and also from the medical officer of health in regard to the Spanish influenza epidemic in London. While there have been half a dozen or so deaths overnight, there is a perceptible decrease in the number of new cases. At the camp, where there has been one more death, practically no new cases have developed in the past 48 hours.

At the same time, there is an imperative need of more nurses. The nurses who have been on duty for two weeks and more, whether they have contracted influenza or not, are wornout, and in some cases must be relieved or probably suffer serious consequences.

All classes of people are calling for nursing help which neither love nor money at times can procure. One family, it is stated, would pay forty dollars a week to a trained nurse if the trained nurse could be found.

Besieged For Room.

St. Joseph's Hospital is besieged with applications for admission which it is impossible to accept. Cots have been placed in sun rooms, halls and every available place in the hospital. These are filled, and still the demand continues for more accommodation. One patient named Burgess died there during the night.

Over ninety baskets were sent out yesterday from the Alexandra school to families averaging four in a family, besides the lunches to nurses. Forty-five families have been supplied by Miss Fidlar with nurses, and there are still numbers of families requiring them.

Different Germs Blamed.

A statement made by a prominent local doctor throws some light on the fact that the disease varies in its character more than could be accounted for by the difference in constitutions of those attacked. According to this physician, research points to the fact that the epidemic is caused, not by one germ, but by several.

Some of these cause the acute type of influenza, of which there has been an increasing number of cases the past ten days, while other germs are responsible for the milder cases which are long continued, though not so dangerous. The acute cases terminate quickly either in recovery or sudden death. Since, according to this scientist, epidemic influenza is not caused by one germ, but possibly by several, the cautious inference, it is stated, is that it will be the more difficult to find a specific cure.

Confirmation.

Another doctor's statement bears out the theories of the one already quoted. The second doctor found early in the epidemic conflicting symptoms that were most perplexing. Surgeon-General Rupert Blue, head of the public health service in the United States, was quoted in The Advertiser some weeks ago as advising "symptomatic treatment" for the epidemic, watching for new symptoms and treating them as they appeared.

At the board of health meeting today, the question came up of the value of fumigation. A pamphlet sent out by Surgeon-General Blue was quoted on this point. The American surgeon-general holds that the disease is only transmitted by human contact.

Explaining this, Dr. Downham stated that disease germs quickly die away from their natural environment, just like fish taken out of water.

"Organisms are only short-lived outside of the human body," he said, "and the only way to contract the disease is by coming in contact with the people who have it. I have seen all the infectious cases in town for the past four years. All that I have done was to wash my hands afterwards and I have never carried anything in the way of disease home to my children on my clothes."

Fumigation Doubtful.

For this reason that germ organisms cannot live outside of their natural environment, it was thought to be unnecessary to fumigate houses and, indeed, that fumigating would not do any particular good. Walls, woodwork, etc., could be washed with a solution containing a strong germicide.

The board of health will, however, fumigate houses for those who cannot be satisfied without fumigation and will supply candles for the purpose.

The important point in connection with the prevention of the spread of the disease, it was emphasized, is to keep people from crowding and to observe general cleanliness.

Attention was called to the case of a rooming-house in the city, where there have been several cases of Spanish influenza and where one man has died.

Inspector Lutman was commissioned to inspect the sanitary conditions in the house and report to the board.

Exempt Loan Meetings.

A letter was read from the chief M. O. H. of the Province of Ontario, Lieut.-Col. McCullough, stating that in view of the urgency of the Victory Loan campaign, the provincial health authorities are advising local boards not to interfere with meetings necessary to the organization and conduct of the campaign.

Under the circumstances, it was necessary for the local board to comply, though one member voiced the opinion that it was upsetting much that had been achieved. "I think they might have left the matter to the discretion of local boards," was his dissent.

The acting chairman of the board, ex-Ald. H. M. Douglass, mentioned the fact that he had been called up in regard to a wedding to be held in one of the city churches this evening. His reply had been that the rule applied that the gathering should be kept as small as possible, not more than 25 people, according to the board's ruling.

Dr. Downham stated he had received a similar query from someone who feared that people would crowd into the church. As the name of the inquirer was not given, he did not know whether it was a relative of the contracting parties or not.

Doctor Seriously Ill.

Some of the doctors have contracted influenza, breaking down under the strain to which they have been subjected, and Dr. James Stapleton is reported seriously ill.

Sanitary Inspector Scott, who was sent down to assist at the emergency hospital the other day, has contracted influenza and is confined to his home. E. H. Russell, chairman of the board of health, has been sick at his home for several days. E. H. Johnston, it is stated, is on the mend, though his recovery is slow.

Dr. Partridge, a medical man, who some years ago went into business here, has volunteered his services. He is taking charge with Mrs. J. F. Thomson, superintendent of No. 4 Nursing Division, at the emergency hospital, and will also make calls on patients. The emergency hospital has between twenty-five and thirty patients, some of whom are seriously ill, one at least, not likely to recover. Two or three medical students were on duty there last night.

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A distinctive application to soften, sooth and smoothe the skin.

Appreciated by men after shaving. 25 cents.

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CITY BREVITIES

TWO DEFAULTERS.—Two defaulters were listed at the local mobilization centre yesterday, but volunteers are coming up slowly.

SPEEDERS PAY.—Ten speedsters appeared before Squire Chittick at the court house today and paid $2 and costs for the privilege of burning up the county roads.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED.—Harold Mathews, who was remanded for sentence in the police court on Wednesday, was allowed to go on suspended sentence today after his counsel, Edmund Meredith, K.C., had made certain representations to the magistrate.

RESTING MORE EASILY. — C. A. Russell, Grand Trunk freight conductor, who was badly shaken up and bruised when he was run down by a yard engine in the G. T. R. yards on Thursday at noon, was reported to be resting more easily at his home last night.

DR. BEAL IMPROVING.—That Dr. Beal is much improved, and will possibly be out of danger in a few days, is the latest report received from Rochester, where Dr. Beal is ill with pneumonia in the Mayo hospital. This news came late last night, and no further report as to his condition has been received today.

THIRD TIME A CASUALTY.—Mrs. Blanche Corrin, 234 Waterloo street, received word that her husband, Pte. John Thomas Corrin, was admitted to No. 16 General Hospital, Letreport, on October 14 with a gunshot wound in the face. Pte. Corrin, prior to enlisting, was an employee of E. Leonard & Son. This is the third time he has been in the casualty list.

EXQUISITE AGONY.—It is bad enough to have to buy gasoline at its present price, but it is worse to buy it and then have to stand and see it flow away down the gutter. This was the experience that a man had in front of the Alps Cafe, when something went wrong with his car, and it was impossible for him to stop the flow of the high-priced juice.

THE ADVERTISER GETS THEM.—"The Advertiser gets to the people," said General Manager W. N. Warburton of the L. and L. E., when describing the response he received to an advertisement inserted once for men to assist in the tearing up of the line. Many men were on hand this morning, despite the shortage of labor, and a selection of the best was made.

TO BEAT THE "FLU."—A letter containing a $10 bill, to which was attached the following note, has been received by J. W. McCallum: "I cannot do anything personally to beat the 'flu,' but perhaps this ten will help." There was no name attached to the note, or anything to establish the identity of the sender. May his shadow never grow less, expresses the feeling of Mr. McCallum towards the donor.

UP TO TOZER NOW.—Whether the charges against certain members of the fire department, which were made by Thomas Tozer, are taken any further apparently rests with Tozer himself. Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop has sent to the board of control an acknowledgement of the receipt of a copy of the charges, and the resolution of the city council, referring to the matter. Mr. McKillop has notified Tozer to call at his office in reference to the charges. This he has not done as yet.

MORE "STARS" STOLEN.—Several famous motion picture stars disappeared last night—from the lobby of the Majestic Theatre. Douglas Fairbanks and Mack Sennett's Summer Girls were lifted bodily from the photograph frames and carried away. This practice on the part of sneak thieves has been continuing for some time, and either lovelorn maidens or moonstruck youths are believed to be guilty. One man was sent to prison some time ago for a considerable term for stealing pictures from the Majestic lobby.

OPENING POSTPONED

Work Delayed on Ronald Gray Memorial Home.

Owing to delay in having alterations made in the building which is to be known as the "Ronald Gray Memorial Home," it will be impssible to hold the formal opening for some weeks. Securing the house for the purpose of an infant home was made possible to the Salvation Army several weeks ago through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray as a memorial to their son, Sergt. Ronald Maxwell Gray.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MILITARY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Daniel Walter Sheridan, who died on Friday, October 25, will be held from the undertaking rooms of W. Harrison, Dundas street east, on Sunday at 3 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock. A full military funeral will be accorded Mr. Sheridan, he being a veteran of the 34th Battalion. The great war veterans will parade to the cemetery, accompanied by the G. W. V. A. band. This will be the first time that this band has attended a funeral. The gun carriage and firing squad will be sent from headquarters at Carling Heights, and the pallbearers will be returned members of the 34th Battalion and the G. W. V. A.

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, Oct. 26—Close.

	Bid.	Asked.
Apex	5⅜	5⅝
Boston Creek	25	27
Dome Extension	23	24
Dome Lake	12	15
Hollinger	510	520
McIntyre	157	158
New Ray	13	15
Porcupine Vipond	17	20
Preston East Dome	4	4¼
Teck-Hughes	32	..
West Dome	11½	..
Adanac	9¾	10
Bailey	4	5
Beaver	30¼	..
Chambers-Ferland	9½	10
Conlagas	..	400
Crown Reserve	19	22
Foster	..	3
Gifford	2¾	..
Great Northern	..	3⅛
Hargraves	3¼	4
Hudson Bay	20	..
La Rose	35	44
McKinley	38	40½
Mining Corporation	250	285
Nipissing Mines	855	875
Peterson Lake	9½	10½
Right of Way	3¼	4¼
Temiskaming	31	31½
Trethewey	23	25
Wettlaufer	4½	5

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 26.—Sales: Apex, 1000 at 4½, 2000 at 4⅞, 17,500 at 4¼, 7000 at 5, 250 0at 5¼, 500 at 5⅜, 4000 at 5½, 5000 at 6; Dome Extension, 2000 at 23; Dome Mines, 100 at 12.00; Hatite, 500 at 57; Holly, 200 at 515; Kirkland, 800 at 39; Lake Shore, 2500 at 92, 500 at 90, 1000 at 87; McIntyre, 200 at 156, 200 at 157; New Ray, 1000 at 14, 1000 at 14½; Porcupine Crown, 1000 at 17; V. N. T., 1000 at 17¼; Preston, 1000 at 4; Schumacher, 2000 at 23½, 1000 at 23¾ cash; Teck-Hughes, 1500 at 34; Tisdale, 1000 at 14; West Dome, 2000 at 11½, 1000 at 11¼; Rockwood, 2500 at 10½, 2000 at 10, 1500 at 11; Adanac, 1000 at 9¾, 500 at 9½; Bailey, 6000 at 5¼, 3000 at 5⅛, 6000 at 5; Beaver, 1000 at 30½; Hargraves, 2000 at 3¾, 9000 at 3½, 4500 at 4; McKinley, 1000 at 40½; Ophir, 2500 at 5½; Temiskaming, 2000 at 31½, 1000 at 32, 1000 at 31¾.

DRAMA IN PUBLIC

Scene 1—Man enters Oxford northbound car and immediately commences coughing, one of those real Spanish "flu" hacking coughs.

Scene 2—Passengers all instantly ring the bell and at the next stop, make a quick exit.

Citizens of London believe in taking precaution. At least it looks that way.

GOVERNMENT IS NOW TO CONSULT LABOR'S CHIEFS

Effort Will Be Made To Secure Co-operation in "No Strikes."

BEGINNING TO EXPLAIN

Impending Crisis Demanded Drastic Action, Is Reason Given.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—The Government will probably call the representatives of organized labor to Ottawa next week for a conference in regard to the whole labor situation, especially concerning the recent order-in-council prohibiting strikes and lockouts during the war and the objects sought by that order.

The opposition which has arisen to the order-in-council is, the Government believes, due in large measure to misunderstanding and lack of appreciation of the needs of the situation. An effort will be made at the forthcoming conference to secure the co-operation of the labor men in carrying out the intent of the order, and the facts of the general labor situation, especially with regard to coal mining and transportation, will be frankly and fully placed before them by the prime minister.

It is explained that the summary passing of the order was due to a notification received by the Government some days ago from the brotherhood of railway employees intimating that a general strike might be called for Monday last, failing satisfactory adjustment of the men's claim by the railway board.

It is claimed there was no time to summon the labor representatives to Ottawa for a conference before the passing of the order-in-council.

It is understood that there will be a modification of the order which forbids meetings where a foreign tongue is spoken. The modified order will permit such meeting to be held in the case of legitimate gatherings of trades unions called to discuss union matters.

SERBS ADMINISTER DEFEAT TO FOE IN VALLEY OF MORAVA

In Northern Albania the Austrians Retire Behind the Matia.

LONDON, Oct. 25. — In Northern Albania, according to news received here today, the Austrians have fallen back beyond the River Matia.

The Serbians have defeated the armies of the enemy in the valley of the Great Morava River, says on official Serbian announcement. The enemy is retreating in disorder.

The statement, which bears yesterday's date, follows:

"Serbian troops have defeated the enemy's armies in the valley of the Great Morava River. The enemy is retreating in disorder towards the north. We liberated Parcin (in the Morava valley, 40 miles northeast of Nish), Varvazin and Beloushitcha and captured more than 200 prisoners. We are successfully advancing towards the north."

BOLSHEVIKI EXACT SIXTY-EIGHT LIVES TO ATONE FOR ONE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25.—From the time that Moses Uritzky, commissioner for elections to the constituent assembly of Russia, was assassinated, late in August, up to October 1, 68 hostages, including five priests, were shot by the Bolsheviki, according to Petrograd dispatches quoting the newspaper Pravda.

TEN BRITISH PLANES MISSING AFTER BIG RAID UPON JUNCTION

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The official communication dealing with aviation, issued this evening follows:

"We heavily attacked the railway junction at Hirson Wednesday during the day. Four enemy machines were shot down. Ten of our machines are missing."

BURIED AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

The funeral of Gordon Becher Arscott, who died in Moose Jaw on October 21, was held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The pallbearers were employees from the Woolworth store in this city, Mr. Arscott having been manager of several branch stores in Ontario as well as in the West. Rev. David Rogers conducted the services. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous, including t beautiful wreath from the Woolworth store in Toronto.

FIGHTING DENT FAMILY LOSES SECOND MEMBER

Pte. Fred Killed in Action on October 1—Father and Six Sons All Have Worn Khaki in the Present War.

Once again the heart-rending "Killed In Action" telegram has reached Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dent of Rogers avenue, this time notifying them of the death of their youngest son, Pte. Fred, on October 1. It is not long ago that they received word of the death in action of Pte. Percy.

Two sons have crossed the great divide, but what of the others in the family? The story of the Dents is a story of one of the most patriotic, self-sacrificing and valorous households in the Dominion. There are father, mother and six sons, and the mother is the only one, who is not wearing or has not worn the king's uniform in the Canadian expeditionary force during the present war.

George Dent, the father, enlisted and went overseas with the 70th Battalion. With him went his two sons Fred and Robert. Of these three, Fred has been killed, Robert wounded, and George wounded and sent home, lame. Percy joined the 71st Battalion and met a hero's death in France. Alfred and Herbert enlisted with the 33rd Battalion, and still are fighting the good fight," Over There."

After all these had gone, William remained at home, the only male representative of the family. It did seem as though Mrs. Dent was entitled to keep one son with her, but Ottawa thought otherwise. When the military service act came into force, he came under its provisions and had to report. He asked exemption on family grounds, having had a brother killed and others serving, and he was granted it. Later he was ordered to report and was placed in uniform, which he now wears at Niagara Camp.

An effort is being made to have William released from service, but its success is not yet certain.

Fred, whose death occurred on October 1, was an employee of the McDonald Cigar Company, prior to his enlistment.

ONE BROTHER KILLED IN FRANCE; ANOTHER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Hutcheon Home on Horton Street Doubly Bereaved in Week —Third Brother Has Been Blinded in the War.

John W. Hutcheon died at the home of his parents, 524 Horton street, at an early hour this morning from pneumonia, developed from an attack of Spanish influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheon also received word this week that their son, Archie, had been killed in action on October 1. Another son, who was overseas, is in St. Dunstan's School for the Blind, having completely lost his eyesight while serving in France. This is the heavy toll paid by the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutcheon.

John Hutcheon was 31 years of age, and was employed by the London Box Company. He had been ill only a few days, when pneumonia caused his death.

Pte. Archie Hutcheon enlisted with a Simcoe regiment and had been overseas three years. He was killed in action on October 1, when 28 years of age. His brother, Pte. Joe Hutcheon, had also spent several months in France before receiving wounds which resulted in the loss of his sight.

Funeral arrangements for John Hutcheon have not yet been made.

The brothers are survived by their parents and one sister, Mrs. E. Kingsmill of this city.

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BECK CHARGED

port power to the States, and these companies, in their agreements with power consumers, warn the latter that they must heed it.

But along comes the blatant champion of "Canada's power for Canada," and while he camouflages his work with that patriotic cry, he actually pledges the honor of his adopted province, which he has so long exploited, in the following guarantee:

The Guarantee.

"The Power Company agrees with the Lockport Company" (The New York Company) and the purchaser (The Hydro-Electric Power Commission) "agrees with and guarantees to the Lockport Company and agrees with and guarantees to the vendor" (The Ontario Power Company) "that the Power Company will duly abide by, observe and perform the existing power supply contract between the Power Company and the Lockport Company (as varied by this agreement) and all extensions or renewal thereof and the purchaser and the guarantor" (The Ontario Government) "undertake and agree with the Power Company and the vendor, to use their best endeavors from time to time with the Government and Parliament of Canada, and with the Legislature of Ontario, to place and keep the power company at all times in such a position that they and each of them may lawfully carry out the terms of the existing power supply contract between the power company and the Lockport Company (as varied by this agreement), and any extensions or renewals thereof (so far as relates to the export of the power required for the purpose to such contract) as so varied and any extensions or renewals thereof."

The above guarantee refers to the delivery of 60,000 horsepower generated at Niagara Falls, Ont., and exported to the state of New York.

What inspired Sir Adam Beck, the professed champion of "Canada's white coal" for Canada to commit the Province of Ontario to such a proceeding at a time when power is so badly needed in Ontario?

For a private corporation to bind itself to use its best influences with the Dominion Government to secure a continued permission to export power is legitimate enough, but as a result of the continuous invasion of the field of private enterprise by the Province of Ontario that province is getting itself tied up to responsibilities such as no self-respecting sovereign authority should tolerate and the constitutional validity of which is extremely questionable. How can Sir Adam Beck and the existing ministers of Ontario for the time being bind that province to "use its best endeavors" for 33 years to come to have the exportation of electric power to the United States maintained by the Dominion Government?

What a position for a great self-governing province to place itself in binding itself to act as the hired advocate of an American interest pleading the cause of exportation of Canadian power before the Dominion Government notwithstanding that the opinion of the people of Ontario and their representatives, many long before that time having demanded that exportation be stopped, and what a position in which to place the Dominion Government if it should desire to put a stop to the export of this power, making it override the contracts entered into by a great province if it desires to exercise the power, undoubtedly inherent, of prohibiting export.

The whole policy of the Ontario hydro-electric has been calculated to provoke dissension and bitterness between the Province of Ontario and both the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the United States, but this is about the most extreme instance of the kind that has yet come to light. Are the people of Ontario willing to have their Government committed for 33 years to the policy of exportation of electric power to the United States no matter what may be the desires of the Government of Canada, the people of Canada or even the people of Ontario themselves at any time during that period.

TRAIN ROBBER HAD LUNCH AT MIDHURST ON DAY OF ROBBERY

Toronto, October 25.—Chief of Police Boyce of Midhurst, near Barrie, could have arrested the bandit who held up the express messengers on the Toronto-Buffalo train and got away with over $13,000 if he had known earlier of the robbery. The trouble was that he did not know of the affair until he read about it in the morning papers next day.

The robber reached Midhurst about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon Wednesday, the day of the robbery, and bought buns and honey from the constable, who keeps a general store and postoffice. The thief had a very frugal meal, for which he paid 45 cents, and sat outside the constable's store for a while with the stolen Ford sedan belonging to H. S. Fergus of Toronto, for his dining-room. He was there from 5 p.m. until 11 o'clock at night, when he went over to a farm, a stone's throw away, to put the automobile in a shed. He gave the young man $1 for garage fee, and said he would be back in a few days. It is believed he had deposited the money somewhere before reaching Midhurst, as he did not have the bag with him that he had when Mr. Fergus saw him in High Park. He wore no collar.

REPUBLICANS TAKE EXCEPTION TO U. S. PRESIDENT'S PLEA

Claim They Have Stood Behind All War Legislation

INSIST ON SURRENDER

Would Leave Great Question to Marshal Foch and Generals in the Field.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—President Wilson's appeal to voters to return a Democratic Congress in the November elections if they have approved of his leadership in this critical time evoked a spirited reply in a formal statement from Republican leaders in the Senate and House, and the chairmen of the Senate and House Republican congressional campaign committees.

The Republican statement, declaring the minority party in Congress had supported the Administration policies since the war with a unanimity and an absence of criticism unprecedented in party history, pointed to the record as proof.

"The Republican party," the statement declares, believes that the question of surrender should be left to Marshal Foch, to the generals and to the armies in the field. When they report that Germany has laid down her arms the United States and the Allies should then impose their terms. Will that knowledge cause dejection to those who are fighting for us? All the world knows that the Republican party is opposed to negotiations and discussions carried on in diplomatic notes addressed to the German Government. The Republican party stands for unconditional surrender.

HUNS LAID PLANS TO DESTROY MANY HISTORIC PLACES

Deliberate Devastation Has Marked Foe's Abandonment of Territory.

Paris, Oct. 26.—Deliberate destruction of property and documents of historic nature was carried out by the Germans at St. Quentin, according to a report made to Premier Clemenceau by the municipal authorities of that city, who have made an investigation.

Ancient city documents, which had been walled up under control of the German command and placed under seal, were found to have been removed or burned. Evidence showed that this occurred shortly after the inhabitants fled from St. Quentin in March, 1917. At the cathedral an attempt was made to mine the great pillars, but the rapid advance of the French prevented the Germans from carrying out their design.

GERMAN PAPERS AT VARIANCE ON RESULTS OF WILSON'S REPLY

Some Predict Early Peace; Others a Prolongation of the War.

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Although the German newspapers are not satisfied with President Wilson's latest note, many of them say that it means progress towards peace. This feeling was reflected in operations yesterday on the Berlin stock exchange in an advance in prices.

The Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin apparently does not look for an early ending of the war. This newspaper, which hitherto has refrained from opposing President Wilson's demands, advocates war to the end. It says the president, "in the style of an American boxer, has posed himself for a last blow in the face of the German people, expressing his intentions with brutal frankness."

MRS. ELLA FLAGG YOUNG DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Washington, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young of Chicago, chairman of the National Woman's Liberty Loan committee, died here today of penumonia, following a short illness from influenza.

KILLED IN ACTION

J. H. Karn's Brother Makes Supreme Sacrifice.

J. H. Karn, 653 Dundas street, has received word of the death of his brother, Pte. James G. Karn of Brantford, who was killed in action on September 30. Pte. Karn leaves a wife and four children in Brantford. His mother, Mrs. R. Karn of Thamesford, was buried on Thanksgiving Day. R. Karn, the father, and Fred, a brother, still reside at Thamesford. Another brother William is living in Windsor. Two other brothers, Peter and Dan, live in Aylmer.

Pte. Karn, who was 36 years of age, enlisted and went overseas with the 215th Battalion.

LEAVE FOR SWITZERLAND.

Zurich, Oct. 26.—Prince Frederick Tobkowitz and Baron Nadherny, who represent the strongest anti-German tendencies at Vienna, have left that city for Switzerland charged wih a mission about which no details are given, according to the Neues Journal of Vienna.

LIVEST BODY OF MEN IN CITY WILL PUSH VICTORY LOAN

Over 300 Workers in "Crack" Organization.

START MONDAY MORNING

Rotary Club Plastered London With No Less Than 55,000 Posters in Two Days.

The largest, livest and best organization of men that ever took hold of a campaign in this city will see to it that London goes over its objective of six million dollars in the Victory Loan drive starting Monday.

Over 300 of London's representative citizens are on the various committees formed. Thanks to Chairman George M. Reid and Organizers J. A. G. Clark and Norman Tovell, this huge organization has been whipped into excellent shape, and is now ready and waiting for the whistles to blow at 9 o'clock Monday morning, announcing that Canada's loan, backing up the boys at the front, is on.

Employers Taking Hold.

The industrial committee met last night at headquarters and reported that without exception the employers were taking hold of the loan in a way that was more than gratifying. All promised to help their employees in their bond-buying. An honor roll will be hung up in every factory, and as soon as an employee has bought a bond his or her name will be written on the roll. Immediately 75 per cent of the employees have bought bonds, or 10 per cent of the firm's annual payroll is subscribed, an honor banner will be awarded that firm.

Through Rotary Club channels, over 5,000 posters and other advertising literature was distributed in the city during the last two days. Fifteen thousand feature cards, the hit of the local campaign, got up by Organizers Clark and Tovell, have been distributed. The cards are in three colors, red, white and blue, and have the following printed on them:

Red-Blooded Londoner.

"If you are a red-blooded Londoner and want to do the white thing, buy Victory Bonds, and prove that you are true blue."

Four thousand auto stickers have been sent out. The Advertising Club reported last night that there was a generous response from all merchants interviewed regarding space to be donated in the newspapers.

Following are the names of those comprising the Victory Loan organization:

Central Committee.

George M. Reid, chairman; W. M. Spencer, vice-chairman; Gordon Philip, secretary; W. C. Brent, divisional organizer; Norman Tovell and J. A. G. Clark, city organizer.

Teams Committee.

J. J. Foot, chairman; W. A. Martin, vice-chairman; Controller E. S. Little, J. K. McDermid, R. D. McDonald, T. A. McMahen.

Publicity Committee.

Gordon Ingram, chairman; London Ad. Club, London Rotary Club, War Lecture Bureau, Ministerial Alliance, London Free Press, London Advertiser, Echo.

Industrial Committee.

Arthur White, chairman; W. F. D. Jarvis, vice-chairman; Arthur Little, George Gunn, John Bridge, J. F. Grant, C. McGuire, C. White, Ray Lawson, Chester Stevens.

Advisory Committee.

George T. Brown, Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, W. J. Blackburn, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, Major Hume Cronyn, M. P., Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D.D., bishop of London, George S. Gibbons, Col. W. M. Gartshore, Lieut.-Col. T. S. Hobbs, Frank Jewell, F. E. Leonard, Max Lerner, F. McCormick, Capt. T. G. Murphy, T. W. McFarland, Philip Pocock, T. H. Purdom, K.C., J. G. Richter, A. M. Smart, Mayor C. R. Somerville, T. A. Steven, Right Rev. David Williams, bishop of Huron.

Military Committee.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, chairman military campaign; Major C. W. McKitrick, chairman executive committee; Capt. E. H. Shuttleworth, secretary; Capt. E. M. Fremlin, paymaster; Major W. H. Irvine, publicity chairman; Major Frank M. Spry, teams chairman.

Honorary Committee.

The following honorary committee has been appointed:

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FIRMS WILL ASSIST.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 25.—The share of the factories in the coming Victory Loan campaign will be a large one. The manufacturers and wholesalers met this afternoon and perfected their organization, which will cover every factory in the city.

To secure an honor flag for every industrial plant every effort will be made to secure subscriptions from the employees, with the firms setting an example. The firms pledged themselves to finance the men's bonds, turning in the full quota, but allowing the men to make payments in small amounts.

EPIDEMIC CREST AT MONTREAL IS PAST, SAYS M.O.H.

Canadian Metropolis Has Had 14,025 Cases and 2,258 Deaths.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—"We have passed the apex of the epidemic." This is the verdict of Dr. S. Boucher, medical officer of health, on the outbreak here. Cases today totaled 989 and deaths were 125, the first being an increase of 124 over the previous day, while the deaths showed a decrease of 15. Total cases reported to date are 14,025, with 2,258 deaths. Total of provincial municipalties reporting is now 475, with 63,998 cases and 1,357 deaths.

EXPECTS DECREASE IN CASES.

Toronto, Oct. 26.—There are now 930 patients and nurses under treatment for influenza in Toronto's hospitals, exclusive of military patients in the base hospital. Since yesterday afternoon there have been 23 deaths, an average that is being steadily maintained throughout the week. There are now about 150 nurses ill, several in a most critical condition. Dr. Hastings, medical officer of health, from reports received from physicians in various parts of the city declares he does not expect an increase in the epidemic, and that it should now grow less daily.

IMPROVED AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—While 189 new cases are known to have broken out in the last 24 hours, the influenza epidemic situation is improved. More than 200 names have been struck off the sick lists, and the death rate of the 24-hour period ending at noon on Friday was 17, as compared with 24 the day before.

SUBSIDING IN WEST.

Victoria, Oct. 25.—That the Spanish influenza epidemic has shown no marked extension through the province during the 24 hours ending at noon today, is evidenced by the fact that no applications for the banning permission were received by the department of public health here this morning.

600 AT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Oct. 26.—Between 175 and 180 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported yesterday, making over 600 cases in all. Three more deaths due to the disease occurred after only two days illness in each case.

Beginning today, the wearing of gauze masks will be compulsory on all except in the home. The disease is reported to be spreading in the country districts. Drumheller is the worst centre with 600 cases in a population of 800.

WINNIPEG'S TOLL HEAVY.

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—Yesterday's toll of Spanish influenza was the most severe since the malady first made its appearance here. During the day 95 new cases and five deaths among civilians were reported to the local health authorities, bringing the total number of registered cases up to 835 with 26 deaths. Sixteen new cases developed among the military yesterday.

PAPER MILL CLOSED.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 26.—Owing to the large number of influenza cases at Powell River, which has seriously crippled the working force of the big paper mills, the plant was closed yesterday.

The number of cases of influenza reported at Powell River is 190 out of a total population of 1,500.

FRENCH COMPOSER DEAD.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Charles Lecocq, the music composer, died today.

M. Lecocq was 86 years old. Some of his operas are well known in the United States, especially "Girofle-Girofla," "The Little Duke," and "The Daughter of Madame Angot." Lecocq was an officer of the Legion of Honor and also a member of the Society of Authors and Composers.

$9,000,000 FOR BELGIUM.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—With the addition of a $9,000,000 credit established by the treasury today for Belgium, that nation's total loans from the United States now amount to $180,020,000.

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