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FLU BAN WILL BE LIFTED SATURDAY AT MIDNIGHT

Medical Officer and Board of Health Think it Safe to Permit Public Assemblies After That Date—350 Cases of Mild "Flu" Now in Belleville.

The ban on public meetings, dance hall, schools, churches, and rinks will be lifted at midnight Saturday. So decided the Board of Health at a regular meeting held yesterday afternoon. Accordingly the churches will be the first to open up under the removal of the restrictions. Mr. T. F. Willis advised that according to reports from the doctors there were at present under their care in the city about 350 cases of influenza and that the situation in the city was decidedly better. Dr. Yeomans reported that the

most of the new cases of influenza were of a comparatively mild type, and that in his opinion the ban on public gatherings might safely be lifted. It was therefore resolved that the present ban closing all churches, postrooms, places of amusement and teaching public gatherings be removed at 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 6th, a resolution carrying. The members present were Dr. Yeomans, M.H.O., S. Robertson, chairman, C. M. Stone, and T. F. Willis, inspector.

Cut Channel In the River

Plans of City Engineer Mill For Believing Flood Danger.

Work on a channel in the Moira River below the lower and railroad bridges will begin about the first of next week. City Engineer J. G. Mill stated to The Ontario this morning. Mr. Mill has suggested a scheme which will likely be carried through by the public works department of this city to relieve the ice pressure in the spring flood, which may sweep down upon the city in about three weeks.

The city engineer has planned to make a channel one hundred feet wide between the lower and railroad bridges and expanding to perhaps 400 feet at a point south of the latter. It is not his intention to have all the ice in this area removed. He proposes having a three foot wide cutting made on either side of the channel. All the ice in these cuttings will be removed. Then the ice in the channel area will be cut across by similar cuts, so that the ice field will readily yield to the pressure above and break away.

This work, he thinks, will take the better part of a week and will cost, it is estimated, about \$300. The ice will be cut with ploughs and saws and the contract will likely be given to an ice dealer.

THE BAY BRIDGE PURCHASE PROBLEM

Deputation Met Hon. F. C. Biggs Yesterday.

Mayor Riggs, Ald. Hanna, Mr. C. M. Reid and Mr. Ernest P. Fredericks of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce with eight representatives of Prince Edward County met the Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works at the Parliament Buildings yesterday in the matter of the bay bridge purchase. The department renewed its offer of paying 40% of the purchase price and cost of maintenance of the bridge providing Belleville and Prince Edward County agreed to put up the remaining 60%. The department offered as an alternative to pay 60% of the cost of maintenance if Prince Edward County would undertake the rest and agree to make it part of the county provincial highway.

The Prince Edward county representatives thought the county might put up 20%, the city 40% and the department 40%. The Belleville delegates seemed to favor paying 30% of the cost of maintenance. No discussion took place as to the probable purchase price of the bridge. It is the intention to call a meeting in Belleville at which Hastings and Prince Edward counties and Belleville will be represented to discuss the question and see if any arrangements can be devised agreeable to all.

A College For Fire Fighters

Scheme Will be Considered at Fire Chiefs' Convention

(Special to The Ontario) OTTAWA, March 3.—A movement to establish a college for the training of recruit firemen was inaugurated here yesterday when the Dominion Fire Commissioners, J. Grove Smith announced that a scheme for the establishment of such an institution in Ottawa would be considered at the annual convention of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association, which is to meet in St. Thomas this month. The Ottawa Fire Department already possesses a firemen's training school and it is hoped that using it as a nucleus, a complete course of training in the use of modern equipment can be established. It is pointed out that with the government staff of experts on the use of explosives, the handling of steam, gas, etc., the course could be supplemented with a series of lectures. Prominent Western fire chiefs have already voiced their approval of this scheme. If established the school would be under the supervision of the Dominion Government.

No Blame For Automobile

Presbyterian Ministers Report that Cars Make Attendance More Regular

(Special to The Ontario) OTTAWA, March 3.—The generally accepted idea that the motor car has had a derogatory effect on church attendance is not borne out by fact, according to a report submitted at a meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa yesterday by a committee appointed to deal with the subject. The report stated that 40 ministers in the Presbytery had submitted answers to a questionnaire after investigating conditions in their own churches, and in almost every case it was reported that the ownership of a motor car had resulted in more regular and general attendance at the church services. It was noted that the supplanting of the family "democrat" by the two-passenger buggy had resulted in a considerable falling off of attendance, but the coming of the automobile had counteracted this condition.

Cost of Living Advance in England

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

LONDON, March 3.—Cost of all the principal articles of food in England rose in January to 138 per cent. over pre-war level and sent clothing, light and fuel to 125 per cent. according to statistics prepared by the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

Morning Dispatches

HOME RULE IN IRELAND WILL BE ENFORCED

LONDON, Mar. 3.—Sir Auckland Geddes in a speech last night said Home Rule in Ireland will be enforced by force if necessary.

PETROGRAD WILL BE MADE OPEN TO NAVIGATION

LONDON, Mar. 3.—Merchant ships are being fitted out to resume relations with western Europe and preparations are being made to open Petrograd to navigation.

TURKISH NAVY PULPED OUT AND FRONTIER POPULATION REDUCED

LONDON, Mar. 3.—The decision of the Supreme Council yesterday entirely wipes out Turkey's navy and reduces her frontier population to six million souls.

NO CHANGE IN O.T.A. WILL BE MADE THIS SESSION

TORONTO, Mar. 3.—Attorney-General Raney announced yesterday that no changes in the Ontario Temperance Act would be made at this session of the Legislature.

All Ill With "Flu", Their Home Burns

Brescbridge, March 3.—While Charles Everett, his wife and twelve-year-old son were in bed with the "flu" their home caught fire Monday night. They all crawled out in the nick of time to escape flames that had broken out in the kitchen. Neighbors found them yesterday morning trying to warm themselves near the burning ruins. All three were hurried to Brescbridge, a distance of three miles, and last night they were still in a serious condition.

To Limit Liquor for Manitoba

Fines Not Less Than \$400 for the First Offense.

Winnipeg, March 3.—By the bill amending the Manitoba Temperance Act, which was distributed in the House yesterday afternoon, Government vendors are authorized to purchase or sell liquor, and it is stipulated he must not sell more than five gallons per day to a licensee or retail druggist.

Canada Gets Into the Battle

BUFFALO, March 2.—Canada and the Western States linked forces today in vigorous advocacy of navigation and power projects involved in the Great Lakes-to-the-sea enterprise, under consideration by the International Waterways Commission. Their representatives are distinctly optimistic to-night. They have met the Gotham Goliath of opposition on his own ground, and they believe they have bested him. The hostility of New York State, with its barge canal system, its Atlantic seaboard and its vast corporate interests, was centralized in this Buffalo sitting. The heavy artillery of these forces has been in action, and the men from Canada and the Middle West are confident that they have held the line.

There is cause for certain of this confidence. The allies presented a strong case. They more than held their own—and the Commission moves north and west. During the next three months it plans an extensive itinerary. It goes westward as far as Denver, and then to Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, and, on the emphatic demand of the Canadian Grain Growers of the West, on into Saskatchewan and Alberta. Over this entire route, with the possible exception of Montreal, Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, Grain Growers' Associations and other bodies will endeavor to prove the absolute necessity of the canal and St. Lawrence project.

BOL-SHEVİK ADVANCING RAPIDLY IN CAUCASUS

Seventeen Thousand Prisoners Taken—Denikine's Army Gradually Dispersing—Turkish Troops to be Kept on Asiatic Side of Bosphorus.

LONDON, March 3.—Russian Bolshevik forces are advancing rapidly in the Caucasian region, according to an official telegram received by Reuters from Moscow. During the past two weeks the message says captured seventeen thousand prisoners, and General Denikine's army is declared to be gradually dispersing.

Do Not Intend To Alter Act, Raney States

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Germans Try Slesvig Coup

Copenhagen, March 3.—The coup in Slesvig-Holstein, in which a new State was established by the cutting away of Slesvig-Holstein from Prussia, occurred while the three leading members of the International Commission were absent from Flensburg. The Commissioners, Charles M. Harding, head of the Plebiscite Commission in Slesvig-Holstein, representing Great Britain; M. von Sydow, representing Sweden, and Gen. Changel, representing France, are hurrying back and were expected to reach Flensburg last night.

Special Inducements Offered Married Men

Brantford, March 3.—The insistent call for men willing to go on farms is growing louder as the season advances. The young men are showing no inclination to give up their work in the factories to get back to the land. Married men are being given an added inducement in the promise of a quart of milk daily, house, potatoes and apples.

Amendments to Restrict Importation

TORONTO, March 3.—Hon. W. E. Raney stated today that a misunderstanding has arisen with regard to his reply to the Dominion Alliance request. The impression conveyed by the morning papers is that there will be no amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act. Attorney-General explained. "As matter of fact, Government now has under consideration amendments to sections relating to the enforcement of the act. My statement to the Dominion Alliance was to the effect that there would be no amendments designed to restrict importation of liquor into the province."

20,000 FLU CASES IN ONTARIO IN FEBRUARY

Death List Totalled 2,300—Less Than in October 1918.

TORONTO, March 3.—During February there were more than 20,000 cases of influenza and pneumonia in Ontario and 2,300 deaths reported to the provincial health department. The toll of deaths while heavy, is not nearly as bad as in October 1918 when the epidemic caused more than three thousand deaths. The cases of small pox numbered 830 or a decrease of over 300 from January figures. Nine deaths were reported. The report states that doctors are not reporting social diseases as required by the regulations.

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Advance Display of the "New" in Spring MILLINERY

An advance peep at the clever new Millinery Styles for Spring will be your pleasure if you visit our Millinery Section this week. The new season's most attractive creations are now taking their place in our display cases and on the tables, and we know you'll be delighted to come in and see them "first"—and perchance you'll find a model here already that will just please you. —2nd Floor.



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Wash Goods

Our First Showing of the Daintiest of the New Spring Wash Fabrics

It is fortunate indeed that our purchase of Spring Wash Goods were made many months ago, otherwise we should not be in a position to offer such an extensive assortment and special values. Ours are all of British manufacture, and represent all that is new and much wanted for the Spring season. Plan your Spring and Summer sewing now.

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Limitation of Turkish Armed Forces

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.) PARIS, March 3.—Turkey's army will be limited to a number of troops necessary to maintain order in Asia Minor, according to the Journal which says Turkey will be compelled to keep her armed forces on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus.

Discussing Peace With Russia Soviet Govt.

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.) WARSAW, March 3.—Representatives of Finland, Latvia and Rumania have arrived here to discuss peace conditions to be submitted to the Bolshevik Government of Russia.

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